

Among the contributions already promised in addition to those above mentioned are: 'The Ideal Sunday School,' by Mr. James C. Morgan, M.A., P.S.I., of Barrie; 'A Voice from the Lectern,' Rev. H. A. Thomas; 'The Little Ones,' Miss Grace Denison; 'The Rural Deanery Meeting, Its Objects and Uses,' Rev. Alfred Brown, B.A.; 'Our Older S.S. Pupils,' Mr. A. W. Reaveley, B.A., of Thorold; 'The Daughters of the King,' Miss L. Downie; 'The Ideal Parish,' Rev. David Williams, M.A., etc.

The London *Times* says: The many friends of Rev. Evans Davis, rector of St. James' church, London South, will hear with gratification the announcement that his Lordship the Bishop of Huron has appointed Mr. Davis to the Archdeaconry of London, rendered vacant by the promotion of the Ven. Archdeacon Marsh to the Archdeaconry of Huron. Rev. Canon Davis' long and faithful services in the Diocese, and his intimate acquaintance with the church's requirements, especially fit him for the exalted position to which the ruler of the Diocese has seen fit to place him in. All, irrespective of denomination or creed, will wish the new Archdeacon of London many years of usefulness in his new sphere of labor.

Rev. W. A. Graham, of Shelburne, has been appointed Rural Dean of Grey in place of Rev. George Keyes, resigned.

Diocese of Niagara.

GUELPH.

The first meeting of the Children's Sewing School, a most useful branch of Church work, was held on October 6th, and is now organized for winter work.

The Venerable Archdeacon Dixon, Rector of the parish together with the Bishop of Niagara are delegates to the committee on Education and Training of candidates for Holy Orders of the General Synod in Canada which is to hold a meeting on October 12th., and it is expected will be in attendance thereat.

The Harvest Festival service for this parish was held in St. George's Church last week and was fully as successful and attractive as ever. The Bible Association undertook the decorations, which were simple and refined, consisting of fruit and flowers. A gothic arch was placed in front of the chancel and over it a scroll of crimson cloth with the inscription: "Praise the Lord." The service commenced at 8 p. m. but long before that the spacious church was crowded. The Venerable Archdeacon Dixon, D. D. and Revs. Clark and J. H. Ross took part in the service, and the Rev. Professor Clark of Trinity University preached the sermon from the text 2nd. Corinthians 9-15. The service closed with the benediction and Stainer's "Seven fold Amen" sung by the choir.

Diocese of Algoma.

SAULT STE. MARIE.

Mrs. Sullivan begs to acknowledge for the Bishop of Algoma (who has sailed for England) the ten dollars so kindly sent by "A. F." for the diocese. Just as he was leaving the treasurer wrote him the Mission Fund was again over drawn three thousand dollars, it is the heavy financial burden that weighs so upon the Bishop. Your kind gift will go to this debt.

HUNTSVILLE.

The Church Women's Committee of "All

Saint's on the two days of the local fair, Sept. 25th and 26th, had a work table for the sale of useful and ornamental articles, and refreshment bar, in the unoccupied store of Mr. R. Scarten, kindly lent for the occasion. The ladies by their industrious effort netted about \$60 to the church funds.

Diocese of Newfoundland.

Under the new arrangement the Bishop of the Diocese retires from actual parochial duties in connection with the Cathedral, and the new rector, the Rev. A. H. Browne, M.A. will be responsible entirely for the services in the Parish church.

The *Diocesan Magazine* says of the proposal to introduce Sisterhoods into the Diocese:

"By the voice of the Synod, expression has been given to a long felt desire to have in our midst a branch of some Sisterhood for the purpose of providing opportunity for a more cultured education for young ladies. Many years ago the late Dr. Crowdy proposed the introduction of a branch for Parochial purposes, viz., nursing, visiting, etc. May we not hope that both matters will be brought to a favourable issue. We should very much like to see a boarding school for girls, but we should like to know that some further provision is to be made for God's poor. In Newfoundland we know little or nothing of community life. Our Church folk are not accustomed to see ladies wholly devoted to religious life, and wearing a distinctive dress. In England and the United States, and of late years in Canada, Australia and South Africa, the great usefulness of "Sisters" to our Church has been fully recognized. It is only natural that those who devote their all to God's service should enjoy God's blessing on their labours."

During the last session of Synod a large and successful meeting was held under the presidency of the Bishop in connection with the CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. Addresses were delivered by the Bishop, the Revs. W. C. White, A. G. Bayly, and Dr. Skelton and Mr. Mott. Mr. White spoke of the duty of the Church in this matter, and Dr. Skelton discussed the medical aspect of the question, Mr. Bayly supporting the dual basis of the Society.

A Missionary Meeting was held also during the Session of Synod, at which addresses were delivered by the Bishop, the Rev. C. Knapp on "India," and the Rev. H. Marriott on "Mission Work as a Whole." Mr. Blackall spoke of the wonderful growth of the Church in the Colonies during the past century, as evidenced by the extension of the Episcopate. A collection of \$45 in aid of the Home and Foreign Mission Fund was taken up.

"The Girls' FRIENDLY SOCIETY received its well-earned word of praise," says the *Diocesan Magazine*, "from the Synod, and it appears to be doing good work." It is hoped that every Newfoundland Mission may soon have a branch.

THE RELIGION OF DOING.

Religion is not selfishness, nor coddling, nor moralizing, but it is visiting the fatherless and the widow and keeping one's self unspotted from the world, living with Christ and for Christ. Worship is not all of religion, though it is an important part. The church is a place where we are to get strength and power to do God's work. God cares not for the length of our prayers, or the number of our prayers, or the beauty of our prayers, or the place of our

prayers, but it is the faith in them and the work following them that tells. Says a noted divine: "Believing prayer soars higher than lark ever sang; plunges deeper than diving-bell ever sank; darts quicker than lightning ever flashed;" but such a prayer is backed and braced and made an instrument of mighty power by the whole man resigning himself to the stream of divine influence which drops from his hands, pours from his eyes, and issues in works of holiness and love. Don't talk of your weakness; that your lot is to be but a hearer, not a doer; that your hands are full; that your home duties are exacting; that the cares of your family claim so large a share of your attention; that your bodily health is not good. Don't count up your ills, your defects, your weaknesses; but count up your blessings, your powers, your talents. Think of the souls that you may bring to God if you rightly go at it. The formal talk with a godless man or woman, the formal talk which begins with a sigh and ends with a canting, feeble suggestion that he or she should attend church, is not what is wanted to be a door of the Word. What is needed is the heart-throb of a man in dead earnest. They said Gibraltar could not be taken. It is a rock sixteen hundred feet high and three miles long. But the English and the Dutch did take it. Artillery, and sappers, and fleets pouring out volleys of death, and men reckless of danger, can do anything. The stoutest heart of sin, though it be rocked and surrounded by an ocean of transgression, under Christian bombardment may be made to hoist the flag of redemption.—*Spokane Churchman*.

REASONS FOR NOONDAY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

[The Missionary Council which met in Chicago at the close of the great World's Fair, adopted the following resolution:—"That the custom of noon-day prayer for missions be recommended to all gatherings of Churchmen and women, and to all the clergy and missions of this Church at home and abroad."]

I. At mid day the Saviour of the world hung upon the cross, lifted up that He might draw all men unto Him.

II. At mid-day he called St. Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles.

III. At mid-day St. Peter was upon the house-top praying, and received the three-fold vision of the ingathering of the Gentiles.

PRAYERS SUITABLE FOR USE AT NOON.

I. The Lord's Prayer.

II. "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me."

Blessed Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; through Thy mercies and merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end Amen.

III. "At mid-day, O King, I saw a light above the brightness of the sun."

Almighty Saviour who at mid-day didst call Thy servant St. Paul, to be an apostle to the Gentiles; we beseech Thee, illumine the world with the radiance of Thy glory, that all nations may come and worship Thee who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. Amen.

IV. "Peter went up upon the house-top to pray about the sixth hour,"

Father of mercies, who to Thine Apostle St. Peter, didst reveal in threefold vision Thy boundless compassion; forgive, we pray Thee, our unbelief, and so enlarge our hearts and enkindle our zeal that we may fervently desire the salvation of all men, and with more ready diligence labour in the extension of Thy Kingdom, for His sake who gave Himself for the life of the world, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.—*Religious Review of Reviews*.