

what it had been on any previous occasion, and the offerings amounted to over \$90.

Diocese of Mackenzie River.

(From Bishop Reeve.)

ST. DAVID'S MISSION,
Fort Simpson, Mackenzie River, N.W.T.,
November 20th, 1894.

[Continued.]

St. Peter's Mission, Hay River, our latest enterprise, is one of the bright spots in the diocese. It was opened only last year, but the Indians already seem to love their missionary, the Rev. T. J. Marsh, have rallied round him, and have shown their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf by their regular attendance at the Sunday services, his little room nearly always being full to overflowing. I spent a week there at the end of August, and was much cheered by what I saw. A good substantial log house has been erected, and another building to serve as school and church is to be put up as soon as possible. Several of the young men have learnt to read the syllabics, and we hope that much more progress will be made this winter, as I have sent my Lay Helper, Mr. Webb, to assist in the teaching and to aid Mr. Marsh in his other multifarious duties. The Roman Catholic priests have tried to draw the Indians away, but with no success so far.

Fort Resolution is a hot-bed of Romanism, and we have no converts there; but that Mr. and Mrs. Spendlove's patient, persevering efforts have not been in vain is evident from the fact that, last summer, there was a "talk" among the leading Indians as to whether half of them should not join the Protestant Church, and the other half remain as they are! This may end in nothing but talk, but the fact of such an idea having been entertained is significant and encouraging; and I trust Mr. and Mrs. Spendlove will be stimulated and cheered by it, and still go on "sowing beside all waters."

Fort Simpson is the last to come under survey, but is not the least. It is the principal post in the diocese, and from a spiritual point of view perhaps the most unsatisfactory. Still there are not wanting signs of encouragement. There is a marked change for the better in certain matters. The week day services held in summer were very fairly attended. A greater desire for instruction has been shown on the part of some. The reading of the blessed Word to a poor old cripple, the other day, brought a prick to her conscience and tears to her eyes; and she has frequently expressed hearty thanks when visited and prayed for, and when she has been able to crawl to church. Our few day scholars have attended very regularly and made good progress, and the attendance at the English service and Sunday Evening Singing Class has been good on the whole. Three young people have been confirmed here and four at Resolution.

At the other posts in the diocese we have no resident missionary, and there is nothing particular to say about them excepting that some of them are asking for and require a teacher. But, first of all, I want a man for Fort Wrigley and an assistant for Mr. Stringer, for whom he has pleaded so forcibly. Who will go for us? Is there no one who will say here am I, send me? And is there no one, or no church, who will seize the honor of sending and supporting such an one? "How can they bear without a preacher? And how can they preach except they be sent?"

I must not forget to say a word about the Diocesan School, an important institution in the Diocese. Two new scholars have been added, but two have left, so the number remains the same. A lady in England raises £10

a year for the support of a little girl there, and I shall be glad to hear of others who are willing to do likewise. We are losing the services of the matron, Miss Lawrence, who has worthily filled the situation and proved herself a painstaking teacher, and her place is not yet supplied. We have also lost the valuable aid of her brother who has gone to more civilized regions to look for a wife.

It will be seen from the foregoing that there is not a little to be thankful for, and not a little to cheer and encourage us. That there are discouragements, and worries, and troubles and anxieties, is but natural and to be expected, but it is no use bringing them forward. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," is the feeling of my heart, and I would ask you to mingle this note of praise with your prayers on our behalf.

Perhaps this "Alleluia" is partly owing to the fact that my dear wife has been permitted to rejoin me after seven years spent in England, and that I have now the comfort of her presence and help again. She arrived here on September 6th, not much the worse for her long and trying journey. Alleluia.

For the benefit of those who wish to help us it may be mentioned that contributions may be paid through H. G. Malaher, Esq., 20 Compton Terrace, Islington, London, England; Mr. G. Bliss, Church Missions House, New York, U.S.A.; the Very Rev. Dean Girdale, St. John's, Winnipeg, Canada; Wycliffe College Missions, Toronto, Canada; the Women's Auxiliaries, Canada; or the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Toronto.

I am, with very kind regards,

Very faithfully yours,

W. D. REEVE, D.D.,

Bishop of Mackenzie River.

Diocese of Saskatchewan.

The Rev. Geo. Moore, Rector of Pro-Cathedral of St. Alban, PRINCE ALBERT, reports his work as very encouraging; and that a new and larger church may soon be needed.

Diocese of Newfoundland.

AN APPEAL FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—I make no apology in asking you to be good enough to give publicity in your paper to the following statement of the condition of many of the clergy in the Diocese of Newfoundland:

A most dreadful calamity affecting all our Church institutions and work has fallen upon this diocese by the failure of its two only banks and of many of its prominent business firms; other failures are daily expected.

The effect of this has been to paralyze for a time all branches of industry and to throw a whole community out of employment into a state of helpless inactivity without the means of providing for a trying winter. The disaster affects all classes and creeds. Committees have been formed in various parts for the relief generally of the poor, of whom no really needy case so far has been disregarded. But the clergy are from their position the greatest sufferers, and particularly those of our Church, for whom no relief has as yet been afforded. Before this unparalleled disaster their stipends were barely sufficient to provide their families with the ordinary necessities of life. Their situation is now greatly aggravated, and though many are prepared to suffer like heroes, the case of some is even desperate. I need not particularize, indeed it is not necessary, and this statement made upon the authority of our Bishop and the

Executive committee of our Synod, will, I am sure, appeal with force to those of our Churchmen in the Dominion of Canada, who are ready to extend to their brethren of the same 'Household of Faith' that help which is needed in times of dire necessity such as the one now pressing so hardly upon us.

Many of our clergy depend largely for their support upon the contributions of the people made after the fishing voyage is cleared off. The failure of the banks took place on the 10th December last. Up to that time only a small proportion of the church dues had been received, and that in paper money of the defaulting banks, now almost valueless. The prospect of collecting more is hopeless; and the clergy are now not only without the means to pay their debts, but without money to pay current expenses.

The loss to the Church in money in the defaulting banks, as far as can at present be ascertained is about \$10,000. Much of this was for the support of an asylum for widows and orphans. Some of the amount was allocated for stipends of the Clergy for 1895. This additional loss emphasizes with no uncertainty the severe straits to which we are reduced.

No calamity of such magnitude has ever fallen upon this country or upon this ever poor diocese. The fire of 1892, which destroyed the most valuable of our church property in St. John's, was trivial by comparison.

In view of these appalling circumstances we are driven upon the necessity of appealing, nay of imploring our fellow churchmen for help in this time of need—help to meet present distress, and help to relieve us from grave future embarrassments.

Any readers of the CHURCH GUARDIAN disposed to help in this matter are requested to send their contribution to the Bank of Montreal, to the account of the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland Poor Clergy account. Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM PILOT, D.D.,

Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Nfld.

Contemporary Church Opinion.

The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette:

Protests against the "Spanish Consecration" are now being signed in several English Dioceses, and this movement is apparently only beginning, and will gather strength and volume as it proceeds. Such protests have already been numerous and influentially signed in the Dioceses of Lichfield, Bath and Wells, Gloucester and Bristol. In this last instance the memorial received 243 signatures, amongst the signatories being the Archdeacons of Gloucester, Bristol and Cirencester, four Canons-residentary and nine Honorary Canons of Gloucester, two Canons-residentary and eight Honorary Canons of Bristol; eighteen Rural Deans, and many of the leading parochial clergy. Archdeacon Sheeringham, who presented the memorial on behalf of the Archdeacons of the Diocese, has received the following reply from the Bishop:—

"Palace, Gloucester, January 7th, 1895.

"My dear Archdeacon,—I hasten to acknowledge the very numerous memorial relative to the consecration of Senor Cabrera, and note with interest that it includes the names of nearly all the most influential clergy in the diocese. I feel with you all very grave anxiety as to the action of the Archbishop of Dublin and the consequence that may flow from it. I do not at present see what steps can be taken to mitigate the injurious effects arising from the irregular and unauthorized proceeding, but I can readily assure you that I shall heartily co-operate in any action that may be devised for the satisfaction of the Church under the exceptional circumstances to which you invite my attention. Please present my kind regards to your brother Archdeacons and to all the