

testimony of two laymen to the power of the Christian religion to bless the peoples of the world. Said the late Mr. Darwin, "The march of improvement consequent on the introduction of Christianity throughout the South Sea probably stands by itself in the records of history." "I believe," said the late Lord Lawrence, "notwithstanding all that the English people have done to benefit the country, the missionaries have done more than all other agencies combined." Said the late Keshup Chender Sen: "The spirit of Christianity has already prevailed the whole atmosphere of Indian society; we breathe, think, feel and move in a Christian atmosphere. Native society is being roused, enlightened and reformed under the influence of Christian education."

### THE CHURCH EXTENSION ASSOCIATION WEEK.

The friends of the Church Extension Association and of the Sisters of the Church, its representatives in Ottawa, have taken advantage of the special week of prayer and work, to show their appreciation of the work of the Association. The special services were well attended, and the "Pound Party" was an unqualified success. Gifts of groceries and useful household articles poured in on the Sisters during the day in an unprecedented manner, until by evening, the little sitting room looked not unlike a wholesale warehouse. The Sisters of the Church wish through the columns of the Magazine to heartily thank all those who have contributed to their needs in such a generous way. The gifts will prove a very useful help indeed during the coming winter.

### THE DAY OF INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

By the Anglican Churches throughout the world, Sunday, October 21st, was observed as a day of Special Intercession and Prayer on behalf of Sunday Schools. In the city churches the discourses were either upon Sunday School work or reference was made thereto. In St. John's Church three sermons upon that subject were delivered by the clergy, and the Children's Service in St. George's Church attracted large numbers of the little ones from other churches.

Samuel 1, 28:—"Therefore also have I lent him to the Lord," was the text of Rev. H. Pollard's sermon in the morning. The reverend gentleman spoke of the childhood of Samuel contrasted with that of the sons of Eli, and from the comparison drew lessons especially applicable for parents and teachers of children. As Public School education

is practically without religion, the necessity for the Sunday School becomes apparent. Both individually and as a *nation* all were interested in the proper training of the young, for the children of to-day would be the men and women of the future. All *Christian* people should be interested because of the influence to be exerted even now and later on by these children; all *churchmen* should be interested because as they are trained and instructed now so will they apply the evangelical Catholic doctrines of the Church of England. Appealing to parents by the love they bore their children and grief at their loss, the preacher reminded them of the greater value of the soul as compared to the body and since the Sunday School was the chief means of conveying religious instruction he besought for the work a hearty sympathy and co-operation.

At the early morning service Mr. Pollard gave a short address especially to teachers. He urged that the children entrusted to their care be remembered as those for whom Christ died. Teachers should strive to obtain that love of God in their own souls that they might impart to others the knowledge, and also gain the wisdom of knowing how to properly proportion their teaching to each child. He exhorted them to pray for each member of their class, and while they might not attain to the highest ideal, still by striving for it God's will would be fulfilled and their work made acceptable to Him.

In St. George's Church there was a short, bright and happy service in the afternoon. The children from the various Anglican Churches, accompanied by their teachers, officers and friends, filled the floor and galleries of the edifice. The Venerable Archdeacon Lauder, Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. J. J. Bogert, Rev. J. M. Snowdon, Rev. J. F. Gorman and Rev. W. M. Loucks were present and assisted in the service. The place of the choir was taken by the boys who lead the singing in St. George's Sunday School. Rev. Mr. Loucks spoke briefly, after the usual services, and reminded teachers of the great importance of their work. To the scholars he addressed himself on the subject of their temptations. Then the youthful congregation, assisted by their friends, sang

"Sing boys in joyful chorus  
Your hymn of praise to-day  
And sing ye gentle maidens  
Your sweet responsive lay."

Rev. J. F. Gorman followed with a highly instructive address which he localized so to speak by an illustration from the street where upon one occasion he had seen "a ple Maggie" tormented by a troop of naughty children. At the conclusion the little ones sang.

"O happy band of pilgrims  
If onward ye will tread."