

ulars of your work—its trials, and difficulties, as well its encouragements.

Mr. Stringer's living voice last winter will doubtless be productive of much good, as, indeed, it has been already; and the story of his own work from the lips of such a veteran as Archdeacon McDonald cannot fail to arouse fresh interest in, and sympathy with our labors amongst these few scattered sheep here in this northern wilderness.

No words of mine are needed to commend to you the "Three Years' Enterprise" of the C. M. S. It is one with which we are in full sympathy, and we trust its results will be so great, and its influence so far reaching as to extend even to the Arctic Regions. We ourselves are urged to move forward. Let us see to it that we do, not only in our work, but in ourselves, in our own spiritual life. Let us be more vigilant and diligent, more careful and prayerful, more hopeful, trustful, and faithful. Let our aspirations be:

"More holiness give me, more strivings within;  
More patience in suffering, more sorrow for sin;  
More faith in my Saviour, more sense of His care;  
More joy in His service, more purpose in prayer.  
More gratitude give me, more trust in the Lord;  
More zeal for His glory, more hope in His word;  
More fit for the kingdom, more used would I be;  
More blessed and holy, more, Saviour, like Thee."

Thus shall we be better fitted for our work, and have more joy in it. Thus shall we be able to make full proof of our ministry, and be "examples of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

We need constant supplies of grace for we have to encounter, not only the ordinary "adversaries" of pastoral and missionary work, but are face to face with the priests, and power of Rome. Backed up, as they are, with a powerful organization, and almost unlimited means, our struggle against them might seem, humanly speaking, almost hopeless. But, although they have such a large majority, both of workers and adherents, we have right, and truth on our side, and have more than held our own. They have withdrawn from Peel River. They have been unsuccessful at Hay River. Some of their people have joined us. Others are wavering. We have no reason to be dismayed or discouraged. We are on the winning side. Ultimate victory is certain. Are we undermined? Let us do double duty until more help arrives. Are we isolated? Let us draw nearer to our Master, and seek to enjoy more of His Presence. Are we weak? Let us lean more upon God, that we may be "strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." Are we perplexed? Let us seek the aid and guidance of His Holy Spirit. Have we "Fightings and fears, within, without?" "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed;

for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

"Onward then in battle move,  
More than conquerors ye shall prove;  
Though opposed by many a foe,  
Onward, brethren, onward go."

"May the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Believe me,  
ever your sincere friend and Bishop,  
W. D. REEVE, D.D.,  
*Bishop of Mackenzie River.*

### CHURCH WORK IN THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.

We are pleased to be able to give our readers in full, the following letter from BISHOP PERRIN of the diocese.

*My Dear Friends,*



HE future prosperity of British Columbia is now assured. During the past year the mining industries of the mainland have shown distinct signs of development. For nearly forty years—since the old Cariboo days—although it has been known that the mineral wealth was there, no capital has been attracted to the province. The population has never exceeded 100,000, including Chinese and Indians, and some began to despair. But suddenly all has changed. Nominally millions of capital have been raised in England, in Eastern Canada, and in the United States, and marvellous accounts of discoveries of gold are circulated far and wide, and the whole country is to be "prospected." It is needless to add in this Report, that without the utmost care, investors in gold mines will simply hand over their money to company promoters, whose circulars are sure, alas! to catch the unwary; and even if there be gold in considerable quantities in a particular mine, it all depends upon how much it costs to bring it to the surface, whether shareholders will ever receive any profit whatever. At the present moment all work is stopped for the winter, but as soon as the spring arrives miners are sure to pour into the province, and reports from all quarters will be circulated on every Stock Exchange. Meanwhile everybody here is talking of opening up the country with new railways, and wherever the individual's property is, there he naturally wants the line, and the Provincial Parliament, which is just about to meet, will have no easy task in trying to adjudicate upon the various schemes. There are those who say that British Columbia is likely to grow even more rapidly than South Africa has done, and our population of a hundred thousand will become a million in a very little time. How does it all affect Vancouver Island and the