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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN B. C.

The returns of the census taken last year show that the Church of England has increased in strength in every Province in the Dominion. In British Columbia she has increased 15,000; Presbyterians, 11,000; Methodists, 11,000; and the Roman Catholics, 10,000. The increase of the Church of England in British Columbia is 31 per cent., which is the largest increase of any one denomination of any Province. The District of Victoria shows: Baptists, 640; Roman Catholics, 2063; Church of England, 6160; Methodists, 2116; Presbyterians, 3228; all others, 4231.

We thus occupy the proud position of *first*; proud, because in no other Province have we yet attained to this place. How is this to be explained? Partly by immigration of church people from the old land, but it must be accounted for in a much greater degree by the distinctive and uncompromising church teaching which distinguishes the Diocese of British Columbia and New Westminster, amongst their fellow Dioceses of Canada. The old fallacy of "we're all making for the same goal," is not the burden of the teaching of the clergy here; on the contrary, while the spirit of perfect charity to all men is strictly maintained, our people are taught in no uncertain language, that there is but one *direct* road to heaven, viz., through the fold of the Catholic Church. There *may be* bye-ways and allies through which the goal may be reached, such are represented by our brethren of the denominations, (the true Catholic Church is not a denomination). Such circuitous routes appear to be preferred by the majority of the people of Canada, if we are to judge from the census returns. Yet the truth irrefutably remains that they do so in ignorance. In British Columbia Catholics are taught the faith that they profess in so clear a manner, that if they are enticed into these bye-ways and allies they know where they are going to. And the result of this policy is, that the census returns show an increase of our numbers to the extent of 31 per cent., or greater than that of any denomination in any other Province. This is the victory of true churchmanship; the reward of *stability of principle*; the outcome of a steadfast faith and belief in the glorious mission of the old Church, and the inevitable absorption of the ill-shaped and misguided bodies still out of the fold. It is the prize of non-compromise in things religious. "That which is old is true, that which is new is false," has been the verdict of the largest section of British Columbians, and their decision proves their high intelligence.—W. H. P. A.

In connection with the above article, which has been kindly contributed, we print the following extract from the Daily Times:

"One of the recent bulletins (No. 9) issued from the Census Department at Ottawa, gives the religious classification of the people of the several provinces. In British Columbia, adherents of the Church of England are most numerous, the Roman Catholics coming second. The population of the province, by electoral districts, is as follows:

Cariboo.....	4,959
New Westminster.....	42,226
Vancouver.....	18,229
Victoria.....	18,538
Yale.....	13,661
	97,613

These 97,613 people are divided religiously as follows:

Districts.	Baptists.	Roman Catholics	Ch. of England.	Metho dists.	Presby-terians.	All Others.
Cariboo.....	18	2940	342	147	269	1243
New Westminster...	1685	6762	9143	8578	7420	8638
Vancouver.....	483	3787	4325	2375	2638	4621
Victoria.....	640	2063	6165	2216	3228	4231
Yale.....	272	4815	3630	982	1726	2236
Totals.....	3098	20367	23660	14298	15281	20969

THE MISSION TO THE CHINESE.

We were hoping to be able to publish in this number of the Magazine the report of the Superintendent of the Mission (Rev. E. F. Lipscomb) but it has not reached us in time.

As most of our readers must be aware the Mission owes its existence to the liberality of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. This Society has twice given grants of \$500 to aid us in this work, and is evincing great interest in the efforts we are now making for the evangelisation of the Chinese.

At the Easter meeting of the Board of Management of the above named Society they passed the following resolution:

"No. 14. That this Board has read with great pleasure the report of work among the Chinese, presented by the Bishop of Columbia, and the Rev. Mr. Lipscombe, and wishes them God speed in this important department of Evangelistic work among the heathen resident in Canada."

We hope that Victorian Churchmen will remember their responsibility in this matter, and not leave the providing of funds for the work entirely to their brethren in Eastern Canada.

*DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.*

This excellent Society has up to the present been limited to the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and its grants have so far stopped short east of the Rocky Mountains except in the case of the aid given to our own Chinese Mission about which we were writing in the last article.

There has never, however, seemed to us to be any good reason why the Society should not be co-extensive with the Church in this Dominion, and we are delighted to note that steps are being taken to alter the Constitution of the Society with this object in view.

At the Easter meeting of the Society's Board of Management notice was given by the Bishop of Niagara that at the next meeting he would move:—

That the Provincial Synod be requested to make such changes in Canon XIX, constituting the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, its General Board, and its Board of Management, as may be necessary to make the Society co-extensive with the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada, and to admit of the Bishops, and Clergy, and Laymen from the Province of Rupert's Land, and from the Dioceses not yet included in Provinces, taking part in the management of its affairs; and that in the event of such changes being made, the Provincial Synod be requested to convey to the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land and to the Bishops and Clergy and Laymen of that Province, and of the other Dioceses the intense longing of the members of the Church of England in the old Province of Canada, that the whole Church of England, spread over the whole Dominion of Canada, should be united in one Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

May, 13th, 1891.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—The remarks apropos Canon Beanlands' acceptance of work in England must be considered as unwritten, for the Canon has decided to return.

We hope to see him on or about Trinity Sunday, and trust that no unforeseen accident will prevent his participating in the work of the Synod this year.

Canon Beanland's many friends are anxious to arrange a formal welcome in the Schools later on in Synod week.

We also hope that Canon Beanlands will bring with him the successful plans in the Cathedral design competition. The report of Sir Arthur Blomfield is to the effect that the plans

marked "Fides," sent in from Victoria, deservedly take the first place, plans sent in by English firms coming second and third. "Fides" has been identified as the firm of Evers and Keith, Broad street. Certain drawings and photographs in Mr. Keith's possession seem to promise a handsome structure, which comprises admirable arrangements for the services of a parish Church, and the special requirements for a Cathedral.

Seats for 1,000 (with an additional gallery in the tower capable of seating 400 on special occasions) with surplus room for temporary chairs will be found in the nave, while the chancel will be arranged for a very much larger choir than that at present in existence, together with stalls for all the Clergy in the Diocese. A chapel in the S. E. corner will be found most useful for the daily services, sparing the voices of those who officiate, and bringing the smaller congregations closer together.

The architecture is early English of the pure style of the 13th century, while the chapel will throughout be of later decorated to admit of the insertion of the present Memorial east window.

Behind the High Altar space will be left for the erection in the future of a suitable Reredos, the East window being designed to come over it. At the west end the design embraces a tower and spire of more than 250 feet in height, while in the tower two large rooms will be provided, one to be used as a Synod Chamber, the other as a Diocesan Library. Of course before this design can definitely be accepted, the plan will have to be put out to tender, in order that the Committee may be informed as to whether it falls within the sum laid down in the conditions specified in the competition.

We trust that this may be the case, as we believe that when the Churchmen of the Diocese have acquainted themselves with the designs they will come forward to carry out the work by generous contributions.

At the Easter Vestry the retiring Churchwardens Messrs. T. R. Smith and Dr. T. J. Jones were re-appointed and re-elected for the ensuing year.

On Wednesday, May 25th the Choir Boys held their annual festival. Festal Evensong was sung at 7 p. m., when the Bishop of Columbia dedicated the new Altar of the Cathedral. The altar of cedar (made by Mr. J. P. Burgess) was handsomely vested in a white silk frontal sent from England.

The Sanctuary being raised and enriched with side hangings, rich dossal of silk, and wings at the N. and S. ends of the Altar presents a very much improved appearance. A new Credence table of unpolished oak has also been added.

Altogether a decided step has been made in the direction of a more reverent and dignified pleading of the Holy Sacrifice.

After Evensong the Choir boys and men, the clergy, and parents of the boys adjourned to the Schools where refreshments were provided, the prizes given, and speeches made.

The report of the choir master (Mr. H. Kent) was loudly applauded, while it was left to others to say how much the Choir and Church are indebted to the Choir Master for his unwearying exertions.

The prizes for attendance at Friday Evensong were won by Arthur Walbey, Cecil Berkeley and James Johnson.

The Bishop's prizes for knowledge of the Prayer Book were awarded to Kenneth Wollaston (1st), Gurney Westington (2nd) and Sydney Westington (3rd).

The Choir Master's awards were in favor of P. Austin, C. Berkeley, A. Goward, E. P. and James Johnston, G. Kurtz, J. Sharples, A. Walbey, G. and S. Westington, R. Worlock.

On Whitsunday the Flower Service will be held at 3 o'clock, and on Trinity Sunday a Confirmation at the same hour. On Trinity Sunday the Bishop also proposes to hold an Ordination of priests in the Cathedral.

Rumors of Sunday School picnics and Choir picnics are in the air, but for the present we only repeat them, hoping next month to have more to say on the subject.

MARRIAGE:—

May 17, Alan Brown and Jessie Carlton McGraw, both of Victoria.

BURIALS :—

May 8, George North, Victoria, aged 49.

May 13, William Poole, Victoria, aged 41.

May 16, David C. Heal, Victoria, Aged 46.

May 27, Louisa Emma Babbington, Esquimalt, aged 47.

May 27, Annie Nichol, Victoria, aged 33.

This letter, though not so long as it might have been, had better now be despatched, lest your patience, Mr. Editor, should be put to too severe a strain.

I am, yours faithfully,

J. B. HEWETSON.

ST. MARK'S, SALT SPRING ISLAND.

The following interesting account of the Bishop's visit to Salt Spring Island, was published in the Colonist of May 20th, from notes supplied, we believe, by his Lordship himself :

“Consecration and Confirmation services have been held during the past week by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, in a por-

tion of the Diocese where it is evident the Church of England is doing a good work. The Bishop returned on Thursday, at noon, from an important visitation on Salt Spring Island. He expressed himself as much struck with the great prosperity of this large settlement, which is some 30 miles in length. Everywhere he met with a hearty welcome, and visited several sections of the island. Amongst others, the districts of Vesuvius, Burgoyne and Ganges Harbor. All sorts of conveyances, says the Lord Bishop, were held in requisition, from the well-horsed and well-driven buck-board of Mr. W. Scott, to boats, and even an ox wagon for a difficult road. On Sunday, May 15th, the Church of St. Mark, prominently and centrally situated on a commanding eminence, a site generously donated by Mr. H. Stevens, was completely filled by a large congregation. The first proceeding was the consecration of the Church, in which the Bishop was assisted by the Rev. J. B. Haslam, Incumbent, the Rev. R. J. Roberts and the Rev. G. W. Taylor. The Confirmation service followed after Matins, at which eleven persons received the sacred rite and were admitted into full membership. The Holy Communion was then celebrated, there being thirty-three communicants. The Bishop delivered two addresses during the services mentioned, and expressed the pleasure he felt at the abundant evidences of progress and advancement, materially and spiritually.

About half a mile from the Church, a piece of ground, very picturesquely situated, has been donated by Mr. Arthur Walter, J. P., for a cemetery. Accordingly, services of consecration were held at three o'clock. A good congregation again assembled at the Church for Evensong, when the Lord Bishop preached a most appropriate sermon on "The Resurrection of the Body." Hymns having been sung, a procession was formed, consisting of the Bishop, the clergy and the entire congregation, and, singing hymns all the way, this procession marched to the burial grounds, where the usual ceremonies of the Church of England were gone through, such as the petition to consecrate, the perambulation of the ground and pronouncing the sentence of consecration. An address was also delivered by the Bishop, and the saying of the beautiful words of the blessing concluded the function. The Rev. J. B. Haslam, the first resident pastor of the Church of England, in that section of the country, was very gratified at the way in which the parishioners came forward for the occasion. Although he has only been amongst the people of his new charge for some six months, it is evident he has already won their respect and affection—a happy augury of his future ministry on this charming and important island."

We may add that at the Confirmation and Consecration service, more than one-fourth of the whole population of the island was present. The gratifying results of Mr.

Haslam's six months work on Salt Spring have exceeded anything we have previously seen in this Diocese, and it is to be hoped that he may be persuaded to remain in charge of the parish at least until the Church at the Burgoyne settlement is organized as thoroughly and substantially as it appears now to be at Vesuvius Bay.

We must not neglect to mention that on leaving Salt Spring Island the Bishop and party visited Kuper Island and were most hospitably entertained for a couple of days by the Rev. R. J. and Mrs. Roberts. G. W. T.

ST. MARK'S, BOLESKIN ROAD.

THE FIRST CHRISTENING.—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham was christened last Sunday at the new district Church of St. Mark's.

CEDAR DISTRICTS.

My Dear Mr. Editor:—

I wrote to you last in April, now that June is coming upon us, I ought to have a few matters of parochial interest to write about.

On March 31st, the Rev. D. Holmes paid a visit to Cedar Districts with me. It is nice to have a clerical companion to advise and sympathize with one.

I am pleased to say an Agricultural Society has been formed by the farmers in my districts, and we have decided to hold a Horticultural show on Sept. 23rd, 1892.

It is very gratifying to see the interest taken by the settlers in a Confirmation. The Bishop came up on April 8th to confirm a class of three for me, viz. : E. G. Pannell, Edith Pannell and William Pannell. They were all of one family. The church looked beautiful for the occasion, and as many as 45 witnessed the solemn ceremony. The Bishop's visitation was held at the close of service.

I have read with interest of your Easter services at Victoria. Is it too late to refer to ours in Cedar? I hope not. Mrs. J. Hill, of Northfield, made white hanging for all church furniture and altar; our own ladies worked me some boys' surplices, so on Easter Day we had very bright services, with our surpliced boys, and as many as 50 people at the choral Evensong.

I ought to mention our Holy Week services, each evening, save Good Friday, an average of seven attended. On Good

Friday I was at St. Alban's all day. The three hours' service was an "old country" treat.

I have nearly exhausted my news, but I might mention that I am now a "settler." I have procured rooms at Mrs. Hemers' about one mile from my church.

A death occurred May Sth, namely, Joseph Dolan, aged 16 years. He was buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery. Many sympathizing friends followed his remains, and our bell tolled as the hearse passed St. Phillip's Church.

In August, the Bishop has promised to consecrate our church, hold Confirmation, and on the same day we hope to arrange the annual Sunday School picnic.

I am, yours faithfully,

ERNEST G. MILLER.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S INDIAN CHURCH.

Mr. Griffin, the teacher, left in March, for Victoria. Mr. Evans, his successor, is doing very well in the day school. He is most energetic, and is making two special studies (1) Medicine (2) Indian habits and language.

Lately I have had a medicine chest put in the school and have transferred the drugs from my late rooms in town to the school house.

I was pleased to witness a football match lately, 11 Indian boys vs. 11 white boys. The white boys won by two goals to one.

BAPTISMS.—George, son of Paul and Lucy, on Easter Day, at St. Augustine's Church, Nanaimo Reserve.—E. G. M.

ST. LUKE'S, NORTHFIELD.

The Bazaar in aid of St. Luke's Church was a great success. The total money result of the two days sale being over \$300, which sum will go a long way towards freeing the Church from debt. A visitor thus describes the Bazaar in the *Nanaimo Free Press* :

The Bazaar in aid of the Northfield Mission Room Building Fund, proved to be a most gratifying success—gratifying beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. The hall was most prettily decorated with flags kindly lent by the captain of the ship Jabez Howes, to whom the members of the Church desire to tender their sincere thanks.

On entering the hall, on the left the first stall was a refreshment buffet, presided over by Mrs. Gribble, who proved herself a most efficient caterer for fortifying the inner man, and indeed the outer man needed fortifying to withstand the vigorous attacks of the fair ladies in waiting; the said ladies being most bewitchingly dressed for the occasion.

Upon leaving Mrs. Gribble we came point blank upon the stall of needlework in charge of Mrs. Chas. Miller. After purchasing from Mrs. Miller, for it was useless trying to get away without, it was found necessary to go back to Mrs. Gribble for further fortification, for at the next stall we could discern Misses Dougherty, Blake and Scott selling fancy needlework and knitted goods, and being three in number and most persuasive talkers, it is needless to say we bought, and when able to get away were delighted to see Mrs. Wm. McGregor presiding over the ice cream stall. Having previously been told of Mrs. McGregor's reputation as an ice cream maker, we decided to put it to the test, and certainly the proof of the pudding, etc., delicious wasn't the word for it. It just spoke volumes for Mrs. McGregor's selection of the ingredients. After leaving Mrs. McGregor we came to the Gipsy tent and upon entering were accosted by a dark eyed lady who was most appropriately and witchingly dressed for the mysterious profession which she appeared to be quite mistress of. The next step brings us to the iced cake and drink bar, Miss Alice McGregor, proprietress. Here we were forced to rest for it had been quite hard work getting round, and it was with rapture we sat and listened to the Northfield Union Band which gave several well rendered selections during the evening from the tastefully decorated platform.

After five minutes rest we were drawn from our seats by the resistless perfume of the flower stand presided over by the Misses Rumming, Maude McGregor and Aggie Glaholm; the flower stand was just loaded to breaking strand with a most exquisite assortment. There could be seen the graceful Iris, Begonia and Tiger lily, the sweet scented Oleander, pheasant eyed and double Narcissus, clematis, dusty millers, Tulips, and that superb and at present fashionable flower, the lily of the valley, and a host of others too numerous to mention.

The next and last, but not least, stall was the indispensable candy stall conducted by the vivacious Mesdames Pargeter and Horth.

We had almost missed the art gallery, which was in charge of Mr. Norgate, who being an artist himself, was the right man in the right place.

Mrs. Hill was cashier at the door and was most energetic in the discharge of her arduous duties.

It is enough to say that Mr. Samuel M. Robins was there.

ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP

 AT THE SYNOD HELD JUNE 14 AND 15, 1892.

THE CLERGY.

During the year which has elapsed since we last met in June, 1891, I have held three ordinations, of one Deacon, the Rev. William Henry Percival Arden, and of two Priests, the Rev. John William Flinton, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, and the Rev. Ernest George Miller, of the same college.

Changes among the Clergy have been departure of two, viz. : The Rev. Henry Kingham, to a charge in the United States, and of the Rev. A. Blythe, returned to England.

Also the addition of four, namely: The Rev. W. H. P. Arden, the Rev. James Belton Haslam, of Trinity College, Toronto; of the Rev. Edwin Francis Lipscomb, of S. Edmund's Hall, Oxford; and of the Rev. Joseph Browne Hewetson, M.A., of Queen's College, Oxford.

NOTES OF PROGRESS.

From personal observation of the various missions, I am able to say there are cheering signs of good progress in material results, with kindly appreciation of the labours of the Clergy, and in attachment to the Church of England. As a just illustration, may be noted the successful completion of the following seven new churches during the year :

- S. Alban's, the Martyr, Nanaimo.
- S. Philip's, Cedar District.
- S. Matthew's, Wellington.
- S. Luke's, Northfield.
- S. Mark's, Boleskine Road.
- S. Peter's, Comox Bay.
- Alert Bay Mission.

Church and Cemetery sites have been generously given by Mrs. Dunsmuir, at Wellington; Mr. T. M. Robins, at Northfield; Mr. H. Stevens and Mr. A. Walter, at Salt Spring; the late Mr. C. York, at Cedar; the Tolmie family on Boleskine Road; Mr. W. C. Duncan, at Duncan's; Mr. W. R. Robb, at Comox Bay; Mr. Howe, at Chemainus; Mr. E. Musgrave and Mr. P. C. Dunlevy, on Caddboro Bay Road. Many other gifts have been made both for ornament and use, and specially may be named that of Mr. H. Brackman, who provided the whole expense of painting the exterior and staining the interior of North Saanich Church, besides giving a stained glass east window and a handsome set of Communion plate.

The following table of comparative statistics shows progress; also in important departments of spiritual work :

	1889.	1890.	1891.
Baptisms	154	191	296
Confirmees.....	30	74	114
Communicants	993	997	1227
Marriages	47	75	99
Burials	69	87	119
Sunday School Scholars....	..	650	984

INDIANS AND CHINESE.

The principal mission to the Indians of this Diocese is to those inhabiting Alert Bay, Fort Rupert, and Island adjacent. There are about 2000 to whom the Gospel is being preached by the zealous and efficient missionary clergyman, the Rev. A. J. Hall and two assistants, all of whom are supported by the Church Missionary Society of England.

At Nanaimo, under the Rev. E. G. Miller and Mr. C. H. Evans, we have work amongst the Indian tribe of that reserve, whose chief is a churchman and communicant.

Another mission school is on the Songhees reserve, under Mr. J. E. Baynes. Several ladies attend regularly on certain days of the week, and render valuable aid, and Sunday services are held in the school house. These two schools are mainly supported by the Indian Department, but funds are provided by friends of the Church of England.

Our Chinese mission in Victoria is not yet beyond an early stage. It is under the spiritual care of Rev. E. F. Lipscomb, with the assistance of Mr. F. C. Moore and a guild of earnest lady workers. The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, has made a grant of \$500 annually, and a few other subscriptions have been received, an encouragement to others to aid the work more than has been done heretofore in this city, by our own members. Surely the work should go on, however barren in solid results for a time. It would indeed be a reproach to churchmen here, if those thousands of heathen flocking to our Christian shores, we neglect to do for them what missionaries of old have done for ourselves, and withhold from them the Gospel of our Divine Master's love and the means of His grace and salvation.

CLERGY ENDOWMENT AND THE MISSION FUND.

The important addition of \$6,197-55 has been made since we last met, to the Clergy Endowment Fund, and we have to thank the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for \$1,440 (£300), and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for \$1,210 (£250) towards this result. The remainder has been made up by private donations from England, and by liberal gifts from churchmen in this Diocese. More particularly are we indebted to our Treasurer, Sir J. W. Traick, for the trouble he took in collecting a large portion of the sum required to meet the Society's grant.

There is still another £250 of the S. P. C. K. grant for us

to claim if we can raise \$5,000 to meet it before October next, when the grant, if unclaimed will lapse.

This Endowment Fund, now amounting to \$30,349.61, is of great value to the Diocese by being a permanent and unfluctuating source of aid to the incomes of the missionary clergy. The Mission Fund is not a certain source, being made up of collections in church and at meetings, of individual subscriptions and proceeds of ladies' work, the amounts of which depend upon personal zeal, the weather, the state of trade, harvests, and such like. It is very desirable that the incomes of the Clergy should be well sustained and regularly paid, that they may be free from anxiety on that head. I do not think any Clergy incomes should be less than \$1,000 per annum, and \$1,200, if possible. I have been deeply pained to know that earnest, hard working Clergy are not getting half that, even with the grants from the Mission Fund, and that the contributions of the people have, in some cases, not reached \$20 a month; indeed, I know of five cases where the contributions of the laity last year were only \$18, \$16, \$13, \$12 and \$8 respectively per month to their Clergy, who had each to keep a horse and find house rent. I feel sure this state of things is much owing to inadvertence, is not intentional, and can be rectified, though I am well aware of the strain upon the scattered members of the Church of England in districts where churches to be built require all the energies, and such means as can be spared.

The Board of Missions, in order to make funds do more good elsewhere, and for fairer distribution, are obliged from time to time to reduce grants made to some places, after careful consideration, with the hope that the reductions will not fall upon the Clergymen, but will be made up by the people.

{TO BE CONTINUED.}

ITEMS.

The old Church occupies a proud position in the census returns of the Province.

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Of the 6,000 adherents of the Church in Victoria District, how many are unvisited?

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The bazaar for the new Cathedral will be held the first week in August.

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