

THE SOCIETY'S FIRST LEGACY.

IT is with pleasure that we record the gift of five hundred dollars to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society by the late Rev. Charles P. Reid, of Sherbrooke, Diocese of Quebec, for use in the Domestic field. We trust that this is but the forerunner of many and valuable gifts that the Society will yet receive to assist it in the work for which it was called into being by the voice of the Canadian Church.

The following is the form of acceptance of the legacy by the Treasurer of the Society :—

Whereas in and by the last will and testament of the late the Reverend Charles Peter Reid in his lifetime, of the city of Sherbrooke, in the Province of Quebec, Doctor of Civil Law and Clerk in Holy Orders, he devised and bequeathed the sum of five hundred dollars as follows, to wit :—

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions as constituted and authorized by the Provincial Synod of the Church of England of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada the sum of five hundred dollars in aid of the Domestic Missionary work of the Church in the Diocese of Algoma and the North-west." And whereas Dame Julia Reid and Richard William Heneker, the executors of the said will, desire to make payment of said legacy ; now, therefore, acting for and on behalf of the said Board, I, John J. Mason, of the city of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario, the General Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, duly authorized for all the purposes hereof by virtue of my office, did and do hereby accept of the said legacy in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof as above set forth, and do hereby acknowledge to have received the said sum of five hundred dollars of and from the said executors who are hereby released and discharged from all further liability and obligation in respect thereof. In witness whereof I hereunto affix my seal and signature at the said city of Hamilton, this eighth day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

J. J. MASON, Treasurer,
Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society
of the Church of England in Canada.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
INCREASING MISSIONARY
INTEREST.

FROM THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS.

(Concluded.)

MISSIONS A DUTY OF ALL CHURCHES.

IT IS certain that any Church, or congregation or parish which puts forth no efforts for making Christ known beyond its own limits is false to the idea and purpose of its existence. It is alien to the spirit of the Gospel. It is disloyal to Christ, and though it may have a name

to live, it is spiritually dead. Its own edification is dependent upon its seeking to evangelize others. It is in this principle that our people need to be educated. Children should be taught this from their earliest years. It should be impressed upon them by precept, by illustration and by example. They will often grasp the idea more readily than their parents, and act upon it more unselfishly. A generation of children thus taught would make the whole Church missionary in doctrine and in life.

We want money for our Lord and for those for whom He died. There are motives powerful enough to stir every heart to give generously to Him who gave Himself for us ; gratitude for benefits ; loving loyalty to Jesus Christ ; pity for suffering heathen souls, multitudes of whom have never heard that there is a Saviour. But even when these motives are felt, as in some degree they must be in every Christian heart, there is need of instruction in the duty of giving. Our people must be taught that giving money for the support of missions is a sacred duty ; that it is the payment of a debt which we owe ; and that the amount to be given is not what there is left over after we have provided for all our needs, and gratified all our desires, but that we should give to Christ first of all : that no gain or income should fail to contribute its part. These truths should be impressed upon the hearts of children. They should be taught lovingly, persistently, in the Sunday school and in the home.

Rich men should be disabused of the idea that there is danger of their giving so largely as to discourage small gifts from the poor. They should be instructed that small gifts from the rich do discourage the poor from giving at all, but that large gifts from those who have abundant means, most effectually incite those whose resources are small, to give all that they can.

Sentiment is good, and emotion is good, but the performance of duty is better than either. And to give according to his means for making Christ's love known to men is an imperative duty for every Christian.

The fault lies largely at the door of the clergy. There is reason to fear that many of them do not believe in Foreign Missions, and take very little interest in those nearer home. The zeal in missionary work in any congregation will generally be about on a level with that which the rector feels ; and when we look over the long list of non-contributing parishes, and note the ratio in many others of the missionary offerings to the sums expended for music and church adornment, we cannot but conclude that the binding nature of our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," is not realized as it should be by many to whom the commission has been given and conveyed.

A NEW CONSECRATION.

We of the clergy need above all others to give