

THE TRAINING OF MEN FOR THE MISSION FIELDS.

In a vast country like this Canada of ours, where there are so many untouched mission-fields crying out for labors, one of the most important questions to be dealt with is the training of missionaries. In the past many noble workers have been trained at Trinity College, Toronto; Wycliff College, and St. John's College, Winnipeg, and for such men and their unselfish labors, the church must be ever grateful. At the same time, as mission work develops, and the many and varied aspects of missionary life begin to make themselves apparent to those who are interested in the matter, it becomes evident that a special course

is visitor, and though whose operations a grand work is being done for the cause of missions, unlike kindred missionary agencies, it does not select men of a certain definite class, it does not demand a certain fixed standard of intellectual ability; but, it appeals to men of every type to come with the talents which God has given them, and devote themselves, body, soul and spirit, to the work of the Divine Master. It seeks to revive, not the systematic, cast-iron asceticism of the mediæval church, but the primitive simplicity and withal high-souled devotion of men like Augustine, and Columba and Boniface. In a certain sense, it seeks a restoration of the religious life and inculcates the principles of poverty, chastity and obedience. It does not follow the rule

ered Mission? The work which she has to do, is it not to a great extent similar to that in every partially settled country; does it not demand men well disciplined, well inured to hardness, and entirely devoted to the work of the Master; must not its success depend in a very great measure on the spirit in which it is carried on? A careful consideration of the aims and objects, and methods of the society referred to will, we feel convinced, give many helpful suggestions with regard to the necessary preparatory work that will make the Church of Christ in Canada go on conquering for the Master, ever lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, until she makes her power felt from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean.



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of preparation is needed for the missionary, as compared with the men who are to do the church's work at home. In respect to this special aspect of the question, a clear and decided line has been taken by the venerable College of St. Augustine at Canterbury, the C. M. S. College at Islington, and the newer colleges at Warminster, Dorchester and Burghle-Marsh. These institutions have trained and sent out a noble band of workers, whose praises are all the church's; but, it has seemed to mission authorities at home that, in view of the ever-increasing work to be done, something more needed in our system of training men for the mission-field. Attention has on several occasions lately been called to the existence and worry of the Society of Sacred Missions of which the Lord Bishop of Rochester

of any of the ancient orders, but rather aims at such a life of preparation as will be most suitable for the wants of the mission fields of the nineteenth century. So exacting are its methods that one can hardly imagine any one coming through the ordeal of its preparatory work, and afterwards going back from his vocation. Now, while there may be a certain smack of mediævalism about all this, it is worthy of note that no missions at the present day are more successful than those which are being carried on on a similar basis.

The Church in Canada cries out for laborers to send into her vast mission fields; might it not be well were she to consider whether there are not lessons which she might learn, and many ideas which she might profitably adopt, from the Society of the Sa-

NEWS FROM DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 17.—His lordship, Bishop Dart, during a session of the synod of New Westminster diocese of the Church of England, at Christ church, Vancouver, B. C., in his pastoral charge, referred pointedly to the importance of securing religious teaching in the public schools. Since his lordship's inauguration as Bishop of New Westminster, this point has been continually brought up, but so far with no direct result. Another matter dealt with at length and to which his lordship has for some time devoted his energies, his ways and means for discouraging laxity in regard to the sacredness of the marriage tie.