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HOPES AND PRAYERS FULFILLED.

THE celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen has brought into notice some of the expressions of hope and anticipation of a prosperous reign, expressed at the time of Her Majesty's Accession, which looking back now during the sixty years which have elapsed, appear to have been astonishingly fulfilled. Amongst other allusions of this kind, is one of the Rev. Sydney Smith, who preaching at St. Paul's on the Queen's Accession, said: "What limits to the glory and happiness of our land, if the Creator should in His Mercy, have placed in the heart of this royal woman the rudiments of wisdom and mercy; and if, giving them time to expand, and to bless our children's children with her goodness, He should grant her a long sojourning upon earth, and leave her to reign over us till she is well-stricken in years. What glory! What happiness! What joy! What bounty of God!"

Again, at the anniversary of the C.M.S. in 1837, the Earl of Chichester, then President of the Society, thus referred to the Queen: "Since our last anniversary a star has arisen above our political horizon; a star of beauty and of promise, and from thousands of British hearts there are ascending daily prayers that the dawn of her reign may be the dawn of her country's glory, that herself reflecting the beams of the Sun of Righteousness, our gracious Queen may gladden and refresh our drooping land. May the blessing of God so rest upon her that the loyalty which she inspires may provoke us to a better chivalry than that of arms. May her name be associated with those works of Christian love, which, however disproportionate to our high responsibilities, prove that we are still a Christian people; and thus shall the record of her reign be a record of victories unstained with blood; of victories whose glory shall be ascribed to the Son of God; whose trophies shall consist, not of captive kings of nations made subject to the sceptre of England's Queen, but of ransomed slaves delivered from the bondage of Satan, and brought, through the efforts of British Charity, into the happy service of England's God."

SIXTY YEARS.

From S P G Mission Field for June

ON the day following the great ceremonial in connection with the Queen's long reign at the west front of St. Paul's Cathedral there will be in the Cathedral the celebration of Holy Communion, with the sermon in commemoration of the Society's 197th anniversary. The thoughts of those taking part in the Society's act of thanksgiving and intercession will be not uninfluenced by the previous day's *Te Deum*. Indeed, among the innumerable things which make the reign of our beloved Sovereign so memorable, there can be few more remarkable than the strides made in the expansion of the English Church abroad during the last sixty years.

When Her Majesty succeeded to the throne there were only seven Anglican Bishoprics in foreign parts, viz., two in British North America (Nova Scotia, founded in 1787, and Quebec, in 1793), two in Asia (Calcutta, founded in 1814, and Madras, 1835), two in the West Indies (Jamaica and Barbadoes, founded 1824) and one in Australasia (Sydney, founded in 1836). There are now ninety-two Bishoprics, twenty-two being in British North America, nine in the West Indies, Central and South America, twenty-one in Asia, twenty-two in Australia and the Pacific, seventeen in Africa, and one on the Continent of Europe.

During the same period the American (United States) Bishoprics have increased from sixteen in 1837 to seventy-eight in 1896, seventy-four being in the United States, and four outside, i.e., in West Africa, China, Japan, and Fiji. There are in the United States between four and five thousand clergymen of our communion.

The following is the list of the new fields of work occupied by the Society since 1837:—

1838 Victoria, Australia.	1850 Rupertsland (Manitoba, etc.)
1840 Queensland.	" Orange Free State.
" New Zealand.	1851 Assam.
" Ceylon.	" Tristan d'Acunha.
1841 Western Australia.	1853 Pittcairn Island.
1844 British Honduras.	1854 Punjab.
1846 Central Provinces, India.	" Western Asia.
1847 St. Helena.	1855 Kaffraria.
1848 Western Borneo.	1856 The Straits.
1849 Melanesia.	1859 Lower Burma.
" Natal.	" Zululand.