

THE missionary meeting, in connection with the Board of Management, held in Hamilton on the 12th of April, was highly successful. The voices of the Bishop of Huron and the Bishop of Algoma, indeed, were missed, and every regret was felt that their Lordships were absent; but the speakers for the evening, Rev. George Rogers of Rupert's Land, Rev. Dr. Mockridge (General Secretary, of Toronto), and Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, of Ottawa, addressed themselves earnestly to the task before them with a result beneficial to the cause. Notwithstanding the fact that Hamilton was stirred to its very centre by a St. George's Society "World's Fair," held on the same evening as the meeting, the attendance was unusually large, the fine school house of the Church of the Ascension being well filled.

ASCENSIONTIDE APPEAL.

1893.

REVEREND SIR,—It is our desire that this address, from the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada be read, as a sermon or otherwise, in the hearing of every congregation in our dioceses on Sunday, May 7th, 1893, and that the offerings of the people on the following Sunday be given to Domestic Missions.

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To the Reverend, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Church of England in Canada:

DEAR BRETHREN.—We appeal to you for help as usual at Ascensiontide for our Domestic Missions. When our Lord rose from the dead he said to the terrified women at the sepulchre "go quickly and tell my disciples that I am risen from the dead," and when, almost immediately afterwards, he met those disciples he said to them, "Go, tell my brethren that they go into Galilee and there shall they see me;" and when they assembled in Galilee, which was not apparently till the great forty days were nearly over, and our Lord was about to ascend into the heavens, he said to them once more "Go,"—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Here you have the great command to go,—*"Go tell my disciples," "Go tell my brethren," "Go tell the world and preach to every creature."*

After our Lord's resurrection from the dead He was essentially missionary. His last directions to His disciples were missionary, and he set no bounds to their efforts and zeal. The

wide world was before them. They were to preach the gospel to every creature.

With such words coming from the great Head of the Church just as He was about to leave the earth to return to His Father, how can that Church, of which He is the acknowledged Head, ever turn a deaf ear to a missionary appeal? In the name of her ascended Lord the Church still says, "Go,—*"Go ye still and preach the gospel till every creature has heard it."*

While then we commemorate our Lord's Ascension, and the sound of the first missionary commission still lingers in the air, we ask you to listen to a cry for help. There are men, women and children who need it. They cry to us from afar. Christ is wanted in distant lands.

But we speak not now of Foreign Missions. At Epiphany time we speak of them, when wise men brought their costly gifts to the Infant Jesus; and as a rule the response to that call is fairly good. People seem interested, and very properly so, in the evangelization of the heathen multitudes in Africa, China, India and Japan. No; we speak now of our missions in this Dominion of Canada, and we call them Domestic Missions. They are not the missions of your own diocese but those that lie beyond it in Algoma and the great North-West. And it is not easy to imagine any missions of greater importance of these. Can we get for them at least the same interest that there seems to have been given to the foreign field? And why should we not?

A glance at the map will show the enormous territory that is ere long to be occupied by the industries of man. The trains of the Canadian Pacific railway awake the echoes of lonely districts as they sweep through prairies and forests and pass by the mountains, lakes and rivers which are waiting for the activities of man that they may be turned into agencies for the business and commerce of life.

It is now forty-four years since the third Bishop of Quebec, Dr. George J. Mountain, Bishop of the whole territory west of Quebec to the Pacific ocean, took his memorable canoe voyage of 1,200 miles to what was then called the Red River settlement, a visit which led to the establishment of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. Since then the fine city of Winnipeg has sprung into existence, and many other places then but small posts or forts, or entirely unknown, have become places of no small importance. But as yet the capabilities of this vast land have scarcely been touched. The time is not far distant when multitudes of people from the old land, and even from the United States, will need room for the establishment of homes, and the vast territories of our North-West will invite them to settle there.

Even now this work of colonization is progressing and the Bishops of the North-West find it hard to keep pace with the rapidly in-