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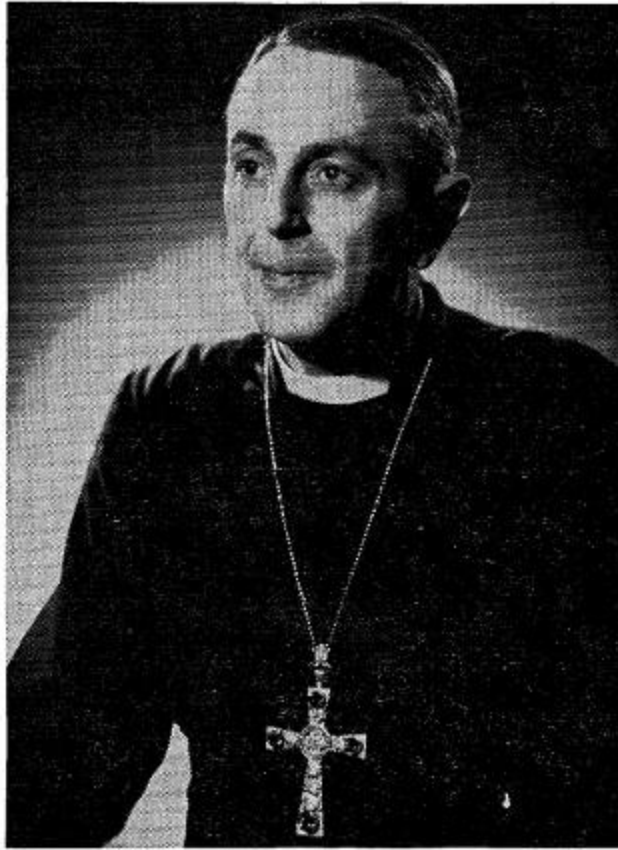
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*A Message
from the
Primate
of All Canada*



THE MOST REVEREND H. H. CLARK, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF EDMONTON

My dear friends of the Diocese of Kootenay:

Someone has written that "while we read history, we make history". That is surely the spirit in which a Christian will read the history of his Diocese, or of his Church. He looks back, but even as he does so, he steps forward into God's tomorrow.

We look back, because the very heart of our Christian faith is that God has been at work, and that His greatest work for us, the life and death and resurrection of His own Son, was an event in history. We look back, because we believe in the Communion of Saints, a fellowship which goes back in time as well as going out into the whole wide world. And, in the story of our brothers who lived in the past, we see again the loving work of God, bringing His children to salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. From that story we learn His will for us.

You are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of your Diocese. Sixty years is but a brief moment in the long story of the Church of God. Yet for those who lived out this diocesan history—your bishops, clergy and laity—each day, each hour, was packed with experience. They knew how agonizingly slow time may seem, when you are on fire for a great cause. And I am sure that in Kootenay there were, indeed, those who were on fire for the Kingdom of God.

So you read your history. You rejoice on your anniversary. May it all give you fresh encouragement and renewed determination to go forward as a diocese, in that great witness to Christ. Every moment lived in Christ and for Christ becomes one more stone for God to use as He builds the Eternal City, the New Jerusalem.

May God's blessing be upon you.
HOWARD, EDMONTON,
Primate of All Canada.



Bishop's Jubilee Message

My dear People:

The sixtieth anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Kootenay is an important milestone in our Church life. Sixty years is a short time in the long history of the Church, but a fairly long time in the history of British Columbia.

Our first duty on our Jubilee is to give thanks to God for all that has been wrought in His name; for benefactors in England and in other parts of Canada, whose generosity and zeal led to the planting of the Church here; for the missionaries who laid the foundations, and the clergy who built on them; for our churches and halls and rectories, an amazing achievement in building in so short a time; above all for all the faithful who have hallowed the name of God in their hearts and in their communities, and have borne witness to His love, His judgements and His commandments.

Then we must pray for God's blessing as we face the future; that we may be faithful as we enter into other men's labours; that we may always keep our zeal to bring the redeeming love of God to all people in this vast area; that more and more we may bear witness that all life belongs to God and must be brought under His kingship.

So we go forward, thankful for all the mercies of the past; confident that He who has led His people hitherto will not fail now to be our protector and guide; praying for His forgiveness and for His blessing on all we plan in His name.

Philip Kootenay



FIRST BISHOP OF DIOCESE

Right Reverend Acton W. Sillitoe. Consecrated at the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Croydon, by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Tait) on All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1879. Died at New Westminster, B. C., on June 9th, 1894, and buried in the Sapperton Cemetery.



SECOND BISHOP OF DIOCESE

Right Reverend John Dart. Consecrated at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England, by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Benson) on June 29th, 1895. Died at New Westminster, B. C., on April 15th, 1910, and buried in the Sapperton Cemetery.



THIRD BISHOP OF DIOCESE

Most Reverend Adam U. DePencier. Consecrated at St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, B. C., by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land (Dr. Matheson) on July 25th, 1910. Resigned 1940. Died May 3rd, 1949.

Bishops of the Diocese of Kootenay



FIRST BISHOP OF KOOTENAY

Right Reverend Alexander J. Doull, First Bishop of Kootenay. Consecrated at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B. C., by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land (Dr. Matheson) on February 24th, 1915. Resigned 1933. Died at Vernon and buried on February 16th, 1937.



SECOND BISHOP OF KOOTENAY

Most Reverend Walter R. Adams, Second Bishop of Kootenay. Translated from the See of Cariboo to the See of Kootenay, October 26th, 1933. Resigned December 31st, 1947. Archbishop and Metropolitan, 1942. Died July 25th, 1957.



THIRD BISHOP OF KOOTENAY

Right Reverend F. Patrick Clark, Third Bishop of Kootenay. Consecrated on April 23rd, 1948, by the Archbishop of Yukon (Dr. Adams). Died December 16th, 1954.



FOURTH BISHOP OF KOOTENAY

The Right Reverend P. R. Beattie, B.A., D.D. Elected to the See of Kootenay, Wednesday, March 16th, 1955, by the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay in Session at Nelson, B. C. Consecrated by the Most Reverend H. E. Sexton, D.D., Archbishop and Metropolitan of British Columbia, on the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, May 1st, in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B. C. Enthroned Bishop of Kootenay on Tuesday in Whitsun Week, May 31st, in St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral, Nelson, B. C.

IN PRAISE OF FAMOUS MEN

— ECCLESIASTICUS
Chapter 44

Among the pioneers, whom we gratefully remember—men who did great work and service as pioneers for the Diocese of Kootenay—were:

Reverend H. S. Akehurst, Rector of Nelson; Archdeacon H. Beer, Kaslo; Archdeacon Thomas Greene, Kelowna; Archdeacon F. H. Graham, Nelson; Reverend Henry Irwin, "Father Pat", of Rossland, of revered memory; Reverend J. H. Lambert, Vernon; Archdeacon E. S. W. Pentreath of Vancouver; Archdeacon H. A. Solly of Summerland.

Of the outstanding Laymen who were pioneers of over fifty years ago, Fred Irvine, Lay Canon and Churchwarden of St. Saviour's, Nelson, for over fifty years, now retired in Victoria—a record of the Far West.

George Johnstone, Diocesan Treasurer for many years; J. Schofield, M.L.A.; W. H. Bullock-Webster; R. L. T. Galbraith, J. W. Stirling, J. F. Armstrong, E. Mallandaine, Dr. R. E. Bentley, Dr. D. Corsan, Judge G. H. Thompson, C. R. Hamilton, K.C.; Major Turner Lee, Leslie Crauford, O. St. P. Aitkens, M.C., Treasurer of the Diocese since 1925, appointed Lay Canon by the Bishop in recognition of his great services to the Diocese.

An outstanding benefactor of the Diocese must be mentioned here. The late Reverend Canon Jocelyn Perkins, Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, who for over fifty years as Chairman of the B. C. and Yukon Church Aid Society in England raised and sent out hundreds of thousands of dollars to endow our Bishoprics, and help build our churches in British Columbia. The contributions made through his leadership to the Diocese of Kootenay have been of the

greatest value. We are indeed grateful for all that Canon Perkins has done, and especially for the assistance to the Diocese in the days of our early struggle to build churches, parish halls and rectories at the beginning of the century. It was, indeed, a great joy to have a visit from Canon Perkins in the Fall of 1948.

These all in length and ability of service have made a great contribution to the work of the Diocese. To this list of pioneers there will be added later the names of many others, whose length of service is not, at present, so great, who are worthy followers in the train of those whom we delight to honour. The old timers pass on the torch to others—may they, in turn, hold high the "Light of the World" in Glorious Kootenay.

Christianity is not a creed which we are to memorize and repeat. Neither is it an ethical ideal at which we should aim, nor is it a programme of social reform, nor is it a guide-post which points to heaven. Christianity is Christ.

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To our advertisers—For Greetings.

"The Rock From Which We Are Hewn"

Historical notes prepared for the sixtieth anniversary of the Diocese, at the request of the Bishop, by the Reverend F. A. Peake, M.A., B.D., formerly Archivist of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia, and Examining Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Kootenay.

Bishop Sillitoe of New Westminster and Clergy Suffer Hardships to Establish Many New Parishes

C. W. Vernon begins his book, *The Old Church in the New Dominion*, by pointing out that there is an interesting difference between the coming of the Church to the Motherlands and the coming of the Church to Canada. There some great apostle, some great missionary bishop, or faithful clergy, came and preached Christ crucified to people who had never heard His Name, and then ministered the sacraments of His grace and established His Church. No missionary bishop was the herald of the Church to this Dominion. The Church came to Canada with the coming of ordinary churchpeople, not of Church leaders. As the need developed, leaders were sent to minister to these scattered settlers.

This is true not so much by design as by differences in the mode of settlement. A further interesting difference is to be found in the mode of Church leadership when it did arrive. In some places the settlers were left to fend for themselves in matters of religion. In others, clergy and lay catechists were sent

among them from the start. In what is now the Diocese of Kootenay the first Messenger of Christ to visit an area was nearly always a Bishop. Soon after Bishop Sillitoe arrived in his new Diocese of New Westminster, he and Mrs. Sillitoe undertook an adventurous journey over the route now traversed by the Hope-



REVELSTOKE IN 1899



EAGLE PASS LANDING—THOMPSON RIVER

Princeton highway to Osoyoos and Penticton, up the Okanagan to Sunnyside and Vernon, on to Kamloops, and so back to Yale and New Westminster. In the course of their journey, which was undertaken either on horseback or by boat, as circumstances demanded, they called on the settlers, held services among them, baptized their children, and administered the Holy Communion. They met the Ellis family at Penticton, the Allison at Sunnyside, the Vernons and many others.

A TRIP TO REVELSTOKE (FARWELL)

In the years that followed the Bishop, nearly always accompanied by Mrs. Sillitoe, continued his work, visiting and re-visiting the many growing communities, and in some of them his were the only ministrations. By the mid-1880's the Canadian Pacific Railway was pushing its way through the mountains and new camps and settlements were springing up along its route. In May, 1885, the Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe resolved to visit some of them, and so set off from Kamloops on the river steamer *Peerless*, arriving some twenty-four hours later at Eagle Pass, from whence they made their way over a newly-constructed road through forest fires to the Columbia river. Directly across the river from the house at which they stayed stood . . .

Farwell, the latest born city in British Columbia, consisting of about eighty houses, some of them substantial log buildings, and gradually degenerating down to the shanty, built wholly of split cedar planks, and every kind of tent. Whisky selling was the principal trade, and hitherto a good deal of lawlessness had prevailed.

Forest fires were raging all round, but one afternoon the Bishop crossed to Farwell and held a service in the hotel, returning the same evening. During the night a strong wind came up and the new town was burned to the ground. The return trip of the Bishop's party was impeded by the still-raging fires. Certainly the life of a pioneer missionary was not without its dangers!

FORT STEELE

The next missionary venture into new



BISHOP SILLITOE

ground was one made by the Reverend Henry Irwin, who came to be known far and wide as "Father Pat". He set out in the fall of 1837, making the trip, as he explained, "from the hurricane deck of a cayuse". His journey took him south from Golden and along the Kooten-

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may river to the Tobacco Plains and the Mounted Police barracks at Port Steele. He found the people anxious for the ministrations of the Church, and anxious, too, that a priest should be stationed among them.

A VISIT TO NELSON

It was not until 1890 that Bishop Sillitoe was able to pay his first visit to the Kootenay district of his Diocese. In July of that year he and Mrs. Sillitoe travelled by train to Revelstoke (the former Farwell) and then made their way down the Arrow Lakes by steamer to Sprout's Landing. Staying there overnight, they set out on horseback for Nelson on the following morning. Nelson was . . .

a distance of only 28 miles, but which, nevertheless, occupied 9½ hours owing to the very erratic course pursued by the trail. The weather had become very hot since leaving Kamloops, and this added considerably to the fatigue of the journey and made the sight of Nelson about 8 p.m. very heartily welcome.

Saturday was spent in making arrangements for the Sunday services, for which a store, just completed but not yet occupied, was placed at the Bishop's disposal.

Sunday, July 20th—Service was held morning and evening, and very good congregations attended. At morning service an infant was baptized, and it being the first time the Rite had been administered here, "Nelson" was added to the other Christian names given to the child. A very efficient choir was provided by Mrs. Sillitoe, Mrs. Ellis, Mr. Hamber, and an old Cariboo friend, Mr. Roberts. The collections during the day amounted to \$8.45.

From Nelson the Bishop went to Ainsworth and Galena Bay, where services and baptisms were held, and then back to Revelstoke, where the Bishop took the services on the following Sunday.

THE KAMLOOPS MISSIONARY DISTRICT

The first Anglican missionary to be permanently resident in the interior was stationed at Kamloops. In 1884 the Reverend Darral W. H. Horlock, who had been working at Yale, became Vicar of Kamloops. His was not a parish in the conventional sense, but a huge missionary district stretching eastwards to the summit of the Rocky Mountains and south to the boundary separating the United States from Canada. Shortly after his arrival, Horlock was joined by two assistants, the Reverend Henry Irwin, who was later stationed at Donald, and the Reverend Alfred Shildrick, who took up residence at Spallumcheen.

The growth of the Kamloops Missionary District then fell into three parts—that of Kamloops and its immediate environs, including Ashcroft and the Nicola valley, with which we are not at present concerned; that along the Canadian Pacific Railway line to Donald, Golden and Revelstoke; and the development south into the Okanagan.

We shall look first at the eastward development. Before being joined by his colleagues, Horlock undertook missionary journeys through the district visiting the people and holding services wherever he could. When Irwin came he worked for a time at Kamloops and then moved to Donald, in the mountains, at that time a thriving, if largely male, community of workers on the railway. Irwin was essentially a "man's man" and soon won the support and admiration of his parishioners, although some may wonder at his methods. The first service at Donald had been held by Horlock on August 26th, 1886, in the Court House, but after Irwin took up residence there was talk of a church. This was completed largely through local effort and with the help of the C.P.R. It was opened in September, 1887, as St. Peter's, and consecrated on February 24th, 1889.

Other settlements were also springing up along the railway line, among them Golden City and Farwell, to give them their original names. The first services at Farwell were held in the Columbia House Hotel. Later they were held in the waiting room of the Canadian Pacific Railway station, for the church was not built until 1896. As early as November, 1888, Irwin reported that he had applied to the Government for a lot on which to build the church in Golden, but, he remarked, "patience and perseverance of a superior sort are needed in such dealings." Ultimately the missionary's perspicacity was rewarded, for in December, three years later, it was reported in the Churchman's Gazette that the church was completed and in use.

FARWELL CHANGES NAME

By 1897 Revelstoke, to give Farwell its new name, was a growing community, and Bishop Dart of New Westminster reported to the S.P.G. that . . .

Revelstoke has hitherto been worked from Ashcroft, but it should soon now be made a new centre. . . It is a rising place on the main line of the C.P.R. and at the junction of the Kootenay district. We are behind the Methodists and Presbyterians, who already have chapels, whereas our people are only now beginning to build.

Within a few months the Bishop put his plans into effect by appointing the Reverend Frank A. Ford to Revelstoke. For a very short time all went well and congregations increased but early in 1899 the devoted young priest was killed in a railway accident. He was succeeded by the Reverend E. C. Paget, later Dean of Calgary, during whose tenure a chancel was added to the church, and the parish itself received a new access of strength by the transfer of the railway shops and their employees from Donald—an incident which gave rise to the legend of the stolen church.

MOVED TO WINDERMERE

The legend of the stolen church is well known in the interior, and although it seems to be no more than a pleasant story, runs as follows: When the failure of Donald occurred the church was to be removed to Revelstoke, a proceeding which the few remaining inhabitants of Donald bitterly opposed. A crew was recruited to dismantle the church and transport it to its new site, but when they arrived the building had disappeared, and no one would give any hint of what had happened to it. Later, it appeared that one of the parishioners of Donald, Rufus A. Kimpton, who had done a great deal of work on the church, had a part interest in two stores, one in Donald and the other in Windermere. Since his future interests were now to be in Windermere, it seemed to him logical enough that the church should be taken there also. He, therefore, with the support of some of his friends who wished the church to go anywhere rather than Revelstoke, had it dismantled and loaded on to flat cars to be taken by rail to Golden, whence it was shipped by barge to Windermere and rebuilt. The scheme worked perfectly, much to the consternation of the church people at Rev-



The Stolen Church, Invermere, B. C.

elstoke. But there was one hitch. The church at Donald had possessed a bell, which had been given by the Baroness Burdette Coutts, but when the structure arrived at Windermere the bell was missing. It later transpired that the manager of the river barge company which took the building from Golden to Windermere was a parishioner of St. Paul's, Golden, and thought that the bell would grace his own church. Since the church was being stolen in the first place he saw no reason why he should not help himself to the bell for this purpose. Thus the parishioners of Windermere worship Sunday by Sunday in a stolen church while their fellows at Golden are summoned to service by a stolen bell.

THE OKANAGAN MISSIONARY DISTRICT

Not only did Horlock travel along the construction line of the railway, but he also went south to the Okanagan to minister to such settlers as there were. In the spring of 1884, while he was still resident at Yale, he undertook the first of these journeys, and similar trips were made after his removal to Kamloops. Almost at once it was realized that an assistant priest would be needed, and steps were taken to build a parsonage at Spallumcheen (Enderby). On its completion the Reverend Alfred Shildrick and his bride took up residence there and became responsible for "Spallumcheen, Priest's Valley, and the Mission, with occasional visits to Penticton and Osoyoos."

When Horlock returned to England in 1887 he was succeeded by Canon W. H. Cooper, a veteran missionary of wide experience, who for three years travelled far and wide in this extensive district in journeys which took him through the Okanagan, west to Keremeos and Princeton, and back to Kamloops by way of

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FAIRVIEW IN ITS EARLY DAYS

Angela Burdett-Coutts

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the Nicola valley. Within a few years the Okanagan was separated from the Kamloops Missionary District and constituted as two new districts—a northern one under the care of the Reverend T. Williams Outerbridge, and a southern one to which the Reverend Thomas Greene was appointed.

Greene came first to Penticton, where the Ellis family had been settled for nearly thirty years, and where in 1892 they had built the little church of St. Saviour's. From Penticton he extended his ministrations north to Peachland, Summerland and Kelowna, and south to Fairview. There is an interesting account of one of Bishop Dart's early visits to Fairview, part of which we include here:

A VISIT TO FAIRVIEW

December 18 (1897)—Left at 7 a.m. by open stage drag for Fairview, 25 miles over the mountains. Road in parts very rough. A journey in the air with momentary rests upon the seat. Very cold en route in spite of friction. Reached Fairview 1 p.m. and was welcomed by Mr. Parkinson (who hails from Bury in Lancashire), one of our Lay Readers, who is in business here as an architect and surveyor. This place deserves its name even in winter. From the mountainside on which it stands you look to the mountains in the distance over a broad expanse through which the Okanagan winds after its issue from Dog Lake to join the Columbia. Fairview is distinctly a mining camp. Whether it will develop into a town depends upon the output of the mines around. A number of young Englishmen are venturing their capital here. I earnestly hope they will succeed, for I have never met with a better or finer set of fellows. Seven of them live together in a shack below the Somerville's house where I am staying. Dog Lake = Shuswap Lake

December 19—Early Holy Communion in the office of Furness and Parkinson. Ten men present, and an English lady, Mrs. G., who rode eleven miles into Fairview for the purpose. It is easy to write this, but only the dear Lord Himself knows all that it means. Mattins and Sermon at 11 a.m. in the schoolroom at the head of the gulch. A fair congregation here in spite of the toilsome climb. At Evensong the large room of the shanty dignified by the name of "Hotel" was crowded. They begged me to have Christmas hymns in anticipation. Only an ecclesiastical martinet could have refused such a request, so we had "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Adeste Fideles" and "While Shepherds Watched." After the service the landlord, an American "anythingarian", offered me free quarters if I would like to stay. Messrs. Parkinson and Shatford from Nova Scotia made the arrangements for me. There is a Presbyterian minister in the camp whose congregation is largely composed of church people. They ask for the ministrations of the Church, and if we had from England only half the annual sum sent out by the Presbyterians in Scotland, we should have no difficulty in keeping pace with the growth of Fairview and the other mining camps.

Meanwhile Outerbridge had taken up residence in Vernon (formerly known as Priest's Valley), which took its name from a pioneer Church family. The first church in Vernon, dedicated to All Saints, was built by Edwin Harris, and used for the first time on April 30th, 1893. Churches were also built at Enderby and Armstrong. New parishes and missions were established and clergy appointed as the church in the Okanagan continued to grow.

THE KOOTENAY MISSIONARY DISTRICT
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ARCHDEACON AKEHURST

NEW MISSIONS ESTABLISHED

In the years that followed the work of the Church extended throughout the area, and new missions were established in Rosland, Trail, Greenwood, Phoenix, Grand Forks, Fernie, and Michel. In many of them churches were built, and there seemed every prospect of a permanent thriving congregation. In some the hope was realized—in others, and notably in Phoenix, Greenwood, and Fort Steele, the early promise faded and the community almost disappeared.

Perhaps few communities have suffered such vicissitudes as Fernie. In 1902 there was a mine explosion which killed 139 men, bringing sorrow and distress to many homes. Two years later the town was swept by fire, destroying the Church and rectory and many other buildings. Both were rebuilt, but in 1908 forest fires roared through the Crow's Nest Pass, destroying Fernie, Hosmer and Michel. Once again the Church and rectory were destroyed, along with the homes of nearly all the parishioners, but with supreme courage the congregation began anew. First came a cement basement in which the services were held for a year or two, and then on Christmas Day, 1911, services were held for the first time in the fine new brick Church.

SLOCAN LAKE AND THE ARROW LAKES

After the beginning of the steamer service on the Arrow Lakes in 1885 the Bishop and

other missionaries used that route to go from Revelstoke to the Kootenays. Occasionally they would stay along the way to visit and conduct services. One of the earliest recorded was a baptism, that of Annie May Harman, which Bishop Sillitoe performed at Galena Bay, across the lake from Arrowhead, on July 23rd, 1890. A few years later the Reverend C. F. Yeates had been appointed to take charge of the Slocan Lake Missionary District, and was holding services at Nakusp, Sandon, Slocan City and New Denver.

Early in the present century the two little towns of Nakusp and Arrowhead were detached to form a separate pastoral charge to which, in 1910, the Reverend S. H. Phillimore was appointed. He was equipped with a launch, and for four years travelled up and down the lakes visiting settlers and establishing congregations at Beaton, Comaplix, Halcyon, Galena Bay, Hall's Landing, West Demars, Summit, Arrow Park, Burton City, Needles, Fire Valley, Edgewood, Deer Park, Renata and Westley.

In several of these places churches were built. The mission became the special care of St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London, whose contribution provided the vicar with a regular annual stipend. By 1913 Phillimore had the assistance of two other priests, the Reverend C. P. Montgomery and the Reverend G. H.

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PHOENIX, B. C.—A BUSTLING TOWN IN THE EARLY 1900'S
Now a Ghost Town

The Rock From Which

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Snell. As time went on the area was divided and each was appointed to a separate cure within it.

THE DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY

With the growth and development of all these areas, it became apparent that before long a division of the Diocese of New Westminster would be necessary to ensure adequate episcopal oversight for the interior of the province. In 1899 a memorial signed by more than 130 clergy and laity of the Kootenay district was presented to the New Westminster Diocesan Synod, where it was approved in principle.

Immediately following the Synod Bishop Dart of New Westminster wrote to the Primate of All Canada, Archbishop Machray of Rupert's Land, and to the Archbishop of Canterbury, informing them of the decision which had been taken. Unfortunately all Archbishop Machray's papers have been lost, and the one extant reference to this matter is in his biography, where it is said that "the new Diocese of Kootenay . . . had decided that its Bishop should be consecrated by the Primate of All Canada . . ." in order to bind it more thoroughly into the life of the Canadian Church.

The correspondence with the Archbishop of Canterbury has been preserved in the Lambeth Palace Library, and the following excerpts are reproduced through the courtesy of the librarian.

The Bishop of New Westminster to the Archbishop of Canterbury

See House,
New Westminster,
Nov. 16th, 1899.

My Lord Archbishop,

The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster at its session held in the city of Vancouver Nov. 7-8-9, A.D. 1899, unanimously passed a series of resolutions for the purpose of dividing the Diocese. The new See is to be called the Diocese of Kootenay. It will embrace all the eastern part of the Diocese, a territory somewhat larger than England and Wales.

Before the division can be carried into full effect it must have your Grace's sanction.

I now ask your Grace to be pleased to signify your approval of the same.

I am,

Your obedient servant,
John New Westminster.

The Archbishop sent the letter to Prebendary Tucker, the Secretary of the S.P.G., with the note, "Will Prebendary Tucker give me his opinion on this and state what if this be approved will be the proper steps to take." Tucker replied as follows:

Prebendary Tucker to the Archbishop of Canterbury

S. P. G.,
19 Delahy Street,
Westminster, S.W.,
Dec. 6th, 1899.

My dear Lord Archbishop,

Proposed Diocese of Kootenay

At present no steps have been taken be-

yond separating, subject to your Grace's approval, the northern and eastern parts of the Diocese of New Westminster, and making it a separate Diocese, but still under the care of the Bishop of New Westminster. Writing to me on Nov. 14 Bishop Dart said.

Some years must elapse probably before another Bishop can be appointed, as we must first see that the Bishopric of New Westminster is properly endowed. Meanwhile there will be a great saving of expense, as the Bishop will go up to the Kootenay Synod instead of summoning 50 or 60 men to come down 500 or 600 miles, and we may expect an impetus given to the work when local men are looking after local needs.

The precedent of Saskatchewan and Calgary seems to have been followed, and probably suggested the action which has been taken.

I remain Your Grace's faithful servant,
Henry W. Tucker,
Secy.

No immediate action seems to have been taken by the Archbishop, and early in 1900 Bishop Dart wrote again to him, urging his claims and giving his reasons for the request.

The Bishop of New Westminster to the Archbishop of Canterbury

See House,
New Westminster,
Feb. 8th, 1900.

My dear Lord Archbishop,

On Nov. 16th last I forwarded to your Grace a request for your sanction of the proposed division of Kootenay from the Diocese of New Westminster and its erection into a separate see.

I pointed out that the new Diocese will be larger than England and Wales. I may add that new towns are rising in it, and that it bids fair to become a pretty thickly populated country.

Until an adequate episcopal endowment has been raised, the Bishop of New Westminster will have jurisdiction over both sees.

A bill is now before the Provincial Parliament (in accordance with the enclosed petition) which will probably become law before the close of the session.

As I took my oath of Canonical Obedience to Canterbury at my consecration in 1895 and as the proposed division would relieve me eventually of some of the responsibilities then incurred, I considered that Your Grace's permission should be obtained before the scheme could take effect.

Hence, I caused the sentence "Provided the sanction of the Abp. of Canterbury be obtained" to be inserted in the resolution passed by Synod.

May I ask your Grace to send your sanction as soon as may be convenient, as I wish to summon a voluntary Synod in Kootenay about Easter.

I am,

Your Grace's Faithful Servant,
John New Westminster.

The Archbishop again consulted Prebendary Tucker, and then replied, giving his approval, in the following terms:

The Archbishop of Canterbury to the Bishop of New Westminster

Lambeth,
2 March, 1900.

My dear Bishop of New Westminster,

You have my hearty consent to your proposed division of your great Diocese as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

The work of spreading the Gospel over the whole world is going on, and if we compare its progress of late years with the progress of preceding centuries we may think that our advance is becoming rapid. But if we think of what it ought to be, how very slow.

Yours faithfully,

F. Cantuar.

Meanwhile committees had been appointed.

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NAKUSP IN THE EARLY 1900'S



NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE CAMP, FORT STEELE—1897.

The Rock From Which

(CONTINUED)

pointed in Nelson and Vancouver to consider procedure. It was recommended that the division of the Diocese should take place immediately with the 120th meridian as the boundary line. The Bishop of New Westminster and his successors were to have episcopal charge of the new Diocese until its bishopric endowment fund reached the sum of \$40,000—a sum which later had to be increased.

If the fund was completed during the episcopate of Bishop Dart he was to have the option of becoming Bishop of Kootenay or retaining the see of New Westminster. Otherwise, the Kootenay Diocesan Synod would proceed to elect its own Bishop. Provision was also made for the assistance of the Archdeacon of Columbia, who lived in Vancouver, to continue until an Archdeacon in the new Diocese could be appointed. Mission grants and funds then being used in the Kootenay district were to continue and to be administered in future by the Executive Committee of the new Synod. Church property was to be similarly transferred to the Synod of Kootenay.

FIRST SYNOD MEETING

The first meeting of the new Diocesan Synod took place at Nelson on May 30th and 31st, 1900, with fifteen of the eighteen clergy, and twenty-eight lay delegates, present. Nelson was designated as the see city, with St. Saviour's as the pro-cathedral church. Immediate steps were to be taken for the building up of the episcopal endowment fund, but this

was hindered by the fact that the bishopric endowment of the mother diocese was still incomplete. Provision was also to be made for the erection of a see house in Nelson. In all, the first Synod was, as Archdeacon Pentreath said, "most harmonious and at times enthusiastic."

By Easter, 1901, it was reported that there had been a general increase in the strength of the new diocese. There were now 1,005 communicants, a gain of 39; and during the year there had been 222 baptisms, an increase of 42. There were 556 Sunday School pupils, and 56 teachers, gains of 59 pupils and six teachers. All the Parishes would shortly be filled, and new missions were contemplated at Moyie, Lardeau and Arrowhead. In 1902, the Reverend F. H. Graham came to Nelson as rector of the pro-cathedral, thus beginning a long connection with the Diocese broken finally by his death in 1958.

REVEREND H. BEER FIRST ARCHDEACON

Funds for the episcopal endowment did not accumulate as fast as had been hoped, and in 1902 the Kootenay Synod recommended that "a Memorial be presented to the General Synod asking that Synod to make a grant of half the income of the Bishop until the Endowment is completed, conditional on the balance being provided from other sources . . ." This, however, was not possible, and instead the M.S.C.C. made a grant of \$1,200 per annum, beginning in January, 1904, towards the stipend of a missionary Archdeacon. Shortly afterwards the Bishop announced that he had appointed the Reverend Henry Beer, Vicar of Kaslo, to be Archdeacon of Kootenay.

A decade after the formation of the Diocese numbers were still growing, but

the endowment fund had not reached the point where a Bishop could be elected. By that time the amount required had risen to £10,000, of which £6,400 had been collected, including three grants of £1,000 each from the S.P.G., the Colonial Bishops' Fund, and the S.P.C.K. The endowment was completed by 1913.

The Synod to elect a Bishop met on November 25th, 1914, when the choice fell upon the Very Reverend Alexander John Doull, who was at that time Dean of British Columbia. He was consecrated in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on St. Matthias' Day, 1915, by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, assisted by the Bishops of Calgary, Caledonia, New Westminster, British Columbia, and Olympia.

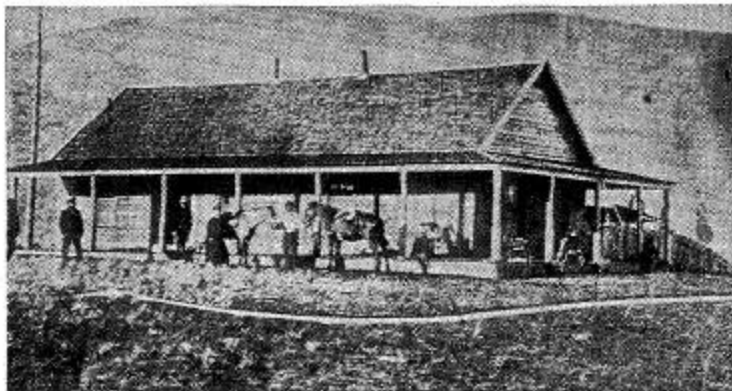
Early Irish Clergyman Popular in Diocese



REV. HENRY IRWIN (FATHER PAT)

The Reverend Henry Irwin, later known as Father Pat, was born in Ireland in 1859, graduated from Keble College, Oxford, and came to British Columbia in 1885. Those were the years of railway building, so the young minister was sent by Bishop Sillitoe as missionary to construction camps in the mountains. Here he won the reputation which made him "a man to all the country dear," and earned the name "Father Pat". "Although a clergyman of the Church of England, his creed was to do good to all his fellow men, to visit the sick, feed the hungry and relieve the distressed."

He served at Kamloops and Donald. In 1890 he married Frances Innes. She died later that year, and from that time Father Pat devoted himself with increasing zeal to his missionary work. After a stay at the Indian school in Yale he went to Rossland in January, 1896. Here he remained four years, organizing St. George's Church and ministering to the mining community. In November, 1899, he left for Fairview, in the Similkameen country. Never one to spare himself, and restless since the death of his wife, he became ill and was persuaded in the winter of 1901 to return to Ireland for a visit. For some reason he left the train before it reached Montreal, and was found wandering in the cold by a farmer. Seriously ill, he was taken to Notre Dame Hospital, and died there a few days later. His death at the age of forty-two was a profound shock to the many parishes in British Columbia where he served. To express their sorrow they erected several memorials to him. In Rossland, a fountain was built on the main street. The miners collected funds to buy an ambulance in his honour, and in later years the new St. George's Church was dedicated to his memory.



COURT HOUSE, OSOYOOS, BUILT IN 1865, BURNED IN 1877



AN EARLY GENERAL SYNOD MEETING OF DIOCESE
Bishop Dart is Seen at Centre

EDITORIAL

"A Diocesan Paper is Born"

It is with a measure of some pride and satisfaction that this Jubilee edition of *The High-Way* is sent out to the parishes in the Diocese and beyond its borders. In spite of much travail the work has been completed with what material came to the editorial desk. In such a work as this, attempted for the first time in the history of the Diocese, there are, of course, many misgivings and no doubt many omissions. This is somewhat inevitable. Much has been reduced or left out on account of space and other considerations. This may be remedied as the years go by. Nevertheless it is felt that this edition will add greatly to our knowledge of the Diocese, and it may be hoped that we have here a foundation upon which to build a fuller history for the future.

Early in 1956 a committee was formed (consisting of His Lordship, Bishop Beattie, Archdeacon B. A. Resker, M.A., Archdeacon of Kootenay, and Canon W. J. Silverwood, Rural Dean and Vicar of the Church of the Redeemer) to consider ways and means of launching a Diocesan paper. The first issue of *The Highway* made its appearance on December 1st, 1956, with a circulation of 6000 copies. The present circulation is 8100 copies. This edition will give some idea of the work and growth of the Church in the past sixty years. For all who have laboured in this part of the Lord's vineyard, we thank God. We take hope and courage to face the future, knowing full well that God, who has led His people these past sixty years, will be with those who now and in the future seek to extend His Kingdom in this our Diocese of Kootenay. We can, on this our sixtieth Jubilee, rightly give thanks and sing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow". And what of *The High-Way*? With continued interest on the part of all throughout the Diocese, this medium can be the means of greater Diocesan solidarity and a means whereby all can be linked into true Christian fellowship in the Family of God.



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centuries to build.

PROFILE Ormonde St. Patrick**O. St. P. Aitkens—
Sound Financing**

Any Diocese which can claim the expert services of a man such as O. St. P. Aitkens of Kelowna, may well consider itself fortunate in the extreme.

Mr. Aitkens was treasurer of the Diocese of Kootenay for many years, and under his direction the funds of the Diocese improved vastly and its investments were soundly made.

Although he gave up the treasurer's position two years ago, turning the reins over to Archdeacon Catchpole, he is still the Diocesan advisor concerning investments, and thus is still in close touch with Diocesan financial matters.

The picture of Mr. Aitkens shown here was taken during the Wells canvass in the Parish of Kelowna, when he was initial pledge chairman. He is now chairman of the follow-up committee.

Mr. Aitkens is one of the Diocese's two lay Canons, the other being Fred Irvine of Nelson. A long-time resident of Kelowna, where he is president of Okanagan Investments Ltd., Mr. Aitkens is a veteran of the First World War and the holder of the Military Cross.

**CIVILIZATION OUR
COMMON CAUSE**

When we say nuclear warfare will destroy civilization, what do we mean? What is it that constitutes the civilization that will be destroyed? It is people, millions of men, women and children. It is people in their solitary stance before God and people in

their social groupings — families, neighborhoods, cities, even states and nations. It is people at work in their factories, in their offices, on their farms. It is people teaching and learning in their schools, in their universities and laboratories. It is people in communication, people who talk over back fences or at the corner drugstore, people who use telephones, radio, television, newspapers, magazines and books for the meeting of mind with mind. It is people in motion, on foot or by mechanical devices on land and sea and in the air. It is people at worship, in private prayer or in churches. If civilization is destroyed, what will perish is libraries, temples, colleges, industries and nations. They will die because people die.

When persons die civilization dies, but paradoxically men give their lives to preserve civilization. Something there is to which man may contribute by giving his life. But may not that sacrifice of life be carried too far? Arnold Toynbee lists more than twenty dead civilizations. That fact suggests that when too many people die or when something happens in the human spirit the whole structure collapses. Nuclear war would destroy civilization because so many people would die that the survivors, if any, could not restore a

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May the years that lie ahead be as fruitful and as
rewarding as the years that have gone by.

EATON'S OF CANADA

"Looking Back Thirty-Five Years"

1925 - 1960

By
CANON W. J. SILVERWOOD,
A.K.C., B.Sc.

Editor, The High-Way, Rural Dean of
West Kootenay and Rector of the
Church of The Redeemer, Nelson,
from 1932.



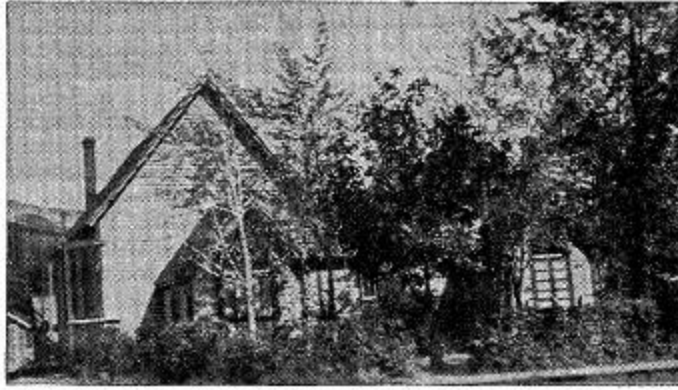
Canon W. J. Silverwood

To look back over a span of thirty-five out of the sixty years in the life of our Diocese is to live in an entirely different world. So many and great changes have taken place that a book is needed to enumerate them. My advent into the Diocese was in June, 1925. At that time there was no Travel-Grant-in-Aid to enable the clergy to cover their territory. If a clergyman needed a car it was purchased out of his own pocket or he obtained a loan from the bank. In those far-off days the stipend was about \$1200.00. How different is the picture today. We have the Car Purchase Fund, increased stipends (now \$3000.00) for a married priest. We have Group Insurance for the clergy, and the Diocese has become self-supporting, due to the inauguration of the Kootenay Forward Fund. The Diocese, as well as most parishes, is no longer a beggar asking for alms from England or from Eastern Canada. Within the last three years we have achieved a status of self-respect. All this is a long story from cow trails to paved highways in almost every part of the Diocese.

It is a long way from the Ford two-seater Tin Lizzie, priced at about \$700.00, to the modern high-powered automobile costing today around \$3000.00 or more. Added to this are the amazing facilities of the airplane.

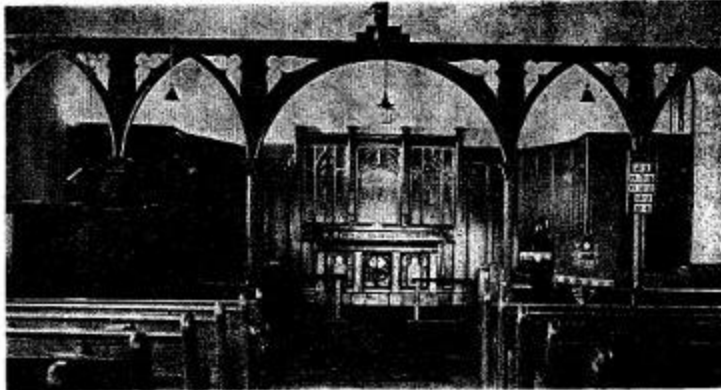
Again, how different is the story from the "depression period", the dirty thirties, as they were called—a period when it was not uncommon to borrow one's stipend from the bank because there was not enough money in the parish treasury. Today, things are vastly different, and the clergy receive their stipends on time.

In three areas of the Diocese there are Diocesan camps, and these too have emerged



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GRAND FORKS

The mines—the smelter—the Church! In that order they came. Father Pat travelled over from Rossland to the Kettle River Valley, and held the first services in Grand Forks on May 3rd, 1896. Lots were secured as a church site. It is a simple statement to say that Father Pat came over from Rossland, but he did not ride in a modern car on a graded and gravelled highway. He walked or rode a horse along a rough trail over the summits. He planted the Church in Grand Forks. The first resident clergyman was the Reverend W. F. Gover. There follow a long succession of Vicars: The Reverends Henry Steele, Philip Hayman, W. J. Silverwood, Thomas Scott, C. Silva-White, K. A. Pickett, O. Berry, D. L. Greene, E. Somers, and the present incumbent, the Reverend C. S. Lutener.



ST. MARK'S, KASLO—This picture of the chancel of St. Mark's Church, Kaslo, was taken several years ago and has been sent to The High-Way through the courtesy of Reverend Canon M. C. T. Percivall, well-known in the Diocese and one-time Vicar of the parish, who is living in Victoria.

in the last few years; they were unheard of thirty-five years ago. One often wonders how we could have managed without the fine help of the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society . . . The Anglican Forward Movement. It seems incredible that so much has been accomplished in every part of the Diocese. Although my thirty-five years have been wholly spent in the West Kootenay, during which time I have seen vast changes in personnel and buildings and highway travel, I know this is also true of other parts of the Diocese. It would take far too long to mention the long list of devoted priests and laymen who have made their contribution to the life and progress of the Diocese. Having served under four Bishops, I have some slight idea of all these faithful servants as they pass in review, and as we thank God for them on this the sixtieth anniversary of the Diocese. It is my wish and prayer that I shall complete the rest of my ministry in the Diocese of Kootenay, which, as Bishop Doull used to say, is the most beautiful in the whole Anglican Communion.

This brief account would not be complete without a humorous reference to the past. It

was in 1925, in company with Bishop Doull, that I conducted my first service at Fruitvale, and I was certainly nervous. "I will preach," said the Bishop. Think of my consternation when in the "Prayer for the Parish" I found myself asking God to "Make people's blessings a suffering to them." The good Bishop roared with laughter and never allowed me to forget this. "One of the best yet, Silverwood," he said. Then we went on to Salmo for another service, with due warning from the Bishop that I was not to be hard on people's blessings. Then this: "Silverwood, did you realize that in reading the second lesson you said, 'Which of you by taking thought can add one statue to his cubit?'" Well, my worthy friend the Arch-deacon of the Okanagan could tell you many, many stories. We are contemporaries within a year of each other, and perhaps when we retire we might write a book. It would be most interesting.

All in all, it is possible to say, these many years past, "Thy hand, O God, has guided" . . . so we look forward with faith, hope and courage to greater things for the Diocese of Kootenay.

IN RETROSPECT

By

The Ven. Archdeacon Catchpole,
D.D.,

ARCHDEACON OF THE OKANAGAN
and
DIOCESAN SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Venerable Desmond Stanley Catchpole was appointed Third Archdeacon of Okanagan in a New Year's Day announcement by the Right Reverend W. R. Adams in 1942. He was then still Rector of Rosland, but moved to Kelowna at the beginning of July, 1942. He had taken over the post of Clerical Secretary on January 1st, 1941. He has remained as Archdeacon and Rector of Kelowna ever since, taking on the position of Treasurer of the Diocese January 1st, 1954.

As I have lived in as many reigns of British Sovereigns as anyone else now above ground, so it is also true that I have exercised my ministry during the episcopates of all the Bishops of Kootenay, having been made Deacon by Alexander John Doull on June 12, 1927, in All Saints' Church, Vernon, and ordained Priest by the same Bishop in Nelson's Pro-Cathedral on November 30, 1927. Both these churches subsequently were destroyed by fire. I suspect that even my worthy colleague, Canon Silverwood, cannot equal my record. Not only was he not, I think, ordained by Bishop Doull, but neither did the churches in which he was ordained burn down.

When I went to Vernon, I had no idea to what outpost of empire I should be appointed. I found out soon enough. The Bishop took me to a map and pointed to a spot which he called Bonnington, and said, "That is where you will go. I will not leave you there long because you will make all your mistakes there." And that, in my opinion, was probably the most optimistic statement the Bishop ever made, and the least realistic. Having sampled the peculiarities of the City of Trail, to which I went to make my acquaintance with things Kootenaisian under the hand of the Rural Dean, Norman D. B. Larmonth, I arrived in due course at South Slocaan, whose beauty was only surpassed by the ugliness of the name and the condition of the vicarage. It was this house (sic) to which I brought my bride a year later. We still look back upon that abode as the acme of all the appalling parsonages which were considered thirty-two years ago to be adequate accommodation for the clergy of the Church.

The Venerable Fred H. Graham was then Archdeacon of Kootenay, and my immediate superior. It is very difficult to write now what should be written a good many years hence. I can only say that after a somewhat unprepossessing beginning, this worthy man and I became fast friends. One remembers Larmonth of Trail as an indefatigable mission priest, walking everywhere, hospitable, and the sort of man who got on with the general run of people. When he finally acquired a car, he was known as the Trail Taxi. I shall always remember his generosity, and his peculiarities, when I met him first in Trail at midnight about the middle of June. In 1929 I received word that the Bishop would like me to go to Rosland, which had been vacant for six months. I consulted my Archdeacon, and he advised me to do as the Bishop wished, staying, as the Archdeacon suggested, for four years. I went and stayed for thirteen. In 1942 I was appointed by Bishop Walter R. Adams to be Rector of Kelowna, and so ended my association with the Deanery of West Kootenay.

There were many interesting people whose names are beginning to fade from my memory. Apart from that scintillating character, the



ARCHDEACON D. S. CATCHPOLE, D.D.

Venerable Archdeacon Desmond Stanley Catchpole, Vicar of Bonnington with South Slocaan 1927-29, Rector of Rosland 1929-42, Rural Dean of West Kootenay 1937-42, Clerical Secretary Kootenay Synod and Archdeacon of Okanagan and Canon of Kootenay 1941-47, Rector of Kelowna from 1942, Clerical Secretary to Provincial Synod of B. C. from 1947, Exam. Chaplain to Bishop of Kootenay from 1948.

Archdeacon, there was the Reverend Clyde Harvey, a truly delightful man and perhaps the "lowest" churchman in the country, who, many years later, ended his life among the Mirfield Fathers. There was the Reverend J. S. Mahood, who used to haunt the environs of Queen's Bay, and who used to haunt also Gray's Jewellery Store on Baker Street in Nelson and blow his trumpet. I remember a number of amusing incidents about him, and he was a charming man. One thing I can repeat. When Mahood died several of us acted as pallbearers, and I remember the irrepressible Silverwood muttering to me at the graveside: "I bet old Mahood is looking down on us, chuckling and blowing on his trumpet!"

The West Kootenay was full of ex-soldiers in those days. In Bonnington lived such renowned warriors as Major Turner Lee and Colonel Goode, and in South Slocaan lived Lieutenant-Colonel John Murray and Captain Ashby. It was Mrs. Ashby who introduced me to the Venerable H. W. Simpson, Archdeacon of Western Australia, sometime Rector of Rosland, who had the distinction of going down on the Lusitania and coming up again extremely annoyed because he had lost his violin. Mrs. Ashby was reputed to be "fey" and to have informed William S. Beames (now Reverend and retired) that something had happened to "the Rector". Sure enough it had, but good news came later in the day that he was safe. Mrs. Ashby, who later played the organ at South Slocaan for me, was at that time employed as housekeeper for Mr. Beames and the Rector of Rosland, both bachelors of the Cassius type, with that lean and hungry look.

My parish of Bonnington stretched from Nelson's boundaries to Brilliant and included that delightful metropolis, Crescent Valley. Before I had a car I used to travel to Tarry's and Thrums by the Nelson-Trail train and return (theoretically) by the Coast train, which on one occasion was twenty-two hours late. On one moonlit night I flagged this train at Thrums by standing out in the middle of the tracks wildly waving my arms. On another occasion, having stayed at Tarry's house after the service in the school, until

Frank Tarry went to sleep, I stood on the station till midnight and then walked home, some six to eight miles.

I was proud to be the Scoutmaster for a troop which included boys from Bonnington, South Slocaan, Tarry's and Thrums. On the occasion of the visit of the Governor-General, Lord Willington, he, as Chief Scout for Canada, inspected us and declared us to be a Skookum Troop. I thought he was a skookum fellow.

How green and lovely was my valley in those days; but Number Three Plant was built while I was there, and then another plant up-river, and yet another down-river. The swift rushes of the stream have all gone, and something has been lost from the Kootenay River which can never be there again. Never again will services be held in the schoolhouse between Tarry's and Thrums. It was there that I first met a strange character who, at that time, was living in a tent at Thrums on the verge. I fancy, of a grave illness which would probably have removed from this earth the present Rural Dean of West Kootenay and Editor of The High-Way had he not providentially married Mollie Wallace, R.N., who became Mrs. W. J. Silverwood.

With physical changes, and changes of personnel, there have also come changes in point of view. In the late nineteen-twenties, no one cared whether a parson starved or not. He was supposed to have a car, but no one took any trouble to find out how he got one or how it was paid for. No one cared about parsonage houses. If there had to be economies, the first thing to do was to cut the stipend. If a clergyman wanted to be very unpopular he went back to his parish after a deanery meeting and told the committee that their "block assessment" had gone up. Not that it mattered too much, for no one bothered to pay the thing anyway. In Diocesan finance, the thing to do was to extract as much money as possible from England and the rest from Eastern Canada. If anything had to be done the immediate thought was, "Who will give us the money?"

All this has greatly changed, in almost all parts of the Diocese. New parsonage houses have been built. New churches have gone up. The Diocese is self-supporting. Stipends are reasonably good, and the clergy no longer have to buy cars out of their own pocket, as I bought my first four. There is travel-grant-in-aid money. Men are covered by insurance today, at reasonable cost, for everything except (as an exalted ecclesiastic once said) for childbirth. And the people, who formerly seemed to delight in seeing the parson in poverty, have changed their minds and go out of their way (correct me if I am wrong) to see that the labourer is worthy of his hire, and that the hire is worthy of the labourer.

I could tell tales of the parsimony on the part of well-to-do laymen, but I have no desire to be had up for libel. I can say that in innumerable cases the parsimonious have been converted, and I think there are fewer flat-wheels today, fewer drags on the wheels of progress. I would not have thought that I should live to see a revival of religion and of responsibility towards the Christian Church, but it has happened. Some still need to be converted, but for those who have seen the light I thank God and take courage.

Every generation enjoys the use of a vast horde bequeathed to it by antiquity, and transmits that horde augmented by fresh acquisitions to future ages.—Thomas Macaulay.

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THE DIOCESE
OF KOOTENAY

St. Saviour's Church, Nelson, Shows Marked Progress Since the Year 1900



CANON G. W. LANG
Rector of St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral
and Host to the Jubilee Synod

"NELSON—On May 27th, 1900, the first St. Saviour's Church was consecrated by the Right Reverend, the Lord Bishop of New Westminster and solemnly set apart for the worship of Almighty God according to the use of the Church of England.

In May, 1906, the first Synod of the newly organized Diocese of Kootenay was held in St. Saviour's Church and schoolroom. At the

request of the Synod the Bishop (Bishop Dart) named Nelson as the See City and St. Saviour's Church as the Cathedral Church of the new Diocese."

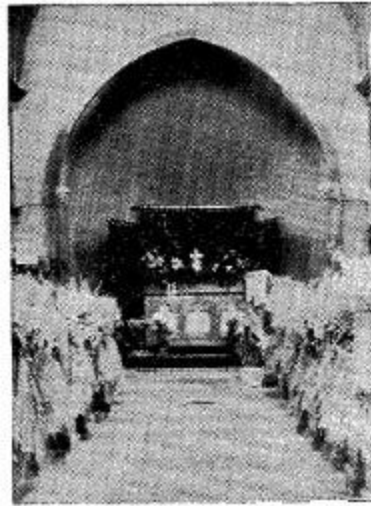
So reads an extract from the partial Parochial history found in the records of St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral. When the thirty-fourth Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay meets in Nelson, May 31st-June 2nd, 1960, it will be meeting on the very site, at the corner of Ward and Silica Streets, where sixty years ago almost to the day, May 27th-30th, the first Pro-Cathedral Church was consecrated and both the Synod and the Diocese of Kootenay came into being. The incumbent of St. Saviour's at this time was the Reverend H. J. Akehurst, by whose hand the early history was briefly recorded.

REVEREND MR. SILLITOE CONDUCTS FIRST SERVICE

The accompanying photograph shows the first, temporary Mission Room erected on the above site under the direction of the first, missionary priest-in-charge, the Reverend A. J. Reid, in the early summer of 1892. Anglican



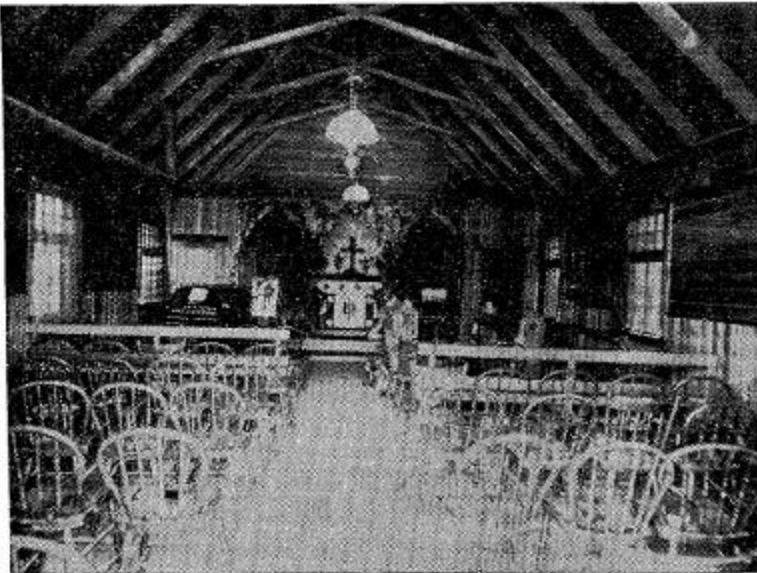
Old St. Saviour's Church Exterior, Nelson.



Harvest Festival in old St. Saviour's Church, Nelson, before the fire of January 25th, 1928.



St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral - Built 1929



ST. SAVIOUR'S FIRST MISSION ROOM—1892

Services were first offered in Nelson in the Oddfellows' Hall by the Right Reverend A. W. Sillitoe on Sunday, May 15th, 1892, assisted by the Reverend A. J. Reid. The Bishop referred to the congregations on that Sunday as "excellent in the morning" and "overflowing in the evening!" The same record states that "first services were held at Balfour on Ascension Day, May 26th, 1892", should there be any argument about priorities! The Bishop, accompanied by Mrs. Sillitoe, had made a visit to Nelson two years before this, on July 18th, 1890, before the Kootenay-Columbia Railway had been completed. Travelling with great difficulty over the old trail from Sproat's Landing by horseback, they journeyed for ten hours to cover a distance of 28 miles!

We are rooted in a rich and heroic heritage of the past. We must, at least, match the faith

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Church of the Redeemer, Nelson Makes Good Progress Since 1923-24

The Church of the Redeemer was built in 1923-24. It was first known as St. Saviour's Mission, then as a parish, with the Reverend N. D. B. Larmonth the first Vicar. A special meeting was called to choose a suitable name for the church, and after a lengthy meeting the voting decided on the name "Church of the Redeemer".

The first Anglican Mission in Fairview was held at 116 Chatham Street in the Spring of 1902, at which time the Reverend F. H. Graham was Rector of St. Saviour's. Services continued until 1906, when, owing to lack of support, the Mission was closed. June, 1921, again saw the opening of the Anglican Church Mission under the leadership of the Reverend N. D. B. Lar-

month, Curate of St. Saviour's. The services were held in the then Seventh Day Adventist Church, now the Church of the Redeemer Parish Hall.

The Reverend N. D. B. Larmonth (now Dr. Larmonth, field secretary for the Anglican Theological College) left in September, 1928, followed by the Reverend D. F. Cowie, who resigned in 1929 owing to ill health. In 1929 the Reverend W. Crick was called to the parish, and under his jurisdiction the first Boys' Choir and the first Altar Boys' Guild were formed. The present Rector, Canon W. J. Silverwood, has been at the Church of the Redeemer since September, 1932. The parish became self-supporting in 1937.



**The Reverend (Dr.)
N. D. B. Larmonth**

Assistant at St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral.
First Incumbent Church of the Redeemer.
A former Rector of St. Andrew's, Trail.

St. Saviour's Church

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and enterprise of our fathers-in-the-Faith. To be so rooted to the past that we cannot get up into orbit is tantamount to the present so quarrelling with the past as to give no hope for the future.

Flashing out of the past is a beamed signal to the Anglicans of the See City, Cathedral Parish of St. Saviour's! Be thankful to God for your heritage! Be awake to the present! "The night is far spent; the day is at hand!" Ask yourself this question: Where would the Church of the living God be today had WE stood, SIXTY YEARS AGO, where our fathers-in-the-Faith stood?—"We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!"

Canon George W. Lang.

The following are the names of the incumbents of Nelson:

THE REVEREND A. J. REID
1892-1893

Later Rector of St. Chad's Church, Toronto.

THE VENERABLE A. S. AKEHURST

1893-1901

Later Archdeacon of the Cariboo.

THE VENERABLE F. H. GRAHAM, B.A.
1902-1936

First Rural Dean of Nelson

Archdeacon of Kootenay

One of the Founders of the Provincial Synod.

THE REVEREND J. G. HOLMES, L.S.T.

1936-1945

Rector of Coeur d'Alene and later Wenatchee.

THE VERY REVEREND F. P. CLARK, M.A.

1945-1948

Dean of Kootenay and Rector of

St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral.

Elected Bishop of Kootenay at a meeting in

Nelson, March 10th, 1948, by the Synod of

the Diocese of Kootenay.

Died December 16th, 1954.

THE VERY REVEREND T. L. LEADBEATER,

B.A., M.Ed.

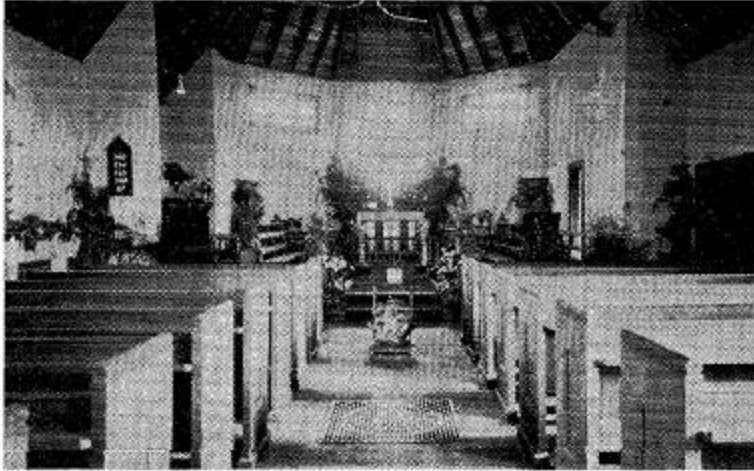
Holy Trinity, Edmonton.

1948-1956

THE REVEREND CANON

GEORGE W. LANG, B.A., L.Th.

1957-



THE FIRST HARVEST FESTIVAL—1924
Church of the Redeemer, Nelson



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, FAIRVIEW, NELSON, 1960

Bell of 1912 Still Rings In St. Mark's, Nakusp



St. Stephen's Church, Burton, B. C.

The congregation of St. Mark's are justly proud of their church. The first services were held in it October 6th, 1898, under the Reverend Mr. Yates, since which time eighteen Priests and Deacons have held the incumbency, many of whom are well known names in the Church to-day.

Originally built as a school in 1893, the property was acquired in 1896 and transformed into the lovely church that it is now, largely through the efforts of the Edwards and Jordan families. Mr. Jordan continued as organist for many years. The bell was procured by the Reverend Mr. Phillimore about 1912, and now



St. Mark's Church, Nakusp

rings daily for Matins. The lovely stained glass East window was installed in 1922 by Mrs. Margaret Waterfield in memory of her husband, Horace, killed in the First World War. On the sixtieth anniversary of the parish, a plaque was dedicated to the memory of the late Thomas Mitchell, Vicar of the parish from 1947 to 1958.

St. Mark's, Nakusp, together with St. Agnes', Edgewood, St. John's, Arrow Park, St. Stephen's, Burton, and St. Thomas', Pauquier-Needles, form the Parish of the Arrow Lakes, an area that was opened up originally for farming, but is now devoted mainly to logging activities. In 1957 the parish, under the leadership of Canon Thomas Mitchell, took the step of attaining self-support, and looks forward to a period of spiritual and material prosperity. The present Rector is the Reverend Godfrey White.

The Parish of Arrow Lakes is one of the two largest in the Diocese. It is almost 50 miles from Nakusp to Edgewood.

To Enjoy Life

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

JUST FOR TODAY I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do—just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt: they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Slocan Parish History

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vised a school of 65 children with four teachers. It is worthy of "honourable mention" to record that Mrs. Howard Parker has occupied the position of church organist since the year 1908, perhaps a record in this respect among rural parishes.

The present Vicar of Kaslo-Slocan is the Reverend E. R. Hope.

The Parish of Slocan is situated in the beautiful Slocan Valley, northwest of the city of Nelson. In this area three congregations are served, as well as outlying settlements. This area is now worked with Kaslo on the Kootenay Lake. At this point, the Reverend E. R. Hope is ably assisted by the Reverend W. Bushe.

The year 1942 witnessed the event of thousands of Japanese families who were evacuated from the Pacific Coast, and were settled at New Denver and Slocan City. They were accompanied by their own Japanese missionaries, and a Japanese priest, the Reverend G. G. Nakayama.

If we have courage to lift our eyes above the agony of the moment, we may see a world in which the forces of applied science and the diffusion of knowledge offer to all men and nations a plane of living, a freedom and richness of spiritual, cultural and economic attainment that can scarcely be imagined at the present moment.—J. T. Shotwell.

Life is a fragment, a moment between two eternities, influenced by all that has preceded, and to influence all that follows. The only way to illumine it is by extent of view.—Channing.

South Slocan Holds First Service, 1923, With the Rev. Fred Graham Officiating



St. Matthew's Church and
Sunday School

The first settlement at what is now called South Slocan was known variously as Ward's Crossing, Ward's Ferry and Ward's Pool, and later, Slocan Junction. Around 1920 some authority decided to change the name to South Slocan, and so it remains today. The Reverend Fred Graham held the first services in the Kootenay Falls Hotel, which burned in 1923. After the construction of No. 2 Plant, the West Kootenay Power and Light Co. gave two small shacks to the Bonnington people, and they were converted into a little church in 1909, called St. Mary's, complete with steeple, and this served as a place of worship for many years. The Reverend R. J. Kennedy was the first Vicar. He came first as a student in 1911, and held services up and down the valley, and returned after his ordination and lived in the Vicarage at Slocan Junction, which the people had built by voluntary labour in 1912. The following helped to build the Vicarage: O. W. Humphrey, Ron Greyson, J. D. Yeatman, Capt. G. K. Ashby, Tom Skatkebo and J. Balleny.

During the absence of the Reverend R. J. Kennedy, the Reverend Aubrey P. Darrant took services in homes in Crescent Valley, Thrums, Shoreacres and Slocan Junction. In 1914 St. Matthew's Church was built at Slocan Junction (South Slocan). The land was given for the church by Mr. W. B. Melneczuk (now living in Nelson), and those helping to build the church were O. W. Humphrey, J. D. Yeatman, R. Greyson, Capt. Ashby and son Dick, Jack Purdy, Jim Kelly, Glen Morris, W. J. G. Olson, Cecil Patey, T. A. Wheelton—all voluntary labour. St. Matthew's Church has an unusual Font. The wooden base was made in the 20th century, but the bowl is an Indian mortar. The relic was taken to the church from the island in the South Slocan Pool (which was an old burying ground for the Indians) shortly after the First World War.

The first Deanery at South Slocan was held in Stonebyres, home of Mr. and Mrs. Yeatman, in September, 1910, and the W.A. was formed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wheelton in 1911. The first president was Mrs. J. D. Yeatman, and secretary, Mrs. C. Patey. Mrs. O. W. Humphrey was the first Sunday School Superintendent, assisted by Mrs. J. D. Yeatman.

Major Turner Lee was Lay-reader for many years.

South Slocan has been served from the Church of the Redeemer in Nelson for the past 30 years or more.

The frontiers are never closed, the limits of progress are never reached. The future will be what we ourselves make it.—Kettering.

Balfour Church, 65 Years Old, Once Sheltered Indian Fishermen

BALFOUR—For one of the oldest churches in the Diocese, St. Michael and All Angels', Balfour, carries its years well. This veteran church, which stands because of the munificence of a family named Busk, has celebrated its 65th anniversary.

Standing against a forest background, St. Michael and All Angels' is little more than a stone's throw from the blue waters of Kootenay Lake. Children who first heard the message of the Gospels within its walls have grown old in the long span of years that the church has served the community.

Besides being a place of worship, it once provided lodging. In very early days, Indians on their excursions to famous fishing grounds nearby, slept inside. Incongruous as it sounds today, this glimpse into the past takes on a new meaning when the role of fish in Biblical times is remembered. And, after all, the church belongs to the Parish of Kokanee, a name taken from the Indians.

The first church service in the vicinity was conducted in the summer of 1891. The following year Bishop Sillitoe placed in charge of the Parish of Ymir the Reverend A. J.

Reid, under whom the first service was held in C. W. Busk's storeroom May 12th, 1892. The same year the church was erected, through the generosity of an aunt of Mr. Busk, who gave the church furniture. The first service in the new building took place on St. Stephen's Day, December 26th, 1892; the church was dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels', and was consecrated by Bishop Dart of the Diocese of New Westminster in October, 1895.

The church was served from Nelson until 1909, when a separate parish was formed.

In 1909, the people at or near Kokanee took the initiative and made sure of the necessary support, the Parish of Kokanee was formed, and was separated from that of Nelson. From the beginning, the following stations were regularly served: Balfour, Procter, Queen's Bay, Crawford Bay, Gray Creek, Hallet's (Longbeach), Harrop and Kokanee. In 1911 Boswell was provided with a monthly week-night service. Mr. L. McClure, his wife and relatives, especially the Countess of Charlemont, built and partly furnished a small church at Longbeach (All Saints'), which was dedicated by Archbishop Beer in July, 1912,



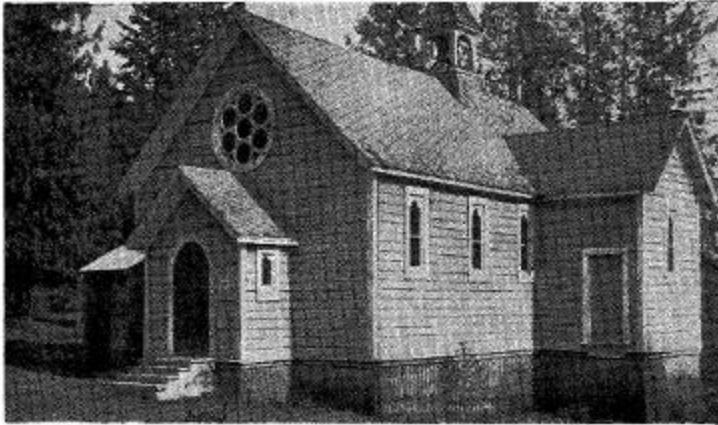
Reverend John S. Mahood

and consecrated by the Right Reverend A. U. dePencier, Bishop of New Westminster, on September 26th, 1912, assisted by Reverend F. H. Graham, Reverend C. Reed and the Reverend J. S. Mahood.

The Reverend Francis Peyton Hughes was appointed Vicar of Kokanee in 1913, and on Easter Day, 1915, the Church of Queen's Bay (St. Francis in the Woods) was used for the first time. In 1913 work was begun on the church at Procter, with many volunteer helpers, at a cost of less than \$1500.

During the war years 1914 to 1918 the settlements along the lake were depleted of man-power, but by the Grace of God the work was kept going. In 1916, the invaluable launch "Floreat Etona", donated by Eton College (the Vicar's means of transportation) was overhauled after giving some eleven years of constant service. A gift of £150.00 was sent from England to give this little boat an overhaul. The year 1917 saw the reopening of the C.P.R. Hotel in Balfour as a military hospital. There was a considerable increase in population, and

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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS', BALFOUR.



PARISH OF KOKANEE ANNUAL MEETING

Held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lymbery, Gray Creek, May 3rd, 1943.
Rector, Reverend M. C. T. Percivall.



The Reverend M. C. T. Percivall



All Souls' Church, Procter.
Parish of Kokanee



Crawford Bay Memorial Church
Parish of Kokanee



Altar of St. Francis-in-the-Woods
Queen's Bay, Parish of Kokanee.

Balfour Church

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as there was no official provision made for the spiritual welfare of the returned soldiers, the Vicar volunteered to do what he could in the way of services and visitations.

The Reverend J. S. Mahood, in charge of the Parish of Kokanee from 1920 to 1924, will long be remembered by the old timers, as the notes of his cornet still ring in their ears. He was also noted for his sense of humour. Once when he was coming along the old winding trail from Crawford Bay to Gray Creek, he came face to face with a big black bear with cubs. He wisely turned back as he realized "the bear might wish to embrace Christianity."

From 1922, Longbeach was attached to St. Saviour's, Nelson, until October, 1936, on the retirement of Archdeacon F. H. Graham, when Longbeach came back again into the parish.

In November, 1926, the Reverend Clyde Harvey arrived from England to take up duties in the parish, and on May 13th, 1927, Bishop Doull dedicated the church at Queen's Bay. In those days Sunday Schools were held in many of the stations, and once a year all got together for an annual picnic, travelling on one of the Main Lake boats. The Reverend Clyde Harvey resigned in 1938 owing to ill health, and the two parishes of Kaslo and Kokanee were linked together as a temporary arrangement. The Reverend M. C. T. Percivall, Vicar of Fernie, was appointed Vicar of the Kaslo-Kokanee Parish, which continued to be a self-supporting parish for four years, 1939-1942, and in 1944 the Harrison Memorial Church, built in 1920 by Commander Harrison, in memory of members of his family, was deeded to the Diocese of Kootenay. In October, 1949, the Reverend M. C. T. Percivall resigned after serving the parish for ten and a half years.

St. Andrew's by the Lake, Willow Point, was separated from the Parish of the Pro-Cathedral, Nelson, and joined to the Parish of Kokanee during the incumbency of the present Vicar, the Reverend William Edlington, in 1957. For several years before the church was built at Willow Point, services were held in the one-room log schoolhouse, or, if the weather was fine, under the trees. The land on which the church is built was donated by Mr. J. J. Campbell, and gifts for the church were received from St. Andrew's Boys' School at East Grinstead, and others. On July 14th, 1918, the Right Reverend A. J. Doull consecrated the building, to be known by the name "St. Andrew's by the Lake", and on October 27th, 1948, the Right Reverend F. P. Clark dedicated the new Parish Room in memory of the late Mrs. Flora Ross Gilroy, whose bequest made the building of the room possible. A hall has since been built adjoining this room.

In outlines of history, man's life is the story of age following age, epoch following epoch, dynasty merging into dynasty.



The Altar in Gray Creek Hall

Cross and candlesticks were given by Queen's Bay Church. The beautiful crimson velvet frontal embroidered in gold was given by Victoria Needlework Guild, through the Reverend M. C. T. Percivall.

What can man find on the restless tides of life's sea which will offer to him a foothold on that which is unmoved and unchanging, so "that those things which cannot be shaken may remain"?

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Nelson, B. C.

“Father Pat” Conducted First Service in St. Andrew’s Parish at Trail

TRAIL—Thanksgiving in 1895 passed unnoticed by the little settlement at Trail Creek Landing, for there was no minister as yet in the cluster of tents and shacks which straddled the creek. High on the bench above the Columbia River, F. Augustus Heinze of Butte, Montana, had started to build a copper smelter for reduction of ores from the Rossland mines. Ever since July supplies of lumber and building materials had been brought upriver by the sternwheeler LYTTON and the barge-towing ILLEGILWAET. Workmen of all kinds—blacksmith, carpenters, stonemasons, brickmakers—had arrived at the settlement and were rushing construction. Hotelmen had come in and were busily building saloons to house and feed the workmen. Storekeepers had hastily thrown together rough shelters for their merchandise. A brewer was erecting a big establishment up Dublin Gulch, while the Trail Creek News issued its first copy on October 19. The two owners of the townsite, Col. E. S. Topping and Frank Hanna, were occupied from dawn to dusk selling real estate to newcomers and scraping roads over the gravelly flat to provide access to the new community.

Christmas came, and still there was no resident clergyman, but early in January of the

new year, the Reverend Henry Irwin, who ministered to Rossland Parish, announced he would hold services in the Topping & Hanna Opera house. Although Mr. Irwin belonged to the Church of England, everyone was invited,



RIGHT REVEREND H. R. RAGG
Bishop of Calgary 1943-1952.
Formerly Vicar of Fruitvale, 1914-15.
Rector of Trail 1915-20.

no matter what his faith. Response was good and the big new building was crowded, but no minister appeared. “Father Pat”, on his way down the snowy hill from Rossland, met a teamster in distress and stopped to help him out of his difficulty. The gesture was typical of this kind-hearted clergyman, but Trail people were disappointed. However, he promised not to fail them the following Sunday, so on the afternoon of February 9, 1896, Father Pat conducted the first religious service held in Trail.

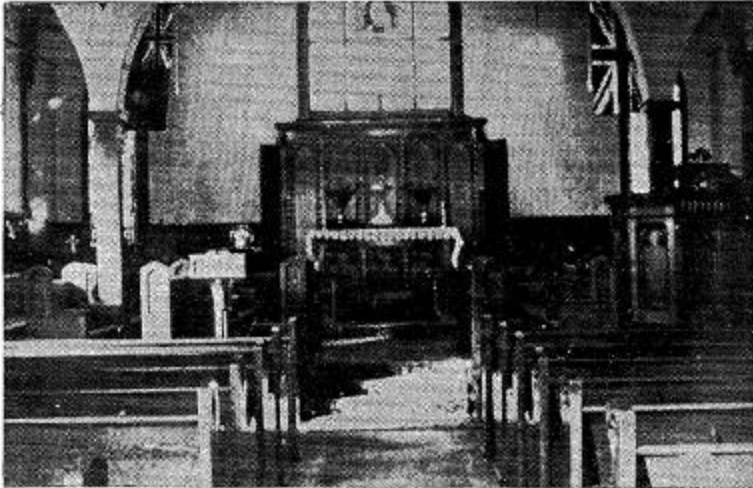
Father Pat was anxious to organize a parish of the Church of England, so early in '97 he called a meeting of those interested. About 30 people attended, and decided to collect money to build a church on three lots donated by the smelter owner, F. Augustus Heinze. They were situated on Spokane Street opposite the Presbyterian Church. At Father Pat's instigation a Ladies' Guild was formed, with Mrs. Wickenden as president. The women quickly initiated a series of entertainments to raise money to provide an organ for the proposed church. They staged concerts and plays in the Opera House. They held a garden party on Mrs. Coleman's lawn which was gaily decorated with Japanese lanterns and enlivened by music from the Trail band. At Hallowe'en a box social with Mr. Warren as auctioneer of lunches drew a record crowd. Bishop Dart and Archdeacon Pentreath of the Diocese of New Westminster lent their support to the campaign, and in February, 1899, established the Parish of St. Andrew's.

In June, the Reverend Mr. Clark of Winnipeg arrived to be resident clergyman. He soon collected four hundred and fifty dollars and organized a choir and Sunday School. The hillside lots given by Mr. Heinze would require much grading, so it was decided to buy a lot on the corner of Pine and Eldorado Avenues from W. de V. leMaistre. Architect Walsh was engaged to design the church, and late in the summer a contract for its erection was given to Howard Ferguson. Building went ahead quickly, and by mid-November the church was ready for use.

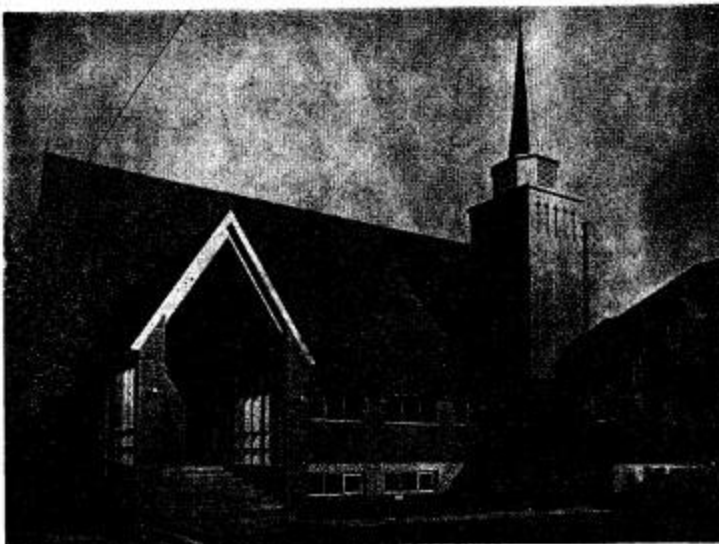
FIRST SERVICE

Sunday, November 19, 1899, was a proud day for Anglican adherents in Trail. As they went to service for the first time in a church of their own they admired its very pretty look. Through a picturesque porch they entered a

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TRAIL—FIRST CHURCH.



ST. ANDREW'S, TRAIL—One of the newest Churches in the Diocese.
Built during the Incumbency of the Reverend J. Rogers—1947-1957.

Father Pat Conducted

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nave open to the rafters. Windows and doors were gothic in design, five window tops having stained glass. The sanctuary was enclosed by cedar rails. A lectern was the gift of the congregation, while a chalice and paten had been given by the Women's Auxiliary of Holy Trinity Church in Toronto. The Reverend H. S. Akehurst conducted special services of dedication. Mr. Burroughs of Rosland was in charge of the music, and he had arranged for the hymns to be printed on folders.

On May 30 the first Synod of Kootenay met in the city of Nelson. As representatives from St. Andrew's in Trail, J. H. Schofield, F. W. Warren and T. W. Coleman attended.

All during 1900, the Ladies' Guild continued its drive for funds with socials, dances and promenades. Mrs. T. W. Coleman was now president, Mrs. J. H. Schofield, vice-president, and Miss Ogben, secretary-treasurer. Dr. H. Somerley McSorley was engaged as church organist. At the end of the year, the Reverend Mr. Clark obtained leave of absence to go to England and the Reverend Havelock Beacham from Killarney, Manitoba, arrived to take charge. As Christmas came again, celebration of the church's opening was held, and decorations of evergreen and Oregon grape filled the nave. Over the rear window appeared the words, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and over the chancel the striking text, "Pescce on earth, good-will toward men."

In January, 1901, Queen Victoria died, and a combined memorial service was held in St. Andrew's under the direction of the Reverend Mr. Beacham, with the Reverend John S. Pye of the Methodist Church and the Reverend Byron W. West of the Baptist Church assisting. Everyone attending was requested to wear a black and purple band on the left arm.

The Annual Vestry Meeting in April disclosed an excellent financial position for St. Andrew's. At this meeting T. W. Bingay was appointed a sidesman and S. G. Blaylock people's warden. For the Easter services some handsome altar hangings were received from the Reverend Mr. Clark in England. During the Summer he indicated his intention not to return to Trail, so the Reverend W. H. Hedley of Rosland took charge until a new clergyman could be secured.

FATHER PAT'S BELL STILL RINGS

Nineteen hundred and two in its opening months brought sadness to the Trail congregation. In January, the beloved Father Pat—the Reverend Henry Irwin, who had organized St. Andrew's, died in Montreal. The Trail congregation desired to perpetuate his name. He had always wanted a bell to call worshippers to the little church he had founded on Pine Avenue, so it was decided to collect money for this purpose. By Spring, a bell inscribed with the words, "In Memory of Reverend H. Irwin, M.A., 'Father Pat', O.B. Jan. 12, 1902", hung in the belfrey. When the new church was built in 1955, it was moved to the new tower. Today, 58 years later, Father Pat's bell still rings out over the town.

In its early years St. Andrew's had difficulty keeping a rector for any length of time. In the Spring of 1902, Reverend Mr. Irvine of Vancouver arrived and remained until October. Services were then conducted by William J. Wood of Rosland. Mr. Wood was a lay reader studying for the ministry. The congregation liked him and asked him to continue in charge after his ordination, which took place in June, 1903. (A. E. St. George Smythe of Windermere was ordained at the same time.) Reverend Mr. Wood continued in Trail for three months, but then left for Phoenix, and once again St. Andrew's had no rector. In March, 1904, the Reverend A. E. Bruce took charge of the parish. He stayed over a year, until June, '05, and then went to New Denver. At the end of the year, the Reverend H.



Rev. L. A. Marrant, former Trail Rector.

Buttram of Winnipeg came to St. Andrew's, but left the following Spring. June, 1906, saw the arrival of Rev. A. E. St. George Smythe of Windermere. His pastorate proved more enduring and lasted until 1915.

One milestone of these years was the appointment in 1903 of an Archdeacon resident in the Kootenays. Archdeacon Pentreath of



Archdeacon and Mrs. Henry Beer

New Westminster and Kootenay relinquished his charge of the Diocese of Kootenay and was succeeded by the Reverend H. Beer of Kaslo.

LADIES' GUILD ACTIVE

All this time the Ladies' Guild continued very active in raising funds and providing a social life for the congregation. They held bazaars and suppers, concerts and dances, and even a two-day fair in the Arlington Hotel. Occasionally they presented a play in the Opera House, much to the delight of everyone. "War to the Knife", produced in 1903, was typical. Assisted by the prompting of S. G. Blaylock, Mayor Schofield played the part of a Bristol manufacturer with great energy and life. Mrs. Bingay as a gay young widow had



The Rev. Field Yolland

One of the well-known earliest Rectors of Trail

"perfect enunciation and acted quite free from stage fright or amateurishness." Grandpa Warren as Sharpers, a detective, "did what little he had to do well."

So the years passed—full of gaiety and sadness and all the complexity of human problems. The little church of St. Andrew's encompassed it all. It welcomed the newborn, blessed those who married, and offered last respect to the dead. Ever since that winter afternoon when Father Pat preached the first sermon in the raw new town of Trail it had imperceptibly woven itself into the fabric of the community. Thus it would continue, into the then unforeseeable future.

During the years Trail has grown, and St. Andrew's Parish with it, until to-day it is the largest parish of the Diocese. The following Clergy have served the parish since 1915: The Reverends H. R. Ragg, F. Yolland, N. D. B. Larmouth, L. Marrant, L. A. C. Smith, J. Rogers, and the present Rector, the Reverend E. H. Patterson.

DO YOU REALIZE?

WHEN you attend church, it's not an ordinary act. It is something tremendous. You take a stand for faith and for the spiritual interpretation of life. You testify and witness to the faith that is in you.

WHEN you attend church you take the side of angels, you count on the side of the spiritual, you tell the world you believe in God and Eternity and Immortality, and that's tremendous.

WHEN you attend church you challenge all that is evil, all that is contrary to the will of God. When you attend church you say to the world that you are against lying, cheating, immorality, drunkenness, war, and everything that hurts human beings.

WHEN you attend church you tell your neighbors who see you go that you are not simply an earthly creature, that you are not giving up all your time to creaturely pleasures, that you are seeking something higher.

WHEN you attend church you salute Christ and His Church. You appreciate what the Church has done for humanity.

WHEN you attend church you come to God's house to adore, to worship, to praise. You become a part of that host that has been worshipping God down through the ages. You have been caught up in spirit.

—George Mecklenburg.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ROSSLAND, MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. IRWIN

ROSSLAND—Fifty years ago, on January 20th, the first services were held in the present St. George's Church, which was built as a memorial to the Reverend Henry Irwin, the first Rector of Rossland. He is better known as Father Pat, and his life and work in the Golden City from January 27th, 1896, to November 5th, 1899, won for him an abiding place in the heart and mind of all those who knew him. The same is true today of those who know of him by reputation and tradition, for he has become a tradition. As there was no church at the time of his arrival, he conducted his first service in the old Opera House on February 2nd, 1896.

The Bishop paid his first visit to Rossland on August 14th, and the following statement was made at a service in the Opera House: "Offerings from February to July were \$142.00, and running expenses \$104.75, leaving \$37.25 for six months as a very good beginning of a stipend with no other source of income."

On December 13th, 1896, the first service was held in the then new but temporary church on Kootenay Avenue, which cost \$2,221.80. The Bishop of New Westminster paid his second visit on April 11th (Palm Sunday) of the following year to dedicate the building and conduct the first confirmation service. In the Parochial History, Father Pat wrote: "First Archdeacon's Visitation on June 19th (1898), and on 20th, at a Congregational Meeting, the name St. George's was adopted, and the envelope system started with over a hundred a month guaranteed."

The first and only ordination in Rossland was performed by a Bishop of Spokane, the Right Reverend Lemuel H. Wells, who on June 22nd, 1898, ordained to the diaconate Charles Ault Procunier, an ex-Methodist minister whom he had confirmed the previous evening. The new deacon acted as locum tenens for July and August before going to Fort Steele to take up his first cure in the Anglican Church.

The Diamond Jubilee of our Diocese is of special interest to Rossland, for Father Pat was one of its "fathers". In 1898 he made this entry: "In October the Kootenay Committee for the division of the Diocese met in St. George's to frame report to Coast Committee. Reverends Akehurst and Irwin, T. M. Daly, A. W. Dyer and T. Harris being present, and George Johnstone and W. A. Jowett absent. In December another meeting of the Committee was held in Nelson, the Archdeacon of Columbia representing the Coast section, at which a draft was drawn as a substitute for the longer processes ingrafted into their suggested agreement including our willingness to disaffiliate ourselves as to the next N. W. (New Westminster) Bishop to get our own Synod here in the Kootenays." Father Pat conducted what turned out to be his last service in Rossland on All Saints' Day, 1899, before leaving for the Diocesan Synod in Vancouver to discuss the official formation of the Diocese of Kootenay.

Upon hearing of his death in Montreal on January 13th, 1902, the people of Rossland decided to set up a memorial. No one was permitted to contribute more than one dollar, and money came from such far-away places as South Africa. An ambulance was purchased and a stone fountain erected along Columbia Avenue near the Allan Hotel. On the fountain are the words: "His home was known to all the vagrant train; He chid their wandering and relieved their pain"; on the east side: "I was thirsty and ye gave me to drink"; on the west: "I was hungered and ye gave me to eat"; on the north side: "In memoriam, Father Pat"; and on the south: "A man he was to all the country dear". Father Pat was buried at Sapperton, in the Fraser Valley.

The Reverend C. W. Hedley began his ministry in Rossland in May, 1900, and in June of the following year the site on which the present church stands was purchased. When the building fund was opened in February,



"Father Pat" Memorial Church
St. George's Church, Rossland.

1902, it was decided to make the new church a memorial to Father Pat. After Mr. Hedley's departure in 1903, he was succeeded by the Reverend J. Cleland, who remained until 1907. Services were then conducted for some time by a retired priest of the American Church, the Reverend W. W. Ayers.

The Reverend H. W. Simpson arrived in July, 1908, and on October 8th the long-delayed work for the new church began with the necessary excavation. In the following August, on the 23rd day, the construction of the church began. The first service was that of Holy Communion, which was celebrated by the Rector, assisted by the Reverend H. Steele, Rector and Rural Dean of Grand Forks. Choral Evensong was taken by the Rector and the Rural Dean. The Reverend E. P. Fiewelling, Rector of Cranbrook and Rural Dean, read the first Lesson, and the Reverend A. E. St. G. Smyth, Rector of Trail, read the second. The Reverend F. Graham, Rector and Rural Dean of Nelson, preached the sermon. At the social gathering after the service, the Rector was able to announce that due to the liberal help from many old timers who had known Father Pat and cherished his memory, the church was almost free from debt. The rectory was built in 1914.

The church was consecrated by the Bishop of New Westminster, the Right Reverend A. U. de Pencier, on October 10th, 1910.

The Reverend H. W. Simpson was fortunate to survive the sinking of the "Lusitania" in 1915, and on October 22nd, 1916, he left Rossland.

The following is a list of the incumbents who came after Mr. Simpson:
H. E. Wright—1918-1919.
D. G. D. Robertson—1920-1923.
C. E. Turner—1923-1926.
Field Yolland—1926-1927.
C. A. Blay—1927-1928.
D. S. Catchpole—1929-1942.
C. F. Orman—1942-1946.
W. F. Bushe—1946-1953.
L. D. Ritchie—1954-1957.
F. D. Wyatt—1957.

In a letter dated 1899, Father Pat writes:

Rossland Organizes First A.Y.P.A. in 1913

ROSSLAND — The earliest recorded branch of the Anglican Young People's Association in the whole of B. C. is that at Rossland, Charter No. 61, which was first organized November 15th, 1913, with Reverend H. W. Simpson as Rector. The next on record is that at All Saints', Vernon, No. 99, with Reverend Comyn-Ching as its Rector.

The next branch in the Diocese of Kootenay was at Cranbrook, organized on March 4th, 1915, Charter No. 139.

Due largely to the spade-work done by the Reverend Harding Priest, then Western Field Secretary of the G.B.R.E., and Norman Southcott, the formation of the Okanagan Council took place in 1936. Charles Bunting, Provincial Council Extension Chairman, 1936-37, attended a rally at Vernon in November of 1935 at which he met representatives from branches at Armstrong, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton and Revelstoke. Ken Perrett of the Vernon branch had attended the Provincial Conference at Nanaimo in October of that year and had gone back to organize this rally at which the Okanagan Council was formed.

Mrs. Jessie Saunders of Vernon was elected as the first president, and during her term of office much new ground was broken, with new branches being formed at Salmon Arm and Oliver. Bob Armstrong was president for 1937-38, and at this time a branch was formed at West Summerland, bringing to eight the number of branches in this Council. In 1938, Edgar Dewdney became president of the Council, and under his energetic leadership the Council for a time expanded, adding branches at Westwold, Quesnel and Merritt, giving the Council an area so large that the southern and northern branches were 450 miles apart.

Then came the war, and this Council, with its widely scattered branches, soon felt its full effect. By 1940 there were only six branches left in this Council, so great and rapid were the encroachments of the war effort upon the youth of this area. By 1943 the Council, which had always found the problems of transportation and communication difficult ones, now found them to be insurmountable, and as a result the Council ceased to exist. One or two of the branches carried on as independent units, but the Council itself disbanded to await the end of the war and a happier day for its resurrection.

A rally was held in Penticton at St. Saviour's Church on February 27th, 1952. Delegates attended from Vernon, Kamloops, Oliver and Penticton. Peggy Adeock was elected president of the newly reorganized Okanagan Council, now called the Kamloops-Okanagan Council. However, this Council was short-lived.

The Kootenay Diocesan Council as it now exists came into being on May 24th week-end in Trail in 1953.

Some other old branches in the Diocese were: Golden, first organized in 1922. Creston, first formed in 1926. Fernie, formed in 1934. St. Andrew's, Trail, and St. Saviour's, Nelson, and Holy Trinity, Grand Forks, were organized in 1938.

"There are some 6,000 of us here, living mostly in shacks, with one good suit of clothes which we wear in the streets on Sundays, but as a rule, most rude in speech and dress on the trails. I think there is a charm here which people can't get at for some time; that is, we can be just what we please, and we can show it in our speech.

"The number of languages used here is perplexing. We don't talk much, but we can get in and rustle as few can. For instance, we can run a Fancy Fair for a new church for two nights for three hours, and have \$200.00 worth of stuff and clear up to nearly \$2,000.00."

CASTLEGAR-FRUITVALE MISSION FORMED



ST. ALBAN'S, CASTLEGAR—Within recent months alterations have been made to St. Alban's Church. The interior has been greatly beautified—new pews and chairs added, and the overall picture does great credit to Archdeacon Resker and parishioners.



Venerable Archdeacon Basil Alfred Resker, Rector of Kimberley 1938-45. Missionary of Castlegar district 1946-59. Archdeacon of Kootenay from 1942.

Archbishop Adams for some years had the idea of a Mission for the scattered places around Trail, Castlegar and Fruitvale had been worked from Rossland or Trail, and Robson, in the early days, was part of the Mission of the Lower Arrow Lakes with headquarters at Edgewood. At Salmo there had been a fine Anglican Church, which was sold in the 1930s. St. John's Church, Fruitvale, was dedicated on November 20th, 1913, by the Reverend F. H. Graham.

In 1946 Archdeacon B. A. Resker of Kimberley volunteered to form the new mission. He was inducted by the Archbishop in the Fall of 1946 at St. Alban's, Castlegar, and St. John's, Fruitvale, the only two churches in the Mission. St. Alban's had been built about 1940, and a good hall was built later, the material coming from the power dam at Brilliant. Mr. T. C. Bloomer was largely responsible for this splendid building programme. The Reverend D. S. Catchpole was the priest in charge at the time, and came from Rossland to hold services.

Archdeacon Resker held services at Robson, Castlegar, Kinnaird, Beaver Falls, Blueberry, China Creek, Genelle, Fruitvale, Salmo, Ymir, Sheep Creek, Emerald Mine and Mill, and at Remac, and beach services in the Summer at Syringa Creek.

As there were great developments in the Castlegar and Kinnaird areas, and also in the mines around, the Mission was divided into two parishes. In 1955 the Reverend W. Edington was appointed Vicar of Fruitvale-Salmo Parish, followed by the Reverend J. C. Davenport and the present incumbent, the Reverend D. N. Robinson.

Archdeacon Resker retired in July, 1959, and the Reverend H. I. R. Ragg was appointed to the Parish of Castlegar. It is of interest to note that Mr. Ragg's father was the second



St. Alban's First Vicarage, Castlegar.

Vicar of Fruitvale-Salmo Parish, the Reverend H. Richard Ragg, later Bishop of Calgary. The first Vicar was the Reverend H. H. Gillies.

PROFILE

Fred Irvine— Unique Wardenship



The words "faithful service" take on special meaning when applied to Fred Irvine. Time and the character of the man have heightened their meaning beyond ordinary proportions. Yet this devout, humble man would be the last to admit to being one of the most faithful laymen of our Church today. He has always shied from publicity, mildly chiding anyone who tries to draw him into the limelight.

His memory for names, dates and parochial events is crystal clear. He has served every incumbent of St. Saviour's—Reverend A. J. Read, Reverend H. S. Akehurst (later Archdeacon), his great friend Venerable Archdeacon F. H. Graham, Reverend J. G. Holmer, Reverend F. P. Clark before he became Dean, and later Bishop, Dean Leadbeater, and now Canon G. W. Lang. Seven names on the roll call, and as each of these clergymen has answered, Fred Irvine has answered them. This wardenship, which is, in itself, practically a lifetime, was acknowledged on his 60th anniversary by the Primate, the Most Reverend W. F. Barfoot, as his "unique record of service".

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing, because you can only do a little. Do what you can.

St. Andrew's Church of Okanagan Mission Believed Okanagan's Oldest

KELOWNA—St. Andrew's is believed to be the oldest existing Anglican Church in the Kelowna district, and one of the few in the province with a churchyard and cemetery, although the old Kelowna church now owned by the Salvation Army was of course built much earlier.

The first records of services held in Okanagan Mission date from 1909, but long before Archdeacon Greene of beloved memory used to hold services from time to time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker, and stayed at Parson's Pleasure. At all events, in September, 1909, after a service held in the old school on the Swamp road, a dozen souls met to discuss the building of a church, and at a later meeting a building committee was chosen; they were Mrs. Colin Smith, W. D. Hobson, R. L. Dalgleish, Jim Baillie and Bob Gray, secretary-treasurer and also for many years lay reader and Sunday School superintendent. Mr. Baillie offered the land, several donations were already promised, and a list of 50 families made who were canvassed and in turn asked to appeal to Old Country relatives and friends.

Mr. Peters was engaged as architect and plans were drawn for a church to seat 75 people, with provision for enlargement. A belfry was included for the bell procured from an English firm by Reverend Launcelot Wilkinson, who conducted many of the services in those early days. Mr. W. Shand and his son were the builders, and the total cost, including pews, reading desks, etc., came to some \$1,600.00.

The first service in the new church was on Sexagesima Sunday, February 19th, 1911, with a congregation of about 100, and on that same day there were two baptisms.

The Bishop of New Westminster and Kootenay (rather a staggering Diocese!) consecrated St. Andrew's on August 13th, 1911, and the offertory on that occasion went to the Kelowna Church Building Fund, a measure of St. Andrew's new sense of responsibility and obligation to others.

Almost at once on that early tide of enthusiasm the question of forming a separate parish arose, while Reverend C. Meyrick was for two years to all intents and purpose the Vicar of St. Andrew's, and three services were held each Sunday up to the end of 1913. But the opportunity passed with his departure, and the Great War brought its inevitable changes; though the same theme of a separate parish recurs, it waited many years for its fulfillment. When Reverend C. Davis came to Kelowna as curate it was felt that he could fill the needs of St. Andrew's and the two newer churches of St. Aidan's and St. Mary's as out-stations of Kelowna, and it was not until August, 1947 that the Parish of Okanagan Mission came into being, with Reverend F. Wyatt as first Vicar. In July, 1957, that parish finally became self-supporting, and Reverend John Snowden our first Rector.

The history of St. Andrew's is but a short one, compassed well within the span of a lifetime, but it is only a small part of a much greater history. It is our share of the greatest tradition and faith mankind has ever known, stretching back almost two thousand years into the past. That tradition is not only a duty, it is also our inestimable privilege to maintain and to strengthen to the very best of our ability by our love and by our service.

A. F. Painter.

If Ruth were to return from the pages of the Old Testament, we would place her sickle in a museum, but her character, her love and faithfulness and nobility of trust would live today without loss. We have improved on Ruth's sickle, but we have not improved on Ruth.

PENTICTON'S FIRST CHURCH BUILT AS THANK-OFFERING



PENTICTON'S FIRST CHURCH—1892.

A diocese grows from the existence of a number of parishes in an area or territory. A parish grows out of a local settlement of persons or people who make their home in the locality. The parish of Penticton had its beginning with the coming of Mr. Thomas Ellis from Omagh, County Tyrone, Ireland, who homesteaded the particular land upon which the city of Penticton is built today. He came in 1865 and settled in 1866. In 1872 Mr. Ellis returned to Ireland and brought out as his bride Miss Wilhemina Wade. We believe that from this time forward it was the custom to hold services in the drawing room of the Ellis ranch each Sunday afternoon. If a travelling minister happened to be in the neighbourhood he would take the services; otherwise they were taken by Mr. Ellis or a member of his household.

Records show that the Right Reverend Acton W. Sillitoe paid a number of visits to Penticton. In 1880 he visited the South Okanagan, the late Judge J. C. Haynes despatching

a packtrain and Indian guides to Hope to bring the Bishop over the old trail from Hope to Princeton to Osoyoos. Mrs. Sillitoe was with the Bishop. A service was held on September 23rd, 1880, at the Ellis ranch. The Bishop also visited the Ellis ranch in 1883 and 1888, holding services at the ranch.

The old St. Saviour's Church was built in the spring of 1892; the first service being held on April 26th, 1892. The church was erected by Mr. Ellis as a thank-offering for the miraculous escape of his family from a very serious accident when their horses became frightened and ran away near Kamloops the previous year. Bishop Sillitoe consecrated the sanctuary of the church in November, 1892, leaving the nave unconsecrated because it was often used by itinerant men of other denominations. The Bishop was surprised to find a church fully



The Reverend W. S. Beames

Enderby Has Oldest Anglican Church



St. George's Church, Enderby, was built in 1891, and is the oldest Anglican Church in the Okanagan on its original site. St. James' Church at Armstrong is slightly older, but was moved to its present location from Landsdowne, three miles distant. From 1887 to 1891 occasional services had been held at the home of the manager of the local flour mill, in a small room built on to the house for that purpose.

Up to 1896 the entire North Okanagan—Salmon Arm, Armstrong and Vernon—was served from Enderby. Vernon became a separate Parish in 1896, the boundary being fixed at Larkin station. At that time Enderby started a mission at Grand Prairie (now Westwood), where a new church was built in 1898. Enderby and Armstrong became separate Parishes in March, 1906, and in 1907 Salmon Arm, having in that year built a church which was consecrated by Bishop Dart with the name of St. John the Evangelist, also had its own Vicar.

The mission at Mara, twelve miles north of Enderby, was opened about 1904, and in 1908 a new mission was opened at North Enderby, now called Grindrod, six miles north of Enderby. These last two, together with Sicamous, Malakwa and Solsqua on the main line of the C.P.R., which were added in 1936, remain outstations of the Parish of Enderby.

Anglicans in Sicamous, a small but fast-growing community on the C.P.R.'s main line, were determined to build a church. For years the Vicar of Enderby had conducted services in the Legion Hall, the W.I. Hall, and in early days in an old schoolhouse. It was a happy day, September 15th, 1955, when Bishop Beattie dedicated St. Peter's for the worship of God and the spiritual home of the people of Sicamous. The present Vicar is the Reverend D. D. Holt.

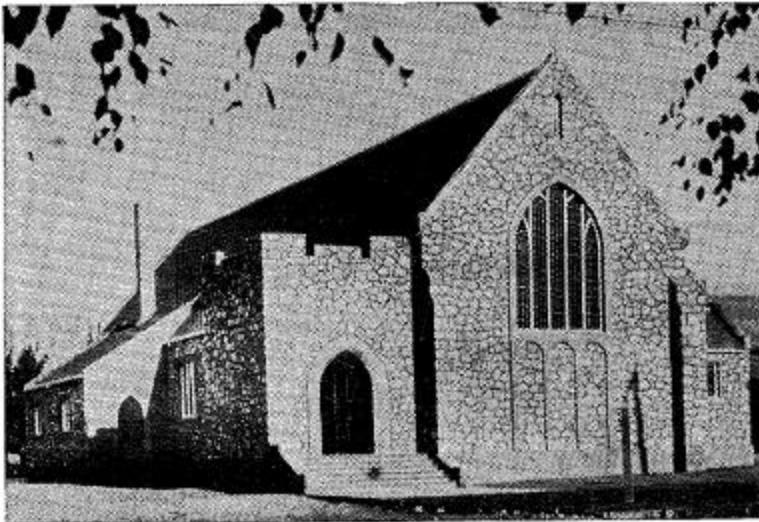
furnished, chancel, nave, pews, lectern, reading desk, organ and so on.

The first incumbent was the Reverend Thomas Greene, early in 1893, who later became Rector of Kelowna. Other names connected with the early life of the parish were the Reverend Charles Easton, the Reverend Henry Irwin, "Father Pat", who was stationed at the mining town of Fairview, and who was in charge of the area at his untimely death in 1901; the Reverend James Hill, and the Reverend Mr. Borlase.

In 1906 the Reverend St. John Mildmay was incumbent for a short time, and in 1907 the Reverend John Cleland began a ministry which lasted until 1921. Other priests have served the parish since, the Reverend Canon George Thompson, the Reverend T. E. Rowe, the Reverend H. P. Barrett, the Reverend W. S. Beames, the Reverend T. R. Lancaster, and the Reverend Canon A. R. Eagles. The parish and city have grown together until it is one of the most important parishes and cities in the interior of British Columbia.

The present St. Saviour's Church was built during the incumbency of Canon Barrett in 1929, and the original church is attached as a chapel and is known as the "Ellis Memorial Chapel".

The Rev. Sir Aubrey Neville
St. John-Mildmay



PENTICTON'S NEW CHURCH—BUILT IN 1929.

The Reverend H. A. Solly First Rector of Summerland

SUMMERLAND—In 1907 the Anglicans worshipped in a little frame church dedicated to St. Peter. It had been built with voluntary labour at Trout Creek. There was no resident priest, but the Reverend T. Greene either rode or came by boat from Kelowna every fifth Sunday in the month. Two years later the present stone church was started by the Reverend H. A. Solly, the first Rector, and the foundation stone was laid by Archdeacon Beer. St. Stephen's is a stone church, the stones having been collected from nearby orchards, and the stone work done by local Italians. On March 27th, 1910, the church was sufficiently completed for use, and the interior was finished a few years later.

St. Stephen's is a beautiful little church, with Boston Ivy spreading over the walls between high vaulted windows, and in a quiet corner of the churchyard is the truly lovely

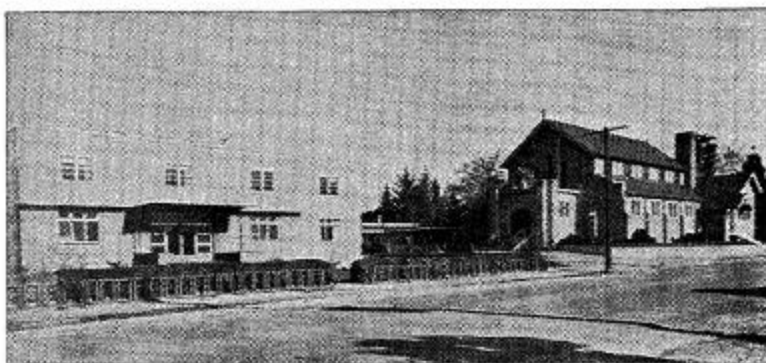


The Venerable Archdeacon Herbert Ames Solly was appointed the second Archdeacon of Okanagan by the Right Reverend W. R. Adams, second Bishop of Kootenay, and occupied the office until his death. Archdeacon Solly was Rector of Summerland for many years. He remained as Archdeacon and Secretary of Synod after his retirement from the Parish, until he died in December, 1941.



Garden of Remembrance. You enter through a rose arbour where there are seats for those who wish to sit and remember. The garden is dominated by a great cross of solid oak, and at the foot of the cross is a circle of Flanders poppies, for this garden remembers servicemen of the Parish. This lovely Garden of

Kelowna's Cut Stone Church Built in 1911



ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS' CHURCH AND PARISH HALL

St. Michael and All Angels', Kelowna; the Church, Parish Hall and Rectory.

KELOWNA—The first Church of St. Michael and All Angels' was built down town, and later was taken over as a Salvation Army barracks. The cornerstone of the new church was laid in 1911 by Mr. F. A. Taylor, and the first services were held in the new building in 1913. The church is of cut stone with pink granite over the windows and at key points. The Parish of Kelowna once included outlying points, Okanagan Mission, East Kelowna, Ruland, and the Joe Rich Valley, but the parish has been divided, and there is now the Parish of Okanagan Mission made up of the places

mentioned above.

The fine Parish Hall was built in 1949, and the Rectory in 1955-56.

In the long history of Kelowna Parish there have only been three Rectors, Archdeacon Thomas Green from 1893 to 1924, Reverend Charles Davis from 1924 to 1942, who was very musical and had the best boys' choir in the Diocese, and the present incumbent, Archdeacon Catchpole.

The church has a fine east window depicting the Supper at Emmaus—a memorial to Archdeacon Greene.



Archdeacon Greene Memorial Window

St. Michael and All Angels', Kelowna.

Remembrance was planted by Canon and Mrs. H. V. Harrison.

The Parish of Summerland, which includes Peachland and Westbank, has been self supporting since 1950. The first service was held in St. Margaret's Church, Peachland, on Dec. 27th, 1908.

JUBILEE HYMN

(Tune: Moscow.)

- From Eastern Kootenay
To Okanagan stay
With us, we pray,
Help us to sow the seed
of kindly word and deed,
And our example lead
Others to Thee.
- Our Diocese will be strong,
If by God's strength we long
To right the wrong.
Guide us, O Lord, we pray,
In all we do and say;
Teach us in Kootenay
To walk Thy way.
- May we more thankful be
For all God's blessings free,
And worship Thee.
Beauty in every place,
Children of many a race,
Fill us with truth and grace,
Thy face to see.
- This year of Jubilee,
May it more fruitful be
Of work for Thee.
More saints like those of old,
Who braved the heat and cold,
To teach and serve Thy fold,
For love of Thee.
- Sunshine and cloud will come
Before our course is run
And Victory won.
Courage and service bring
To our Redeemer King,
And Kootenay ever sing
Praises to Thee.

—M. K. SILVERWOOD.

The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.—Holmes.

Vernon's First Church Held First Service April 30, 1893

On April 30th, 1893, at 11 a.m., the first service in the first church in Vernon, B. C., was held, consisting of Matins and the Holy Communion (fifteen communicants). The service was in charge of Rev. I. W. Outerbridge, the Rector. This new church stood on the northwest corner of Tronson and Whetham Streets (31st Ave. and 31st St.). The cost for the construction of the church was \$2,000, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (England) sending a gift of £40.

On Sunday, June 9th, 1907, the new church on Mara Avenue was dedicated by the Bishop



REVEREND I. W. OUTERBRIDGE

of New Westminster and Kootenay (Dr. Dart), assisted by the Rector, Reverend J. H. Lambert, Reverend E. A. St. George Smythe and Archdeacon Beer. The Bishop adds a special note—"A beautiful church, service excellently ordered, the choir large and admirably trained, a very large congregation."

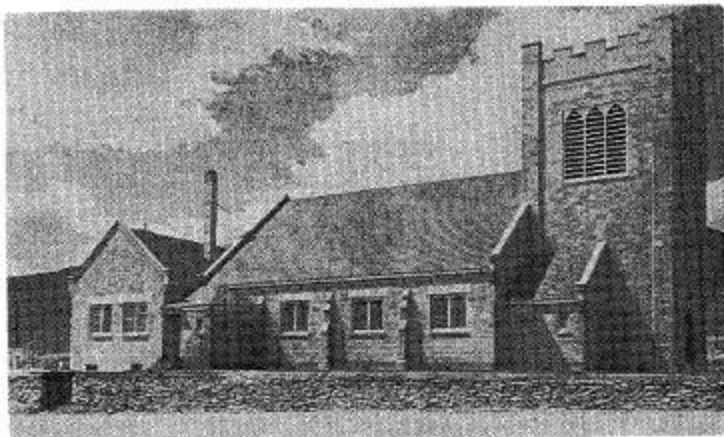
During the ensuing week, a Synod was held with the following Clergy present: Rev-

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Reverend H. C. B. Gibson

Oliver Waited a Long Time for Rise of Splendid St. Edward's



THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, OLIVER

An almost-forgotten page in B. C. history lies behind the story of the Parish of Oliver.

The scion of this Parish, the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, Oliver, is young among Diocesan Churches; it was built in this decade, yet it has direct lineal descent from the very early life of the Church in this part of the West.

Owing to loss by fire of records, the beginning of the Anglican Church in the south end of the Okanagan Valley is difficult to trace, but it is well authenticated that "Father Pat" in his wanderings over a great part of the district now known as the Diocese of Kootenay, occasionally held services in the 1890's in the then flourishing gold mining camp of Fairview, three miles west of the present town of Oliver. Bishop Dart of New Westminster visited Fairview in 1897 and arranged for the building of a Church, and the Mission was named for St. Edward the Confessor. Sometimes a missionary was in residence; often there were long periods without an incumbent. One parishioner still living had to wait years to have her children baptized.

Between 1910 to 1920 Fairview, as a gold mining camp, folded. In 1920 a Returned Soldiers' Settlement project was started by the provincial government under Premier "Honest John" Oliver, who gave his name to the budding town. An irrigation project was put in, returned soldiers and others took up land, and the first orchards were planted. The Reverend Canon T. Thompson arrived to minister as far as possible, which included Keremeos, 40 miles away. Fairview had now become completely abandoned, but a chalice and collection plate bearing the inscription "Fairview Anglican Church in memory of C. T. Brown" were retrieved and today form part of the plate of St. Edward the Confessor's.

Services were held in any available place, school house, hotel and home, until 1934, when through the voluntary efforts of laymen a dual purpose building was erected, serving both as Church and Parish hall. In 1935 came the Reverend F. C. Briscall, who laboured faithfully and well until his death by accident in 1948. When he arrived there was no residence for the incumbent, so the Parish built the present rectory, a parishioner backing a loan which was eventually repaid, and a building fund for a permanent Church was started. Late in 1948, the year the Reverend R. E. M. Yerburgh, now Canon Yerburgh of Kimberley, took up the reins, the sod was turned on the

site of a new Church by the Reverend Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, the internationally known Canon of Westminster Abbey who was here on a lecture and visit as a member of the B. C. and Yukon Church Aid Society. This provided the stimulus for a canvass, and donations came from friends known and unknown. The massive foundations of the new Church began to rise in June, 1950, and the Church was ready for use on June 3, 1951, when the Church was dedicated by the Bishop of Kootenay, the Right Reverend F. P. Clark. On St. Edward's Day, October 13, 1954, Bishop Clark consecrated the Church amidst the rejoicing of the people at the great things God had done for them. During this time the Reverend G. T. Pattison was the incumbent.

The Church is solidly constructed in cement pumice blocks, will accommodate more than 250 people, and has well furnished chancel choir and clergy vestries, and a Lady Chapel for weekday and small services. During the incumbency of the Reverend C. S. Lutner, much was accomplished in appointments of the Church and laying out of the beautiful grounds surrounding the building.

Generous friends have given numerous memorial gifts. There are five beautiful stained glass windows, one being the East window, two in the Chapel sanctuary and two in the nave; five hand painted windows in the baptistry, a peal of eight bells made by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry of London, a high altar and an oaken reredos of great artistic merit which was on public exhibition in England before being sent to Canada, pulpit, font and lectern, choir and clergy stalls, an electric organ, a complete set of Eucharistic vestments and frontals in four colors, seats in both Church and Chapel, sterling silver crosses and candlesticks and a sterling silver Communion set of seven pieces, two large handmade vesper candlesticks. Communion rails in both Church and Chapel, sanctuary and Chapel carpets, a processional cross, credence tables in both, and a set of eight Cathedral nave lamps.

The tower has been heightened to accommodate the bell peal, and much labour and care has been expended on the grounds and lawns, entrance to which is gained through a lychgate of generous proportions.

The Parish of Oliver has been divided into Keremeos-Osoyoos and Oliver-Okanagan Falls. The Parish of Oliver is self-supporting. The present Rector is the Reverend C. H. Butler, M.A.

Vernon's First Church

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erend F. H. Graham (Nelson), Reverend F. V. Venables (Enderby), Reverend Thomas Greene (Kelowna), Reverend Henry Steele (Grand Forks), Reverend John Clelland (Rossland), Reverend R. S. Wilkinson (Fernie), Reverend A. Mildmay (Penticton), Reverend W. T. Johnson (Arrowhead), Reverend E. F. Flewelling (Cranbrook), Reverend E. Baynes (New Denver), Reverend A. Akhurst, Archdeacon H. Beer, Reverend G. Cook (Kaslo).

With the strengthening of spiritual stakes, the cords of spiritual endeavour were lengthened. Services were held at Mr. Peter's house at Okanagan Landing, at Trinity Valley, Lumby, White Valley, Lavington and Coldstream. A site for a church at Lumby was offered by Mr. Catt, and sites for a church at Coldstream were offered by Mr. Ricardo of Coldstream Ranch and Mr. Stevens. Then in 1912, Reverend A. H. Plummer (Descon) was given charge of Lumby, and when he was priested in the same year, Lumby became a separate parish. The culmination of their prayers and labours was on Easter Day, 1913, when their new Church of St. James was consecrated.

A definite growth in Church life was manifested throughout the whole valley. Under the energetic leadership of Reverend H. A. Solly, who had been appointed Organizing Secretary of the Diocese, the following parishes became self-supporting: Salmon Arm, Enderby, Armstrong and Okanagan Centre.



The Reverend L. A. C. Smith

Reverend H. C. B. Gibson was instituted and inducted as Rector on January 1st, 1922, and remained as the faithful shepherd until he resigned in March, 1948, thus completing 26

Armstrong Becomes Separate Parish in 1905

The Reverend A. J. Shildrick came from Kamloops in 1883 and resided in a house on the old Moses Lever property just north of the city of Armstrong. He held services in his home until 1885, when a small church was built at Lansdowne, situated on the northwest corner of the crossroads. In 1891 the church was moved to its present site in Armstrong. On August 9th, 1896, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster consecrated the Church and dedicated it in the name of St. James the Apostle. A month previously, in July, 1896, the executive committee of the Diocese of New Westminster had decided to divide the Okanagan Missionary District, so as to make a separate charge of that part embracing Enderby, Armstrong, Mara and Grand Prairie, with the southern boundary subsequently fixed at Larkin railway station.

In 1905 Armstrong requested to be made a separate parish, and this came about the following year.

The Reverend J. R. Hague is the present Rector of Armstrong.

years of service. In the work of the parish, the Rector was assisted by two kind and charming sisters, Miss Mab and Miss Susan.

The missionary work of the parish was extended in a very definite way by the establishment of a Chinese Mission under the direction of Reverend George Lim Yuen.

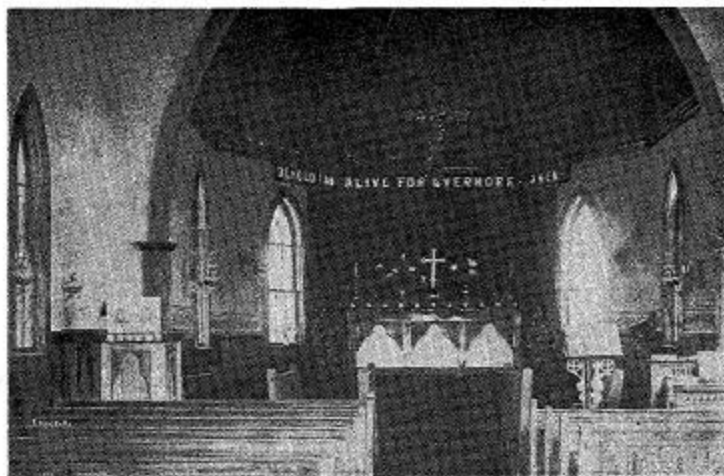
Two excellent schools grew up within the parish—the Vernon Preparatory School for boys, with the Reverend A. C. Mackie as principal, and St. Michael's School for girls, under Miss M. LeGallais.

On Tuesday, September 8th, 1931, at 5:45 a.m., the fire alarm was given, and an hour later the church was a mass of charred ruins. The foundation stone of the new church was laid by the Right Reverend A. J. Doull on July 15th, 1932, and the consecration of the church, free from all debt, took place on November 3rd, 1940, Right Reverend W. R. Adams, the Bishop of the Diocese, officiating.

On Sunday, May 30th, 1948, Reverend Lorin A. C. Smith arrived in the parish in time for the first official visit of the Right Reverend F. P. Clark, consecrated as the Third Bishop of Kootenay on St. George's Day, April 23rd.

The present Rector is the Reverend C. E. Reeve, Rural Dean of North Okanagan.

St. John the Evangelist Church, Salmon Arm



The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Salmon Arm, was observed in the Fall of 1957 by the congregation and Rector, the Reverend J. Brodie. This picture shows the interior of the Church in its very early days. It was erected chiefly by volunteer labour. Salmon Arm is noted for fruit and lumbering, and overlooks the beautiful Shuswap Lake. Outstations of the Parish include St. Luke's, Canoe, Silvercreek, Tappen and South Canoe.

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The Venerable Thomas Greene, B.A., Trinity College, Dublin, Rector of Kelowna (being at first part of a Missionary area with headquarters at Penticton) 1893-1924. He died in 1935 at the age of 86. He was the first Archdeacon of Okanagan, so appointed by the Right Reverend A. J. Doull, first Bishop of Kootenay, in 1916.

Vernon Preparatory School

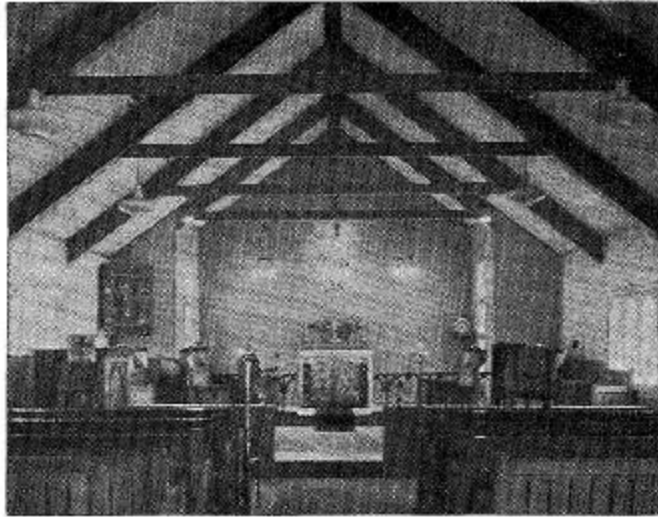
Vernon Preparatory School was opened in January, 1914, in a rented house in Coldstream, under the leadership of the Reverend A. C. Mackie, M.A. There were five pupils (all local—three day boys and two boarders). In 1916 Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Mackie joined the school, and in 1917 the school moved to the present site. Steady increase in numbers necessitated additional accommodation, with swimming pool, sports field, dormitory and hobby room, pavilion, hard tennis court and skating rink. St. Nicolas' Chapel was built in 1921. The Mackie regime ended in 1946. The present Headmaster is Mr. C. W. Twite, under whom the school was incorporated, new classrooms and Chapel were built, and, as a result of a disastrous fire in 1957, a new and modern school with accommodation for 80 boarders was built—below. At left, the old school and Reverend Mr. Mackie.



Vernon Preparatory School
(Old School)



The Reverend A. C. Mackie
First Headmaster, Vernon Preparatory School.



VERNON PREPARATORY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Parish of Grande Prairie, First Service 1879 (Westwold)

GRAND PRAIRIE—The first services of the Church of England at Grande Prairie (now known as Westwold) were held in 1879 by the Reverend J. B. Good of Lytton, who paid occasional visits there during the years of 1879-1881. The first Episcopal visit to Grande Prairie was made by the Right Reverend Acton Sillitoe during the winter following his consecration (1879-80). His Lordship stayed at the home of Mr. J. T. Jones and held services in the living room. In 1881 the Reverend D. H. W. Horlock of Kamloops undertook to hold services in the district, assisted by the Reverend A. Shildrick. On September 30th, 1884, the Reverend H. C. M. Ridley of Kamloops journeyed to Grande Prairie and officiated at Evensong and preached, his text being Galatians 6:9—"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Father Pat (Reverend H. Irwin), that great missionary of the interior, held his first service in the district on March 14, 1886, and there is a record of a "Service and Address" at Duck's Hotel, by the Reverend D. Horlock, on June 21st of the same year.

After the Reverends Horlock, Shildrick and Irwin had left the neighbourhood, the services were for a time continued by Canon Cooper, but later were allowed to lapse. In October, 1896, the Right Reverend John Dart, second Bishop of New Westminster, visited Grande Prairie, accompanied by the Reverend E. P. Flewelling, Rector of Kamloops, who promised to see what arrangements could be made to resume the holding of services, the



VERNON PREPARATORY SCHOOL (NEW SCHOOL)

result being that the district was united with Enderby, Armstrong and Mara, and the Reverend G. H. Butler was appointed to serve these places, giving Grande Prairie one service each month. Mr. Butler's first service was held in the original schoolhouse, near Ingram Creek, on Sunday, January 12th, 1896. On Bishop Dart's second visit to Grande Prairie on October 15th, 1897, he urged the people to proceed with the erection of a place of worship. A committee, consisting of Messrs. A. Duck, F. C. Jones, W. U. Homfray, F. Perceval

and R. E. Woods, was then appointed to consider the advisability of building a church at Grande Prairie. Mr. F. C. Jones gave one acre of land whereon to build the church, and on October 16th, 1898, St. Luke's Church was opened for service. In the year 1907 the New Westminster and Kootenay Missionary Association became responsible for the sum of \$500 per annum towards the stipend of a man to minister to Grande Prairie with Ducks, Shuswap and Netch Hill and Tappen. George

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Parish Grande Prairie

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St. Luke's, Westwold.

Stewart, a trained Lay-Reader, was appointed to the work under the direction of the Venerable Henry Beer, Archbishop of Kootenay. He was ordained Deacon in 1909, Priest the following year, and officiated at his first Celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church, Grande Prairie, on May 29th, 1910. The Reverend George Stewart served the district for twenty-seven and a half years.

The name of Grande Prairie was changed to Westwold in September, 1926.

The Dedication of St. Mary's, Sorrento



St. Mary's, Sorrento.

The first Episcopal visit to this community was made by Bishop DePencier on Sunday, December 10th, 1911. The townsite of Sorrento is situated by the Shuswap Lake about three miles west of Notch Hill. A log church had been built there and was dedicated by the Bishop in the name of St. Mary. This church is very picturesquely situated among the evergreen trees, the building itself being constructed of untrimmed fir logs.

Eighteen months later, May 18th, 1913, Sorrento became the centre of a new parish which included most of the Shuswap Lake area, and was placed in charge of the Reverend R. E. Grice Hutchinson. In May, 1916, the Reverend R. E. Grice Hutchinson enlisted in the Chaplain Service, and the Reverend M. E. West was appointed to take charge of the parish. The Reverend J. R. Burrows was appointed Vicar of Sorrento in July, 1928, followed by the Reverend F. W. Wheeler in 1930.

Cowley Fathers moved to Sorrento in 1947 and built the Mission House. The Reverend J. E. W. Snowden was Vicar of Sorrento for a year, and it was a Summer Mission until it was attached to Chase in 1955. The Reverend Neil Robinson came in September, 1958, and moved to Fruitvale in November, 1959, after reorganizing Sorrento as a parish.

PARISH OF CHASE FIRST SERVICE, 1910



Old All Saints', Chase.

A town was rapidly springing into existence on the main line of the C.P.R. about two miles east of Shuswap, and was named Chase. The first Anglican Service in the town was held on September 11th, 1910, in Mr. Robinson's Hall. In November the use of the schoolhouse was obtained for a monthly service. In September, 1911, two plots of land with a dwelling thereon were purchased for a temporary church and site of a future permanent church. This future permanent church was begun in 1954, and is being slowly built by voluntary help and mainly on the pay as you go basis. It is hoped that the new All Saints' Church will be consecrated in the Diamond Jubilee Year 1961.

After the resignation of the Reverend George Stewart in 1934, the Reverend Kenneth E. L. Cushon was appointed to the parish of Chase in November, 1934, until October, 1937. The Reverend C. W. Kirksey was appointed to the Parish of Chase, as third Vicar, in 1938 until 1953, followed by the present incumbent, the Reverend D. S. Salter. A new Vicarage was built in Chase in 1958.

Parish of Chase

A church was built at Monte Creek in the autumn of 1926 by Senator and Mrs. Bostock in memory of their son, Alexander Hewitt Bostock, who fell in the Great War. The first service in the new building was a Celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas Day, and the new church was consecrated, in the name of St. Peter, by Bishop Doull on Sunday 31st, 1927.



St. Peter's, Monte Creek.

St. Peter's Church, Revelstoke One of Diocese's Oldest



St. Peter's Church, Revelstoke.

Looking backwards over half a century at the activities of the St. Peter's Church Parish, we find church services were held in the little schoolhouse on top of the Douglas Street hill, and were conducted by various clergymen, the Reverend Sillitoe perhaps being the first. This was during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Another taking the services was "Father Pat", Reverend Henry Irwin.

Local churchmen felt the need of their own place of worship, and a building was started in 1895 and completed and dedicated in 1896. A small house was erected beside the church which served as a rectory.

The church remained as built until 1900, when Reverend Dr. Paget became Rector, a chancel was added, a belfry built and a bell hung. The rectory was enlarged, and has remained the same as to exterior, while the interior was altered and improved, making it more comfortable.

Many gifts were made to the church, some in memoriam for loved ones. To mention some of the gifts: Brass cross for the altar, brass vases, candlesticks, offertory plate, kneeling pads for chancel and sanctuary, the font carved oak cover, baptismal ewer, oak and wrought iron communion rail. The screen was erected in memory of the fallen members in the First World War, a lovely plaque was erected in memory of members who fell in World War II.

A Parish Hall was erected beside the church in the early '30s and has served in a much needed capacity. The latest additions to the church are a handsome new pulpit and oak flooring throughout.

The Vicars who have been in charge of St. Peter's Church since its dedication are as follows: Reverend F. Yolland, Reverend Frank Ford, Reverend Dr. Paget, Reverend C. A. Procutier, Reverend Comyn-Ching, Reverend Mr. Lardar, Reverend J. G. Holmes, Reverend Mr. Mortimer, Reverend W. S. Beams, Reverend E. Pitt-Griffiths, Reverend W. Bushe, Reverend Mr. Sharmon, Reverend Mr. Lancaster, and the Reverend A. A. T. Northrup is the present incumbent.

The world will right itself; take the long view and you are comforted.—Lin Yu-Tang.

I steer my bark with Hope ahead and Fear astern.—Thomas Jefferson.

* Rev. Grice Hutchinson returned for 1919-1923.

Lumber Company Builds First Kimberley Church

The history of Kimberley Parish is brief and rather devoid of outstanding events. The first church building was erected by the Otis Staples Lumber Company on their property at Wycliffe, which was at that time the most populous community in what is now the Parish of Kimberley. The final disposition of the building is uncertain, and there are no known records of services conducted there. This church had, for at least a short time, a resident priest, the Reverend Mr. Lane, who lived at Wycliffe.

The first resident priest in Kimberley was the Reverend W. J. Crick, who arrived in June, 1925, and recorded at the beginning of the Church Register "The beginning of regular services in Kimberley". Services were at that time conducted in the K.P. Hall. Prior to Mr. Crick's arrival plans had been formulated for the building of a church, and at a general meeting following his first service on June 21st, an announcement was made that a building site had been secured, and that a Parish hall, suitable for use as a church, would be built at an estimated cost of \$2,500. The actual cost proved to be \$4,400. Subsequently it was found that the original lot was inadequate in size, and the adjacent lot was obtained for \$400. In 1926 still a third lot was required, and this cost a net price of \$3,000.

The building, which contained quarters for the Parish priest, below the church at the back, was opened and dedicated in the name of All Saints on Nov. 15th, 1925. The sanctuary was designed to be curtained off when the building was used as a hall. This building has continued in use until the present time, but in later years it has been used solely as a church. This was made possible by the excavation of a small basement area, known as the "Club-room", and used for meetings and social functions.

In 1926 preliminary plans for a permanent hall and church building were drawn up by Mr. Basil Houlden, and approved by the authorities. The new building is designed to fit the contour of the land adjacent to the present building, with street level entrance into the church from Wallinger Ave., and into the basement hall from Leadenhall St. Since 1926 work has continued on the building, most of it by volunteer labour, except for one contract job in 1929 for the main part of the hall. The latter part of the structure will be usable during the summer of 1930. Completion of the project, however, will take several years. The work done to date is valued at \$38,000.

In July, 1929, the Reverend W. J. Crick left Kimberley to take charge of the Church of the Redeemer in Nelson, and was succeeded in February, 1930, by the Reverend K. E. L. Cushon, who remained until the end of 1931. For the next year services were conducted by Mr. Henry Nicholson, Lay-reader, with the Sacraments administered by Canon F. V. Harrison of Cranbrook. In October, 1932, the Reverend M. C. T. Percival was appointed Vicar of the combined Parishes of Kimberley and Creston, with services on alternate Sundays. This arrangement continued until June, 1934. From then until August, 1938, one service a Sunday was provided by Canon Harrison of Cranbrook. With the arrival of the Reverend, later Archdeacon, B. A. Resker in September, 1938, a full schedule of services was once again resumed. Archdeacon Resker holds the record for the longest incumbency of the Parish, for he remained until his departure for the Parish of Castlegar in July, 1946. The Archdeacon was succeeded in turn by the Reverends R. C. Henstock, A. R. Eagles, E. Bibby, R. G. Preston and Canon R. E. M. Yerburgh.

Through building on a pay-as-you-go basis, the Parish of All Saints, Kimberley, is slowly but very surely getting its new church.

Many blessings do the passing years bring with them.—Horace.

Christ Church, Cranbrook, Known As the Church of Beautiful Carvings

Christ Church, Cranbrook, was built in 1898, when the Crow's Nest Line was being pushed through. It was originally under the auspices of the church at Fort Steele and its rector, the Reverend Mr. Procuiner. Mr. J. F. Armstrong, Government Agent and Assessor, used to come over as Lay Reader, and later in 1904, when the Government offices were moved to Cranbrook, he gave most generously of his time and talents to the little church. In those early days we were under the supervision of Bishop Dart of New Westminster, later under his successor, Bishop A. U. dePencler. It was not until 1915 that we had a bishop of our own, the Right Reverend A. J. Doull.

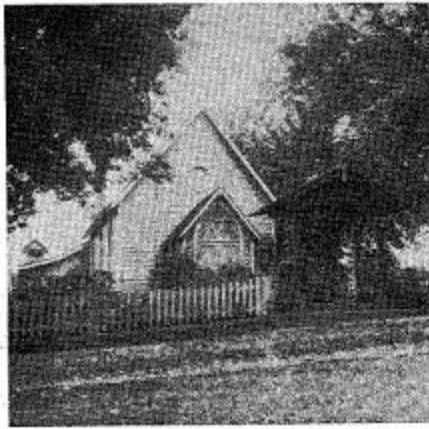
The first resident priest was the Reverend Mr. Bracham, who came in 1904. He was succeeded by the Reverend Mr. Bastin, and he in turn by the Reverend E. P. Flewelling, who died in Holy Week, 1914. The Reverend



Reverend Ernest Purdy Flewelling

W. H. Bridge was here for a few years, then came the Reverend F. V. (later Canon) Harrison from Kaslo, and he served from 1916 to 1945. Archdeacon Resker held the fort until the appointment of the Reverend Alan Gardiner in the Spring of 1946, and in March, 1950, the Reverend Cyril Clarke came to us from the prairie.

Our church is a small frame building with Gothic lines, and our history is written where all may read, in our memorials. Through one of our staunch members, we got in touch with Mr. George S. Buxton, an outstanding craftsman from the Old Country, and literally from



CHRIST CHURCH, CRANBROOK

his hands we have most beautiful carved altar and gradine, altar rail, chancel screen and pulpit. On the latter is a small brass lectern, a gift from St. James in Vancouver—a real link with the past. The regular lectern is a memorial to the Reverend E. P. Flewelling. Also in the chancel are clergy desks in memory of Judge and Mrs. G. H. Thompson, and of Chester Otis Staples. The Bishop's chair in the sanctuary bears the name of Elizabeth Anne Woodland. Our pews in both nave and chancel, our organ and stained glass windows, all recall old members of the congregation—Mr. C. A. Cock, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wood, Mr. M. A. Beale and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Wallinger.

There was a lovely stained glass East window in three parts from early days. In 1914 the centre section was completely demolished during a bad wind storm. It has since been replaced as a memorial to a small and beloved son. It represents "The Good Shepherd", and

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THE REVEREND F. V. HARRISON

Outstanding Missionary Activity Creates Parish of Windermere

WINDERMERE—It would be difficult indeed to discover when the first Christian Service was held in the Windermere Valley. Probably that honour must belong to a layman, David Thompson, in the course of his epic travels of exploration through the district. However, the first concerted missionary endeavour was that of the Roman Catholic Father de Schmitt, who came across the mountains in the middle of the last century and preached the Gospel to the native Indians.

In the early days of the white man's expansion through the valley at the end of the century, missionary activity of every kind was notorious. It should not seem strange that some of its odder characteristics and characters are to be found in Windermere's Anglican history.

Nevertheless, the Anglican tradition began famously—in the person of a Saint. For the first ministrations of the Church came with the Reverend Henry Irwin, "Father Pat". His great excursions from Donald in the 1880s took him up and down the valley; and Reverend J. C. C. Kemm, his successor, was equally assiduous in visiting the Windermere district.

With the growth of Athalmer and Wilmer in the 1890s, there were built so-called community churches, administered chiefly by the Presbyterians, but caring also for the spiritual needs of Anglicans. But the oldest church building in the valley is the unique log structure of St. Mark's, Galena; this was probably erected as long ago as 1889, and reverted to the Anglican Church some years later.

FIRST ANGLICAN CLERGY

We need not relate here the coming of Windermere's most famous church, St. Peter's, at the turn of the century. But its arrival is noteworthy, also, in that it resulted in the appointment of the first resident Anglican clergyman, the Reverend E. A. St. Geo. Smyth. St. Peter's was consecrated in August, 1905.

Windermere was now beginning to settle down into the pattern of an ordinary Anglican parish. The Reverend J. Ross Colquhoun was Vicar from July, 1910, to October, 1911, when the Reverend A. E. Davis, M.A., took charge. Regular services were then being held throughout the valley, from Fairmont to Galena.

But while ecclesiastical calm reigned, the community itself was rent by activity and growth. Athalmer, Wilmer and Windermere were losing ground to their precocious neighbour, Invermere. Under the leadership of Mr. Randolph Bruce and the ill-fated attempt to create a fruit-growing industry in the valley, Invermere was rapidly growing and drawing to itself a notable influx of British immigrants, whose coming greatly strengthened church life. The first record of a service in Invermere is in April, 1912, at which time plans were being laid for the building of a church.

The First World War interrupted these activities, and resulted in the exodus of large numbers of the recent immigrants. The war years saw also a vacant incumbency, but Ernest G. Thatcher, a retired English clergyman, then ranching at Galena, heroically carried on until the appointment in 1920 of the Reverend J. B. Atkinson. In the Fall of 1923 the beautiful Christ Church, Invermere, was completed, being dedicated on October 14th of that year.

This church is notable for the many furnishings presented by residents and English friends. Mention must be made of the two carved sanctuary desks, the work of Grinling Gibbons, presented by Mrs. F. B. Young, and the "first edition" of the Authorized Version of the Bible.

The years 1926 and 1927 found Ernest Thatcher again conducting services, until the appointment of Reverend J. G. Holmes (1927-1931). Services were now being held, in addi-



Christ Church, Invermere.

tion, at Edgewater, Canal Flats and Radium, and the parish had taken its present form. During the long incumbency of Fredric Stanford (1931-1942), later Bishop of Cariboo, the Church of All Saints, Edgewater, was built, the service of consecration taking place on May 14th, 1933.

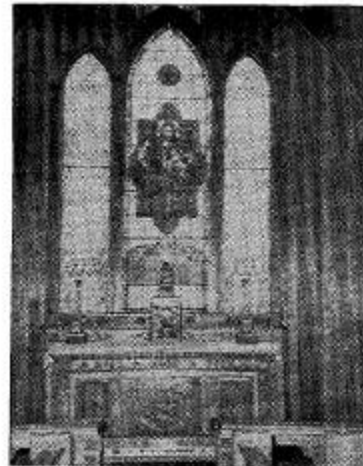
Subsequent incumbents have been Thomas D. Proctor (1942-1949), B. G. Hyde (1950-1951), Fred Job (1951-1956), R. C. Littlehales (1956-1958), and R. D. F. Kimmitt, appointed in May, 1958.

"Christ Church", Invermere, is of beautiful structure and design—small chancel windows somewhat similar to the bow of a ship, overlooking the Rockies. In this church is one of the original Dort Bibles, dating back to 1611.

Christ Church, Cranbrook

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Its beauty and joy have been doubled by a system of outdoor lighting.



Christ Church, Cranbrook.
Showing the beautiful carving.

In April of 1952, the Reverend F. D.

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Nelson, B. C.

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Preacher:

THE MOST REVEREND
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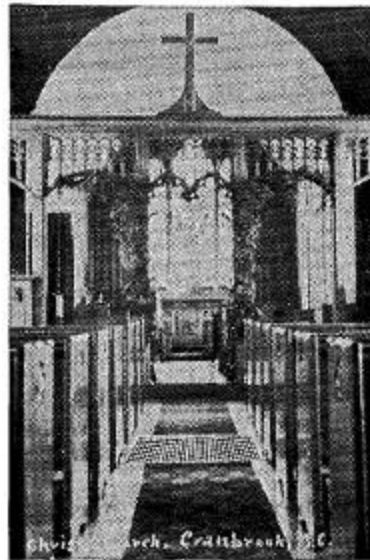
Archbishop and Metropolitan of
British Columbia

Wyatt assumed his duties as incumbent, and the Reverend Cyril Clark became Vicar of the Parish of Okanagan Mission, Mr. Wyatt's former parish.

During Mr. Wyatt's incumbency, extensive improvements were made to the church building without altering its original shape. In 1957 the parish undertook a full scale canvass as their part in the Diocesan Forward Fund. As a result of this, funds were available for a complete remodeling job on the Rectory, which had been built around the turn of the century and purchased by the parish early in Canon Harrison's time.

In the later part of 1957 Mr. Wyatt moved to the Parish of Rossland, and in January, 1958, the present incumbent, the Reverend R. W. S. Brown, arrived. It is reasonable to assume that the Parish of Christ Church, Cranbrook, is on the threshold of a new period of expansion as it seeks to do God's work in a rapidly growing community. In the words of the prayer for the Parish Life Mission that is to be held in March of this Jubilee Year, we ask God to strengthen the faithful and to help us all to know and to do His Will in this parish.

G. C. Miles.



Christ Church, Cranbrook.

Bishop Dart Consecrated Golden Church in 1901



St. Paul's Church, Golden

GOLDEN — Although Anglican services have been held in Golden since the end of May, 1891, it was evidently as an out-station of St. Peter's Church at Donald, B. C. (then in the Diocese of New Westminster). Reverend Henry Irwin (Father Pat) is one of the prominent names remaining in the records. Before there was a church building here, or if no one showed up for services at St. Peter's, Donald, this reverend gentleman is said to have held his services wherever he found a group gathered, and that, many times, was in the bar of one of the hotels.

The first service in St. Paul's, Golden, was held in December, 1891, and a lay-reader took services here between visits of the parish priest. Then Donald was abandoned as a railway divisional point, and in November, 1897, Reverend H. B. Turner settled here as the first resident incumbent, with charge over all the outstations previously ministered to by Donald.

Reverend C. F. Yates followed the Reverend Turner and ministered to this parish for eleven years (1900 to 1911).

The Right Reverend John Dart consecrated St. Paul's Church in July, 1901, and two years later the chancel had been added and the beautiful east window dedicated.

The fiftieth anniversary of St. Paul's Church was held on December 14th, 1941, the Right Reverend W. R. Adams, Lord Bishop of Kootenay, taking the service, assisted by the Vicar, Reverend A. R. Eagles.

December 27th, 1953, saw the newly built church, St. John the Evangelist, at Field, B. C., consecrated by the Bishop, the Right Reverend F. P. Clark. Present incumbent is the Reverend Orville Endicott.

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.—H. Beecher Stowe.

Borrowed Hotel Bell, Summoned Early Creston Residents to Church

Old-timers of the parish look back to the days when the fabulous Irishman, the Reverend Henry Irwin, affectionately known as Father Pat, passed through Creston; his visits were the first beginning of Church life in the valley. He came on horseback across the old Dewdney Trail, of which we hear so much in connection with the new Salmo-Creston road. One of the original Crestonians, Mrs. Sarah Dow, now living at Vancouver, has written in a magazine at the Coast about those early legendary days when Father Pat used to visit at her husband's home here. In later years it was the same Mrs. Dow who offered a piece of land on which Creston Anglican Church was built.

In 1896 there were four white families in the valley when Mr. James Compton, now living at Nelson, passed through here on the C.P.R. track-laying operation. His own description is of "bush" on all sides and plenty of Indians, especially around Nick's Island and the Kootenay River. Later, he and the late Mrs. Compton were among the pioneers in building a church.

Colonel E. E. Mallandaine has left it on record that he and other Crestonians subscribed as liberally as they could to the erection of St. Saviour's, Nelson, with the ulterior motive that a "missionary" would be sent occasionally from Nelson. That was in the days when the Great Northern Railway ran from Kuskanook to Idaho.

FIRST MISSIONARIES

On July 28th, 1899, the first of the Nelson missionaries came. He was the Reverend D. Rhodes, who woke the town on a Sunday morning by pacing the streets (or was it just one street then—now called Fourth Street?), ringing the bell which he had borrowed from the dining room of the old Sirdar Hotel. (We could do with that bell still on Sunday mornings.) Then, and at regular intervals afterwards, services were conducted in stores about the town, and in the Mercantile Hall, and later (November, 1909) at the new schoolhouse. The organist was Mrs. Joe Wilson, and Mrs. Dow was in charge of Sunday School.

As time went on the Reverend Philip Hayman was appointed as permanent incumbent (February 12th, 1909). The offer of an acre of ground overlooking the valley was turned down by the Churchwardens, and the present site was decided upon. A third site was also proffered, and on it the vicarage was later built, at Mr. Hayman's expense, somewhere near the present hospital.

At this period Divine Service was held at various outstations such as Alice Siding schoolhouse, Sirdar schoolhouse, Mr. Pochin's house at Canyon City, and at Moyie every Monday at 8 p.m. (except in Winter). In Erickson serv-

ices were held (1910) in the homes of Kemps and Longs, and later (November 27th) in the schoolhouse. The total offerings at all services in 1910 amounted to \$201.20.

Charlie Moore, still flourishing among us, was asked to design the new church. Local donations were augmented by subscriptions from the Reverend Rathborne Hartley of Manchester, England, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., a grant from the Canadian General Synod, and a grant from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, Westminster. Niagara presented altar vessels and altar linen.

The building work included Messrs. Guy Constable, Jim Cooke, Edward Payne, Percy Watson, Alf Bond, R. O'B. Fitz Gerald, George Hendren, Rob Stewart, Bob Warmley, A. J. Collis; and the first Churchwardens were Messrs. P. B. Fowler and E. E. Mallandaine. Even at that time a Parish Guild of Women was in being (March, 1909), of which Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Sinclair-Smith and Mrs. Spratt were prominent members.

In 1910 there is a record of a special service of Memorial of King Edward VII, on May 29th. The first Confirmation held here was administered by the Bishop of Calgary (Dr. Cyprus) on June 22nd in the same year.

CHURCH COMPLETED, 1911

In 1911 the church at Creston was complete, and on January 26th, for the first time in the valley, the English Liturgy of Cranmer and Laud and Jewel and a host of others was read in an appropriate building. In the same year, on Ascension Day (May 21st), the first service was conducted at Duck Creek. Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of New Westminster (Dr. A. U. dePencier), and five candidates were presented. The Parish Scout Troop paraded to church on June 22nd, 1911, which was the Coronation date of King George V. Mr. A. J. Collis was the organist, and he gathered a choir together consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Moore and

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CHRIST CHURCH, CRESTON

Borrowed Hotel Bell

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Mrs. Jackson, etc. They served the church for many years.

Duty in the parish was taken by Archdeacon Beer, Rev. E. P. Flewelling, W. N. Walton and Dr. Primore Wells during the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Hayman in 1912 in England. About this time various gifts for the church were received from England, such as four altar frontals from Mrs. Herbert Edwards of Southampton, and S.P.G. in London.

The records of the parish contain the usual essential entries for the next few years, recording the opportunities for regular worship; and there is an occasional brief, but telling, entry such as: "1912, April 21st: Special Service in commemoration of the Titanic disaster." Cross and candlesticks for the altar were presented in the same year on October 13th. In August, 1914, Archdeacon Beer conducted a Service of Intercession at the outbreak of war. The next year, 1915, was marked by the consecration of the church by "Alexander J. Kootenay" (Bishop Doull) on March 14th, when there were 25 communicants. In 1917 a Memorial Service was held on January 28th "For those who have died in the War". In 1918 it is noted that there were 74 people in church on Easter Day, and the offerings amounted to \$11.95, while in November all services were cancelled because of the influenza epidemic.

An entry for May 22nd, 1921, records that 22 people were present at Lister on Trinity Sunday, and in the same year services were begun at Yahk on November 2nd.

The years 1923, 1924 and 1925 were years of devoted work by the Reverend Harold Varley. Nineteen twenty-six marked the first service held at West Creston and Kingsgate. An A.Y.P.A. branch and Wolf Cub Pack were formed in that year when the Reverend Sydney Newby was Vicar. Yahk, Lister and Wynndel were served during the incumbency of the Reverend Arthur Garlick, each outstation having one service per month or less. The Women's Guild, which had paid the costs of building the present vicarage, was merged into a W.A. at this time.

Nineteen thirty saw the dedication of electric lights in Creston Church in memory of Mrs. Garlick. From 1932 to 1934 Creston and Kimberley formed one parish, the Vicar living at Kimberley. In 1935 the first service was held in the newly-built Church of St. Patrick at Wynndel (Good Friday, April 19th), during the tenure of Reverend Maurice Percival. In the same year Canon Yerburgh celebrated the first Christmas Midnight Eucharist held in this valley. Nineteen thirty-seven saw the first service in the "new church in Lister". Mr. R. G. Harris reformed and supervised the Sunday School in 1935, according to records left in the handwriting of a very faithful Warden, C. B. Twigg.

In the thirties there are brief notes here and there in the Register such as: Church windows broken in a blizzard (January 8th, 1937); Memorial Service for King George V (January 28th, 1936); serious bush fire threatening Yahk (August 9th, 1936); temperature 23° below zero (January 20th, 1935) and roads blocked to Wynndel and Lister; and when the mosquitoes became insufferable at Sirdar it was all put down on paper in fairly restrained language; but there is, too, the quiet entry of a parson on January 31st, 1932—"Could not get through to Wynndel, wasted four hours on the road." But he got back with 30 minutes to spare before his Evensong at Creston. There is occasional mention of the Forestry Brigade parading to church, but no mention of fruit-growers (except H. T.) in a valley which specializes in the Macintosh variety. of apple

LISTER CHURCH DEDICATED

All Saints' Church at Lister was not "dedicated" until November 6th, 1938, and Boswell was incorporated into the parish as recently as June 24th, 1945. Within the decade of the

forties and in the first half of the fifties new labourers entered into the harvest work and fulfilled the hopes of former years. It is sufficient to mention in that period one or two landmarks: In January, 1940, services were transferred from Yahk to Kingsgate. Some of the early Churchwardens such as Col. E. Malandaine and Col. F. Lister died in that decade. In 1951, on June 5th, the early contribution of S.P.G. in Westminster towards the building up of the parish was commemorated when the Metropolitan of India (Most Reverend George Hubback), representing S.P.G. conducted a short service in Christ Church. On August 12th of the same year a baptismal font was dedicated in memory of Marjorie Blackaller.

In recent years the parish has had the great joy of witnessing the ordinations of the Reverend Edwin Hope (1953) and two of our own Crestonians, the Reverend Orville Endicott (1956) and the Reverend Gavin Rumsey (1958). Deo gratias.

From 1909 the following clergymen served the Parish of Creston: The Reverends Philip Hayman, E. Bull, J. S. Mahood (occasional duty), Harold Varley, Sydney Newby, Arthur Garlick, Thomas Scott, Maurice Percival, R. E. M. Yerburgh, A. S. Partington, David Blackaller, Alex Patterson, A. B. Craig, Edwin Hope, and the present incumbent, the Reverend R. N. S. Craig.

The Parish of Creston reaches from Boswell on Kootenay Lake, through Creston to the U.S.A. border, East to the Kingsgate-Cranbrook highway.



St. Patrick's Church, Wynndel
Parish of Creston.

St. Patrick's Anglican Church at Wynndel will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its dedication on May 27th, 1960. Work was begun on the church on March 18th, 1935, financed by the W.A. and built by Reidar Andestad and Charles Kindley, with helpers W. Towson, A. E. Towson and Owen Davidge. Labour was voluntary, and on Good Friday, April 19th, 1935, the building was far enough advanced to permit the first service, and on May 27th the dedication service took place, with the Right Reverend Walter Adams, Bishop of Kootenay, assisted by Archdeacon F. H. Graham of Nelson, the Reverend F. M. Harrison of Cranbrook, Rural Dean of East Kootenay, and the Reverend M. C. T. Percival, Rector of Creston. The organ was purchased by the W.A. and Mr. Payne donated the lectern. Linens for the Communion table were donated by members of the W.A. New improvements are continually being added.

Caravan Mission Started In Vernon in 1926



The caravan mission, founded in 1920 in Canada, and not in England as many people believe, provides a personal link between the Sunday School by Post and the children of Anglican and other denominations whom it serves. The Sunday School lessons are available to any denomination wishing them. The workers also help with daily vacation Bible schools, Summer camps, and other phases of church activity.

Miss F. H. E. Hasel was the organizer of the Sunday School vans, and in 1925 she and Miss I. Sayle started out in the first Sunday School van (St. Michael) in the Kootenay Diocese. There are now two Sunday School vans operating in the Diocese—St. Michael's in the Okanagan and St. Cuthbert's in East and West Kootenay.



Sanctuary, Boswell Memorial Hall

BOSWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

There were very few settlers in Boswell in 1910, but they felt the need of the ministrations of the Church, so they got in touch with the Reverend C. Reed of Kokanee Parish, who was then living at Procter and Balfour. The first service was held on the old Arthur R. Wilson farm in a rather small log cabin. A short time later the Boswell school was built, and Anglican services were conducted there. About 1913, the Reverend J. S. Mahood was appointed Vicar, and conducted morning and evening services. After the return of the men from overseas, the Memorial Hall was built, and the services were conducted there, a Sanctuary was built, and Captains Ellis and Lindsay presented a beautifully carved oak altar, which was installed by Mr. W. Lawson Hepher. Through the years memorials have been added in memory of Mrs. Laura Wallace, the Holiday Smiths, Mr. J. R. Higgins and the Lawson and Bert Hephers.

Fernie Parish History Colorful, Fire Destroys Church, 1904 and 1908

Christ Church Parish, in the city of Fernie, which is situated in the beautiful Elk Valley in the midst of the Canadian Rockies, has had a varied and difficult history. Due to the great fire of 1908, which destroyed the whole city, all church records up to that time were destroyed. From the information left by pioneers, the parish was organized in 1898 and plans were laid to acquire a site for the building of the church. It is quite evident that services had been held previous to this by missionary priests who travelled through the area.

In 1899, a small building was erected and used for a place of worship, which was later enlarged, and the original building became the chancel of the church. The first incumbent was the Reverend Mr. Hadley in 1899, followed by the Reverend Mr. Houghton in 1900. Some time during the years 1901 and 1904 a son of Bishop Dart, as Lay-reader, served in charge of the parish. During his time a Mr. Blakemore, the general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., also conducted church services. He presented the church with its first stained glass window. Later a Mr. Galbraith, Indian Agent at Fort Steele, conducted services. Known names of laymen who were active in the organization of the parish were Messrs. T. Beck, Lawrence, Turner, Bailey, Thompson, and Mrs. A. Lamb.

FIRST CONFIRMATION

The first confirmation service was held in 1901 by Bishop Dart, the candidates being presented by his son, the Lay-reader. Among those confirmed were Mrs. A. E. Lamb and the Todhunter boys. In 1902 an explosion occurred in the coal mine and over one hundred men were killed. The church was used as a morgue from May 22nd to June 1st that year. The first funeral held in the church was for Mr. R. B. Lamb, who was killed in the explosion of 1902. In 1904 the church was destroyed by fire, and services were held in the Storks Opera House, the incumbent being the Reverend M. R. Bartlett, during the years 1904 and 1905. In 1905 a new site was bought and a beautiful frame church was erected and opened for services. A new Rectory was also built that year beside the church. In connection with this accomplishment the parish is pleased to recall the names of the following laymen: Messrs. D. Davies, R. Reading, Bird, F. White, T. Beck. During a few months of 1905-06 a Reverend Mr. Quineen served the parish on his way from Eastern Canada to Australia. The Reverend Mr. Wilkinson became Rector in 1906 and remained in the parish until November, 1909. During his ministry, the great fire of 1908 took place, and destroyed the city, which included the church and Rectory. The Rector was away on a holiday and all church records were lost, as well as all the Rector's personal property. Immediately after the fire foundations were laid for the hall and basement of a new church. The hall was used for services until a new church was built.

Following the Reverend Mr. Wilkinson's resignation, services were conducted by a Mr. Collins, with Archdeacon Beer coming occasionally to administer the Sacraments. In 1909 a new Rectory was built and a concrete hall with a concrete roof was built, which was used for services. In 1910, Archdeacon F. H. Graham laid the foundation stone for the brick superstructure, which was to become the present Christ Church. The hollow of the stone contains a prayer and hymn book and a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Present at the ceremony were: The Rector, the Reverend W. M. Walton, the Reverend E. P. Flewelling, the Reverend A. B. N. Crowthers, the Honourable W. R. Ross, M.P.P., the Wardens and the Vestry.

With the completion of a fine new brick church, the parish found itself deeply in debt.

With strikes and unemployment, very little progress took place in the parish for the next twelve years, except for the Ladies' Guild, who paid for the building of two additional rooms of the Rectory to accommodate a clergyman's large family! During this time the parish appears to be at a very low spiritual ebb, which is reflected on the short incumbencies of various clergymen. At one time the clergyman was asked to leave, as the parish felt they could not afford to have services and also pay the interest on the mortgage! The clergyman offered to take lay work and continue, but that was not acceptable to the Vestry. Clergymen and laymen serving during this period were:

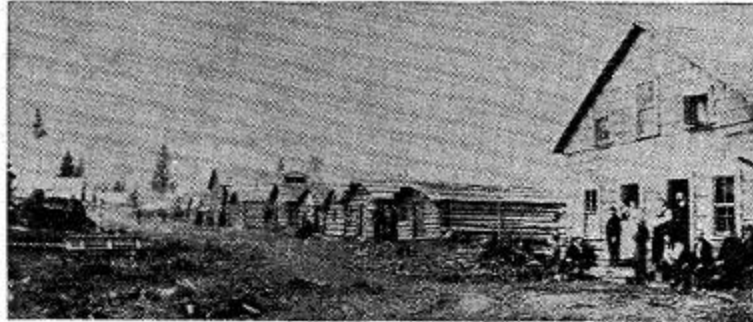
The Reverend W. M. Walton, 1910-14.
The Reverend D. E. Robertson, 1914-15.
The Reverend A. B. Lane, Occasional.
Mr. A. E. Marcer, Lay-reader.
The Reverend A. E. Davis, Occasional.
The Reverend F. Yolland, 1917-20.
The Reverend H. H. Brown, 1920-22.

REV. OSWALD APPOINTED

On June 18, 1922, the Reverend H. U. Oswald, of Winnipeg, accepted the parish, and holds the record of the longest incumbency in the parish history. He remained Rector until 1930. During his Rectorship, the women of the parish, inspired by Mrs. Frank Alexander, raised enough money to pay off the large mortgage on the church. Mrs. Alexander not only spearheaded work parties to save money, but used her own car to drive people to work, as well as applying her own salary as organist toward the mortgage fund. During Mr. Oswald's ministry services were again started at Coal Creek, and a church built. The church at Elko was burned when the town was destroyed by fire and has never been replaced.

With the coming of the 1930's and the depression, the Reverend J. G. Holmes served the parish for three years. Due to financial difficulties, the Bishop combined the parishes of Fernie-Michel under the Rectorship of the Reverend C. C. Raven. Later the Reverend Mr. McMorran returned to Michel and took charge of Newgate and Waldo, with the Fernie Rector in charge of Coal Creek. By his encourage-

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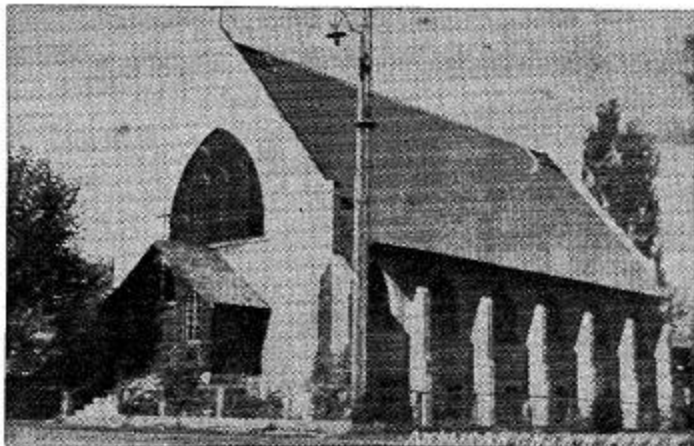
FERNIE, B. C. (COAL CREEK), MAY 18, 1898



CHRIST CHURCH, FERNIE—1900

One of the Fernie churches later destroyed by fire. Rector, the Reverend Mr. Houghton.

* May 22, 1902 Coal Creek Mine disaster killed 128 men



CHRIST CHURCH, FERNIE

Fernie Parish History

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ment, Newgate obtained a fine place of worship under the care of Lay-readers Mr. E. Lynn and Mr. G. Munro.

Mr. G. Munro also took occasional services at Baynes Lake. Services were also taken at Hosmer and Cokato by the Reverend Raven. Following Mr. Raven's ministry, which ended in 1934, the following clergy served in the parish:

- The Reverend S. N. Dixon, 1934-35.
- The Reverend J. M. Comyn-Ching, short term.
- The Reverend M. C. T. Percivall, 1935-39.
- The Reverend C. Silva White, 1939-42.
- The Reverend E. Munn, 1942-45.
- The Reverend A. Eagles, 1946-49.
- The Reverend D. W. Blackhaller, 1949-50.
- The Reverend B. G. Hyde, short term.
- The Reverend D. W. Elsted, 1950-52.

A note from the parish history, which is very brief during this period, states: "Mr. Percivall was a very dignified and orthodox clergyman; he tried to instil a spirit of reverence into the services, and succeeded very well in so doing." In looking back over the years it appears that this devout clergyman began a chain of developments which bore fruit thirteen years later under the wise and sound leadership of Canon R. E. M. Yerburgh, when the parish developed a sound Anglican position of Sacramental and Prayer Book worship. During Canon Yerburgh's ministry, a Children's Eucharist was begun at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning, which provided the children of the parish with sound Anglican teaching. From this sound spiritual basis the parish suddenly came to life, and has never looked back, but has gone on from strength to strength. With

this spiritual foundation the parish has found, under the Rectorship of the present incumbent, the Reverend W. H. Tingey, who came to the parish in 1956, that the material needs of the church have been generously supplied. Much renovation and needed improvements have been made on church property, and the parish is proud of its contribution to the Kootenay Forward Fund.

Throughout its varied history of mine closures, strikes, fire and unemployment, the people of the parish of Fernie have always shown a gallant spirit. Their history has been, that when the future looked the darkest they rallied to their church with strong faith and purpose. In the darkest moments of the history of Fernie, the Anglican congregation of Christ Church lifted high the Cross of Christ above the despair of men, as a symbol of hope and courage. It would be impossible to name all the lay-people whose lives are entwined in the history of Christ Church, but the names most consistent from the beginning until now seem to be those of Beck and White, who until their deaths served faithfully as Churchwardens. Mr. Beck appears to have been with the church from its beginning; Mr. Harold White followed his father, F. White, who was active in the church in earlier years. Mention should be made of Mrs. R. Hartley, now living in Toronto, who for over twenty-five years maintained a primary Sunday School. Mrs. Alexander, now of Victoria, whose great leadership paid the parish mortgage. Mrs. M. White and Mrs. E. K. Stewart, whose encouragement through the years did much for the church and the clergy. But perhaps one of the greatest is Mr. A. E. Marcer, a Lay-reader, who during the many and long vacancies in the parish conducted services and buried the dead, often keeping the parish alive when there was little hope of its survival. Mr. Marcer, now nearly reaching his ninetieth birthday, returns to Fernie every year and is given the honour of conducting services among the people he

Michel's Parish Holds First Service in 1905

MICHEL—St. Paul's Church, Michel, was built in 1905, with the Reverend A. Stoney in charge, who also held services at Coal Creek, Morrissey and Elko. In 1907, the Reverend T. R. Fawcett was appointed, but resigned in three months on account of ill health. In 1909 the Reverend A. B. N. Crowther was appointed to the parish. He conducted services, in addition to the above mentioned, at Corbin, and started a fund to build a church in a boom town called Hosmer, as well as services in the schoolhouse at New Michel (later Natal). During his time living quarters for the clergy were built on St. Paul's Church, much was done to complete the building, and the debt was paid off. In 1911 a serious strike took place, crippling the finance of the church, and the incumbent took services in Coleman and Frank, Alberta, to help the parish survive the strike. From 1911 until 1922, the parish was served by the following:

The Reverend A. E. Davis, 1912-1916.
Rectors of Fernie and Layreaders, 1916-1919.

Mr. N. D. Larmouth, short term.
The Reverend E. C. Greenstreet, 1920-1921.
Rector of Fernie.
The Reverend A. Garlick, 1922-1928.
Reverend Mr. Pasterfield, short term.
The Reverend M. C. T. Percivall, 1929.
The Reverend A. McMorrins, 1930-1933.
The Reverend C. H. Gibbs, 1934-1936.
Rectors of Fernie, 1936-60.

During the many vacancies of the parish before being combined with Fernie, the services were conducted by Mr. A. E. Huntley and Mr. J. Wallbank.

In 1914 the C.P.R. closed its coal mines at Hosmer, and the town, which was as large as Fernie, practically disappeared, and services were abandoned except for occasional ministrations from the Fernie Parish. Later, following a strike, the camp at Corbin was closed, and services were discontinued at that point. Throughout the years from its beginning, the history of St. Paul's Church shows great activity by being steadily improved, new furnishings bought or given; finally the church was raised and a fine hall placed beneath it, which gave Michel one of the finest and best equipped churches in the East Kootenays.

Prominent laymen whose names appear most prominently in the early history of the church appear to be Messrs. LeRoy, Huntley, Wallbank and Duna. These men seemed to be a rallying point around whom the parish functioned. Like many mining towns, the women seemed to quite often be the bulwark for spiritual and financial assistance, and besides the wives of the above mentioned men, we should add the names of Mrs. Littler, Sr., Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Gaskell, who are a few of many that should be mentioned. In January, 1960, Mr. Robert Winstanley retired as church treasurer after serving in that office or as auditor for forty years.

St. Paul's Church has provided much for the good of that community over the years, and its spacious Parish Hall has provided a community meeting place for many years. At the present time this parish is experiencing a great awakening, and is only now beginning to realize its own potential and strength, and is looking forward in the near future to be a separate self-supporting parish. The present Churchwardens are Mr. J. E. Whalley, who has faithfully served in that capacity for eighteen years, and Mr. W. Gregory, who with his family have been for many years a bulwark of strength in the parish.

knows so well and who love him for his faithful service in the past.

The present Churchwardens of Christ Church are: Mr. J. K. Buchanan, Rector's Warden, a product of the parish, and Mr. Albert Markland, the People's Warden.

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ARCHDEACON F. H. GRAHAM, B.A.
Rural Dean, Nelson, 1908.

In January, 1902, the Reverend F. H. Graham, formerly Rector of Trinity Church, Montreal, arrived and took up his duties as the third incumbent of the Parish of St. Saviour's. He became Rural Dean of Nelson in 1909, and Archdeacon of Kootenay in 1921. Archdeacon Graham retired in 1937, after being Rector of St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral for 35 years. He died in Trail on January 28th, 1958.

The Okanagan Camp is a blend of two strains of camp life in the Okanagan Archdeaconry. As early as 1941 a Diocesan girls' camp had been held at Trout Creek, between Summerland and Penticton, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary and directed by Mrs. N. O. Solly of Summerland, who has been active in camp life from that time. In 1948 the second strain was introduced when a young people's camp was held at Okanagan Centre. In 1950, with the purchase of the Wilson Landing campsite and the setting up of a full range of camps for young people and adults and for boys and girls from nine to sixteen years of age, Okanagan Anglican Camp, affectionately named O.A.C., or Owaissi, an Indian word said to mean "help", really came into its own.

A new dining hall was officially opened and dedicated by Right Reverend P. R. Beattie in August, 1957. Immediately following the blessing of the new building, the property mortgage, which was paid off last year, was burned by the Reverend A. R. Lest, one of the originators of the camp.

The great attraction of Camp Galilee on Slooan Lake, near New Denver, is the beauty of the surrounding scenery. The lake water is generally warm for swimming, and splendid trips can be taken, such as a climb to the Forest Service lookout on Mount Idaho, 8000 feet high. With a ribbon of asphalt being rolled out along the Slooan highway, the drive to the camp is becoming more pleasant each year. Property of the West Kootenay Deanery, the camp was bought in 1950. Bishop Clark, with several clergy and laymen of the Deanery, visited the site in the fall of that year and formed a Camp Association. The Reverend Thomas Mitchell of Nakusp worked tremendously hard on the cabins and the solid old

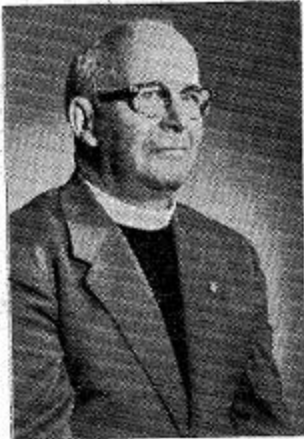
house on the site. In 1958 an out-of-doors chapel was begun, and with hydro-electric expansion in the Slooan, power was installed in 1957.

EDWARDS LAKE

A new camp has been established at Edwards Lake for the East Kootenay Deanery, which operated for the first time in 1959.



REV. AND MRS. T. MITCHELL



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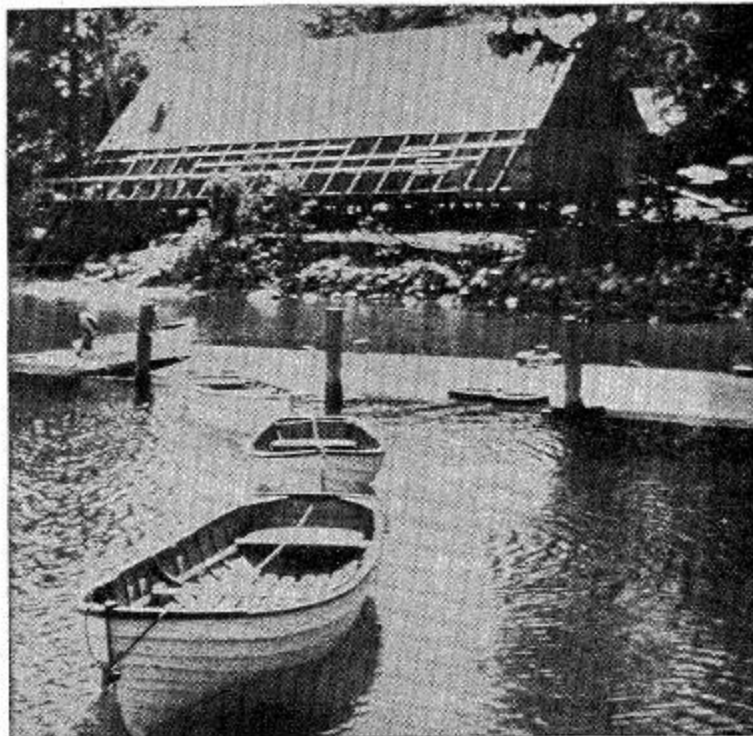
Rector of Kimberley 1938-46. Missionary of Castlegar district from 1946 to 1959. Canon and Archdeacon of Kootenay from 1942.

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Greetings from Kootenay Diocesan W.A.



W.A. DIOCESAN ANNUAL MEETING, GRAND FORKS, 1916.



Grand Forks, 1916.
Mrs. Astley, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. Bob Bird, Treasurer.
Mrs. Harry Bird, Diocesan President 1917-1918.

The Kootenay Diocesan Board was organized on June 27th, 1906, and the first Annual Meeting was held in St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral Parish May 15th and 16th, 1907. At that time there were only four branches in the Diocese, which had been functioning as early as 1903. It was in that year, when the Reverend F. H. and Mrs. Graham came to Nelson, and they were not long in organizing a branch of the W.A. The exact dates of the formation of the other three branches at Armstrong, Kelowna and Kaslo is not known, except that they came into being much about the same time.

Penticton in 1907 was the first branch to be formed under the new Diocesan Board.

At the first Annual Meeting, seventeen W.A. members were in attendance, and at the opening service the preacher was Archdeacon Beer. Later, at an afternoon session, the Reverend F. H. Graham addressed the gathering. These are two names which occur many times in the early records of the W.A., both of whom greatly helped the inexperienced officers of the young Diocesan Board. Archdeacon Beer was a great help and encouragement, and the Reverend F. H. Graham put at their disposal his remarkable knowledge, and his advice assisted them in overcoming preliminary difficulties. God has blessed the Woman's Auxiliary down through the years, in that there have always been women ready and willing to use their strength and their talents in the service of our Lord through the channel of the W.A.

Of our first president, Mrs. Matilda Starkey, it is said her quick intelligence, sound judgement, and her deep religious faith guided her in the organization of the Kootenay Diocesan Board, and to her the Board owes more than can ever be told.

In the early years the Annual Meetings were held in Nelson, the Sea City, and it was in 1916 that the Board for the first time met in one of the parishes—Grand Forks.

The first Diocesan Pledge adopted was for \$50.00 to the Bishopric Endowment Fund, which was in 1913 discontinued.

Our first apportionment to the Dominion United Pledge was set at \$120.00—now we provide \$2,475.00 for this pledge, which is the operating budget of the Woman's Auxiliary, providing salaries for missionaries and workers, grants to hospitals and schools, and provision for all work undertaken by the Woman's Auxiliary.

I noted the first mention of the United Thank Offering in the sum of \$8.00—now our

Thank Offering for the Diocese reaches over \$1,300.00.

Through the years other pledges—both Diocesan and Dominion—have been accepted as opportunities of service in the Woman's Auxiliary, and various departments of work have become our special care—such as the Little Helpers, Juniors, Girls' Auxiliary, Education, Christian Social Service, Candidates for Training, Prayer Partnership, and in these our Kootenay Diocesan Board has progressed and kept in step with the Dominion Board. As may be understood, these departments of work are rooted in parish life, and should provide an interest in W.A. membership for all church women.

In 1947, rather than as an Auxiliary to the M.S.C.C., we became an organization to the whole Church, and we are now known as the Woman's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Our Diocesan strength is 1,000 members in 58 branches (1959). Amounts given by W.A. branches for Diocesan and Dominion work, approximately \$8,000.00, but it is estimated that twice that amount is provided by W.A. branches for needs within their own parish.

Plans are being made for special observance in Ottawa, the home of our foundress, Roberts E. Tilton, of our seventy-fifth anniversary. Our Dominion president urged that it be for W.A. members a year of strengthening our prayer life, as well as an effort to increase our membership to 75,000. It is hoped that our United Thank Offering will reach the grand sum of \$75,000.00—all our efforts to be made with the thought of thankfulness in our hearts for the foundation of our Auxiliary as we take



Mrs. H. A. Solly
W.A. Diocesan President 1939-1952.

steps to go forward into the future.

We are happy as the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary to observe with our Diocese the sixtieth anniversary. It has been our great privilege

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GREETINGS TO THE DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY

E. M. (Ward) Loney, Manager

Greetings From

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lege through most of these sixty years to serve in nearly all parishes—may we continue to be a strengthening witness as we seek to serve through prayer and study, work and stewardship.

Our best wishes are extended to the Diocese on its sixtieth anniversary.

Sincerely,

(MRS. G. S.) RUBY C. MOORE,
Kootenay Diocesan W.A.
President.

**PRESIDENTS OF THE
DIOCESAN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**
Mrs. F. Starkey, 1906-1917.
Mrs. H. Bird, 1917-1918.

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We are not unmindful of the great contribution made to the work of the Church by the Guilds, Mothers' Clubs, Service Clubs, Men's Organizations and other groups which have added vitality to Church life in this Diocese.

Mrs. E. H. H. Applewhaite, 1919-1939.
Mrs. H. A. Solly, 1939-1952.
Mrs. A. T. Horswill, 1952-1956.
Mrs. G. S. Moore, 1956-
Mrs. Beeston, 1918-1919. (Never took the chair.)



Mrs. T. S. Moore
Diocesan W.A. President 1956 on.



KOOTENAY DIOCESAN ANNUAL MEETING AT NELSON, 1927

Left to right: Mrs. C. Hookings Nelson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. E. Redpath, Nelson, Treasurer; Mrs. Wright, Summerland, Dorcas Secretary; Mrs. F. V. Harrison, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Barnes, Summerland, E.C.D. Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. F. H. Graham, Honorary Vice-President; Mrs. Ferrabee, Dominion President; Mrs. Turner Lee, Bonnington, Girls' Secretary and Third Vice-President; Mrs. E. H. H. Applewhaite, Willow Point, Diocesan President; Mrs. Jeff Davis, Grand Forks, Secretary-Treasurer, Living Message; Mrs. H. A. Solly, Summerland, First Vice-President; Mrs. K. Wallace, Boswell, Living Message Editor; Mrs. Fingal Smith, Cranbrook, Little Helpers' Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Bertha Gilchrist, Nelson, Recording Secretary.



Mrs. E. H. H. Applewhaite, 1919-1939.

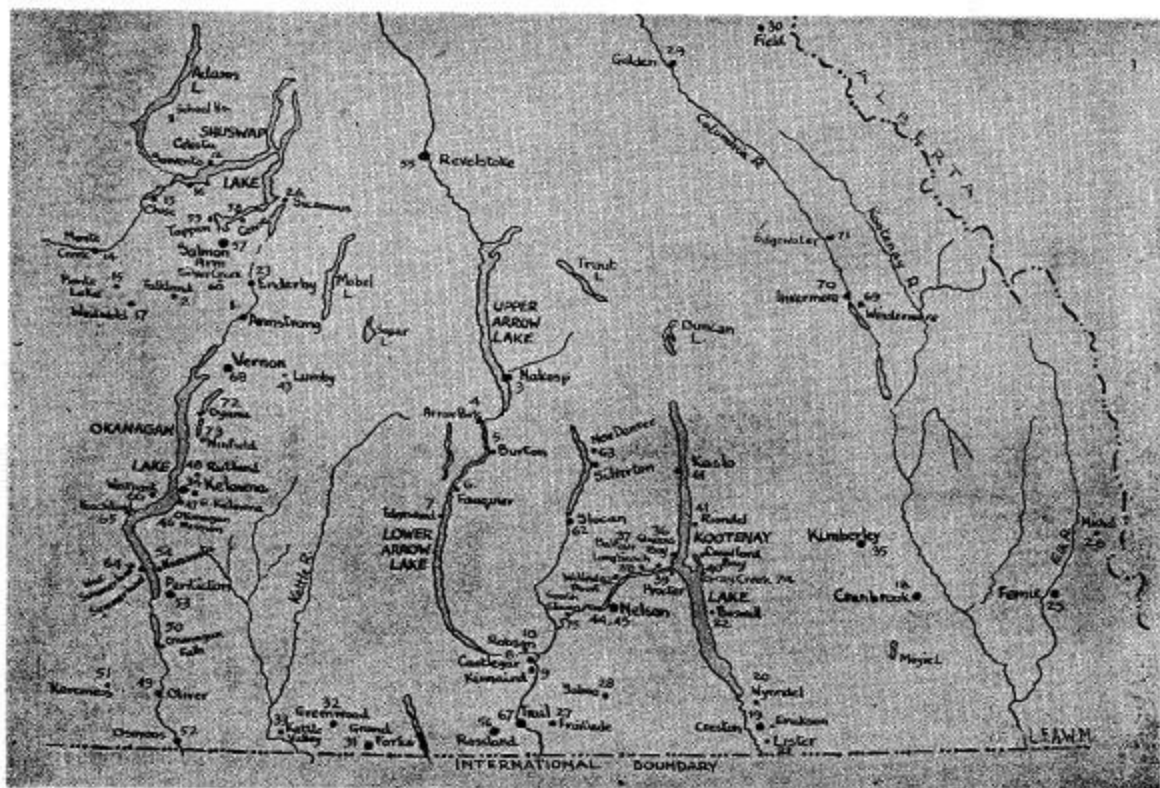


DIOCESAN ANNUAL W.A. MEETING, NELSON, 1912.
Mrs. Matilda Starkey, first President, seventh from left in front row.



Mrs. A. T. Horswill, Castlegar, B. C.
1952-1956

The Great Family of Diocesan Churches



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| 1. St. James', Armstrong * | 39. All Souls', Procter | 59. Tappen * |
| 2. Christ Church, Falkland * | 40. Community Church, Crawford Bay | 60. Silver Creek * |
| 3. St. Mark's, Nakusp * | 41. Community Hall, Riondel | 61. St. Mark's, Kaslo |
| 4. St. John's, Arrow Park * | 42. St. Andrew's by the Lake, Willow Point | 62. St. Paul's, Slocan City |
| 5. St. Stephen's, Burton * | 43. St. James the Less, Lumby | 63. St. Stephen's, New Denver |
| 6. St. Thomas', Fauquier * | 44. St. Saviour's, Nelson * | 64. St. Stephen, West Summerland * |
| 7. St. Agnes', Edgewood * | 45. Church of the Redeemer, Nelson * | 65. St. Margaret's, Peachland * |
| 8. St. Alban's, Castlegar * | 46. St. Andrew's, Okanagan Mission * | 66. St. George, Westbank * |
| 9. St. John's, Kinrossaird * | 47. St. Mary's, East Kelowna * | 67. St. Andrew's, Trail * |
| 10. Community Church, Robson * | 48. St. Aidan's, Rutland * | 68. All Saints', Vernon * |
| 11. School and House, Adams Lake * | 49. St. Edward the Confessor, Oliver * | 69. St. Peter's, Windermere |
| 12. St. David's Church, Celista * | 50. United Church, Okanagan Falls * | 70. Christ Church, Invermere |
| 13. All Saints', Chase * | 51. St. Luke the Divine, Keremeos | 71. All Saints, Edgewater |
| 14. St. Peter's, Monte Creek * | 52. St. Christopher, Osoyoos | 72. St. Mary's, Oyama * |
| 15. St. Margaret's, Monte Lake * | 53. St. Saviour's, Penticton * | 73. St. Margaret, Winfield * |
| 16. St. Mary's, Sorrento * | 54. St. Peter's, Naramata * | 74. Gray Creek |
| 17. St. Luke's, Westwold * | 55. St. Peter's, Revelstoke * | 75. St. Matthew's, South Slocan * |
| 18. Christ Church, Cranbrook * | 56. St. George the Martyr, Rossland * | |
| 19. Christ Church, Creston * | 57. St. John the Evangelist, Salmon Arm * | |
| 20. St. Patrick's, Wynndel * | 58. St. Luke, Canoe * | |
| 21. All Saints', Lister * | | |
| 22. Boswell * | | |
| 23. St. George's, Enderby * | | |
| 24. St. Peter's, Sicamous * | | |
| 25. Christ Church, Fernie * | | |
| 26. St. Paul's, Michel * | | |
| 27. St. John the Evangelist, Fruitvale * | | |
| 28. Community Church, Salmo * | | |
| 29. St. Paul's, Golden * | | |
| 30. St. Joan's, Field * | | |
| 31. Holy Trinity, Grand Forks * | | |
| 32. St. Jude, Greenwood * | | |
| 33. St. Mary's, Kettle Valley * | | |
| 34. St. Michael and All Angels', Kelowna * | | |
| 35. All Saints', Kimberley * | | |
| 36. St. Francis in the Wood, Queen's Bay | | |
| 37. St. Michael and All Angels', Balfour | | |
| 38. All Saints', Longbeach | | |

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THE CHALLENGE OF YOUTH

By Archdeacon B. A. Resker

A recent article in Maclean's Magazine is a great challenge to all connected with the Church and Youth Organizations.

Katz's National Report on whether youth is equipped to face the future gave, to some, rather startling conclusions, and turned some of our pre-conceived ideas topsy turvy. How far the report is really representative of the opinions of our young people is a matter of debate, I think, but anyhow the findings are interesting and a challenge to us all.

There seemed to be, according to the report, very little belief in our democratic system and in the basic freedoms. It is our job to teach that the foundation of democracy lies in the Christian Religion, and that Our Lord stressed, time after time, the value of each individual as a child of God. We too must educate in the democratic way through letting the young folk run their own shows in the A.Y. or in the Troop and Patrol or Club. Our Church should be a school of democracy.

The report surprisingly states that many young people think that they have too much freedom personally, and that some parents are too easy going. It is our job to inculcate the idea of self-discipline and temperance in all things, and to show whence comes the power to be temperate, and that each is responsible to God. There seems to be very little interest in international relationships, but the majority felt that, although they had no influence in the matter of peace or war, yet educationists and religious leaders (who were placed far above the politicians) could have a big influence. Most of us are both, and therefore have a big share to take. We can make real the world-wide fellowship of the Catholic Church or the world-wide brotherhood of Scouting. The missionary work of the Church is a practical way through which good will goes out to the world.

One of the most definite traits of modern youth is apparently the great desire to conform. Being an "oddball" is "worse than death". As always, the young (and sometimes the not so young) like to travel with the Gang. "Keeping up with the Jones" is one of the features of our age. We can do two things to help our youngsters to be individuals. We must hold up high ideals of character as shown by our Lord, and perhaps very dimly reflected in us their leaders, and we can also show them whence comes spiritual strength to stand up for those ideals and be courageous.

It seems that many who were interviewed thought that security and an easy-going life were preferable to one of adventure. Our programmes should have lots of adventure in them. Adventuring for the great Kingdom of God is the greatest of them all.

In the matter of Religion much lip service was paid to its value. Sixty per cent said they were concerned about it, and 79% thought that divine help was needed to build a good world. Some commentators in the report seem to feel that this was more lip service and conformity than any real interest in Religion. Of course all our work in Church and other organizations is of very little worth unless it is based on Religion. Much depends on the spiritual life of the leaders, for Religion is caught, not taught. In this exciting speculative age the future citizens of the world must have a spiritual foundation for their lives.

Here is the challenge: Are we meeting it by making our Churches and organizations as efficient as possible, and above all filled with the power and presence of God? The report concludes with the following: "All this poses

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The U.B.C. is the second largest university in Canada. It is secular in foundation, unlike all the other universities in our land, and needs the influence of our College. Its cosmopolitan composition is good for our students and their outlook. Closest to the Orient of any part of Canada, it may well become a centre for Oriental studies in its Christian relations during the years to come. We expect that very soon it will be the most important theological college in Western Canada, and it is our own opinion that, situated as it is, there is no need of any other. But more, the interest of the American Church is growing. Students from the Dioceses in the States of Washington and Oregon have been registering in increasing numbers, and it is reasonable to expect that in due time we shall see the Anglican Theological College become the training place for the American Northwest. When we realize that there is so such college closer than California, this is not an idle speculation.

Much more could be written, but it is the hope that the importance of the College will grow in the minds of our people. Already this is on the way. Legacies have been increasing, and will increase. Let us give the College all the support we can, and all the support it needs.

The Reverend John Blewett, Professor of Church History and Liturgy, has been appointed Principal of the College. The Reverend Canon T. D. Sommerville of St. James, Vancouver, has been appointed Dean of Residence.

We cannot escape history. But we can learn much from the lessons of history. We can gain strength, courage and understanding from the past to meet the challenge of our own times.—Kettering.

a challenge to adults, parents, teachers, clergy and all youth workers. Our responsibility is to help develop all these positive characteristics and help correct those that are not so good or worth while." We have been challenged.

Emotional Column

When Jesus came into the ancient world he said, "I am come that they might have vitality and overflow with it." His promise came true. The Christians did overflow with vitality. Their Master gave new vitality to man, new meaning to life, new zest in living it and new glory to God. He came into the world as a liberating force. He did in very truth set the captives free. All that was finest in the thought of the ancient world and purest in its heart found its fulfilment in Him and became available for the humblest people. To a people stale, dispirited and disillusioned He brought a new and young Gospel, full of ardour, challenge and energy. At the heart of it was His thought about God. It was that which transformed life.

Why, then, does He not meet our need today? Why are our Churches so poorly attended? Why do so many honest people feel that they can no longer believe in Christianity? We all have our answers to these questions. In the main false accretions have overlaid the real thing. Our people are throwing away the baby with the water. They say, "I can't be a Christian because I can't believe that Genesis is Science," (of course it isn't, it's poetry) . . . or they say I cannot be a Christian because God allows war, injustices, sickness, pestilences, famines, etc. Well, most of the early Christians were perplexed too. We do not need to let these things get in the way. The central and critical thing is that you think hard enough to make Christ's conception of God and human life your own and then base your own life upon it.

Jesus demands complete sincerity with the facts, utter devotion to truth, just as science does. To the ancient counsel, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul and heart and strength," He added, most significantly, "with all thy mind." He asks you to think, to test, to experiment. That is the scientific attitude.

He allowed no barriers of class, sex or race. He insisted that nothing less than an outlook that was absolutely international would do. He held together the conception of a world-wide society with that of the value of the individual man. Because of Christ, His life, teaching and example, the world grew young again. Time and time again in the history of Christianity the miracle has been repeated . . . when, shedding the dust and accumulated rubbish of centuries, men have taken their stand with Him in his thought of God; that was the very seed of life itself. It still is. Let us take our stand with Him, and our life will have meaning, power and joy, bringing fresh hope to the world, our own souls, and above all a new breath and sweetness into the life of the Church.

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Laying of the foundation stone of the new St. Andrew's Church, Trail, by the Right Reverend W. F. Barfoot, former Primate of Canada, assisted by: Left to right—Reverend J. Rogers, Right Reverend Mr. Barfoot, Reverend W. Edington, Archdeacon B. A. Resker, and Archdeacon F. H. Graham.

Rev. Adam R. Lett Of Oyama, Passes



REVEREND ADAM RALPH LETT

Some 200 people from all walks of life, including Clergy from many Valley points, were present at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Oyama, B. C., on Friday, January 22nd, for the funeral of Reverend Adam Ralph Lett, who died January 18th in Kelowna General Hospital.

Born in 1888, he was a member of one of the Ottawa Valley's pioneer families, and was educated at Eganville, Ont., and graduated from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, in 1919. He was ordained as an Anglican Priest at Navan, Ont., in the Diocese of Ottawa, in 1919, and spent one year there as a Parish priest.

For twenty years following he was Principal and Spiritual Adviser at St. George's Indian Residential School at Lytton, B. C., where, under his administration, the school was rebuilt and became well known for its academic and agricultural education.

In 1941 he became Vicar of the Parish of Woodsdale, Oyama, B. C., which embraced Oyama, Winfield, Ellison and the Commonage. He retired in 1954 due to ill health.

In 1958 he took over the Parish of Lumby, B. C., on a part-time basis, and was most instrumental in rebuilding the Parish of St. James the Less. Reverend Lett gave up his work in this Parish in August, 1959, after illness compelled him to forego all activities. His efforts have been rewarded, as Lumby now has a Resident Vicar, Reverend E. Somers, and they are building a vicarage and plan extensive improvements to the Church.

He was also one of the founders of the Diocesan Youth Camp at Wilson's Landing on Lake Okanagan.

He saw service in Canada in the First World War and was invalided out before the end of the war. He served as Honorary Chaplain of the Canadian Legion Branch 189, Oyama, for many years, and was honored by the Legion Ceremony at the graveside, where Branch President B. P. Baker led the veterans in tribute.

Pallbearers were Messrs. E. Bailey, J. Hare, J. Stamer, R. Saunders, M. Fulton and M. Hill, all of Lumby Parish.

The funeral services were conducted by the Bishop of Kootenay, Right Reverend P. R. Beattie, and Reverend A. J. Jackson.

Surviving, besides his loving wife, Florence May, are a daughter, Mrs. John Cochet (Marjorie), three grandchildren, Jacqueline, Patrick and Richard, of Louise Creek, B. C., and a sister, Miss Cecil E. Lett, of Willowdale, Ont.

Interment and services were held at Oyama, B. C.

Waiting for Meal Of Leftovers



He stood patiently outside the wholesale market in Kennedy Town. A scraggy boy in a dirty, worn-out cloth jacket over a faded red sweater. He was waiting for his evening meal — leftovers by families living nearby.

It had been more than a year since his mother left him to remarry; and he has been wandering in the streets, begging for a living since.

His name is Kwong Chi-cheong; he is 11 years old, but is small for his age. He appeared quite intelligent when he chatted with me yesterday afternoon. He, however, did not want to speak about his mother. He dismissed the subject by simply saying, "I don't know where she is . . . I don't know when she left."

At night he would climb up the hillside off Smithfield Road to the tiny hut which he shares with his elder sister, Kwong Po Ping, who is 13 years old. His sister goes out to work as a maid servant. In the evenings she comes home to take care of her younger brother.

"My father died long ago in the country," little Kwong said to me.

A neighbour of his said that Kwong's mother left over a year ago. She took the elder and youngest daughter with her. The sister left the mother, however, in order to be with her brother.

The boy's father died about six years ago in their village in Wai Chow, Kwangtung Province, China. Kwong now begs for a living, and on the bad days when he comes home empty-handed, a neighbour would sometimes share his own meagre fare with him.

We cannot do everything here, but a child like Kwong Chi-cheong should be a part of whatever we do.

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