

known as having been once hard and honored workers in the Canadian Church, and it is satisfactory to know that the lovely climate of the portion of California in which they are, enables them still to carry on their Master's work in the Church of their baptism. The many friends of Dean Trev will be glad to know that he hopes to be present at the General Convention of the American Church to be held in Chicago in October, when he also hopes to pay a visit to Canada, from which, through failing health, he has been absent many years.

CHRISTIAN UNION.

It may be one of the signs of the times that at the Annual Convocation of Trinity College, Toronto, one of the speakers was Rev. Principal Grant of Queen's (Presbyterian) University, Kingston. The fact that these two universities occupy very much the same position in regard to the proposed Federation Scheme with the University of Toronto has a tendency to draw them together; and the firm stand taken by Dr. Grant in favor of Universities that are decided in their Christian teaching is such as to render him invaluable in advocating the rights of such institutions. The Toronto Synod passed a resolution in favor of "Christian Union." The Huron Synod seem to have rejected a proposition asking for special intercessory prayers on the subject. Rev. Geo. Forneret, of Hamilton, had a motion on the notice paper of Niagara Diocese, somewhat to the same effect, but it was left over as "unfinished business." Nowhere is the disunion of Christendom more keenly felt than on the mission field. Many a missionary's heart has been nearly broken over it. He has not only to prosecute the legitimate work of preaching Christ to the people among whom he labors, but he has to meet the discouragements of a divided and sometimes a rival Christianity. But God alone can clear up this great question. Mr. Forneret's idea perhaps is the best, viz: to approach this subject by earnest intercessory prayer, enjoined upon all by the highest legislative body of the Church, the Provincial Synod.

It is true that the Church never forgets to pray that "all who call themselves Christians (and what wider term could there be than this?) may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace," but in the face of the sore trials caused by a divided Christianity, it would seem that special prayers to the great Head of the Church, ordered for that one definite object, would be a wise and proper preparatory step. The difficulties arising from the historic position of the Church of England, and from the possession of her Prayer Book (which is a tower of strength not only in her devotions but in the way of *educating her people*) can scarcely be appreciated by religious bodies outside her fold, yet they are of vital importance at least to her. But nothing is impossible

with God, and to Him we should fly, by means of earnest prayer, in every special difficulty in which we may be placed.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

THE month that has just passed has seen trains running through our great continent on the Canadian Pacific Railway, which at last has been completed. We live in days when changes take place rapidly. Fifty years ago the first attempt was made at a railway in this country, and a crude attempt it was. Now communication is opened up in all directions by means of the numerous and efficient lines of railway. We now witness a new era in the history of this country. A highway, we will say, across the world has been opened up through our own Dominion; and men, women, and freight, bound for Australia and the most distant portions of the earth, will pass through some of our own Canadian cities and towns.

Let members of the Church of England who are thoughtful, and who love their Church, reflect that the time has surely come when *Domestic Missions* should not be merely a name among us, but a reality such as to evoke the warmest enthusiasm and the freest liberality. A great responsibility lies at the doors of the Church of England in this older portion of Canada to-day. God grant that we may not lose the opportunity of planting the church firmly in those new and wide districts, which will now be rapidly populated, through the trade which must necessarily arise in time all along the great length of our Canadian Pacific Railway.

THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH.

THE strength of the Church in the matter of giving lies in the accumulation of littles, and, above all in the increase of the habit of giving in the rank and file of the people. It is from this that the greatest results may be expected. Collections from every parish, made up of the gifts of the people, however small, tell well in the aggregate. The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the United States received last year \$2,855,594.75, and probably numbers of parishes thought their amounts so small as to be hardly worth while sending. The mountain torrent in all its strength was made up first of insignificant drops of water. No contribution should be withheld either by parishes or individuals because it is small. "Many a little makes a mickle."

MEETINGS OF DIOCESAN SYNODS.

THE following remarks are culled from the excellent address of the Bishop of Toronto (Dr. Sweatman) to his Synod:—

"Thirteen thousand dollars only have been raised for Home Mission work. There are congregations, there are individuals, who could do more. \$13,000 from 67,000 church people actually enjoy-