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Intercession.

The Bishop of Argyle and the Isles, in his recent admirable charge to his clergy, has, among other things mentioned, laid great stress on the importance of clear definite teaching upon our Blessed Lord's present work for us at the Right Hand of God the Father. In this work we profess our faith when we say, "I believe . . . He sitteth on the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty." Its importance cannot be over-estimated—our Blessed Lord's present Intercession is as necessary to the life of the Church and of the individual as His death, nay more so, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." "This man, because He continueth ever hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make Intercession for them." Intercession is the exercise of His High Priesthood. Because of our membership in Him all the baptised share in this priesthood, "He hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father." As priests, to each baptised person belongs the duty of Intercession, Intercession through the all prevailing Intercession of our great High Priest, the "one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." The Church has many needs, but there is one need transcending all others, this is "vital religion," as Bishop Gailer puts it. "Vital religion," the Presence of God the Holy Ghost in every heart, binding heart to heart and the whole Body to its Head. We must work, but no work can be accomplished without the Presence of God the Holy Ghost in them that work. "Prevent (go before) us, O Lord, in all our doings" must ever be the prayer of the Church. Our priesthood in Christ must exercise itself in Intercession, Intercession for our friends, our clergy, especially the Bishop of the Diocese and our own Parish priest, the parish in which our lot is placed, its general and particular needs. The extension of the Church in her mission work must bear a share in our Intercessions, if we are to be true priests. It is of importance to the mission work of the Church that her members should pour into its coffers of their substance, it is of importance that men and women should offer themselves for mission work both at home and abroad, but it is yet more important that men and women everywhere should lift up holy hands to God our Father through the continual Intercession and mediation of our Blessed Lord that He may abundantly bless the labors of His Church, disposing the hearts of her members "gladly to give both of their substance and labor that the ignorant may be taught, the wanderers gathered in, and the services of His Church worthily performed to His honor and glory."

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada is once more setting out on another triennium. What changes may take place in the next three years we cannot tell. We are drawing near to the end of the 19th century. Nineteen centuries, all but, has the command of our Blessed Lord been ringing in the ears of Christendom, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel unto every creature." "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and earth, go ye therefore, and teach (make disciples of) all

nations." The power is not ours but His, "Wait for the promise of the Father," were our Lord's words to His Apostles, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Every baptized member of the Church of England in Canada is a member of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in other words the Church in Canada is the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The one work of the Church in full reliance upon the fulfillment of the Father's promise, the gift of the Holy Ghost, is the work of Missions. All cannot go out into foreign lands literally, but there is one way in which all can "be witnesses for Christ, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," and this one way is prayer, *intercessory* prayer. This is our Lord's way of doing missionary work, and in our planning, in all our deliberations, and in every effort, whether in the field, or in pleading for men or money let us keep this in the fore front, prayer is our Lord's way of doing missionary work. "Thus saith He unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." If He sends He will provide for—He will be present with him whom He sends, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest." The most important work for the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society now is to adopt some plan for the use of its members, i.e. the members of the Church in Canada, for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is co-extensive with the Church, whereby some portion of the mission field is remembered in prayer every day. "The Gleaners Union for Prayer and work" of the C.M.S. has a cycle of prayer for the use of its members, the missions of the world being arranged in such a manner that some portion of the mission field being remembered in prayer each day the whole field is brought before God every month, why should not the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society, adopt some such plan, and enlist the sympathy of all its members in regular Intercession for missions. Our Blessed Lord ever intercedes for His Church "on the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty," let us as priests "in Him" do the same here below. Let the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society Board take this into immediate consideration and when another Provincial Synod is held three years from now let one announcement in the missionary report be something to this effect "a cycle of prayer for missions embracing the whole world in one month has been arranged for the use of the members of the society, a large number of clergy and parishes have adopted this cycle and we believe it is now in general use in these parishes."

"Raised Standard."

The accompanying letter from His Lordship of Quebec, announcing the action of the House of Bishops in regard to the literary Standard hereafter to be required from candidates for ordination, will be heartily welcomed by all who love the Church of England. There can be no doubt that, of recent years there has been a tendency, as the result of the upgrowth of Theological Colleges, to admit men of very inferior literary attainments to the ministry. It is surely high time that this was stopped. The land is every year becoming more educated, and it will not do for the Church of England to lose that prestige, which she has inherited, as possessing the most learned clergy in the land. We are sure that the entire Church will loyally support the Bishops if they stand firmly to their resolve.—ED.

QUEBEC, September 24th, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—I am requested to forward for your information or publication the following resolution agreed to by the House of Bishops at a meeting held at the time of the recent Session of the Provincial Synod in Montreal:—