

We are sorry to be unable to record any substantial improvement in the condition of Rev. F. Ulbricht.

THE Rev. Wm. Evans has resigned his incumbency of Parry Sound, where he has worked for the past seven years. He returns in the course of a few months to England, to take duty in the Diocese of Lichfield. We put off our "good-bye" as long as possible.

IN not a few places within the diocese subscription lists have been opened for a Canadian Patriotic Fund. Churchmen are everywhere subscribers. This fact will show that the offertories within the diocese would have been larger in amount if the day of supplication had come before Septuagesima.

DR. WELLDON, the Metropolitan of India, has recently visited the Medical Mission at Peshawar, and has given £25 towards the cost of a Rontgen ray apparatus, and three other friends have made up the balance. The missionaries at this station frequently have to deal with bullet wounds, and several people have lately come from beyond the frontier inquiring for the wonderful *dur-bin*, or telescope, which will enable a doctor to see where their bullet is lodged.

It is learned from an article in the *Nineteenth Century*, written by Sir W. Hunter, K.C.S.I., that whereas the normal rate of increase in the general population of India was about 8 per cent. from 1872 to 1881, the actual rate of increase of Christians was over 30 per cent. From the census return of 1891 for India, we find in the Madras Presidency, to which more than half of the native Christians belong, that whereas the population increased at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, the Christian increase was  $23\frac{1}{4}$  per cent.

FROM statements made in several quarters we gather that the Canadian contingents—horse, foot, and artillery—sent to South Africa are composed of men more than half of whom are members of the Church of England. In a previous issue we noted the difficulties put in the way of an Anglican chaplain for the regiment under Col. Otter, even when Churchmen outnumbered all others. Now we note the loss sustained by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. The Bishop of that diocese says that those who from

that section of country enlisted in the Strathcona Horse are to the extent of 65 per cent. Churchmen.

NOT for many years, if indeed the proverbial "oldest inhabitant" can remember the like, has a winter occurred in which, up to the close of February, has so little snow fallen in Northern Ontario. The weather, too, has been far from the average in the matter of temperature. Some days are almost springlike, especially at mid-day. Rain fell, the snow on the rivers melted away and the water from many creeks added their quota on the surface of the ice, which froze, and for many days made the ice perfect from a skater's point of view. Nearly everybody skates—old and young alike enjoying the exhilarating exercise on fields of ice on river and lake.

THE S.P.G. is now able to outline the plans for the keeping of its bi-centenary. The celebration will extend over the twelve months beginning on June 16th, 1900, which is the 199th anniversary of the day on which a royal charter was granted to the society by King William III. The Committee suggest that a sum not less than £250,000 should be raised in connection with the bi-centenary, and that the fund should remain open until December 31st, 1901. All of our dioceses in eastern Canada have received liberal grants from the S.P.G. To no one human source does the Church in Canada owe so much. What shall we contribute towards the fund above referred to? Whatever that contribution be, it will show the high-water mark of Canadian Churchmen's gratitude.

THE name of the first English missionary to China, ever fragrant and magic-like, is an honor to all English-speaking nations, and his manuscripts are to-day reverently treasured under glass in Hong Kong. He arrived in the year 1807, and was given quarters with Messrs. Milner and Bull, of New York. The East India Company was hostile to the presence of a missionary, but it was through Mr. Olyphant's influence that the London Missionary Society sent him out, and so manifest were his talents that in 1808 the company employed him as a translator. With a single teacher, who was in constant terror of being discovered and put to death, he worked steadily in a godown or store-house. This hero of learning and consecration, almost unaid-

ed, translated the Bible into the most difficult language of the world. In the opinion of all learned men in Europe this had been deemed utterly beyond the power of any single person. Through his exertions, and those of his colleagues, from 1810 to 1836, 751,763 copies of works, religious and scientific, consisting of 800,000,000 pages, were printed at Canton and other ports in the far East, of which there were 2,075 complete Chinese Bibles, 9,070 New Testaments and 31,000 separate portions of Scripture. To translate the Bible into Chinese meant the building of a railway through the Chinese intellect.—"*America in the East*," by W. E. Griffis.

### Sundridge Mission.

Church services were started here again on Sunday, Dec. 31st last, by Mr. F. W. Major, who came here from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec. There has been service in each church in the mission since that time, all of which have been fairly well attended.

The Sunday-school at Sundridge has been doing remarkably well. The superintendent, Mr. Edgar, and his excellent staff of teachers are doing a very good work indeed. The treasurer of the S.S. has five dollars which is to be given to the Bishop for mission work among the Indians in this diocese.

The Sunday-school has just been revived at South River, and is getting along nicely under the care of Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Connolly. We hope in the near future to start two more Sunday-schools, one at Eagle Lake and one in the vicinity of South River. A good lamp has been placed in the church at South River, and a handsome prayer desk in the church at Eagle Lake, where a temporary altar has been erected and covered with an altar cloth given by the church people at Sundridge. The people at Eagle Lake are hard at work preparing to fence the church property and build a horse-shed. A good start has been made by a social, given by Mrs. Thos. Quirt, at which \$22.75 were raised. Others have promised to do likewise, and it is hoped that there will be no difficulty in getting enough money to repair the church as well. Septuagesima Sunday was observed here as a day of humble supplication to the Great Father in Heaven with reference to the terrible war now raging in South Africa. The Rev. C. H. Buckland, of Burk's Falls, administered Holy Communion and preached in the three parts of the mission. The services at each place were hearty and well attended. Mr. Buckland exhorted his audience to humbly confess their sins and to pray to our Heavenly Father for a speedy and righteous termination of the awful war. There was also a baptism at Eagle Lake and one at Sundridge.