

Foreign Missions are bound up together in the bundle of the Church's corporate life. The solemnities of the hour furnish ample illustration. Surely it is somewhat more than a happy coincidence, nay, may we not call it a directly divine providence, nay even more a special inspiration of the Holy Ghost that the Church has been led to select for the commissioning of a Chief Pastor to care for the sheep of Christ's flock, who are scattered abroad over a wide field in this fair Dominion, the very day on which the first and earliest Epiphany was vouchsafed to the representatives of races, dwelling in what were then "the uttermost ends of the earth!" Brethren, I ask on his behalf your fervent prayers, your deepest sympathies, your most generous support. He will need them sorely. Some years since England despatched one of her bravest sons to Egypt to maintain her supremacy there against the countless hosts of the followers of the Mahdi, and then, pursuing a cowardly hesitating policy, left him there unsupported, to fall a prey to his enemies, thereby writing a bar sinister on her Escutcheon which no time can ever obliterate. Brethren, I beseech you, and through you the Church at large, to hold up the hands of him who, to-day, in obedience to a divine call, goes forth from these walls to take up the heavy burden of the administration of your Missionary Diocese of Algoma. It would be a cruelty and injustice to leave him there unsupported. I speak that whereof I know when I say that the ordinary labors, cares and anxieties attendant on the episcopal supervision of such a jurisdiction, weighty though they be, are trifles light as air compared with the utter heart-sickness that comes of seeing doors opening for the building up of the Church of Christ, but no means of entering them—fields whitening for the harvest, and no laborers to gather the golden grain—nay, hearing strong men, with tears running down their cheeks, begging for the Church's ministrations for themselves and their children, only to receive the chilling reply, 'I cannot.'

But, my brother, I would not discourage you. God forbid. The call you have obeyed is a divine one. You did not seek it. It comes to you from the assembled Church, only after solemn and silent prayer for the guidance of the Holy Ghost. And you obeyed it, not hastily, as a prize to be

grasped at, but after deep searchings of heart, and earnest and frequent asking, 'Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?' Doubt not, therefore, that you are to-day treading the path of duty, and dismiss the fears and questionings that intrude themselves. The path before you will not be one strewn with flowers,—you would not have it so if you could, difficulties and discouragements will confront you, trying your faith, testing your patience, tempting you at times, not merely to despondency, but almost to despair, but 'be strong and of a good courage.' Friends may seem to fail you, the Church's tender care may cool, 'may cease towards the child she bare,' but God will take your very disappointments, and in the secret alchemy of His good providence transmute them into stepping stones, lifting you individually into a more perfect resignation to His will. Therefore, while working 'for the edifying of the Body of Christ,' 'Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him,' for "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Directly after the sermon the Lord Bishop of Montreal, (acting under a commission received from His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Ontario,) took his seat in the face of the congregation, and the two presenting Bishops (the Bishops of Fredericton and Ottawa) presented the Bishop-elect in the form prescribed in the Consecration Service, as follows:—"Most Reverend Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well learned man to be ordained and consecrated Bishop." The necessary oaths of allegiance and of due obedience to the Archbishop of the Province had been previously taken by the Bishop-elect according to the Canon, and consequently the acting Metropolitan simply called for the record of the election of the Reverend Canon Thorneloe, D.D., at the recent special session of the Provincial Synod, and this record of election was read by the Very Reverend the Dean of Montreal, Prolocutor of the Lower House. This done, the acting Metropolitan addressed the congregation, calling upon them to join in prayer, and saying:—"Brethren, it is written in the Gospel of Saint Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer before he