

BISHOP REEVE, writes, "That large numbers of gold-seekers are making their way to his diocese, some on the way to the Klondyke, and others searching for the precious metal on the east of the Rocky Mountains. He is anxious to be enabled to provide spiritual agents at the several posts, who would make the miners the objects of their special care. As the Bishop very justly points out, the presence of ungodly and spiritually uncared-for white men is a source of grave danger to the Christian Indians. He asks contributions for this purpose.

A poor parish in the West of London, which last year contributed the largest amount it ever sent up to the C. M. S., 104%, has experienced the truth that "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth." The parochial statement for the year showed that the finances were in a more satisfactory condition than for some time past, since there was a balance in hand in every parish account but two, and in them the deficiency was very small. These facts should be brought under the notice of churchwardens who are afraid of deficits on parochial funds if "money is sent out of the parish."

FOR the maintenance of missionaries of the C. M. S. presently in the field and the new missionaries sailing before March 31st, 1899, and for the maintenance of the work generally during the current year ending with that date, it was estimated that a total sum would be required of £329,385, or £34,807 more than the available receipts of the past year, as well as £20,013 to extinguish the Adverse Balance of last year, making a total of £54,820 estimated to be required in 1898-99 more than the available receipts of 1897-98. In view of the Society's ever-increasing responsibilities, the committee considered it more than ever imperative that each year's expenditure should be covered by each year's income.

BISHOP AWDRY, South Tokio, who until a Bishop was appointed had also Episcopal oversight of his old diocese Osaka, reports satisfactory progress in both dioceses. At Gifu there was a good confirmation class, the largest (except in Osaka) since the Bishop returned to Japan. At Ojaki there is a little church, and a good work going on at Jacko and Iman; at Hiroshima, decided progress has been made during the past eighteen months. In that district the Bishop had an interesting day of baptisms and confirmations, at the little island Iwashijima, where the agent of a mining company, a Christian from Osaka, drew his people around him, was confirmed himself with others and lends his house for Christian teaching and worship. In June, Bishop Awdry confirmed twenty candidates at St. Pauls, Tokio, and expected shortly to confirm seven or eight more.

ARCHDEACON CANHAM and Mrs. Canham, of the diocese of Selkirk, have returned to Selkirk via San Francisco. The Archdeacon says, "There are 2,000 Indians in the upper Yukon. The cold averages thirty degrees below zero in the winter, and he has known it as low as seventy-eight; even in the short hot summer they are never sure of being free from frost. He has managed to grow carrots, cabbages, turnips and lettuce; and these



ARCHDEACON AND MRS. CANHAM IN TRAVELLING DRESS.

at stations inside the Arctic circle. Potatoes will not grow. The flesh of the moose deer, and bear and fish, mostly dried, is the chief food. Mr. Canham went out seventeen years ago to that then undivided diocese of Athabasca.

A COMPARISON of the statistical tables of each mission in the annual report of the C. M. S. for 1897-98, shows that the native congregations in many of the Society's missions are cheerfully and zealously assisting by contributions. The aggregate increase for the past two years was some £1,700, about nine per cent. The total sum contributed in the year exceeded twenty thousand pounds, slightly over six shillings per communicant, and about two shillings on the average for each baptized Christian. The contributions of English Churchmen, even when receipts from endowments of past generations are included, to both Home and Foreign Missions only average