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apinfully impressed with the spiritual destitution that prevails. I am safe in saying that there are hundreds, aye, thousands, of our members scattered throughout this vast diocese, to whom the sound of the church-going bell is a thing of the past; thousands who are living and dying without any opportunity of participating in the means of grace. Is it to be wondered, if, with these facts staring me in the face continually, I am importunate in

asking, for the means to send additional laborers into the field w hich is already white for harvest?"

To this succeeds a [communication from the Rev. W. Crompton, a worthy missionary in Algoma, from which we extract the following: "Next morning, August 16th, I mounted my horse at 6.30 a. m. and set off to Ely, in the Township of Arnon. A lovely country as heart could wish, with Pickerel Lake shimmering in the sunlight, and the noble Magnetewan River, like a silver cord sparkling with jewels, winding through the bush. A country with clearings on every hand—clearings to the right, to the left, and before me, like beautiful green oases in the dark bushy desert—clearings telling me of hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of human beings, called Christians, living, breathing and dying there without having one opportunity of using the means of grace." I was told that I was the only man, as a minister, who had yet penetrated that part. People by the hundred' Sheep wandered from the fold, learning not only to neglect but to despise the God who is showering down upon them His innumerable blessings: lambs of Christ's flock bleating on the hills for that food which His brethren are too indifferent to give them. I went on in sorrow, and the delectable land had become to me a sore burden and a cause of distress."

This pamphlet, giving, as it did, a picture drawn by eye witnesses of the actual condition and needs of a vast territory under English dominion, and being rapidly peopled from the British Isles, was not without its effect. The cry of North-West Canada went home to the heart of the rector of Woolwich, the Rev. the Hon. A. J. R. Anson, amongst others, and sowed the seed there, which has borne fruit in the formation and wonderful development of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

Mr., now Bishop Anson is the third son of the first Earl of Lichfield. He was born in 1840, and was educated at Eton, and at Christ Church, Oxford,

where he took his degree in 1862, proceeding to the degree of Master of Arts in 1867. Immediately after taking his degree Mr. Anson went with some of his intimate college friends to visit Egypt and the Holy Land; the publication of Dean Stanley's "Sinai and Palestine" a few years before, and the influence of the Dean himself, who was at that time a Canon of Christ Church, having stirred the enthusiasm of many University men in