

ing. The S.P.G. is withdrawing its grant.

Older Canada's enthusiasm for the missions of Algoma is waning. We are being thrown more and more largely upon our own resources. We know what that means, perhaps, in the way of straitened circumstances and inability to cope with the growing needs of our diocese. But, probably, we do not know what a latent power of self-help lies in our own people, or what we may do for ourselves if we are willing to make sacrifices for the glory of God. It is in this direction that Lent should help us. During the coming weeks of self-discipline we should think much of these matters and practice not merely rigid economy but actual self-sacrifice, in luxuries, social enjoyments, indulgence in dress, and things which, though we have become accustomed to them, we can really do without. And at Easter, when we bring and present the value of these things to God through the Offertory, we should look for His blessing. He may open our spiritual eyes at that time and show us many ways in which we can habitually do more than we are doing for His Church.

When David had accumulated a vast and varied store of precious materials for the erection of a House of God, he lifted up his heart in thanksgiving, saying "Who am I, and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort, for all things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee?" It was not merely for the ability, but for the will to give, that David thanked God. And, after all, is not this the great thing? Should we not, this Lent, besiege the throne of grace with our united requests for a generous and liberal spirit, that up to, and even beyond, the measure of our ability, we may be forward to support the Church in our midst in its hour of need?

Surely the more we do for the Church the more we shall love it and the happier we shall be in our use of its ministrations. And so Lent will become a means of permanent blessing to us.

Finally, let us keep ever before our minds, as we use the opportunities of Lent, that the one source of all blessing is God Himself, and that only by getting closer to Him in the person of Jesus Christ can we hope for any good results from our Lenten efforts. "Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your

hearts and stablish you in every good word and work."

Believe me, very faithfully,

Your friend and Bishop,

GEORGE ALGOMA.

### A Day of Humble Supplication.

Septuagesima Sunday, February 11th, has been appointed by His Grace the Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada as a day when all our people shall be called upon to meet in solemn service with reference to the terrible war in South Africa. We are all desired, on that day, to unite in the humble confession of our own shortcomings, in the acknowledgment of the Supreme Power and Wisdom of God, and in imploring the Great Father in Heaven to use us and our armies for the establishment of truth and righteousness, to lead us out of war into a right and lasting peace; and to overrule all things in this world of sin and sorrow to the enlargement of His blessed Kingdom.

The Bishop of the Diocese, therefore, calls upon all Church people to make the day appointed one of great humiliation and truly earnest prayer for these ends.

He desires that in every parish or mission where it is possible the Holy Communion be celebrated either before or in connection with the morning service; and that when morning service cannot be held, there be a special service at a later hour. In stations where the service cannot be held on the Sunday appointed, he desires that it be held on some day in the following week or on the following Sunday.

The special service of Humble Supplication should consist of, or include:

(1) Special hymns (such as 244, 268, 217, and 376 hymns A. & M.).

(2) The Litany with special prayers (see below) before the prayer of St. Chrysostom.

(3) The *Miserere* (Psalm 51), kneeling, with the prayers that follow in the Communion Service.

(4) Special Lessons: The first, Joel ii. 12-27. The second, St. Mark viii. 34-38, or 1 Peter v. 6-11.

(5) A suitable address setting forth the need of individual and national humility, the absolute importance of purity of purpose (for example that we should seek the establishment of Freedom, Justice, and Truth, not mere victory in the existing struggle), and the necessity of putting our trust not in our own strength but in God.

(6) Offerings for the Canadian Patriotic Fund, to be sent to the Treasurer of the Diocese, H. Plummer, Esq., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

For use at these services, and at any time during the continuance of the war the Bishop authorizes the following prayers:

I.

The Collect for Septuagesima.

II.

**L**ORD God of Hosts, our only Strength and Refuge, we come before Thee confessing our many sins and forgetfulness of Thee in the time of our wealth. Pardon, we beseech Thee, all these our offences and cleanse us from our sins. Forgive whatever may have been amiss in us in the controversy which has led us into this present strife, and grant in Thine own good time a righteous issue and the blessings of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.

**O** MOST powerful and glorious Lord God, the Lord of Hosts, that rulest and commandest all things, Thou sittest in the throne judging right, and therefore we make our address to Thy Divine Majesty in this our necessity, that Thou wouldst take the cause into Thine own hand, and judge between us and our enemies. Stir up Thy strength O Lord! and come and help us; for Thou givest not alway the battle to the strong, but canst save by many or by few. O let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance; but hear us Thy poor servants begging mercy, and imploring Thy help, and that Thou wouldst be a defence unto us against the face of the enemy. Make it appear that Thou art our Saviour and Mighty Deliverer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV.

**O** LORD God Almighty, by Whose permission nation riseth against nation, Who usest their swords for Thy judgments and Who makest wars to cease in all the world: Vouchsafe we beseech Thee to our forces now engaged in South Africa, protection and courage in danger, and mercifulness in victory. Grant to the wounded succour; to the dying pardon and peace; to the mourners comfort; to those who minister to the suffering, skill and gentleness; and to us all when Thou wilt the blessing of a righteous and abiding peace; through the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.