

fellowship, a tie which should encourage every missionary in the back-woods, unknown, unhonoured in the mouths of men, but known in the presence of Him who seeth in secret, and who shall some day reward him openly.

The third bishop of Sierra Leone, who, in succession to Bishops Tidal and Weeks, sacrificed his life, as they did theirs, to the work, after two short years, was brought to the light of the Gospel in the backwoods of Canada through the faithful ministration of an S. P. G missionary, Rev. C. B. Gribble, on the shores of Lake Erie at Dunnville. The Rt. Rev. John Bower, L.L.D., was for some years a settler in Canada and on March 6th, 1842, his spiritual life first definitely commenced. "It was in the house of God this event took place. For some time his mind had been dark with the consciousness of sin which was not unknown to the clergyman, to whom he related, a few days after, that during the sermon he had encountered a fearful struggle with himself, and that he was then conscious of the crisis having come when he must decide for ever whether henceforward his whole purpose and will should be given without reserve to God and His service. . . . That his resolution had been taken once and for all, and that immediately on his coming to that determination peace filled his soul, the world seemed nothing, and, therefore as a seal to his purpose of dedication to God he went forward to the communion of Christ's body." On the same Sunday evening he experienced such an ecstasy in prayer, that as he says of himself. "I doubted if I were in my right senses. Christ was slain for me. I could give myself up to Him unreservedly; I cannot describe my sensation of joy; I could not praise God sufficiently for the great scheme of salvation." And thus through the ministry of the Canadian Church this faithful soldier of Christ entered under the banner of the Cross.

After working for some time on his farm he was no longer able to resist the call that he felt to enter the ministry and he returned to England. From Trinity College, Dublin, he went to be curate of Knaresborough, but on inheriting a considerable fortune from his uncle he offered himself to the Church Missionary Society, and spent some years as a missionary envoy in the East, "among Greeks and Turks, and Kurds and Yesidees, and Armenians, and