

ment could be found. The Synod of 1893 will be an interesting one and fraught with great importance to the Infant Church of Japan.

FATHER CURCI, whose death has been recently announced, was cause for considerable uneasiness to the Roman Church in Italy. In the preface to his "Four Gospels with Notes," he uses the following startling words:—"The New Testament is the book of all others, the least studied, and the least read among us (in Italy). So much so that the bulk of the laity, even of those who believe they have been instructed and profess religion, is not aware that such a book exists in the world, and the greater part of the clergy themselves scarcely know more of it than what they are compelled to read in the Breviary and Missal. Without exaggeration it may be asserted that in the worship of the present day the Divine Person of Jesus Christ, His doctrines and His examples, are the least known and the least considered among Christians (he has reference, of course, to his own co-religionists). The Apostle Paul (he goes to say) with fine hyperbole says nobly to the Corinthians that he was determined not to know anything among them save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. We, if we will speak the truth, must confess that Jesus Christ, especially in his quality of the crucified one is what we least of all know." This shews that the Rev. Father had within him very much the spirit of the Reformation.

THE Prize List for the next Toronto Industrial Fair, which is to be held from the 7th to the 19th September, has been issued. Copies can be procured by dropping a post card to Mr. Hill, the secretary, at Toronto.

WHILE men are wanted for the foreign field and for the domestic field, they are also needed for home work, even in England. The Bishop of Worcester appeals for eighty additional clergy for Birmingham alone, and even then there would be but one clergyman to every three thousand of the population.

Our Indian Department.

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THE REV. A. E. COWLEY, secretary of the Church Missionary Society in Rupert's Land has lately been to San Francisco, to meet and take charge of the Rev. J. Ellington, who has been working in the Yukon valley—as a missionary

of the Society. His health has been completely wrecked by the privations and isolation he has endured. He has literally laid down his life for his people, and his case is one that calls us to serious reflection regarding the attitude of the Church in Canada, and each one of us individually, toward Indian Missions.

Mr. Ellington went out to do single-handed the work of several men. A solitary outpost, he represented the army of the Church of God, and because never relieved of his charge, never cheered by the presence of a fellow-worker, face to face with difficulties enough to daunt a score of men, he has broken down.

What right have we, dear readers, to expect this of any man? These brave workers in the field represent us. How can we, dare we, leave them all unsupported all alone, to do the work that belongs to the whole Church?

This is no solitary case, there are others like it all through the northern Mission Field; and I would once more plead as I have done again and again to our people to wipe away the stigma which attaches to us. We do *not* do our duty by the Indians, or by those noble men who are sacrificing life and all for their sakes. Never should it be that in the wilderness, workers are sent to labor alone. There is always ample work for at least two men, and it must never be forgotten, that men and women must have companions if they are to work effectively in elevating the degraded and outcast. This was the Saviour's method, He has been wisely followed by the Church of Rome. There is a crying need for more men to fill vacant missions, or to strengthen those that are already occupied by some solitary worker. We commend this work to our Churchmen. The women are already doing noble work, why should not the men come forward, and, unable to work in the field personally, send out men as substitutes for services, or provide means for their maintenance. A "SUBSTITUTION FUND," should be started at once,—its object, to provide the funds for the maintenance of workers in the Indian Mission Field, as substitutes for those who, desiring to see the work done, cannot go themselves.

We are sure the Board of Management or the D. and F. Missionary Society would gladly undertake the management of the fund, and we would suggest that an effort be made by the men to support one such substitute in each of our north western dioceses.

THE REV. M. Scott, of Vermilion, Peace River, has just arrived in Winnipeg to recruit his much impaired health, and to bring his children to school. He is another example of what we have just referred to. The privations endured by his invalid wife and himself have told seriously on both. Mr. Scott was obliged to come in; Mrs. Scott is unable to travel and has therefore to be left at Vermilion. Mr.