

tinctly remembers taking the Bishop for the first time to a district that had hitherto not been visited by his Lordship. Every one was anxious to see the Bishop. The service was in a little log school-house, and after the Bishop had robed in the presence of the congregation, and service was about to commence, two little boys, who were about to enter, after having opened the door caught a glimpse of the Bishop in his robes, and suddenly made their exit. It turned out they were alarmed, not having seen a minister in vestments before. To them it was as if they had seen some mysterious spectral visitant.

To be Bishop of Algoma is not an enviable position. Yet the assiduity and faithfulness with which the Bishop adheres to his work should inspire fresh hopes into the hearts of the members of the Church of England in Canada to assist him. Men and money are wanted. Some Missions have been vacant over a year, while the Treasurer has already overdrawn his accounts for the Missionaries' stipends.

The Bishop's mind could be relieved of a great weight by the Church doing her duty. Meanwhile the Bishop still pursues his weary round. Now travelling in storm and cold to cheer the hearts of some congregation in the backwoods, then pleading the cause of his diocese in some of our towns and cities. A Father in God to the faithful, a father in need to the missionary. May we, who are more favored "respond to our birth-right" and say—

I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the heaven that shines above me,
For the good that I can do,
For the cause that needs assistance,
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
For the crown I have in view.

A BISHOP FOR NOVA SCOTIA.

The Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia met on February 1st and unanimously elected Rev. Dr. Courtney, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, Bishop of their Diocese. Dr. Courtney is an Englishman of commanding presence and fine powers of speech. He has filled many honorable positions in the Church in the United States, both in New York, Chicago and Boston. We have just heard by telegram from Halifax, as we go to press that Dr. Courtney has accepted the position, and will be consecrated in Halifax in about three months. The Diocese of Nova Scotia is to be congratulated on so good an ending to its weary waiting and disappointments. We are sure that the new bishop, the fifth of Nova Scotia and the 39th for Canada and Newfoundland, will receive as hearty a welcome from the Canadian Church as he will prove himself an energetic and able bishop,—a worthy successor to those who have already held the chief office in the historic Diocese of Nova Scotia.

Society of the Treasury of God.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

By Mrs Eakins, Woodstock, Ont.—Read at annual meeting Huron Diocesan Auxiliary, May, 1887.

The subject of this paper does not bear directly upon Missions, but it will be conceded that, without the gifts of God's people, which He is pleased to use in carrying on his work, there would be no missionaries. In a meeting of Christian people like the one assembled here, it is unnecessary to insist on the duty of *giving*; all readers of the Word of God find this inculcated both in the Old and the New Testaments. In the Jewish economy two yearly tithes were required from every Israelite besides free-will offerings. There are many in the present day, and their numbers are rapidly growing, who claim that the law of the tenth, is as binding on the substance of a Christian as the law of the seventh is on his time. Who among us would desire to relinquish that precious obligation of a seventh day holy unto the Lord? Would that we realized more fully the privilege of yielding back to Him as an holy offering, the tenth, fifth or some fixed proportion of our income! Though all may not be prepared to admit this obligation unreservedly we may be furnished by it with a guide to aid us in our decisions. Our blessings are certainly not less than the Jews enjoyed—shall our offerings then be less?

It must be acknowledged in support of this view that many instances known to the writer of this paper can be adduced without fear of contradiction, where great temporal benefits have accompanied the dedication of the tenth to God. They have tasted the truth of the promise in Malachi iii., 10, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." In deference, however, to those who may consider themselves free from the law of a former dispensation, we take our stand on New Testament teaching and then feel that we are on solid ground. Our Lord said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." St. Paul declares giving to be a grace of God and appeals to his Corinthian converts to abound in it. Giving is part of our worship and no Christian character can be complete without this grace. As Christ freely gave His life for us, so we must first give ourselves to Him before we can give our means as an acceptable offering. As those who have been redeemed not by corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, what can we render to the Lord for all His benefits? Surely some settled amount that will testify our gratitude for His priceless sacrifice. Daily should the prayer ascend to the Throne of Grace, "Even on earth, Lord, make us know something of how much we owe." How shall we give? In all practical