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PRAYER.

THE following prayer has been authorized by the Ordinary for use in all churches in the Diocese of New Westminster, during the absence of the Bishop:

ALMIGHTY God, who orderest all things according to Thy will: guide and protect, we beseech Thee, Thy servant John, our Bishop, in his going out and coming in: Sanctify and prosper all his words and works to the advancement of Thy Kingdom and the welfare of the flock committed to his care: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

THE GREEK DISASTER.

Badly led, badly fed, outnumbered by men and cannons, to the calm observer the defeat of the Greeks is no surprise. The universal sympathy for the Greeks was aroused by hatred of the Turks, and all Christians must feel keenly the disaster which has befallen their fellow Christians. We give our readers a few words written by Dr. Peters, Rector of a New York Church, on the situation: "For over a hundred years the so called Christian powers of Europe have kept Turkey in existence, and authorized it to rob and murder the Christians within its dominions,

because each of them either wanted a slice of it for itself, or wanted to prevent some one else from securing a slice of it. Because of the greed and selfishness of those Christian powers, hundreds of thousands of Christians have been massacred, and myriads compelled to live in misery, degradation and barbarism." When Greece, fighting for independence 1822-1829, managed to throw off the Turkish yoke and obtain her freedom, Crete, which had also fairly earned freedom, was handed back to Turkey mainly by England. "From that day to this Crete has been a scene of horrible misgovernment, incessant revolts and brutal massacres. Now, at last, as the Turks were attempting to put into execution the same policy of pacification by extermination which they pursued in Armenia, the Greeks dared to interfere for the rescue of their fellow countrymen."

This course of action the great Powers of Europe declined to allow, and this was the origin of the war, which has ended so disastrously for Greece, and may we not add, for Christianity in Eastern Europe. The concert of Europe may be a very fine thing, but we do not know that it is doing anything for the advancement of the Great Kingdom; and we think that in this particular case, it has not justified its existence.