

of heaven, for there is but little variety there. In some sublime snatches of it which man has been allowed to hear, the same ascription is uttered day and night by cherubim and seraphim: 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.' And the song of the redeemed in glory is one unceasing 'Alleluiah.' Yes, it is the joy of those holy beings who stand round the throne to blend their voices in one and the same chant of triumph which never tires; and just in proportion as we are preparing ourselves for the worship of that upper sanctuary, we should free ourselves from restless hunger after change in our devotions here. When we have thrown into our form of prayer the intensest fervour of devout desire, we have never tried them to the uttermost or found them too weak to wing our souls to heaven.

"I can but touch upon one other advantage inseparable from the use of such a liturgy as ours—an advantage, I think, we can never too often bring to mind. Let us recollect for how long our prayers have been a standard form of devotion in the Church of Christ. This is no mere sentimental reason for attachment to them. It is a deep source of comfort in the use of them.

"Who does not feel it an unspeakable privilege to offer in the Lord's Prayer, the holiest words in the world, the very petitions which have come from the lips of Christ Himself, from His lips to His Apostles, and from the Apostles to the saints of every succeeding age? And what is eminently true of the Lord's Prayer is in its measure true of almost every prayer in the liturgy of our Church. It is true of the psalms and creeds, all of which become more sacred from the memory of the blessed dead who have used them. A worship like ours is the most moving reminder of the communion of saints: it unites us by a chain of sympathy with past generations.

"A great preacher said of our cathedrals that they might be looked upon as so many shrines for the Psalter. May they not be regarded also as shrines for those priceless forms of common prayer and solemn chant which have for generations echoed through storied aisles like these? We who worship here to day take part in the prayer of those whose rest is one in all their visions, their struggles, their truest desires, as the vehicle of our own.

"Yes, and our Common Prayer is still more. It is a pledge of reunion with the blessed dead whom we have known and loved in Christ here. It binds us to one another in one family below. Above all, it tells us whenever we use it that we are fellow-citizens of the saints and of the household of God."

### The Children's Column.

MY DEAR CHILDREN,—We want you to know a few facts about the Church here in Canada, and particularly about the Diocese of Algoma. Our Bishop has just returned from England, where he

has spent a couple of months preaching and holding meetings to bring the needs of his immense diocese, 800 miles long and 300 miles broad, before the people there. "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," commonly known as the S. P. G., has been obliged to gradually withdraw its grants of money for the support of the clergy out here, and the Bishop has been promised £1,000 (how many dollars are there in that sum of money?) if he can collect £9,000 in five years. Well, now, three years have passed out of that five, and he only has £3,000. What are you each going to do to help to get the other £6,000 within the next two years? Some of the people in England, indeed, we hope a great many, will help us, but that does not mean that we are to sit idle. What I want you all to do is to set your brains to work, and see what each one can do to help to keep up and support the Church in our own vast diocese. You know, when you have your school work to do, you can only learn by doing; thinking about your lessons is no use if you do not set to and learn them. Well, Christ taught us that we must *learn by doing*, too. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." You remember His commandment, "Feed my lambs." Do you not realize that if these grants which are being reduced, and eventually will be taken away from the Church in Algoma, are not replaced by everyone putting his and her shoulder to the wheel, we cannot feed the minds, cheer the hearts and strengthen the hands of the people living away out in lonely places, where the sound of the Gospel that Christ said was to be preached to all people can never come, if we do not band together to find the means to do it with?

If you really love your beautiful Church service (if you do not understand it all, ask your parents and friends to help you); if you care about your Sunday school, and learning the Bible stories about Jesus, will you not do your best to send it on? If you think a while what you would like to do, you will find lovely ideas will come into your mind; your heart will feel so warm and comfortable, your eyes will begin to dance with eagerness to be first in the field to commence the work, and your daily prayers will be come so much more real to you, as you understand even the *least bit* of what it means to obey the *least word* of Christ.

Dear children, one small way is for each one to commence a little piece of work with your own fingers. Boys, as well as girls, can do plenty of nice things. I might suggest porridge spoons, bits of carving, useful articles for their mother's kitchen, salt boxes, knife boards. For the girls, fancy work and useful things too. Will you, one and all, begin something, and then, just before Christmas, when everyone wants to buy nice little Christmas gifts for each other, they will be all ready, and the money will go to the Bishop Sullivan Memorial Su-

perintendent Fund. I know one wild country place, nearly all rock and bush, where two young men are superintendents of Sunday schools. These schools were started long ago by their parents with just a few besides their own children, and now these dear Sunday school children have all promised to do something for my sale of work before Christmas, and perhaps if you would like to know some of their names and ages we will tell you later on.

If you care about having another letter next month, we could tell you what nice, cosy, little meetings we hope to have to show each other the work we are doing and to talk about Algoma and the Church generally. Perhaps we will hear that you are all starting a working party yourselves and intend to surpass our best efforts. Oh! how glad we shall be to hear that. Now, good-bye dear children.

Yours hopefully,

MARY DEAN.

Trinity Parsonage, Parry Sound, Ont., 1900.

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