

MISSIONARY AND THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Monday evening, April 20th, the Provost called a special meeting of the Missionary and Theological Society. There was a large attendance. The Provost read a letter of appeal for help from the Rev. Mr. Hartly, of Stoney Lake, Diocese of Toronto. This clergyman will be in great need of assistance during the summer months and would like very much if two men would come and help him during that time. In return for their assistance he could only promise to pay their expenses. The Provost asked those who were not already engaged for the summer to think over the matter and if any one saw his way clear to give the required help, to report to him in the course of a few days.

At 7.30 the same evening the members of the Executive Committee met to arrange the programme for the coming year, the principal matter being the appointment of subjects for special essays. As several of the members were then in the middle of their examination work it was thought advisable to leave the choice of subjects and essay writers to a special committee. On the call for volunteers for essays many responded and we look forward to an interesting series of papers on live questions in the theological and social world next year.

NOTES.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will (D.V.) hold his next general ordination in the Cathedral of St. Alban the Martyr on Trinity Sunday May 31st.

Rev. R. J. Moore, we regret to learn, has been compelled to give up all work for a time on account of ill health. He has gone to England. Professor Clark and Professor Huntingford will take charge of St. Margaret's until Mr. Moore's return. Mr. Moore was presented with a return ticket to England by his congregation before he left.

This prayer was found in the late Dr. Bethune's Bible at the time of his death—"Lord, pardon what I have been, sanctify what I am, and order what I shall be, that Thine may be the glory, and mine the eternal salvation." "These words, from one of the ancient fathers," Dr. Bethune wrote underneath, "are proper for any believing sinner, in life or in death."—*The Church Evangelist*.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a growing power in the Church. It is swallowing up a great many other lay associations. In Jamaica the Primate is organizing a branch of the Brotherhood in which is to be merged the work of the Church Army, of the Lay-helpers Association and of the Jamaica Church Missionary Union. The man who inaugurated this modern religious order was a religious genius and its wide influence and usefulness are the best testimony to the wisdom of its constitution.—*The New York Churchman*.

The Bishop of Alaska, the Right Rev. Dr. Rowe has gone to his work in the far north. The best wishes of Trinity go with him.

A letter from Bishop Rowe, of Alaska, in *The Churchman*, gives some idea of the tremendous difficulties that labourers in that far-off country must encounter. He says:—

To-day I had a few hours to spare and have been making up my "kit" for the journey to the Yukon. I have been in despair, too, for what to take and what to leave behind was a difficulty to me. There were many things I wanted to take, but knowing the labour of packing and sledding them 898 miles compelled me to sort out in a wholesale fashion. The journey will take two months, and the provisions alone for that period will make a large load. Then, there is a tent, blankets, stove, hardware to saw out and build a boat, etc., and by the time these are packed I will have about 700 pounds of baggage. All this will have to be packed over the summit, 4,600 feet high, and very steep in ascent for 1,000 feet. I have engaged a Brotherhood man to accompany me; my dog will go also.

Already it has cost me about \$250 in preparing for the trip. Then I will have to give my companion about \$40 per month, for seven months, beside feeding him. I am anxious to reach Circle City as soon as I can, so that I may be the first on the ground. This place is on the Yukon, 400 miles above Mr. Prevost's mission. It is the centre of the mining country. Thousands of men will be in it or near it this year. It is also quite a community already. So far as I know, no Church is represented there yet. Here we ought to be able to place a missionary at once. But I feel that the Church expects me to see the ground myself before reporting and asking for the placing of a missionary there.

Mr. Beer and I are both at Juneau. There is much to be done in this place. Through it the miners are pouring into the Yukon country. There is no work being done for them or for the white population, but what is being done by us. There is great need of Christian work in the place. The worst sort of evil attractions are openly and freely offered, and all the people are thankful for our coming. But we have no church, only the use temporarily of the log cabin church, and no place for the missionary to live in. At present we are living in a poor, miserable, comfortless little place, keeping bachelor's hall, and to build a church and rectory we shall be compelled at once. For this we shall need immediate help, and I trust many will rise to the need and help us.

I leave on Tuesday for Sitka, and will spend a few days there. After that trip I will start for the Yukon. I will be gone six or seven months. Mr. Beer will look after the church and residence and attend to all my letters, etc. I will send out letters upon every opportunity, but what opportunities I may have it is impossible to say.

Juneau, Alaska, April 4, 1896.

N.B.—Contributions toward building the church and rectory at Juneau should be sent to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions at the Church Missions House, 281 Fourth avenue, New York.

It is announced that Bishop Potter, has accepted an invitation from the authorities of the University of Cambridge, in England, to be select preacher to the University in May, 1897. The city papers have much to say about this honour, which was conferred on Bishop Littlejohn, of Long Island, many years ago. It is not usual to ask an Englishman to fulfill the duty, which consists in delivering certain sermons at the University, to fill gaps in the series of sermons falling ordinarily to the members of the University in course.

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