

with a large congregation, and his Lordship preached on mission work and the great needs of the Northwest. Some of the dioceses there were wholly supported by England, and he urged increased liberality in the Canadian Church in the Eastern provinces. There was a large offertory.

In the afternoon there was a very full attendance of the children at the Sunday school, when the Bishop gave a very pleasing address to them, in simple language to be understood by all.

In the evening Mr. Sanderson preached a very eloquent and impressive sermon from the text 'God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship him in spirit and in truth.'

There were large congregations at all the services, and the musical portion was greatly admired by the distinguished visitors.

His Lordship made a second eloquent appeal for the Mission cause, to the St. James' congregation in the evening.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—Special Lenten services are being held in the city churches during the season of Lent. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron is again engaged in preaching a course of sermons in St. Paul's on Friday afternoon.

COMBER.—The Bishop of Huron paid a visit to this place, and Merlin and Colchester on Sunday, Feb. 8th. It is needless to say that the congregations were very large and deeply interested with his Lordship's sermons.

A very interesting feature in this visit, especially to the parish of Colchester and the Rev. Rural Dean Matthews, was the announcement by the Bishop that a gentleman had given him a cheque for \$3,000 towards building a new church in this village. This was most cheering news to pastor and people. It is proposed to set to work at once and raise an additional sum by subscription and proceed with the erection of a brick church in the spring.

LONDON.—An entertainment was given by the young people of St. James' Church, in the schoolhouse, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 10th, 1891. Rev. Canon Davis presided. During the programme it was announced that Mr. G. Cave, would give a reading. To the surprise of the Chairman, it was a very kindly worded address and the presentation of a most beautiful and costly gold headed cane from the Bible Class to the Rev. Canon Davis. The chairman was taken completely by surprise but made a very suitable reply, and expressed his high appreciation, not only of the costly gift but of the touching address. He said as long as he might be spared he would prize the gift and never forget the givers, and trusted their future study of God's Word might be alike profitable to teacher and scholar. The class numbers over sixty young people.

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#### DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

The *Churchman's Gazette* of New Westminster for February contains the Bishop's Report, 1890. From it we learn that the Clerical Staff of the Diocese now numbers 17 in all, against 14 last year, the increase consisting of one Priest and two Deacons. Three additional Lay Readers—Mr. McNaughton at Quennellmouth, Mr. Joyce at Spillumcheen, and Mr. Smyth at Enderby, have been appointed, and the staff of Lay Readers now numbers 80.

The year was signalized especially by the presence at different times of four Bishops of The Church, the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, who

attended the meeting of our Diocesan Synod, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Bishop of Cores, and the Bishop of Columbia. The Bishop says in regard to those visits.

"It is impossible for me to express adequately the pleasure and profit and the help these visits afforded me, and not me only but all those also, I would suppose, who shared with me in the privilege of them."

After ten years of such isolation as our Diocese suffered through its geographical position, it has been like a new existence to find ourselves in touch with the Church elsewhere through so many of its Chief Pastors, and we have been able to realize as we never could be before that we are a recognized integral part of that great Anglican Communion which extends over all the world."

The Returns show an increase in Church people of 664, and of 241 in Communicants. On this the Bishop remarks:—"Our percentage of Communicants in 1888 was 27, in 1889 it was 28½; this year it was 29. This average is very high, and it is the best testimony to the reality of the spiritual work going on in our Parishes; and we can none of us exert more useful efforts than in striving to maintain this yearly increase."

Baptisms increased from 282 to 332, Marriages from 60 to 81.

Confirmes decreased from 168 to 133 the falling off being chiefly amongst the Lytton Indians where only 70 were Confirmed as against 103 last year.

The Offertories increased this year by \$21, but the whole sum contributed within the Diocese decreased by over \$2,000 00, which is to be accounted for by the circumstances that last year's Return included the first contributions towards the building of Christ Church, Vancouver, a work which has made no further progress this year.

The amount contributed within the Diocese for Foreign Mission work was \$393 20 an increase of \$185 45 over last year, to which increase Holy Trinity, New Westminster, contributed most largely. Last year there had also been an increase under this head of \$59 25 over the preceding year. "Whether or no we shall maintain this ratio of increase in the years to come is impossible to predict, but if we do, it will not take long for us to overtake many Colonial Dioceses much older and much richer than ourselves, and we shall not have to look beyond this item for the very best evidence of spiritual growth."

The contributions to the fund increased by no less than \$1,900 since last year, signifying so much more self help, and so much progress in the direction of self sustaining independence. As to Visitations, the Bishop says:

"During the year I was able to visit the whole of the Missions along the railway line as far as Golden, which is 470 miles from New Westminster, and I also made trips to Cariboo, over 200 miles north of the line, and to Kootenay more than 150 miles to the south of it. These trips were very expensive, and I am afraid that the time has come when they must either be made less frequently than heretofore, or some provision must be made for meeting the cost of them otherwise than out of my own income. This income is not an increasing quantity, while general expenses and especially taxation, become heavier and heavier, and the burden of financial straightness is getting too heavy to be borne. During last year I paid no less than \$385.88 for taxes alone I am aware that financial straightness exists all over the Diocese, both personally and parochially, and makes it difficult to carry on the work of the Church in every place, but this circumstance affords no justification for me in incurring obligations greater than I am able to meet." His Lordship argues that regular, systematic and willing support of the General Fund of the Diocese is the only businesslike basis upon which the Church and its members can

hope to build successfully, and he continues:—"The amount undertaken to be raised by our English Committee has been punctually remitted, and without it we should be in a hopelessly insolvent position. This amount is only about \$1,500 a year, but it enables us just to meet current expenses in the maintenance of our present Missions. It is my deliberate opinion that the Diocese itself could easily support Mission Stations, and the English Fund be set free for breaking new ground in other places."

The Diocese is no longer in its childhood. The day has gone by when it needed to be upheld on the one hand by the S. P. G., and on the other by our English Committee. Ten years ago there was but one town in the Diocese, and that of less than 4,000 people, while there was not one prosperous farming or mining settlement anywhere. To-day there is no farming settlement that is not prosperous; our mining prospects, especially in Kootenay, are most encouraging; there have been enormous developments in both the fish canning and lumber industries, and, instead of one little village of 4,000 people, we have two "Cities," one of which claims over 15,000, and the other has certainly over 12,000 people.

Of our older Mission Stations there are certainly one or two which could easily bear a reduction of their present grant from the Diocesan Fund; Chilliwack and Trenant, for example. Chilliwack has, indeed, held out to us the hope that in another year it will probably be self-supporting, and Trenant might take courage by the example. This would set free a sum of \$700 a year, which could be applied in aid of new work on the South side of the Fraser valley, as well as in places like Vernon, and Nelson, both of which are conveniently situated for missionary centres, and both of growing importance. If our means had allowed us we ought already to have secured sites in a number of these places, while prices were low. They will now cost us at least double as much as they would have done six months ago, but it has been impossible for me to burden myself with the responsibility of buying lots even on easy terms as to time, without a fair prospect of being able to make good the payments.

No one could serve the Church better at the present moment than by special contributions of \$50 or \$100 for the purchase of sites in half a dozen localities that I could name. Two such contributions were received from England last year, but, unfortunately, they were not placed at my disposal, and had to be applied according to the wishes of the donor, and were not available for places which, in my opinion, must urgently need them."

AMONGST other tables of Statistics submitted with the Bishop's Report is the following very gratifying one, showing the increase during the past five years:

Number of members, 1886, 2,220; '87, 3,488; '88, 3,885; '89, 4,425; '90, 5,089.

Number of Communicants, 1886, 581; '87, 3,488; '88, 3,885; '89, 4,425; '90, 5,089.

Number of celebration, 1886, 958; '87, 929; '88, 1,096; '89, 931; '90, 1,359.

Number of Baptisms, 1886, 204; '87, 277; '88, 281; '89, 282; '90, 156.

Offertories, 1886, \$4,271.09; '87, \$4,779.85; '88, 5,652.20; '89, \$8,527.74; '90, \$9,348.26.

Amounts collected in parishes by donations, &c., 1886, \$4,170.35; '87, \$5,531.21; '88, \$3,557.12; '89, \$7,916.81; '90, \$4,907.86.

Amounts collected in parishes for Foreign Missions, 1886, \$139.94; '87, \$196.80; '88, \$148.50; '89, \$207.75; '90, \$393.20.

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