

Young People's Department.

ARCHDEACON VINCENT.

LAST month we gave some account of Bishop Crowther, a colored Bishop of our Church, who works in the hot climate of Africa, and this time we hope to tell you something of a missionary who works in a very cold climate, that is in the north part of Canada, near Hudson's Bay. You see by the picture that he has his snowshoes and moccasins and winter dress,

all ready to travel on his missionary journeys. His name is Thomas Vincent, a missionary of the Church Missionary Society of England, and for a long time he has been working in that cold region called the Diocese of Moosonee. In 1883 the Bishop of Moosonee made him an Archdeacon to show that he considered him to be a good man for missionary work. Some clergymen have much easier work to do than others, and those that are missionaries generally have the hardest work, and perhaps those who live in cold climates have the hardest work of all. But Mr. Vincent was born in the country where he works so that he is well fitted for it. He was

ordained in 1860 by Bishop Anderson, the first bishop of the North-West country. Ever since then he has worked faithfully as a missionary. He thinks nothing of going a hundred miles on foot or on snowshoes. Once he travelled all that distance when the snow was beginning to melt, and he had to walk in the water which was icy cold all the time, and sometimes it was too deep to be very agreeable. He says himself it was more like wading than walking.

His work is nearly altogether among the Cree Indians, whose language he studied very faithfully until he was able to give them books in their own tongue. This is a great thing and it is what good missionaries always try to do. He lately translated the Pilgrim's Progress for the Cree Indians into their own language and went to England and got it printed. He is still working faithfully at his post, a hard, dreary work, and he is doing it for his Saviour's sake. There are many like him all

over the world, some in countries that are very cold, some where it is very hot, some bishops and some archdeacons and some without any title, yet all missionaries, working for Christ and His Church. We should all pray for them and help them. There is a good text for all missionaries both for themselves and for the way others should think of them. It is from Isaiah, the 52nd chapter and 7th verse,—“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation.” This means that their journeys are watched by the Lord Himself, who sends



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them out to work for Him. Children who have happy homes, churches to attend, and Sunday Schools to go to should remember the missionaries who are working in cold dreary lands, and when a chance comes in their way to help them they should do all they possibly can, for every little assistance is highly thought of by the missionary. When there is a missionary collection in church or Sunday School always do what you can to help it, and it will be a good work.