

## MISSION NEWS.

## THE MISSION TO COREA.

**S**AYS the Bishop of Corea: "I do not ask my local secretaries (in England) to beg for money, not because the mission does not want money, but because I do not want to put such a burden on their shoulders. People will give their money to the mission as they can and as they ought, if the foreign missionary work of the Church finds a place in their daily prayers." It is for the daily prayers of all God's faithful people that the Bishop continually pleads, and on which he and his staff feel that the success of their difficult task entirely depends. It was with this appeal on his lips, and relying on this help from rich and poor, that the Bishop began his work. People said his plans were visionary and called the whole undertaking a forlorn hope, an impractical and impossible thing. No clergymen would be found to accompany him, and still more certainly no doctor, and for several months it was almost feared these gloomy prophecies were coming true. But his friends must now add to their prayers for the future, most heartfelt thanksgivings for gracious answers already given. A staff of helpers as enthusiastic and devoted as himself, though by no means sufficient in number for the work that is waiting to be done, has gathered round him, and includes two doctors, instead of the one he asked for at first. The home organizations have grown with extraordinary rapidity, and a steadily increasing band of workers, and well wishers are responding to his appeal for the help of men and women, and of children too, in those two works for God to which he is devoting his life, the Christianizing of Corea, and the spreading and deepening of prayerful and self-sacrificing interest in all the missions of the Church.

The Bishop writes of the unexpected summons from the Archbishop to undertake the Bishopric of Corea: "He told me that he had no pay to offer, and that the ground was as yet untrodden by English missionaries, that he had no one to give me for a companion, and that the country was unsettled and hostile to Christianity. What answer could I give but the answer I have given? Ever since I have been at sea I have had shipmates, fore and aft, who have constantly set me an example of devotion to duty, who have not only done dirty work cheerfully, when ordered to do it, but have been foremost in volunteering for posts of difficulty and danger. Thank God the navy teems with men and officers who are as ready to jump overboard to save a drowning shipmate as to go the front and fight for their country. When the Archbishop asks me if I will imitate these men, how can I refuse to make the attempt? I only hope I may now profit by the good

examples which have been set me." This letter was in answer to the regrets and reproaches which greeted his retirement from the navy, in which he was deeply loved.

## OBITUARY.

**B**Y the death of the late Canon Davidson, the Church in Canada has lost one who well bore his part in the arduous and extended labours which fell to the lot of the pioneer missionaries of the current century. To such men the Church and the country owe a lasting debt. In the early settlement of the latter, the one faithful missionary did the work of at least four men—did it cheerfully and did it well. Not unfrequently has it happened that the devoted missionary of earlier days, having performed the heavy work of those times, lived to spend the calm evening of life amid more settled surroundings, and finally entered into his well earned rest whilst in the full and vigorous exercise of his holy office. It is the loss of such a man that the Church now deplores.

Rev. John Davidson, M.A., Rector of Colborne, Rural Dean of Northumberland, and Canon of St. Alban's Cathedral, was born in Dumfries, N.S., in 1831, of an old U.E. Loyalist family. Having graduated at King's College, he was ordained in 1856, by Bishop Fulford, of Montreal. For ten years after his ordination, Mr. Davidson served the missions of Papineauville, on the Ottawa, in the Diocese of Montreal. Thence he was removed to Newboro' mission, comprising parts of nine townships. In this wide and labourious field he wrought for four years, when he was sent to Woodbridge and Vaughan, Diocese of Toronto. After labouring there for a like term of four years he undertook the work in the large mission of Tecumseth, together with Bond Head, Tottenham and Beeton, continuing there for seven years. After seventeen years of constant and arduous work in the aforesaid missions, he assumed the charge of Uxbridge with Goodwood and Greenbank, where he remained for fifteen years. During these years a solid and lasting work for the Church was done, and in the doing of it this good and devoted man greatly endeared himself to all the people of his charge. In 1888 St. Paul's Church, Uxbridge, was erected. This was a work into which Mr. Davidson and his family threw all their energies, assuming from time to time heavy financial responsibility that the work might not be delayed but finished to the glory of God and the good of his Church. There stands the parish church of Uxbridge to this day, and there may it remain for long years to come, a sacred memorial of the loving labours of our departed brother.

Having thus happily completed his work at Uxbridge, Mr. Davidson removed to his last earthly charge at Colborne in 1889. The parish