

CHILDREN'S LENTEN LETTER, 1891.

To the Children of the Church of England in the Sunday Schools and Congregations of Nova Scotia, Quebec, Toronto, Fredericton, Montreal, Huron, Ontario, Niagara and Algoma.

DEAR CHILDREN,—This letter comes to you from the Great Missionary Society to which you and all the members of the Church of England in Canada belong.

By the Saviour's direction you were admitted by Baptism into the Church, which is His own Missionary Society in the world. He has sent her to tell all men everywhere the good news that they have been redeemed by the sacrifice of His death.

This good news prepares and helps all to worship God and love Him and serve Him as they ought to do.

There are vast numbers of people in the world, young and old, who have never heard it. Now the Church cannot rest until she has carried the good news everywhere and made all, without a single exception, members of Christ, the children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

If the Christian Church had not sent missionaries in very early days to Great Britain our forefathers could not have been Christians, and if the Church in England had not sent missionaries to Canada we would now have been without the Bible, without religion and without God in the world.

The Church of England in Canada to-day is exerting herself to send and to provide for missionaries to the Indians and to the settlers in the great North-West, and to the millions of heathen in China, Japan and India. She is also helping to maintain Homes in Canada in which the children of Christian and pagan Indian families are being educated, civilized and trained to do their duty in that state of life to which it may please God to call them.

You are not too young to feel an interest in these efforts of the Church of England in Canada—the great Missionary Society to which you belong. First of all you may hear about them from the Bishops and Clergy of the North-West, who have promised to visit and speak to many of our congregations this winter. Secondly, you may read about them in the Canadian Missionary Magazine, and in the interesting books of your Sunday school libraries—which tell of the lives and labours and the martyr deaths of Bishops and other missionaries in our own day. Read these diligently. Look on the map for the countries mentioned in them. Little by little the desire to aid your Church's missionary work will take possession of you. It will grow with your growth until as young men and women you will have a true missionary spirit in you, and

some of you may become real missionaries—like your Lord Himself—seeking to save those who are lost. Thirdly, you may begin to help at once. During this very season of Lent, you may, with the approval of your parents, practise some acts of self denial, and, on Easter day, bring the money thus saved as your offering to be used, in the Church's missionary work.

The children in some Church Sunday schools in the United States contributed last year money enough to support about fifty missionaries for a whole year. Will not their success encourage you to do all that may lie in your power? Probably some of you have been already formed into little missionary Guilds or Societies and are doing nearly all you can. Various methods may be employed as best suited to the circumstances of different places.

Possibly your parents and your clergy may approve of your having a little box in which you may lay by your small savings in store, so that you may be ready with your missionary offering on Easter Day.

This letter is read to you by direction of your own Bishop, and with the approval of all the Bishops of the nine dioceses in this ecclesiastical Province. It is the first letter which has ever reached you from our great Missionary Society, the Church of England. Her desire is to engage you at once, while you are young, in helping her to carry her Lord's message and blessings to all people. As you help in this work, both the message and the blessings will become more precious to yourselves. The prayer of your Bishops is that you may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen."

SASKATCHEWAN—AN APPEAL.

WHEN I first came on this reserve I only found eight people who professed to belong to the Church of England, while the number of the Romanists were almost appalling when compared with ours; but by constant, hard, prayerful work and the guidance of Almighty God, the people professing our faith, increased to fifty-six in one year. I feel very thankful indeed for the success God has granted me. The christianized Indians would like to adopt the civilized mode of dress, but are unable to procure it for themselves, and I am unable to help them much.

We have a very strong opposition from the Romish priests. Everything they find to counteract our work they use.

There was only one school recognized by the Indian Department, viz., a Church of England School, since the rebellion of 1885 and previous