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The Bishop has issued his list of confirmations for the current year. From it we gather that confirmations will be held in fifty-nine churches or places, while this will hardly exhaust the number, as only fifteen churches in Toronto and suburbs are accounted for. What a grand opportunity is here presented for instruction in Church doctrine and Bible truth, and for the deepening of the spiritual life of the people! Fifty-nine confirmation classes! With two such seasons as Lent, just passed, and confirmation, now preparing, or to be prepared for, there should be no lack of revival in the Church. Are we making the most of these opportunities? Some time ago the Provincial Synod authorized two collects to be used in public service at the time of preparation for confirmation. Could not these be advantageously used by us all in our private devotions? That all may be enabled to do so, we print these prayers on another page. Cut them out and paste them on the fly leaf of your Prayer-Book.

The Church in this Diocese is scanning the Diocesan Mission field as never before, largely owing to the Deputation work and the increased vigilance shown by the Mission Board. The leaders of the Church and the supporters of the Mission Fund are making enquiry as to the work which either is or is *not* being done, and Missions which cannot give some evidences of life and progress need not be surprised if the Church's help be lessened or withdrawn, not as a reflection upon them, but in order that funds may be available for more promising work. Only during the last quarter a flourishing settlement was discovered without religious ministrations of any kind. An appeal was made to the Bishop, who replied that the financial position of the Mission Board would not allow any new operations to be undertaken.

In the past season's Deputation work an advance has been made by bringing Clergy and Laity outside the city to speak in Toronto, as well as *vice versa*. This step has doubtless given pleasure to both the congregations and the visitors. One of the latter, speaking at the end of the campaign, made a reference to the work which will bear repetition in these columns. He said: "The Mission Board is composed of active, clear-headed business men and earnest, enterprising clergy, who are working out a policy and surveying the needs and possibilities of the field. This Board is brought into personal connection with all parts of the Church by the members of the Deputation Committee, who give all information concerning the progress of the work, and in their travels also gain much valuable information to be laid before the Mission Board."

The speaker went on to express the deep gratitude which Churchmen in the country, both clerical and lay, entertained towards the men who had come out from Toronto after a hard week's work to spend a still harder Sunday. While they had been the means of raising a large amount of money, this was but a small part of the valuable services rendered by them. They had presented to the laymen of the country their Church in a new light and from a new standpoint, and their mere presence, standing as simple laymen before the congregations, had done very much indeed to arouse and stimulate aggressive lay work in the Church. The speaker believed that, with the impetus already given, many more laymen in both town and country would be moved to plead the cause of Christ and His Church with strikingly helpful effect both to the cause and to themselves.

## DEPUTATION COMMITTEE.

There seems to be an impression that the Deputation Committee consists either of the persons originally appointed in 1897 or of persons nominated annually by the Synod. This is a mistake. Many of those who were on the original Commit-