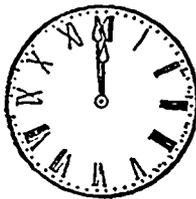


ARCHDEACON TIMS AND HIS TEACHING WIGWAM. (See page 34.)

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.
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Remember daily the mid-day prayer for missions.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession": Ps. ii. 8.

WE find the following in an English paper, and give it to our readers, as Columbia is the field to which our thoughts and prayers are to be directed this month:

By the death of George Hills, first Bishop of Columbia, many who have labored in Leeds, in Great Yarmouth, and in his far western diocese, will feel that a link with their past life has been broken, and that a true pastor and bishop of the Church of God has gone to his rest.

In the earlier years of his life his ministry must, to a great extent, have been overshadowed by the personality of his great vicar, Dean Hook. But the large seaboard of Yarmouth quickly grew, under him, to be a school of clergy, when such schools were few—a place to which Wells' students eagerly resorted to learn the lessons of effective pastoral work under one who had himself been the foremost parish priest in the Norwich diocese. But the work

in Leeds and Yarmouth was only the preparation for a greater work still, and when the call to the newly founded see of Columbia came Mr. Hills at once responded. He was consecrated on St. Matthias' Day, in 1859. During the summer he sent out several who had offered themselves for pioneer work in the great and then distant diocese, while he himself visited nearly every part of England to raise funds for the work

which lay before him. How that work was done during an episcopate which lasted for nearly 34 years, the history of the Church in the province of Columbia bears ample testimony. At the time of his consecration there was one clergyman; at the time of his resignation three dioceses, each with its bishop, and with clergy and missionaries numbering about 70 in all.

In the earliest days everything seemed to prosper, and growth was rapid. His energy, his indomitable courage, his strong faith, seemed to carry everything before them; but opposition, political and religious, sprang up as time went on, and a terrible period of financial depression well nigh wrecked the colony, and caused the gravest anxiety to its chief pastor, who had invested there the larger part of the English endowment fund.

Bishop Hills was noted neither as a speaker, a preacher, nor a scholar, and yet he was a great influence. This was partly due to his fine presence, his magnificent voice, his rare power of conversation, but chiefly to his wonderful energy, his great gifts of organization, his unwavering faith that if a work was God's He would make it grow in His own time. He could create enthusiasm in his workers and draw out their strong affection. Bishop Hills' counsel to his itinerant workers among the gold miners was, "Give them plenty of preaching and plenty of singing," an idea which gauged the receptiveness of congregations gathered frequently outside the gambling dens and in drinking saloons. Of course the state of things had greatly changed; well-appointed churches and dignified services were to be found in most parts of the diocese long before the bishop's