

THE death through fever is announced of the celebrated missionary of Africa, Mr. Alexander Mackay. It will be remembered that his name was freely mentioned at the time of the martyrdom of Bishop Hannington, and that it was through him that the Bishop's diary was recovered. He has now himself gone to his rest, a fearless and noble missionary. Truly Africa is being strewn with white men's bones.

THE recent and early death of Rev. Algernon Boys, Professor of Classics, Trinity College, Toronto, cast a gloom of genuine sorrow upon all who knew him.

THE Rev. Edward Noel Hodges, D.D., was consecrated at Lambeth Parish Church, England, as Bishop of Travancore and Cochin (India), and also Rev. Alfred Robert Tucker, M.A., as Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, on St. Mark's Day (April 25th). The latter goes to the scene of Bishop Hannington's martyrdom and early death of Bishop Parker. May the Holy Spirit grant him a longer career than that of his two illustrious predecessors.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.

ASCENSIONTIDE APPEAL, 1890.

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 11th, 1890, and that the offerings of the people on the following Sunday be given to Domestic Missions.

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DEAR BRETHREN,—We desire, once more, to greet you in the name of the Lord, and to remind you that the season has come when the claims of our Domestic missionary work in Algoma and the North-West, call for the expression of your loving, prayerful, practical sympathy.

The ascension of our blessed Lord is closely, inseparably associated with the missionary work of the Church. For then it was the command was given to "preach the Gospel to every creature," accompanied with the assurance of that abiding spiritual presence which furnished the sole guar-

antee of ultimate success. Here we discover the original basis on which the structure of the Church has been erected. "Built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone," her growth from age to age, has been the direct outcome of obedience to this command. On each of his professing followers, laity and clergy alike, the Head of the Church has laid the solemn injunction to bear his individual part in enlarging the membership of that divine society which He Himself organized, and then committed to the keeping of the chosen twelve. The command is as solemnly obligatory as is that of the observance of the Sacrament of Baptism, or of the Body and Blood of Christ. Disobedience to either, sooner or later, brings its penalty. In neither case can the plain command be set at naught with impunity. Nor can responsibility for disobedience be evaded by the plea that the laity have not been duly called to "preach the Gospel," for as he most truly builds a church in some outlying region of our mission field, who provides the cost of its erection, so he "preaches the Gospel," who contributes to the maintenance of those who do preach it, and so enables the chief pastors of the Church to provide the bread and the water of life for our poor and scattered settlers, who in their loneliness and spiritual isolation, are "ready to perish."

We appeal to you, secondly, brethren, on the ground of gratitude. Your personal obligations to the Gospel which Christ has thus commanded you to "preach" are infinitely greater in weight and number, than you can ever adequately repay. To it directly you owe every domestic, social, civil and religious blessing you enjoy. This Gospel has been the mighty motive power in the growth of the advanced and ever advancing civilization which you prize so highly. The purity of domestic life, the sacredness of the marriage tie—the general diffusion of knowledge—the elevation of public opinion—equality of civil rights—all this the Gospel of Christ, wherever preached, has wrought for England and her remotest colonies; and of all this you, brethren, are to-day in fullest and most unfettered enjoyment. If you desire to see these blessings secured by rights inalienable, to the scattered immigrant population of Algoma and the North-West, you will respond generously to our appeal in their behalf, and we will gladly be the almoners of your bounty.

Thirdly we base this appeal on the strong ground of the actual, pressing necessities of our brethren all over our Domestic Field of Algoma and the North West. They are crying out loudly in our hearing, and we cannot, must not, dare not shut our ears to the piteous wail they utter. From beds of suffering, where the sick and dying long, but vainly, for the opportunity of obeying the Saviour's dying command to remember him; from open graves, which receive their dead, but often without the authoritative assurance that the brother or sister is laid there in sure and cer-