



A VIEW ON THE FRASER RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

made the choir one of the finest in the province, and few things were more inspiring to those who came to Westminster from the distant country parishes than to be present at a choral celebration at the cathedral. The cathedral became undoubtedly a red hot centre of Church work for the diocese at large. The Guild of Holy Trinity, the Association of Church Workers, and the choir zealously seconded the bishop's efforts, and in 1892 the parish began to take an active part in the work of evangelizing the heathen Chinese in their midst.

An important new development was made in 1891, when, under the immediate care of the Rev. H. Irwin, a mission was started in the west end of the city, and a small church built. This mission has now grown to considerable dimensions, in spite of the fact that from 1891 onwards the city has suffered severely from the general depression, which has been felt particularly along the Pacific coast, and now numbers considerably less of a population than two or three years ago.

The bishop gave much loving help to this mission, and it thrived so well in 1893 that it was enlarged to three times its former size. A considerable number of those forming this congregation are Fraser River fishermen, and in September, 1893, a very interesting fishing thanksgiving service was held which created widespread interest. The church was decorated with oars and nets, and the fishermen themselves took the greatest possible interest in the festival. Three months later, this mission became self-supporting, and at Easter, 1894,

the bishop had the pleasure of creating it a separate parish, under the name of St. Barnabas', with the Rev. H. H. Gowen as first rector. The bishop regarded the creation of this new parish as one of the most grateful fruits of his work as rector of Holy Trinity.

Now, to go back to the mother church, we find that it was at the same time to lose its daughter mission and its rector. The Bishop, who had for many months been suffering acutely, and all the while earnestly endeavoring to fulfil the duties of his double position, at last felt compelled to lay down the rectorship of Holy Trinity, to which, after some delay, the Rev. A. Shildrick, formerly of Kamloops, was appointed. Already his vigorous efforts are bearing fruit, and there are many indications that the torch given over by the bishop when he flagged in the race will not be allowed to droop by his successor.

Until two months ago all the four rectors of Holy Trinity were living and working each in his separate sphere, till God, in His good providence, called away Dr. Sillitoe on June the 9th. The most solemn and impressive service ever held in Holy Trinity Church was that when the second rector (Archdeacon Woods) and the fourth rector (Mr. Shildrick) met the body of the third at the cathedral doors. In the beautiful music rendered by the choir he had loved to train, and in the reverent demeanor of the congregation he had taught so well, those assembled felt that the dead was yet speaking, and that his work would live after him.