

THE Rev. J. P. Smitheman, lately of Billing's Bridge, has been appointed to a parish about twenty-five miles from Sault Ste. Marie, in the diocese of Algoma.

THE Bible Society's ninety-first annual report states that the society has issued over 143,000,000 Bibles, Testaments, and complete books of the Bible, in about 320 different languages and dialects.

THE next examination in Canada for Sunday-school teachers and scholars will be held on Saturday, November 30th, under the auspices of the delegates from Huron diocese. Question papers are sent to every parish where there are candidates, and the clergyman of each parish acts as overseer.

THE Rev. Rural Dean Smith, of Hull, is accompanying Archdeacon Naylor on a visit to most of the parishes in the deanery to explain the working of the new scheme for paying the stipends of the missionaries. Henceforward, as is the practice in Québec diocese, each mission will send the amount raised for the salary to the central committee at Montreal, and a cheque will be sent quarterly to the clergyman in charge. This will be a great advantage to the clergy, as they will then receive their salaries regularly, instead of having only the grant from the Mission Fund quarterly, and the rest in small sums at irregular periods—or not at all.

THE Endowment Fund for the new diocese of Ottawa is nearing completion, and only requires each person to pay the promised subscription *at once* and the \$40,000 will be completed. There has already been paid in, including interest, \$30,088.77, leaving only some \$10,000 to be collected. Of course there has been some expense incurred, and some promises will not and cannot be fulfilled, so that, very possibly, some more subscriptions will be needed to make up the full amount. Two instalments of the grants from the S.P.C.K. have been received, as the secretary has certified that more than \$20,000 have been invested in permanent securities. Let us hope and pray that the much-needed bishop may be elected before the new year opens. It can be done if every Church member will *help promptly*.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a pastoral on the subject of Church Unity. He begins by saying: "The bishops, upon a recent occasion, requested the Archbishop to address you on two subjects on which their views were practically unanimous. The subjects were, first, a certain friendly advance

made from a foreign Church to the people of England without reference or regard to the Church of England; and, secondly, the recent appearance within our Church of certain foreign usages and forms of devotion." He concludes thus: "The immediate duties of Churchmen, and particularly of clergymen, are plain:

"(1) To preserve in purity and in loyalty the faith and practice which characterized our primitive Catholic and Scriptural Reformation—a renewal in which the Church and family and individual claim their part—a renewal which courts above everything the examination of its principles. (2) To avoid all that can create confusion or weakness by either excess or defect. (3) To grow stronger in prayer that the Lord of the Church would interpret to us His own prayer, that we all may be one in the Oneness of Father and Son, and the Father Himself answer and fulfil it.

"If it is not yet given us to realize the full force of the prayer, or in our minds to reconcile the assurance of its efficacy with our visible conditions, it is none the less our supreme and perfect hope that at last 'the peace of God shall rule in all our hearts, to the which also we are called in One Body.' We steadfastly pray the prayer. We commit ourselves to Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

THE Provincial Synod was held in Montreal in September, and a full attendance of clerical and lay delegates showed the life of the Church. Men were there from Sarnia to Halifax, and the discussions were carried on in full harmony with Archdeacon Roe's opening sermon on unity.

RELIGIOUS instruction in public schools was discussed, and there seemed a general feeling in favor of establishing Church schools when possible, and of trying to obtain permission from the Education authorities to have Bible instruction given daily by proper teachers, but not relegated, as at present, to the last half-hour of the day. Some surprise was exhibited when Chancellor Heneker, the chairman of the Public Instruction Committee of Québec, stated that in the Protestant schools in Québec province the Bible formed part of the daily course of instruction; the special passages chosen being such as would include the life of our Lord and the chief events of the Old Testament. With the consent of all the Protestant religious bodies, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments were included in the yearly course. It was felt by many that what was done in Québec could surely be done in Ontario.