

EDITORIAL.

It is proposed to publish the *Diocesan Magazine* for the future on the first of each month instead of the tenth, and correspondants will therefore kindly send in their communications not later than the 25th of the month before.

The Editor again asks his brother clergy to assist him by sending in reports of local events. The present number it will be noticed is specially deficient in such local news. No tidings of Christmas doings at Comox, Nanaimo, Cowichan or Saanich. Surely there must be something worth recording. Why should not all follow the example of the Rector of Esquimalt who addresses his parishoners regularly every month through the pages of the *Magazine*? That such a course is acceptable to the people and also advantageous to the *Magazine* is evidenced by the fact that the circulation of the *Magazine* in Esquimalt Parish is more than double that in any other Parish in the Diocese, excepting only Christ Church, Victoria.

METLAKATLA.

Since we last alluded to this unhappy subject, an attempt was made, in October, by the Duncan Indians to destroy still further the property of the mission. They had stolen the bell, a gift of the Church Missionary Society, carrying it away to Alaska, with many other things which were not their own. They must needs further attempt to wreck and destroy the Church. A number of them arrived from Alaska, armed with axes and hammers, and proceeded to tear it down. Happily in this they were thwarted by the arrival of the magistrate, who immediately swore in special constables from among the loyal Indians and white men. Much mischief, however, was done to the Church, yet strange to say the guilty parties managed to escape.

Mr. Duncan had been accustomed to say that this Church had been built by himself and the Indians, without help from the Society. If such had been the case, that was no reason for the destruction of the sacred edifice. But the statement was simply another falsehood of which there have been many, in support of disorder and misrule at Metlakatla.

Mr. Duncan tore out twelve pages of the Society's financial book before handing it over, so that the disbursements of the Society for building the Church would not be known, but from time to time the Society published letters from him containing statements of what he had received for building the Church, and his appeal for more which he afterwards obtained. One of the untruths propagated was