

cularly with the object of giving to the English settlers in all parts of our Colonial Empire a continuation of their Church privileges, the C. M. S. was founded with a view more especially of preaching the Gospel to the heathen. And truly the Society has been permitted to accomplish in its hundred years a most blessed and marvellous work, so that the difference of the position of aggressive missionary work in 1799 and 1899 is striking indeed. Our duty obliges us in the Diocese of Quebec to give what assistance we can regularly and stately to the S. P. G., which has been indeed our own nursing Mother; but although this is so, the Bishop most earnestly trusts that in all our parishes the wonderful work of the C. M. S. among the heathen will be brought before our people on the occasion of its Centenary on Sunday, April 9th, or on the following Sunday, and he will be glad indeed if in every parish a collection can be made. To show that we practically sympathize with this truly great and noble work.

Missionary Boxes. An Offer

At several of the Bishop's Visitations, which were held in the different Rural Deaneries during the latter half of last year, it was urged by different Clergymen that an attempt should be made to do more for Missions of raising money outside the two sions by having some definite plans stated Collections which follow the Epiphany and Ascensiontide appeals. And it was earnestly suggested over and over again that much might be done by adopting, as in England, a system of Parochial Missionary Associations, whose members should take from their Clergyman Missionary Boxes, to be called in and opened and the contents recorded at an annual meeting. With this object in view the Bishop has obtained from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board a thousand Pyramid Boxes, with special printing upon them, so that they may be used for the collection of Missionary money (1) for Domestic Missions, (2) for Foreign Missions, (3) for the Diocese of Algoma, (4) for any two of these objects together, (5) for all three together.

he Bishop now invites those of the Clergy who are eager further to promote the Missionary cause to apply to the Rev. E. A. Dunn, Bishops-thorpe, Quebec, for any number of these Boxes that they think they can induce their people to take. And he begs that the Clergy, on receiving these Boxes, which will be sent at once on application, will immediately take means for their distribution, taking care to keep a list of the Boxholders, so as to be able at the close of the year to call all the Boxes in and to send the money with an accompanying list of names and amounts to Armitage Rhodes, Esq., Benmore, Bergerville, P.Q., who has succeeded George Lampson, Esq., as Diocesan Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board.

CHURCH CHOIRS

AND

Congregational Singing.

We have received from a correspondent the following communication on the important question of the relation of choir to congregation, with a view to its being discussed in our columns. We shall be glad to publish any letters on this subject from our readers, provided they are concise and to the point and are accompanied by the name and address of the sender (not necessarily for publication) as a guarantee of good faith. We trust that we may thus be instrumental in raising the tone in many of our Churches of the Worship of Almighty God.

"The congregation have actually been allowed to sing two hymns and this is Christmas Day!" Such was the remark of a member of the congregation of one of the Churches of our Diocese after the morning service and it was said with such a feeling of disappointment and sadness, that I thought it would be a good motto with which to start a discussion in the Diocesan Gazette on the question, 'Is it right in the sight of God to debar the congregation from joining in the canticles and other portions of the Service on the great Festivals of the Church?' The choir for six weeks previously have been prac-