

therefore there is a demand for heroic faith to which the bereaved Mother will only rise gradually after the Resurrection morning, when the day shall dawn and the shadows flee away.

Grant unto us, O most merciful Father a like precious faith, through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYERS

#### FOR USE DURING THE WAR.

In the course of last month the Bishop sent to all the Clergy a letter suggesting the use of any of the following Prayers during the War in South Africa :—

(1) Prayer to be used "In the time of War and Tumults," to be found in our Prayer Book.

(2) The same Prayer, with the omission, if desired, of the clause "Abate.... devices."

(3) "O Almighty and most Merciful Father, the Protector of all who trust in Thee: Accept, we beseech Thee, our humble intercessions for our Brethren, Thy Servants, who are fighting our battles in South Africa. Protect and defend them by Thy power. Give unto them true courage in danger and mercifulness in victory. Be pleased, O Lord, to succour and relieve the sick and wounded, and grant unto all, who fall in battle, that they may depart this life in the true faith of Christ's most Holy Name. Minister abundantly the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit to their fatherless children and widows, and to all whose homes are rendered desolate, and in Thine own good time restore to us the inestimable blessing of peace.

Grant this, O heavenly Father,

we most humbly beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord." Amen.

And since this circular was issued the Bishop has discovered a copy of another Prayer, put forth apparently by the late Bishop Williams on some former occasion. He is glad therefore also to authorise its use. It reads as follows :—

"O Almighty God whose power no creature is able to resist, save and deliver, we humbly beseech Thee, our Soldiers and Sailors who are now engaged in war; shield them in the hour of danger, that they, being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils to glorify Thee, who art the only Giver of all victory, through the merits of Thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

Since unfortunately the War appears likely to last for some time to come, it seems well to give to the Clergy some choice, so that at their daily and Sunday Services they should be able to use two or more of these prayers in turn.

#### Chaplain to the Canadian Contingent.

We are sure our readers will be very glad to learn that our Travelling Missionary, the Rev. John Almond, B.A., of Bishop's College, Leamoxville, volunteered to act as Church of England Chaplain to the Canadian Contingent which has gone to South Africa, and that his services were accepted. It is a great satisfaction to know that the large number of members of the Church of England in the Contingent will be ministered to by one of their own Clergy, and by one who has proved himself to be a true Servant of his Master and a good friend to young men.