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CALENDAR.

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2	W	Ash Wednesday. <i>Cedric or Chad, Bishop of Lichfield.</i>
3	Th	
4	F	
5	S	
6	R	1st Sunday in Lent.
7	M	<i>Perpetua, Mauritanian Martyr.</i>
8	Tu	
9	W	<i>Ember Day.</i>
10	Th	
11	F	<i>Ember Day.</i>
12	S	<i>Ember Day.</i> <i>Gregory, Magnus, Bishop of Rome and Confessor.</i> 2nd Sunday in Lent.
13	R	
14	M	
15	Tu	
16	W	
17	Th	
18	F	<i>Eadward, King of West Saxons.</i>
19	S	
20	R	3rd Sunday in Lent.
21	M	<i>Benedict, Abbot.</i>
22	Tu	
23	W	
24	Th	
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LENT.

Men and women sometimes ask, "Why should I keep Lent?" "Can I not at any time draw nearer to my Saviour?" "Can I not at any time make new resolves to be more watchful over myself?" "Can I not at any time resolve to serve Him more devotedly?"

The answer to these three last questions (which spring out of the first) is that you can do these things at any time. But because you *can* do them at any time, you will probably never do them at all. That which we can do any day, we generally put off until to-morrow; that which we put off until to-morrow, we generally put off altogether.

And therefore, the Church, in her wisdom and love for her children, has marked off and set apart certain days and seasons, which are to be spent solemnly and devotedly to the spiritual profit of those children who are dutiful and obedient to her commands.

There are three chief reasons for observing Lent with strictness:

I. It is a perpetual memorial of our Blessed Lord's forty days' fast in the wilderness.

II. It is an evidence that Christ's disciples are willing to be partakers of His sufferings, that they may be found worthy to share in His glory.

III. It is by a deeper knowledge of self, and human sin and weakness, that our sense of the need of an atonement is quickened; and by the fuller realization of the fact of Christ's Atonement, our faith (and joy) in the Gospel of the Resurrection is, year by year, increased.

Our Blessed Lord prescribes three duties as aids to the spiritual life: *Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving*--S. Matt. vi. 1-19.

Fasting--To fast is to mortify the flesh by abstinence from meat, from delicacies, luxuries, or particular varieties of food and drink for which we have a special liking. It includes also the surrender of other things, innocent in themselves, and at other times right and proper: e. g., social amusements, recreation, novel reading. It includes also, such special discipline as a regular, fixed hour for retiring at night, and a regular, fixed hour (in some cases an earlier hour) for rising in the morning. And all this with an object in view. Fasting is not an end in itself. It is a means to an end. The end in view is the subjection of the body to the spirit. The end to be gained is the triumph of the spirit and the will over the desires of the flesh,

the deliverance of the spirit from those impulses and influences which (if not subdued) would clog and hinder man's higher nature from communion with God. This is the end which fasting ought always to have in view, and if our fasting be upon these lines, it will both be acceptable to "Our Father, which seeth in secret, who shall Himself reward us openly," and blest to ourselves.

Prayer—Lent is a season in which we should seek to deepen the spiritual life by special and increased attendance on the means of Grace. From what has been said above on the subject of fasting, it will readily be seen that our bodies may be brought to such a condition that the soul can attend more closely to the needs of the spirit. The things of sense will be felt to be of less importance than the things which are unseen, God, Death—the penalty of sin—Eternity; and we shall by self mortification be assisted to meditate on these vital truths, and to profit by our meditations. Further, by freedom from social amusements and recreation, we shall have more time for spiritual exercises, and by voluntary surrender of light literature—for the time—more leisure for careful study of the Bible or other devotional books. We ought to increase our attendance upon the public ministrations of the Church: e.g., not only to be present both morning and evening on Sundays, but also at the special instructions that shall be arranged for us during the week. If we do no more, at least Friday and one other day in the week should be specially observed. We should seek also, in our private devotions to be more strict in our self-examination, in the discovery of besetting sins and weaknesses; to be more eager in our supplications at the Throne of Grace; with a view to more frequent and more worthy reception of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and the Blood of Jesus; with a view to the uprooting of all sins, and to the gaining of strength to resist temptation. And here too, we must remember that prayer—i. e., all spiritual exercises—is not an end in itself, but a means to an end, viz.: The bringing of the spirit into perfect harmony with the Spirit of Jesus our Divine Saviour.

Almsgiving—We ought to be careful to be systematic in the giving of our substance to God; to His Church, for its material maintenance, for the continuance of Divine service, and for mission work at home or abroad; to Church societies for the promotion of good works; to our poorer brethren. We shall be able to give up something that otherwise we might have spent upon ourselves. By our fasting we may be able to save something which we may bestow elsewhere. And all this not as an end in itself, but as a means whereby we may grow less covetous of this world's goods, and more eager to promote God's glory and the welfare of our fellow men. For the right exercise of these duties, and the spirit in which they should be carried out, it is well to read carefully and to consider our Lord's injunctions concerning them in S. Matt. vi: 1-19.

Why is Lent often profitless? The writer of this article answers, *Because we do not think about it beforehand.* It is well therefore, before Ash Wednesday comes, to know what special efforts we will make in order, that by the Grace of God, our spirituality may be increased. It is even well to write down what our Rule of Life is to be throughout the forty days—Sundays in Lent are not fast days—and to strive to observe that rule strictly. Our parish priests are always ready to give such advice and help on these points as we need.

It is well not to lay down a too elaborate programme, which when we examine it carefully, we shall see ourselves unable—this year at least—to fulfil. The point to remember is that *what we undertake to do we must strive to perform.*

A PRAYER TO BE USED DURING THE SEASON OF LENT.

O God, our heavenly Father, we humbly pray Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, to bless abundantly at this time whatever efforts may be made to turn our hearts to more sincere Repentance and more living Faith.

Give a double portion of Thy Holy Spirit to all the Ministers of Thy Church.

Prepare all our hearts to receive the Seed of Thy Word. Grant that it may take deep root, and bring forth fruit to Thy glory.

Alarm the careless amongst us, humble the self-righteous, kindle the lukewarm, soften the hardened, encourage the fearful, relieve the doubting, and bring many souls in loving faith to Thyself: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DAILY PRAYER IN CHURCH.

The Church of England directs that "all priests and deacons are to say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer, either privately or openly, not being let by sickness, or some other urgent cause." "The curate that ministereth in every Parish Church or Chapel living at home and not being otherwise reasonably hindered, shall say the same in the Parish Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's word and to pray with Him."

There is a beautiful story told of the Venerable Bede, who, even in illness, was unwilling to absent himself from Church. He said that the Angels might take note of his vacant place and say: "Where is Brother Bede to-day? Why comes he not with his brethren to the prescribed prayers?"

There is a great benefit to those who can come of the laity to the daily service. In the morning in the Te Deum they worship God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. In the evening in the Magnificat, they praise God for so loving the world that He gave us His only Son, God the Word, who was made flesh and dwelt among us; and so daily the truth of the doctrines of the Holy Trinity and the Incarnation comes before them. Moreover, day by day they can use these services as a means of preparation for the one Service of Divine Command, the Holy Communion.

There is a benefit next in the daily prayers for those people who cannot come, even if they would. Some are too busy, some are too ill, some are too old, and at least cannot come in winter. For all these the bell has a cheering sound. They know that they are not forgotten. God "knows all, and loves them better than He knows." They know that they are being prayed for in Church, and although only "two or three" may be gathered together in Christ's name, they remember that Christ Himself, according to His promise, is "in the midst of them."

In the life of George Herbert, the Holy Rector of Bemerton, it is told that some of his flock "did so love and reverence" him "that they would let their plough rest" when his bell rang to prayers "that they might also offer their devotions to God with him; and would then return back to their plough. The sick and the infirm, too, as they hear the bell do not feel that they are shut out, but have their places as members of the one family which is united in Christ.

Let those who have leisure, but have not come hitherto, make up their minds to come, say at first on one day in the week. Let them begin in Advent or Lent. They might observe Wednesday as the day of the Lord's betrayal, or Thursday as the day of the Lord's ascension, or Friday as the day of the Lord's death. Friday is to be preferred, if only one day is chosen, because that is set apart by the Church as a specially sacred day.

Lastly, in this matter of the daily service, we have our Lord's example to guide us. He attended the daily services of the Temple. "I was daily with you in the Temple," He says. We have been redeemed by Him from the sickness and death of sin, and it lies upon us to give thanks for the same, as Hezekiah did upon his recovery from his bodily sickness. "The Lord," he said, "was ready to save me; therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life *in the house of the Lord.*" - *S. P. C. K.*

The people at Esquimaux are finding insuperable difficulties in securing land at a moderate price on which to build the parsonage.

SUNDAY REST.

Mr. Gladstone has often been heard to remark, that had it not been for his Sunday rest, he would not now be the man he is. Physically, intellectually and spiritually, his Sunday has been to him a priceless blessing. Any one who entered his room in Downing street on a Sunday during the height of the session could not fail to be struck by the atmosphere of repose, the signs and symbols of the day, the books lying open near the arm-chair, the deserted writing table, the absence of papers and newspapers. From Saturday night to Monday morning, Mr. Gladstone puts away all business of a secular nature, keeps to his special Sunday books and occupations, and never dines out on that day, unless to cheer a sick or sorrowful friend. He never travels on Sunday, and it is well known that, when Her Majesty invites him to Windsor Castle on Sunday for one night, he makes arrangements to stay in Windsor the Saturday night, to avoid Sunday travelling. Two services at least see him at worship on Sunday in Hawarden Church. He has a poor opinion of those whom he humorously terms 'once-ers.'—*The Young Man.*

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The following is a list of the services and special instructions to be held in the Cathedral during the Lent of 1892. You are invited to mark such as you propose to attend, as a help to firmness in keeping your Rule of Life.

In no case should you attend the Cathedral when any service or instruction is being held at the same hour in your own Parish Church.

SERVICES.

Ash Wednesday—March 2—Litany and Communion, 11.

Evensong and Address, 7.30.

Sundays—11 and 7. Children's Service, March 13th, and April 10th, at 3.

Holy Communion every Sunday and Holy Day, at 8. On the first Sunday in the month, a second celebration at mid-day.

On Thursdays in Lent at 8.

Mondays—8 and 5.

Tuesdays 8 and 7.30 with address.

Wednesdays—11 and 5.

Thursdays—8 and 4.30. Address to the young.

Fridays—11 and 7.30, with address.

Saturdays—8 and 5.

Holy Week—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11 & 8.

Good Friday—11 and 7.30. Special Service of the Three Hours at 2.

Easter Eve—8 and 5.

SUBJECTS.

SUNDAY MORNING.

"*Christian Doctrine.*"

- "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that is in you.—1 St. Peter iii, 15.
- March 6—Election.
 " 13—Regeneration.
 " 20—Justification.
 " 27—Sanctification.
- April 3—Communion.
 " 10—Preparation.

TUESDAY EVENING.

"*The Prayer Book Explained.*"

- "Hold fast the form of sound words."
 2 Tim. 1, 13.
- March 8—Importance of a form.
 " 15—Mattins and Evensong.
 " 22—Baptismal Offices.
 " 29—Occasional Offices.
- April 5—Office of Holy Communion.

FRIDAY EVENING.

"*Christian Practice.*"

- "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only."—St. James i, 22.
- March 4—Add to your Faith, Virtue.
 " 11—Add to your Virtue, Knowledge.
 " 18—Add to your Knowledge, Temperance.
 " 25—Add to your Temperance, Patience.
- April 1—Add to your Patience, Godliness.
 " 8—Add to your Godliness, Brotherly Kindness and Charity.

SUNDAY EVENING.

"*The Life of Temptation.*"

- "God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able"—1 Cor. x, 13.

Nature and Limits of Temptation.
 Temptation of the Flesh.
 Temptation of the World.
 Temptation of the Devil.
 Safeguards against Temptation.
 Return of Temptation.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

"*True and False Friends of Jesus.*"

- "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."—St. John xv, 14.
- March 3—The False Friend, Judas Iscariot.
 " 10—The Weak Friend, S. Peter
 " 17—The True Friend, S. John.
 " 24—The Mockers, King Herod.
 " 31—The Coward, Pontius Pilate
- April 7—The Helpers, The Women of Jerusalem and their Children.

HOLY WEEK.

"*Last Scenes of the Passion.*"

- "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."—Is. liii, 4.
- April 11—Monday—The Upper Room
 " 12—Tuesday—The Garden.
 " 13—Wednesday—The Council.
 " 14—Thursday—Way of Sorrows.

GOOD FRIDAY.

- " 15 { M—The Reproaches.
 A—The Three Hours.
 E—The Burial.

On Friday evenings in Lent the address will be followed by Penitential Devotions, in which Psalm li, or a Metrical Litany will be sung.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings, in Holy Week, the "Story of the Cross," will be sung.

MEETINGS AND CLASSES IN LENT.

Tuesday, March 8th, at 8.30, in the Cathedral Schools, conference of the Association of Sunday School Teachers and friends.

Tuesday, March 22nd, at 8.30, in the Cathedral Schools, conference on Home and Foreign Missions.

Tuesday, April 5th, at 8.30, in the Cathedral Schools, conference of Church Workers and Guilds.

Bible Class at 4 on Wednesdays.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop will administer the rite of Confirmation in the Cathedral, on May 8th. In the absence of Canon Beanlands, all names of those who wish to attend Confirmation classes, should be given in at once, to the Reverend J. B. Hewetson, either at the vestry, or at 131 Fort Street. Classes will be held throughout Lent, and up till the day of Confirmation.

BURIED.

Feb. 16th--Marion Houghton, Craigdarroch, aged 36. R. I. P.

ST. JAMES', VICTORIA.

This Church and Parish continue to make good progress. The former has been enriched during the past year by several beautiful gifts.

The new Pulpit, designed by Mr. J. G. Tiarks, was given by Mr. Nicholson, and is a very handsome piece of work. It is of light oak, with a brass sliding desk. The reading desk, which matches the pulpit, was given by Mr. Tiarks, and is a great improvement upon the former cumbersome one.

Six members of the congregation presented a Litany stool, which stands under the Chancel Arch. The Rector brought back from England a handsome silver Flagon and Credence-plate, which was purchased, as the rest of the Communion plate had been, with the money collected at the early celebrations.

A beautiful white Altar Cloth was brought at the same time; and is the gift of the Ladies' Sewing Society. A red cloth is daily expected, ordered by the same devoted band of Church workers.

A new Altar Cross and Vases of Brass now adorn the Re-table, given by the Rector in memory of his father.

But the chief and the most useful addition to the Church property is the new hall, which stands between the Church and the Parsonage. It is certainly one of the best proportioned and most convenient buildings of its kind in Victoria; and does great credit to the architect, Mr. Mallandaine, who designed it and superintended its building as a labour of love.

It is indeed gratifying to be able to record so many evidences of the love which the parishioners of St. James' bear towards their Church.

ST. BARNABAS, VICTORIA.

On January 11th the Churchwardens, the Organist and Choirmen were entertained at the Rectory by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present our

zealous organist, Mr. H. P. Johnson, with a handsome gold-headed ebony cane.

On Saturday, January 23rd, we held a sale of work in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Fernwood Road. It was not a great success, as the day was an inconvenient one, and the sale had not been very thoroughly advertised. The same remarks will apply to the concert which followed the sale, and which was poorly patronized. Greater results will follow we hope the entertainment to be given in the same hall on February 25th, and which will have taken place before the issue of this number.

It is with more satisfaction that we can write of a special vestry meeting held in the Church on February 3rd to consider ways and means.

A statement prepared by the Churchwardens showed that while the total cost of the Church has been nearly \$5,000 (site, \$1,850; building, \$1,854; organ, \$1,000; fence, \$40; interior painting, \$100,) there only remains a debt of \$1,737 to be cleared off. It was decided that the envelope system should be adopted and an effort made to clear off the whole of the liabilities before the end of the present year.

The Rector gave some encouraging statistics—100 communicants—100 Sunday scholars—congregations and offertories still on the increase.

On the 16th of February the Choir boys had their turn and were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Johnston and Mr. Floyd. The Rector and Churchwardens and Organist were also invited, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Before supper the many handsome prizes, which kind friends had provided, were distributed by the Rector.

The Sunday School Teachers' Association held their February meeting at St. Barnabas, an account of which will be found in another part of this number.

BAPTISED—December 6th, Ephraim George Jeeves.

January 3rd, Charles Elbridge Christie.

“ 17th, Anna Victoria Morry.

“ 24th, Helen Mary Towle Taylor.

“ 24th, William Gaskill Owens.

February 4th, Alberta May Matthews.

“ 4th, Frances Amelia Matthews.

“ 4th, Charlotte Lillian Matthews.

BURIED February 19th, Elizabeth Dobbs,

—G. W. T.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CEDAR DISTRICT.

We have to record the death, during the month of January, of one of our members, Mr. Chas. York. He it was, who by his generous gift, of an acre of land, rendered practicable the building of St. Philip's Church. His long illness of four months

was borne with much patience and fortitude. He passed away Jan. 12th, in the presence of his eldest son and constant attendant, Samuel York. R. I. P. He was buried Friday, 15th, 28 carriages and many old friends on foot followed the hearse to St. Paul's Church, where the Rev. J. B. Good read the first part of the burial service, the remaining part at the grave was taken by myself.

On the 18th January, we had our Sunday School Xmas Tree, it was well attended; Sunday School prizes were given.

Like the rest of the Clergy, I had an attack, though slight, of la grippe. It meant bed for four days.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S INDIAN CHURCH.

A midnight service was held as usual on the eve of the New Year.

I was pleased on the morrow to see two of my Indian communicants attend the Eucharist, at St. Alban's Church.

The tree on Xmas Day was looked forward to, and much enjoyed.

The day school is still going on, but I must say it is "only creeping" yet. A concert is to be held for its benefit, an account of which will appear in next month's issue.

ERNEST GEORGE MILLER,
Missionary Clergyman in charge.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

The Corner Stone of St. Mark's School-Church at Tolmie was laid by Miss Tolmie on Thursday, February 18th. The Bishop, Archdeacon, and city and district clergy were present and formed in procession from the School House, Boleskine Road, to the Church site, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." After the form of service prescribed for use in the Diocese of Columbia had been performed, the procession reformed and wended its way back to the school. There was a large attendance of residents and some friends from the city, and the collection amounted to \$48.40. Afterwards most of those taking part in the proceedings were invited to "Cloverdale" by Mr. John Tolmie and Miss Tolmie, where tea was served and a pleasant hour spent. The building is far advanced and will be opened on St. Mark's Day, April 25th. A full account of it was given in our last number.

ST. LUKE'S, NORTHFIELD.

We have been happy to see a notice of an earnest effort on the part of the members of the Church of England in this district to supplement the small stipend received by their pastor,

Rev. Shafto Agassiz, by a substantial subscription. We trust that this good cause will not be allowed to fail, but will result in such an addition as will be worthy of the parishoners and the important objects of the Church in this rising district. We are glad to hear that the building now nearly completed, will not require more than \$350 to pay all indebtedness.

Mr. Agassiz writes in a hopeful strain about his work : " We received a £5 note from friends in England to-day, which will help us greatly towards the internal fittings. Everybody tells us that ours will be the prettiest church room in the Diocese, and is wonderfully cheap for the money. Our altar will be very beautiful, with its white frontal and dossal. We also have a handsome gilt cross and vases. I am staining the chancel floor a dark oak, and we have two very pretty colored glass windows given us by friends in Nanaimo. I am busy collecting for a small bell. So far, *not one* of the miners whom I have asked, has refused me a dollar; I now have \$28."

ST. PAULS, ESQUIMALT.

On the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 24th January, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese administered the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation to the following five candidates: Edith T. Willoughby, Albertin A. Willoughby, Amy E. Baynes-Reed, Hilda M. S. Scholesfield, and Etheldreda M. S. Scholesfield. There was a large and very attentive congregation present in the Church.

During Lent there will be a short service every Friday evening at 7 o'clock, consisting of prayers, a Metrical Litany and an address. The course of addresses will be on the Blessed Sacrament, especially intended for communicants, and also with the intention of bringing those to Communion who have neglected our Lord's loving command, and to awaken those who have at one time been communicants, but who have grown careless and forsaken the Holy Sacrament.

Every night during Holy Week there will be a short service with an address at 7 p. m. S. C. S.

DEATH OF ARCHDEACON GILSON.

The death of Archdeacon Gilson, M. A., Vicar of Hixon, Staffordshire, England, took place on the 2nd of January, at Leamington. He was formerly Rector of St. John's, afterwards of the Cathedral, in Victoria; also, Archdeacon of Vancouver. Mr. Gilson was highly respected, and had warm friends in this Diocese. For several years he was laid by from active work. We believe he has a son in California.

VICTORIA S. S. TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The second meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association was held in the spacious parlor of the Rectory at St. Barnabas, on Tuesday, February 9th. There were twenty-three clergy and teachers present, St. Paul's, Esquimalt, being represented for the first time. Amongst the items of miscellaneous business brought before the meeting was a motion that every member be assessed in the sum of 25c. to form a fund for general expenses. The committee on Hymn Books requested further time in which to make their report.

An interesting and instructive paper was read by the Rev. G. W. Taylor, who took for his subject: "The Teaching of Infants in Sunday Schools." He maintained that the infant classes should be in the hands of the very best and most experienced teachers, as on the proper teaching of the youngest children depended all successful Sunday school work. The youngest children had of necessity to be taught orally; as few, if any, of the scholars in an average infant class were able to read. The success of the teaching depended entirely on the manner in which the matter taught was presented. The teacher of the infant class required some help, and the best helps that he knew of were large colored pictures which could be hung on the walls of the class rooms, and from which the children could be taught by means of stories. The most favorite way of teaching seemed to be to begin with the Old Testament, but his impression was that the better way was to begin with the New Testament, giving thorough teaching in the life of our Saviour, at the same time teaching as much of the Church Catechism as could be understood by the scholars. As the children became more advanced the use of a manual, such as the first in the St. Paul's series, which was in use in St. Barnabas school, was recommended. In summing up, Mr. Taylor expressed his belief that even the best Sunday school work must be more or less of a failure unless backed up by home teaching.

In the general discussion which followed, Rev. J. B. Hewetson suggested a course of teaching for infants which he had seen followed with great success, and which is based upon the idea that young minds cannot be held at attention on the same subject for more than a few minutes at a time. He recommended that they be taught simple Hymns for about ten minutes, then the simplest form of a Catechism, then change again to Bible stories, to be taught with the aid of pictures, and said that the stories should be repeated word for word by the children. The Rev. C. Scholesfield said that he agreed with the previous speakers, and emphasised the fact that young children must be taught by rote and did not think that too much of this could be done.

After the meeting those present were most hospitably entertained by the Rector and his good wife. The next meeting is to be held at the Cathedral School room on March the 8th, and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance, as good results seem already to be attending the meetings of the association.--P. H.

ITEMS.

Rev. Canon Beanlands is expected home at the end of this month.

The measles closed the Tolmie Sunday School for a short time during last month.

The Rev. W. D. Barber has been laid up with bronchitis, having narrowly escaped pneumonia.

Twelve sets of Church Service Books arrived last week from England. The S. P. C. K. being the liberal donor.

It is hoped that during the sittings of next Synod, opportunity will be afforded to discuss some social questions.

Esquimalt Church, St. Paul's, is the best furnished Church in the Diocese, and the only one where a processional cross is in use.

The attendance at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, during January, increased on the average of 20 per Sunday, over that in December of last year.

The delay in commencing the Church at Oak Bay, has arisen through difficulties in the land transfer; these, however, are now at an end.

There are about 350 children at present attending the Church of England Sunday Schools in this city. There should be double the number.

The Tolmie District is about to be separated from Cedar Hill and attached--like Cadboro Bay--provisionally to Christ Church Cathedral. These districts, with the jail, will be placed, as hitherto, under the care of the Rev. W. H. P. Arden.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese entered the thirty-fourth year of his episcopate on Wednesday, February 24th last, having been consecrated in Westminster Abbey, on St. Matthias' Day, 1859. There are only three Bishops with a longer record than this: The Hon. J. T. Pelham, D. D., Bishop of Norwich, England, 1857; J. Medley, D. D., Bishop of Fredericton, Canada, 1845; W. P. Austin, D. D., Bishop of Guiana, 1842.

ERRATUM. On page 7 of last number, the Northern boundary of the Diocese of Columbia was stated to be the 57th parallel. This should have been the 52nd.

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