

## SIERRA LEONE AND ITS CONNECTION WITH CANADA.

On Friday, December 3rd, 1897, at 7.30 p.m. there was held in St. Saviour's Collegiate Church, Southwark, a service of a most interesting and impressive character. It was on behalf of the Mission Work in the Diocese of Sierra Leone. It was also a farewell service for the new Bishop, the Right Reverend John Taylor Smith, D.D., who has been called on to bear the standard of the Cross into the forefront of the hottest battle in succession to a very remarkable roll of heroes, who have stood for Christ's sake in a deadly climate—heroes indeed. And while the Christian Church is bound to uphold with her prayers and her almsgivings all those who lead in the van of her missionary armies, none call for more sympathy and support than those who face the awful dangers and temptations of the tropics. That many felt the solemn duty of supporting Sierra Leone was evidenced by the number who assembled from all parts of London and its suburbs on the occasion alluded to. The service consisted of a shortened form of Evening Prayer with appropriate hymns and lessons and the missionaries' Psalm—the ninety-first—as the proper Psalm; the anthem was Mendelssohn's "Now we are ambassadors in the name of Christ," followed by special prayers for more missionaries, for the conversion of the heathen and for Christians sojourning abroad that they may lead consistent lives. After the hymn and the offertory, the sermon followed, a note of which will be found later, and all the congregation offered select Prayer for the outgoing Bishop and sang the dismissal hymn while still kneeling. Already several times at death's door, given up by the doctors, Bishop Taylor Smith, as Canon Missioner of the Cathedral and as Chaplain to the forces in the last Ashantee expedition, when all England mourned over the grave of her Soldier Prince, Henry of Battenberg, has won a place for himself in the hearts of men through the length and breadth of the land. Like a true soldier of Jesus Christ, he is as faithful in delivering his message to the Queen and Royal family as he is courteous to the humblest child of God in the poorest parish of London. But Canada has a closer tie than perhaps she knows to Sierra Leone, closer than the universal tie of Christian