

ZULULAND has had not a few troubles lately, and, especially in consequence of the lack of clergymen, and of the illness of those who are there. Besides the retirement of Mr. Samuelson, and the illness of Archdeacon Swabey, who has had to come to England, the Bishop writes:

"Then Morris, of Vryheid, has been at death's door with dysentery. This was at the beginning of December. Hall, who is in charge of Eshowe, went to take his place, while I stayed at Eshowe, and now I have come here temporarily to look after things and the Evangelist Brothers who were working with Swabey at Ingwaruma. I did not like to leave them so far away from the opportunities of sacraments and alone. Morris is rather better, but from what I hear the doctors say that he will be unable to continue his work in connection with the Mission.

"It has been the most anxious four months I have had since I have been in Zululand; and the anxiety is by no means over yet, as we are so short-handed, and it is very difficult to know what to do for the best. However, I daresay light will come soon, and we shall be able to see our way.

"Men are our chief want now. If you should hear of any priests who would be willing to put themselves at the disposal of the Mission, will you kindly let Lawley know? The Rectory, Hackney, will find him.

"In other ways, I hope that things are going on fairly well."

FROM the summit of the Chilcoot Pass the Rev. Walter G. Lyon has written us, says the S.P.G. *Mission Field* for July, on his way to Klondyke. It will be remembered that the Society received a proposal from him that he should go to minister to the crowds attracted by the Klondyke Goldfield. It encouraged him to go, and voted a sum of £200 towards his expenses, and as a contribution to help the Church in Canada to enter upon this new and important field. Mr. Lyon's letter is dated May 9th:

"Here I am at the summit of the far-famed Pass, and the guest of my old friends the Canadian North-West Mounted Police. I have been here four days waiting to get up my outfit, and a pretty hard time I have had of it I can tell you. We are camped on thirty feet of snow, and have constant snowstorms with severe cold. It would rather astonish you to have a snow floor to your sleeping apartment which has to serve for cooking, eating, and everything else! I have not had any change of clothing of any sort for fourteen days, not even a brush and comb! This is by far the best way to come in from first week in April till winter sets in, and then the White Pass is best. The Stickeen Route is impossible until a good waggon road is made or a railway from Glenora to Teslin Lake. They are going to try and take things from Glenora to Teslin Lake this spring on pack-horses. It is a terrible road, and the expense will be too great for any but rich men to

incur. It will be 25 cents a lb. at least. An outfit weighs 2000 lbs. Cost of freight by Stickeen Route at present price will therefore amount to \$500. I enclose two receipts for balance of freight on my outfit. I paid \$120 down, and the balance on the arrival of goods here—total amount \$385. This is freight from Skagway to summit of Chilcoot Passage, and freight on steamer, brokerage, wharfage, hotel expenses, etc., came to \$175.

"Cost of outfit, including large tent for services, portable harmonium, books, etc., with provisions for one year	\$1,500
Freight, passage money, and other expenses as above	560
Cost of scow and canoe to take self and freight for Lake Bennet to Dawson City	260
	<hr/> \$2,320
"Received from S.P.G.	\$960
From Church in Canada	400
	<hr/> \$1,360

Out of pocket \$960, or £200, to say nothing of the worry, manual labor, and difficulties too numerous to mention. I may tell you that a considerable percentage have turned back when they have encountered the difficulties of getting into the country, and these have been men of experience as far as hardships go. I leave for Lake Linderman this evening, a walk of ten miles over the snow, and then to pitch tent, cook supper, etc., and sleep on the snow—then on to Lake Bennett. The trail is very soft just now, which renders walking difficult. Inspector Belcher of the North-west Mounted Police is in command here, and sends kind regards to Dawson, who he knew in Regina. He has had a terrible experience since he came here last January. Any books, papers, magazines, that can be sent to me will be most acceptable."

WHISPERING IN CHURCH.

The following article is from the pen of Bishop Huntington:

"The worst of all kinds of sounds in church is that of human voices not engaged in the service; worst in indecency, worst in moral transgression. Even religious conversation is wrong; secular conversation is profanity. Comments on the service itself, if favorable and friendly, are impertinent; if critical, are disgraceful; if comical, or calculated to provoke laughter, are infamous. For all mutual communications that appear to be necessary, a sufficient forethought would, in most instances, obviate the necessity. If those who whisper would think twice first, they would commonly see that no serious harm would come of keeping still till after the service. The insult lies against His courts, against the authorities of the Church, against the congregation. A whisper reaches farther than the whisperer imagines. And wherever it reaches it may rightly stir indignation. It is a form of ill manners, the more deplorable because it is scarcely capable of rebuke and suppression by any other means than a general sense of good behavior and a right education."—*Diocese of Albany*.