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Calendar.

Feb.			
	1	W	Vigil. F.
	2	Th	Purification of Mary the Blessed Virgip. Morning Lesson -- Exod. 13 to c. 17. Evening Lesson--Hag. 2 to c. 10.
	3	F	F.
	4	S	F.
	5	A	Sexagesima. <i>Agathe, a Sicilian Virgin and Martyr.</i>
	6	M	Morning Lessons Gen. 3; Matt. 20 c. 17. Evening Lessons Gen. 6 or 8; Acts 21 c. 17 to 37.
	7	Tu	
	8	W	
	9	Th	
	10	F	F.
	11	S	F.
	12	A	Quinquagesima. Morning Lessons--Gen. 9 to v. 20; Matt. 21 to c. 29. Evening Lessons--Gen. 12 or 13; Acts 27 to v. 18.
	13	M	
	14	Tu	<i>Valentin, B. and M.</i>
	15	W	Ash Wednesday. P. Pss. <i>M. 6, 32, 38; E. 102, 130, 143.</i> Communion Service. Morning Lessons--Isai. 58 to v. 13; Mark 2 c. 13 to 23. Evening Lessons--Jonah 3; Heb. 12 c. 3 to 18.
	16	Th	
	17	F	
	18	S	
	19	A	1 Sunday in Lent. Ember Coll. Daily. Morning Lessons--Gen. 19 c. 12 to 30; Matt. 27 to c. 27. Evening Lessons--Gen. 22 to c. 20; or 23; Rom. 3.
	20	M	
	21	Tu	
	22	W	Ember Day.
	23	Th	Vigil.
	24	F	St. Matthias, Apoc. and Mar. Ath. Creed Ember Day. Morning Lesson--1 Sam. 2 c. 27 to 36. Evening Lessons--Isai. 22 v. 15 to 36 v. 8.
	25	S	Ember Day.
	26	A	2 Sunday in Lent. Morning Lessons--Gen. 27 to c. 41; Mark 2 c. 23 to 3 v. 13. Evening Lessons--Gen. 28 or 32 Rom. 9 to c. 19.
	27	M	
	28	Tu	
	29	W	

Note.—The Forty Days of Lent are appointed to be observed as Days of Fasting or abstinence.
Ash Wednesday Collect to be used every day in Lent.

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SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN
KNOWLEDGE.

Well worthy of notice and appreciation are the objects of this Venerable Society, founded 1698.

It is the *Bible and Prayer Book Society* of the Church of England, and distributed during the past year 604,378 of these books or portions in more than seventy-five languages.

It is a Church of England Tract and Pure Literature Society circulating works by able writers, on science, history, and general literature, as well as a great variety of moral and devotional reading. Its publications on Christian Evidence have been written to meet the free thought and sceptical ideas of the present time, and it makes grants of Books for Lending Libraries and Tracts for soldiers and sailors and others.

It is a Missionary Society. It assists in the maintenance of Bishops and Clergy for the Colonial and Missionary Dioceses by contributing to permanent Endowment Funds, training candidates for Holy Orders, and in preparing Native Students for Mission work.

It is a Church and School and College Building Society, for the Colonial and Missionary Diocese. It has contributed within the year £6,235 to the erection of 91 buildings for Church purposes in 36 Dioceses.

It is an Emigrants' Spiritual Aid Society. It has within the last five years set aside £6,090 for the spiritual and moral welfare of Emigrants. The Society's Chaplains are in all the principal ports. Chaplains and matrons appointed by it frequently accompany parties of emigrants to the Colonies.

It is, in general, the Handmaid of the Church always ready so far as its means allow to give favorable consideration to all plans for promoting Christian knowledge throughout the world, when commended to it by those in authority in Church.

The total number of Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, other Bound Books and Tracts, issued by the Society in the year ending March 31st, 1886, was 9,687,980.

The Province of British Columbia has been generously aided for many years and still is so by this Society. As its means of usefulness depend upon voluntary subscriptions we commend it to all interested in the higher welfare of others. Subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received and transmitted by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, St. James', Victoria.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

CHRISTMAS TIDE.

The Cathedral was tastefully decorated this season by members of the congregation, assisted by Mr. Godding and the choir boys. The screen across the chancel, which was composed of a lattice work of ivy, fir, and berries, and surmounted by a gilt cross, was executed by Miss Nelson; the pulpit decorated in quite a new and very tasteful manner by the Misses Crease and Miss King; the altar rails by Miss Sorby; the font by Miss Ward; the pillars and windows wreathed with ivy, by the Misses deVeuille; the choir stalls by Miss Drake, and the altar vases by Miss Hills. The choir men and boys on Christmas eve reinstated the old English custom of singing carols at the houses of the principal church members. They were very kindly received and hospitably entertained. The Christmas and New Year's day congregations, notwithstanding the inclement weather, were very large and seemed thoroughly to enjoy the hearty services, and special music which had been carefully prepared by the choir under the able leadership of Mr. H. Kent.

The following is a list of the Carols:

Good Christian Men Rejoice; Earthly Friends will Change and Falter; Earth To-Day Rejoices; Christ Was Born on Christmas Day; Here is Joy for Every Age; Carol, Carol, Christians.

ST. JAMES' VICTORIA.

The first Confirmation in this Church was held on Sunday, January 15th, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

In spite of inclement weather a large congregation assembled to witness the Holy Rite, among whom were many of the parents and friends of the candidates. Many of the Choir also were present to assist in the Service, which began with Hymn 270. The Litany was then said, followed by Hymn 347. The Preface was read by the Archdeacon, who is Incumbent of St. James, after which the Bishop, coming forward to the chancel steps, delivered an impressive address to the candidates who occupied the two front seats. At the close of his address the solemn question was put, to which the candidates, "standing in order before the Bishop," gave a reverent and audible response.

The laying on of hands followed, the candidates going up, four at a time, and kneeling at the altar rails, and the organist playing a soft voluntary as they left and returned to their seats. Then followed the Collects and Hymn 349, after which came the Bishop's second address, and the Ser-

vice closed with Hymn 28 and the Benediction. The behaviour of the candidates and the congregation was orderly and reverent, and the service throughout was most impressive. The following is a list of the newly-confirmed:

Roberta Elizabeth Wolfenden,	Martha Ada Sampson,
Elizabeth Holmes Stannard,	James Lawson Raymur,
Lilian Thurlow Stannard,	Frank John Stannard,
Jennie Maria Harcourt Pope,	Arthur Richard Wolfenden,
Orvilla Northcott,	Charles Moore.
Annie Moore,	

The new Bell for St. James' Church has arrived, and has been hung. This Bell, which is the generous gift to the Parish of Dr. Duncan, Surgeon to the "C" Battery weighs 591 lbs, and is both clear and sweet in tone. It was supplied by the Clinton H. Meneely Bell Company of Troy, New York, and we have no doubt will give great satisfaction.

PARISH OF ESQUIMAULT.

Before another magazine appears the holy season of Lent will be with us. This is an announcement worthy of every Churchman's consideration,

"Again the solemn season calls
A holy fast to keep."

It comes as a break to the ordinary course of one's busy, hurrying life. It requires us to withdraw ourselves, as much as possible, from the too engrossing round of this world's business, and pleasures and cares, in order to gain time for considering our spiritual state, and for turning afresh to God in all these respects wherein we find we have been departing from Him. We ought to prize such an opportunity as Lent offers to us—one with all Catholic Christendom—more than we do. In former years it may have passed away wholly unimproved, or we may have begun well enough, but been unable to persevere even for its forty days. This Lent lets us make a fresh trial. Do not let us overburden ourselves with rules and resolutions, but:

1. Get clear hold of the sin or sins which do most daily beset us.

2. Make earnest confession of such to God.

3. Increase our private prayers.

4. Be more frequent in common prayer with our brethren in the House of God.

5. Prescribe to ourselves some definite act of self-denial so that the flesh may be subdued to the spirit.

Remember that a well-spent Lent means a blessed, happy Easter.

Your churches are open all day, where you can go apart

for awhile and pray and meditate. Your priest is and will be ever ready to give ghostly counsel, advice and absolution. Your opportunities for gathering together for the Blessed Sacrament—penitential acts—and to hear messages from God through His ambassador will be as follows:

Sundays—Services as usual.

Litany of Penitence at Evensong.

Wednesdays, 10 A. M.—Matins and Litany.

Thursdays, 8 A. M.—The Holy Communion.

Fridays, 10 A. M.—Matins and Litany.

7 P. M.—Shortened evensong with “Story of the Cross” and address.

The addresses on Fridays will be on the subject, “Some Aspects of Sin.”

We trust that the parish as a whole, grasps the fact that the services, which may seem local, are not really so. For those who are absent, whether through distance, or duties, or sickness, those who are present speak. Christianity is not a selfish religion. Blessings and forgiveness pleaded for by a few before the altar in St. Paul’s are not tied down by the Almighty to those few, but embrace the whole parish—even those who are unmindful of Him. Most certainly does the priest bear one and all of his people on his heart continually before his God.

We must add a word about the multiplying of sermons and addresses at this and other special seasons. Such should always be done with caution and according to the circumstances of the parish. Sermons have been exalted to such a pitch that one would fancy that it was for them that our churches were built. A study of the Prayer Book will show that the only occasion in the usual offices where a sermon is contemplated is at The Celebration. The mind of the Church is thus clearly seen. We are right in adding other times; but we should one and all unhesitatingly assert that churches were and are built first and foremost for the worship of God. We go to church not to hear the sermon, but to pray and give thanks—to give and not to get. Yet how many of our own communion would feel it to be no service unless they had the sermon. This is why the week day services are usually so scantily attended. We remember one of the greatest of living preachers once saying—and we echo every word with all our heart—once a soul realizes its true position of man to God, prayers and sacraments become, spiritually speaking, of much greater importance than preaching, because holding communion with the Infinite and Eternal, whether by prayer or sacraments, is a much more momentous act than when we are only listening to a fellow creature telling of what he knows about God.

We shall have more to say upon this subject; but we have had our growl and feel the better for it.

Our annual Confirmation claims attention. We hope the Bishop will be able to allow its being held previous to Easter Day, so that those who present themselves for admission to full membership of the Church may take their part in the great Eucharistic Sacrifice and greeting of their Lord on Easter Morn. Confirmation is not a matter which can be glossed over as an extra and in many cases an unnecessary action. It is the means which God has appointed whereby a large and special measure of His Holy Spirit can alone be obtained. To those who refuse, that gift can not be otherwise obtained. Are any of us so strong as that we can do without this special gift? And it must be remembered how distinctly Holy Church makes it a necessity previous to reception of the Holy Eucharist. Exceptions can only be made under the most extraordinary circumstances, and such only under the authority of the highest within the Church.

We deeply regret the death of Harry Marpole, one of the pupils at Mr. Clinton's school, which took place very suddenly on the 20th instant. A favorite with masters and boys, and in fact with all who knew him, his loss is much felt. He carried off at the end of last term the prize the Rector offered for "Religious Knowledge," and showed by his papers a most marked grasp of those Eternal Verities which were so soon to be his. The sympathy of the parish goes out to his sorrowing parents. *Requiescat in pace.*

ST. PAUL'S, NANAIMO.

The Rector, the Rev. J. B. Good, had the misfortune three weeks ago to slip on the ice-covered steps of his own house, and in falling to fracture a rib.

In consequence of this sad accident, the services at St. Paul's were of necessity omitted on January 15th, but arrangements were made, by calling in the kind assistance of the Rev. C. J. Brenton, by which the Rev. G. W. Taylor was enabled to be at Nanaimo and take the Services on January 22nd, and the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven to do the same on January 29th.

It is expected that Mr. Good will be sufficiently recovered to attend to his own duties on Sunday next.

ST. LUKE'S CEDAR HILL.

The Annual Christmas Treat of the Sunday scholars of this and the adjoining parishes was held on Friday, January the 28th, in the Cedar Hill Schoolroom. There were fewer children than usual present on this occasion as for various

reasons the St. Michael's (Lake) scholars and many of those from Cadboro Bay were prevented from attending.

However over 50 little ones assembled and thoroughly enjoyed, to all appearances, the bountiful tea, the prizes, the well loaded Xmas tree, and the programme of songs, readings and recitations (rendered by themselves) that had been prepared for their entertainment.

COWICHAN.

SHAWNIGAN MISSION.—A Mission has been started in the Shawnigan District in the Parish of Cowichan, by Mr J. Nightingale, of Tip Tree Farm, the Bishop having appointed him lay-reader, under the Rector, Rev. J. A. Leakey. Services are held every Sunday, in the Shawnigan school-house, by kind permission of the trustees, and are well attended. It is hoped that this year may see a small church erected in this neighborhood, so that members of the English Church may worship God with fitting surroundings.

The Rector also hopes for a Church in South Cowichan, where there are now many church people.

C. E. T. S.

By kind permission of Mrs. Jessop, a meeting of temperance workers, including members of the C. E. T. S. and other Societies, was held in her house on Monday evening, January 16th, to draw up a petition to the Legislative Assembly in favor of temperance legislation. This step was taken in response to a suggestion made by the Hon. John Robson, who, in his address to the members of the C.E.T.S. on January 9th, had counselled the presenting of such a petition, which would have, he said, the effect of strengthening the hands of the Government in their endeavors to pass a bill for the regulation of the liquor traffic during the coming session of the House.

The following petition was then drawn up:

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled:

The Humble Petition of the Undersigned Residents of
SHEWETH:

THAT WHEREAS your Petitioners have observed with great regret the evils arising from the absence of restriction in the sale of intoxicating liquors, with respect both to the hours during which those liquors are exposed for sale, and to the number of places where they are sold;

AND WHEREAS your petitioners believe that a thorough revision of the laws relating to the liquor traffic is desirable in the interests of the community at large;

NOW THEREFORE your petitioners do humbly pray:

THAT your Honourable House will be pleased to pass such a measure as shall seeme;

1st. The closing of all places for the sale of intoxicating liquors from midnight until six o'clock in the morning on all week days, and during the whole of Sundays;

2nd. That the maximum number of licenses to be issued be fixed, so as to be fewer than at present in proportion to the population.

3rd. That efficient machinery be provided for enforcing such regulations as may be enacted.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Monday, December 19th, 1887. Amongst other correspondence there were read: A letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury, containing a list of the subjects to be discussed at the meeting of the Pan-Anglican Synod. A despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies acknowledging receipt of the Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen, from the Synod of the Diocese, and a correspondence between the Bishop and Hon. J. W. Trutch, on the subject of the Endowment Fund. After considerable discussion, the following important resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, a sum of money has been raised and collected for the purpose of establishing a fund, to be called the Diocesan Clergy Endowment Fund:

AND WHEREAS the Society for promoting Christian knowledge has agreed to contribute £250 as soon as £1,000 shall be raised.

AND, WHEREAS, it is desirable to increase the sum now collected to the sum of £1,000, and that the control and management of the said Fund, and of all other Funds raised for the general purposes of the Diocese should be vested in a Lay Committee, and that no charge should be imposed on the said Fund, unless with the assent of such Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, until a Formal Trust Deed shall be prepared, Hon. J. W. Trutch and Messrs. W. C. Ward, Innes, Musgrave and M. W. T. Drake shall be appointed Interim Trustees of all monies raised or to be raised for the purposes of the Diocesan Clergy Endowment Fund.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Income to be derived from all monies collected for this Fund shall be accumulated until the sum of £1,000 is made up, and after that time, that the Income shall be appropriated towards the Stipends of one or more Clergymen of this Diocese at the discretion, and under the recommendation, of the Trustees.

The next meeting of the Synod was fixed to take place on the 18th of April, 1888.

COMING EVENTS.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.—Clergy and others are reminded that Sunday, the 19th February, being the first Sunday in

Lent, will, in accordance with custom in this Diocese, be observed as "Temperance Sunday," and sermons will be preached in most of the Churches upon that subject.

THE ANNUAL parochial tea meeting at Craigflower has been postponed from Tuesday, the 31st January until Tuesday, February 14th.

A MEETING of the C. E. T. S. will be held in the Cathedral Schools on Monday, the 13th, at 8 p. m.

AN AMATEUR MUSICAL and Theatrical Entertainment will be given in Cedar Hill schoolroom on Friday, February 10th, in aid of the Building Fund of St. Luke's Church.

THE XMAS TREAT for the Christ Church Sunday scholars is fixed for Wednesday, February 8th.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—As will be seen from the report of the last meeting of the Executive Committee, the meeting of the Synod has been fixed for Wednesday, the 18th of April. Notices of Motion should be sent forthwith to the Secretaries in order that they may be entered on the Agenda paper.

BAPTISMS.

"By one Spirit we are all baptised into one Body."

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

- January 1st, Edith Gertrude, daughter of Andrew and Rachael Townsley.
" 8th, Marion Jesse, daughter of Henry and Marion Moss.
" Margaret, daughter of Hutchinson and Martha Ann Hodgson.

CRAIGFLOWER.

(At Christ Church Cathedral).

- January 18th, John Edward, son of William and Mary Ann Richmond.
" Arthur, son of Alexander and Eliza Turner.

ST. MARY'S, METCHOSIN.

- January 12th, Amelia Georgina, daughter of Daniel and Ellen Rules.

ST. PETER'S, QUAMICHAN.

- January 1st, David Henry Geoffrey Lomas.

MARRIAGES.

ST. JAMES'.

- January 12th, William Penn Stetson Porter to Sophie Ellen Lindsay.

BURIALS.

"Make them to be numbered with thy Saints."

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

- January 9th, David McLellan.
January 10th, Joseph Harwood.
January 14th, Caleb Pike.