

ck, Rector of St. John's, the high esteem in which eth was held by the mem-

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rnet, D.D., Bishop, Metro- of British Columbia, ince Rupert, B.C.

On Sunday, October p DuVernet, assisted by J. Marsh, of Terrace, new church here. It is a ling, 18 x 32, and is very ributions, both in the way and labour, were freely e people, and the Central e diocese met the balance terial. There was a good n present at the opening lers from both sides of the er attending.

Bishop DuVernet spent ere, October 6 and 7, on k from the British Colum- River country. He came the new Mission house here, which is now about It is a frame building, h three rooms downstairs pstairs. It is plastered and is the first building to be erected in Pleasant king the transition from 1 stage. One large room, be used as a church, until ripe to build a proper e Bishop held service on ming in the hotel, as the e was not quite ready. m. Crarey and wife and ove into this new build- e last week in this month. imate of the Queen Char- does not agree with Mrs. the Bishop feels that a e interior to an altitude will be beneficial. Mr. w Mission will con- ant Valley, North Bulk- h Bulkley. Three small now needed in this Mis- erto services have been e houses.

REAL LETTER.
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et by the Bishop and g, Rev. F. Elliott and Rev. Mr. Baker was in the Rector's absence), Bruce, the churchward- and several others from fe looks and is well in coat trouble, which kept nd for several months. he 24th Battalion Vic- ay 9, 1914. While we ow the military authori- hese matters, yet do we the two months' leave permanent one. Each is a special service in rch of St. Margaret's, at which service, the drawn from among the ains. We were pleased apt. Shatford took his lpit in due course and ered God's message to gregation. There will eption held in the Par- regation will express home" to their Rector.

ation for the Victoria in for Capt. Frank nber of the Six Na- nd a veteran of the he 4th Battalion, who 14th Haldimands. He vate, and won promo-

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THE BISHOPS AND ESKIMO WORK.

Sir,—In justice to myself as well as to the Church's care for the Eskimos I ask you to find room for the following, and your readers to note it. How wrong an impression may be given by the accidental omission of an explanatory note! My very dear friend and fellow-worker, Rev. E. Peck, between whom and myself exists the strongest mutual affection and respect, in his article on "The Eskimos of Canada," by such an omission has left an impression on the minds of readers which I am sure he never meant. The "Mission World" has unwittingly spread this false impression; and now "Spectator" has naturally fallen into the same error.

1st.—Mr. Peck in noting the little that has been done by Bishops for Eskimo work, says: "The Bishop of Keewatin has both lived at, and of late visited Fort Churchill" (Eskimo work), but he omitted to state that while I was Bishop of Moosonee, I visited Fort Churchill twice, and by the aid of interpreter did the best I could for the Eskimos. My first visit was when the present Bishop of Keewatin was the missionary there, and the second was after he left, and while I only had a lay reader there, who knew nothing of the Eskimo tongue. On neither occasion had the Eskimos come to the stage of Confirmation.

2nd.—Mr. Peck says that he laboured under four Bishops, and with the exception of Bishop Horden, who visited Great Whale River in 1890, he never met another Bishop! Naturally, readers will think that I and the other Bishops were neglecting the Eskimo work. But Mr. Peck forgets to explain that just when I succeeded Bishop Horden Mr. Peck left Whale River, and went to far off Black Lead Island, Arctic Ocean, where no Bishop could wisely go for many years—the round journey would take him away from his diocese for about two years; and for some years no Eskimo there was even baptized. He modifies this by a note that the present Bishop of Moosonee visited Whale River. But he omits to say, probably because he did not know, that I visited Whale River and the Eskimos, and Fort George also twice, after he had left, and while Rev. W. G. Walton was doing a great work among them. I may also say that I made every effort, both by means of the Hudson Bay Company and Mr. Grenfell's Labrador Mission, to visit the Eskimos at Ungava, but was prevented. In fact I had about completed arrangements with Mr. Grenfell for that visit when I was translated to Saskatchewan. I also informed Mr. Peck of my readiness to pay a visit to Black Lead Island, via Liverpool, Peterhead in Scotland, and a whaling vessel, if I was wanted; but Mr. Peck assured me at that time the Eskimos were hardly ready for baptism, and certainly not for the Rite of Confirmation. My missionaries then, as now, knew that they never have to urge me, or ask me twice, if they desire a visit.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. Saskatchewan, (for 12½ years J. A. Moosonee).

PAYMENT OF THE CLERGY.

Sir,—Your issue of June 22nd reached me in my far off lodging on September 22nd. As I have not seen a later issue I do not know what correspondence followed Nemo's letter on "The Payment of the Clergy." It is to be hoped that such a burning question was not passed over in silence. Shelving the outcry for a living wage never ends the matter. It comes up

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again and again, and at last in an ugly form. Poor as the payment of the clergy is, with few exceptions, that of the missionaries of the Far North is relatively poorer on account of the higher prices they have to pay for the ordinary commodities of life. There are many missions in the North-West more difficult of access than the place from which I write, where prices are considerably higher than they are here. How our missionaries exist in those places is a mystery. With prices as they are here I venture to think that the thrifty housekeeper down south would have to tax her ingenuity and inventive powers to the utmost to rear an average family on \$800 per annum. Since I first made the acquaintance of the north country prices have risen one hundred per cent. and more, as is shown by the following:—

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With this rise of prices at the stores there has been a rise in the prices of all country produce equally as great. This advance in the cost of living bears especially hard on the married mis-

sionaries, who with increasing families and consequently increasing expenditure simply cannot live on their salaries. Then our northern clergy like their brethren in the south have lost many privileges of late, not the least of them being the change in the tariff with the Hudson Bay Company. To meet all these increasing demands on the missionaries' purses, there has been so far as I know, no corresponding increase of salary. To say that our missionaries are muddlers in business, or that they live in a land where game is abundant, is the common way of shelving an awkward responsibility. To answer this latter charge I will quote the words of Bishop Lofthouse in the Ascensiontide appeal for 1916.

"The Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Sevier at Churchill had an exceedingly hard winter last year; for months they had no animal food of any kind, and no fish, and Mr. Sevier in one of his letters said that his wife and children were becoming mere shadows. They were packed up ready to come out when the ship arrived in August, but hearing nothing from me they nobly arranged to stay on for another winter. I am really sorry they did not come out for I know how much they have suffered and things have been no better this winter than they were last."

This is bordering on tragedy. As one by one our missionaries fall out

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