

claims of her family prevented, but she never lost her interest in the work of her Lord Jesus Christ. She was a devoted mother, and her home was her world. Those most intimately acquainted with her were confident of her acceptance with Christ. Deathbed repentance were not to be depended on, but when a deathbed confession was preceded by a life of Christian activity and faith in the Saviour, they knew that while for her "to live was Christ, to die was gain." Her memory would long endure in the Church, and they need not sorrow as those without hope. When Christ shall appear he shall bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Him, and among them her whose form lay before them. The expectation of meeting our friends in heaven made that fair land all the more precious. These sudden deaths were a lesson, and should teach us the duty of preparation. It might be that God, by this dispensation of His Providence, was calling some one who had not yet given Him their hearts. Preparation was simple in the extreme. He prayed that everyone there might be led to give themselves to Christ, and he implored all to make diligent search to see what their position in the matter was. He would again tender to his friend and fellow-worker, deep and heartfelt sympathy in his sad affliction, and to the orphans, he prayed that, friends might be raised up to take the place of the mother they had lost, and that the divine blessing might attend them and all who mourn to-day, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The hymn, "Hark, blessed are the dead," was sung, and after prayer the procession was reformed and started for Maple Leaf cemetery, where, with the impressiveness of the Church, all that was mortal of Charlotte Anne Jarvis was laid away in the grave, "earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes," in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection.

Mrs. Jarvis was the eldest daughter of Mr. J. E. Brooke, one of the first Churchmen in the county of Kent, and one of Chatham's earliest and most esteemed citizens. She had been the wife of Mr. Frederick S. Jarvis, manager of the Merchant's Bank of Canada, Chatham, for the past eleven years. During that time six children had been born, four of whom survive, the youngest being only a fortnight old. The sympathy of their many friends in Chatham will go out to the sorrowing husband and motherless children. She was indeed a most devoted parent whose every care was centered on the welfare of her interesting little family, and as to the wide circle of her friends and acquaintances, her removal leaves a blank which will not soon be filled. She was a devoted and sincere Christian. "To live was Christ and to die was gain." The assurance that she has entered into enduring bliss can alone take away the sting of separation, and even in the first moments of sorrow her friends realize that their loss has been her gain.

The following is taken from *Christ Church Sunday-school Record*:

"Often in dreams I see it,  
Lying so far away,  
And I catch a sound of singing,  
And hear the viola play.  
And my heart goes out in longing  
To the city wondrous fair,  
For I have loved and lost ones,  
And I know I shall find them there."

We hardly know how to voice the grief felt by every member of the school for our Superintendent in the sudden death of his wife.

For years she was a faithful teacher and in the midst of household cares ever maintained a deep interest in all that concerned our Church. Indeed with a sympathetic nature and excellent judgment her counsel was always of the wisest. She was a devoted wife and mother, and nowhere did she appear to better advantage than in her own home.

Her funeral was one of the largest ever seen

in Chatham. The numbers present testifying to the esteem in which she was held.

The school sent a floral tribute in respect to her consistent life. However, while we sorrow it should not be as those without hope, for we can truly say that to her "To live was Christ, and to die was gain."

The *Synod Journal* of 1888, speaks of the satisfactory progress of the Diocese of Huron. The year ending April 30th, 1880, is compared with the year ending April 30th, 1888:

	1880.	1888.	Increase
Clergymen in active service.....	103	124	21
Churches, number.....	204	241	37
Value.....	\$656,784	\$791,182	\$124,398
Parsonages, number.....	62	73	11
Value.....	\$130,650	\$257,969	\$127,319
Church population.....	54,664	56,159	1,495
Communicants.....	8,910	12,234	3,324
Sunday-school Officers, Teachers & Scholars.....	14,390	17,196	2,806
Voluntary contributions, 1880: \$121,858.44; 1888: \$153,604.59; Increase: \$31,746.15			

The debt, on the Mission Fund, which a few years ago was very serious, (at one time it was nearly \$10,000) has almost been wiped out.

#### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

ROSSEAU.—The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks, a donation of £5 worth of Bibles English and Icelandic from the British and Foreign Bible Society, London, Eng. He has also great pleasure in being able to say that the Church Ullswater is now seated. His Lordship the Bishop having given four seats the rest being given by the congregation. Money is still earnestly requested to finish building the Church. We trust that someone will help us to accomplish this object.

#### DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

DONALD.—The Lord Bishop of New Westminster consecrated St. Peter's Church, Donald, on February 24th. The history of this the first Church in the mountains may be interesting to those who often read accounts of our work. The first services were held in Donald, by the Rev. D. H. W. Horlock, on August 26th, 1886. These were in the Court House, which was kindly placed at his disposal by A. W. Vowell, S. M. & G. C. The Church people of Donald showed their appreciation of the Judge's kindness by having the services regularly there until the Church was opened. In November there was a meeting of Churchmen held, at which it was determined to build a Church. The desire for a Church was proved by the liberal subscriptions of the members; and the following May the contract was let and the building begun. The C. P. R. most kindly gave two lots besides other very material help which enabled the Church to be finished by the end of September. It is no small gratification that the Church is free of debt; and the credit is due to those who have so kindly helped. With the exception of \$250 granted by the C. P. R., and some donations from friends at home, the amount required has been raised amongst those who have been in Donald district and along the C. P. R. Many a hard earned dollar has gone towards making St. Peter's Church as pretty a Church as there is in the Diocese. There have been great improvements made in the furnishing of the Church this year, and thanks are due to Mrs. Sillitoe for the handsome altar frontals she has given, as well as many smaller presents which make the chancel well furnished. The organ, the lectern and the prayer desk were gifts from those who have been staunch supporters from the beginning. Within the last few months the

Church has been re-seated and painted by the people of Donald, and theirs is the credit of having put just the finishing touches to the work. It was no little satisfaction then to see the Bishop on Sunday 24th. And there were many thankful hearts at that solemn Consecration Service; the only drawback being that many who had helped to build the Church were unavoidably absent. The Procession from the vestry, of the Bishop and Clergy, was met at the Church porch by the representative members of the congregation; and in the absence of Mr. Vowell, Mr. Spragg read the petition for consecration. The applicants then preceded the Bishop and Clergy to the chancel where the service began. Mr. Evans, the organist and lay reader, helped to make the musical parts of the service hearty so that those present will remember it to have been one of the most impressive and delightful services they have had. The whole congregation remained throughout, and the Bishop's words on the sacredness and holiness of the House of God will not likely be forgotten. There is something decidedly bracing in having now a Church right in the heart of the mountains; and there is a great deal to be thankful for that the Church is free from debt, well supported and likely to prove a blessing to many.

KAMLOOPS.—The new Church here is so far completed that the whole of the furniture from the old building was moved in on the 21st, and the first service held on the following Sunday. The Church people have been so long compelled to worship in a Barn that it is an unfeigned gratification to them to have at last an edifice worthy of being called a Church. The winter season has put many difficulties in the way of the progress of the building, to say nothing about the questions which arose in the first instance respecting its position. All these are over, now, and the subscribers have every reason to congratulate themselves. The Bishop was here on the 27th Feb, and administered the Rite of Confirmation.

VANCOUVER.—St. James'.—Two new churches have been erected in St. James' Parish, Vancouver during the past month. St. Michael's, situated on Westminister road, a short distance south of False Creek school, has been for lack of funds, at present built only to half the dimensions which the plan call for, but will be enlarged as soon as more money is obtained for this purpose. The building as it stands at present will accommodate about 100 and cost in the neighbourhood of \$1000. The addition when built will seat an equal number and cost about the same amount. Service was held, for the first time; by Rev. H. F. Clinton, on the first Sunday in Lent. St. Paul's, on Hornby Street, near the Granville Street Bridge, is a pretty little edifice built to seat 160 persons, at a cost of \$1500. It was opened on the 3rd, Sunday in Lent. Rev. H. F. Clinton has charge of this also, and will be assisted by Rev. H. Edwards, on his return from England. These churches were badly needed in the localities in which they are situated, as the residents there found the distance to St. James' Church, too great for them to attend regularly.

Christ Church.—A most successful concert was held on the 28th, ult., under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society, in the Van Horn Block. The spacious room was crowded all the evening and the sum of \$150 realized after paying all expenses. The ladies are now busily engaged in preparing for a sale of work to take place in Easter Week. The Building Committee after examining the designs for Christ Church unanimously decided in favour of those submitted by Mr. Wickenden; tenders are being called for, and work upon the foundations will be proceeded with immediately. The Lord Bishop will hold a Confirmation Service on Palm Sunday morning.