

of our own Province, we may point to many utterances of the eastern press, to which no suspicion of undue bias can attach. Let one serve as a specimen of many. The Toronto "Globe", after speaking of our minerals and fisheries, thus proceeds: "British Columbia may reasonably expect a great shipping industry and a large commerce with the United States, with China and Japan. There is no doubt that it is destined to overtake Ontario in population, in wealth, and in political importance." The "Globe" is an unexceptional authority, and we in the Province know well that it is not over sanguine in this forecast of its future. But, if we are not to lag lamentably behind in our provision for the increasing population, we must supply the deficiencies I have mentioned, and appeal to the East and the Mother Church to supplement our efforts. We must remind our brethren at a distance that the capitalists now developing the country are living amongst them, and that our immigrants are nearly all very poor people, dependent upon manual labour for their support. As you have heard, the appeals already made in eastern Canada and in England have been to a certain extent successful. The clergy who are in receipt of grants from England have been paid up to date.

"Acting on the advice of my commissaries I applied, when in England, to the Colonial and Continental Church society for the maintenance of a clergyman in Cariboo. We have a church in the district at Barkerville, and for some years there was a resident clergyman there, who also ministered at Quesnelle. He left on the cessation of a grant from England, before I came into the diocese. If the C. and C. S. accede to my request, as they probably will, the incoming clergyman will have a good prospect of a permanent charge, as Cariboo is also increasing in population with the rest of the Province.

"One special want I will indicate, in conclusion. There are a number of men in East Kootenay employed in the construction of the railway through the Crow's Nest Pass. A young athletic clergyman, gifted with discretion and some power of speech, and filled with a genuine love of God and his brother man, would find in that district a splendid field of labor. Some one, I trust, will be stirred up by my mention of the case, to offer the means by which the initial expenses of such a missionary may be covered. If the right man can make good his footing I have little doubt of his future maintenance."

SYNOD FINANCE.

THE Treasurer's Report presented and adopted at the meeting of Synod, affords interesting and instructive reading. It would be well in future meetings of Synod to give more time to its careful consideration, with a view of ascertaining whence

the real and continuous support of the church may be expected in the future.

The report covers a period of twenty one months up to Sept. 30th., 1897. Taking the General and Special Funds together, the totals are: Receipts \$11,422.12; Expenditure \$11,069.84. The sources of income have been: English Committee \$5,261.22; Bishop's new Committee \$268.50; Per Archdeacon Small \$254.88; Per Rev. C. Croucher \$120.62; D. F. M. S. of Canada \$330.84; Canonical Collections and Synodals in the Diocese \$1,499.47; S. P. G. block grant (1897) \$3,271.35; Sales of Work per Mrs. Dart \$60.25; S. P. C. K. Grant for Indian Hospital \$60.00; and one solitary Subscription of \$5.00.

The English Committee is no longer in existence, representing a loss of over \$5000.00. It is to be hoped that the Bishop's new organization's contribution of \$268.50 is no criterion of its assistance in the future. S. P. G. has given notice that its Grant may cease in 1900. D. F. M. S. has already sent \$1,000 since Sept. 30th., and this is one of the sources to which we must look for increased and continuous support in the future. The \$1,500.00 raised in the diocese for the canonical requirements is encouraging. But the most hopeful sign is the amount contributed by Archdeacon Small as the result of his visits to the Cariboo and other districts, viz. \$254.88. nor does this represent the whole of the financial result of his archidiaconal labours, as the contributions from Barkerville, \$25.55, shew, and \$72.20 received since October 1st. What a visit to the Kootenay country would have contributed to the Church's needs is a