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## AID FOR MANITOBA.

OUR Winnipeg Editor and the Manitoban correspondents of the several Church papers in their communications complain of the want of liberality on the part of the Churchmen of this Ecclesiastical Province, and of the small amount of aid which has been extended to the Diocese of Rupert's Land. They seem to think that we are so engaged in controversy and party bickerings that the great work of Missions is neglected, and only attended to in the small interval when not occupied in the more congenial work of demolishing one another. That party strife and a love of polemics are too prevalent among us, and occupy the time and attention which should be devoted to edifying and extending the Church, is only too true, and energy and money are diverted into partizan channels, which, on a wider and truer conception of the Church's needs and aims, would be given to increase the influence not of a section of the Church but of the whole Church. Time, that great healer, is softening the asperities of past controversies, and men of all shades of thought are learning not only to tolerate one another but to regard as brethren those who differ from them in some point of doctrine or ritual, but who are one with them on the essential truths of Revelation. In the presence of such enemies as sin and infidelity, it is worse than folly to waste our strength in fighting about comparative trifles; for while we are debating about the best way of defending the outworks the enemy will seize the citadel. The united efforts of all good men are scarcely sufficient to meet the common enemy, and to drive back the tide of sin and unbelief which threatens to destroy all the bulwarks that have been erected against them.

We must confess that we have not done our duty to Manitoba, and that the aid extended to that wide and promising Mission Field has been lamentably out of proportion to our ability and to the necessities of the case. Other religious bodies have done far more in proportion to their numbers and wealth, and the Church of England in this eastern section of the Dominion must in this department of work yield the palm to others.

At the last regular session of the Provincial Synod much was said on this subject, a Board of Missions was appointed to raise funds, and some well-meant efforts were made by the Board to further the object entrusted to them; but we cannot congratulate them on any great success; indeed after all the speeches and resolutions of the Provincial Synod we can only admit that the results

have been ridiculously small. The Board of Missions has been too timid and inert. A competent man, a good organizer and speaker, should have been appointed Secretary, and by his pen and addresses from the pulpit and platform, and by personal application, have stirred the conscience of the Church, and have set flowing the streams of liberality. We Churchmen often neglect to use the business-like methods of raising money that other religious bodies use, and then are surprised that, without any effort on our part, money does not come in. If the Church undertakes missionary work, and we believe that she is the best Missionary Society, then she must do what missionary societies do—advertize, preach, hold meetings, send out collectors, do the work of a missionary society, and use all means to interest the public, and thus secure the means to carry on the work. To do all this was the work of the Board of Missions. Have they done it?

We have frankly admitted our short-comings in regard to missionary operations in Manitoba, and now a few words in extenuation of our neglect. First, all our Dioceses have large mission ground within their own borders, and in none of them is the number of wealthy parishes large. We have but few centres of wealth and population among us, and scarcely more than one to each Diocese. Our Diocesan Mission Funds are all inadequate to the demands made upon them, all the more so, as in some Dioceses, especially in the Province of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, the aid extended by the S. P. C. is now being withdrawn.

Then the Provincial Synod has undertaken the charge of the Diocese of Algoma, the Bishopric of which is unendowed. This is regarded as having the first claim upon us, and large sums are annually contributed to help the poor settlers and Indians in Algoma, who, in all probability, such is the poverty of the country, will need it for many years to come. In this region, we believe, the Church is doing more than any other of the religious bodies of Canada.

Our Manitoban correspondents write as though Manitoba were the whole of the North-West, forgetful of the fact that Canadian Churchmen have given and give yearly a considerable sum to the Diocese of Saskatchewan. The Bishop of Saskatchewan is a very active worker, and annually canvasses the larger towns and cities of Ontario in person and collects a large sum for his work in the North-West. Were the whole amount contributed each year to Manitoba and the North-West published it would not be so small as from the remarks of the Manitoban correspondents it might appear. Why does Manitoba confine itself to complaints? Why do they not put a man in the field, one able to plead their case and state their necessities? The Board of Missions, our Bishops and Clergy would gladly welcome and assist such an agent, and our laity would liberally help the work if its claims upon their sympathy were presented to them. Nor should Manitoba fail to acknowledge the contribution we have made to the Church in that Province in the number of active clergymen and of Church families that have gone there. There is scarcely a parish in Ontario and the Eastern Provinces that have not lost some valuable Church members, whose services and aid are now given to build up the Church in Rupert's Land.

We believe that with proper exertion, and combined effort on the part of the Provincial Synod and the Diocese of Rupert's Land, the reasonable expectations of Bishop Machray might be met, and a much larger sum contributed than that for which

he asks. The will is not wanting, only let the means be employed, and well organized efforts will, we believe, be in this, as in any other good cause, crowned with success.

## EASTER.

THE Solemn Lenten Time has gone, giving place to Bright and Happy Easter. The Anthem which ushered in the services of the day, telling of the triumph of Jesus Christ over Satan and the Grave, cheered and comforted us, as it assured us of victory in Him for all mankind. Not only a great victory won by Christ for Himself, asserting and demonstrating His power, but far more than that, a victory gained once and forever over the powers of evil, that in His victory each of us might overcome, overcome not only death and the grave at last, but sin and the evil one now. "Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more, death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord." "Christ is risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." We know now that He, in Whom we trust, is able as He is ready to hear and help us always, as He heard the cry of our sin-stricken world and helped us at the time of His Atonement. Surely the thoughts of Christ's Almighty Power as displayed in His Resurrection should make us very humble and very grateful, and His great love and condescension induce us to live lives devoted to His service. He would have us who bear His name, and who are His professed followers, to recognize every day that the life which is ours is the life He has given us, and to seek for the strength from Him to live that life unto God. No longer ought we to be careless and reckless, spending it in a haphazard or grossly sinful way, but in the sight of our Risen Lord live it to His glory. If we have spent the Lenten Season aright, in humble and contrite penitence and sorrow for sin, and contemplated Christ's sufferings and Death as the outcome of our sin and disobedience, we will have been indeed crucified with Him, and now that He is risen—that He lives—we will have risen, too, to enter upon a new life in Him.

The Christian life is not to be a selfish thing. Not merely the securing of a place of happiness through Christ's Death and Resurrection in the abodes of bliss above. Indeed, no. It is much more than this. It is to live like Christ, because of our love for Him. To live in Christ, because without Him all is darkness and unrest. To live Godly lives, because un-Godliness and sin are hateful to Him. As His children here upon earth, let us walk circumspectly, not giving way to the evil of our corrupt nature, but learning to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts. Let us not walk in darkness, but as children of the light; as those who are alive from the dead, and who have risen with Christ unto newness of life, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we may also appear with Him in glory.

## THE JEWS.

THE Church in the United States is putting forth special efforts to draw the Jews into the fold of the Christian Religion. The Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews has issued an