

have no clergyman to speak to you and teach you of Jesus! None to visit you when sick—and then to die without any Gospel—and without hope of salvation! And then think how many thousands there are in all this great Dominion who have no regular clergyman to baptize the children—to visit the sick—to bury the dead. And then think how many millions there are in heathen lands who have never heard of Jesus, and never will hear of Him, unless the faithful soldiers in His army obey their marching orders.

Another reason for helping the missionary work is this:—Because it is such a happy, blessed thing to give help to others. Perhaps you do not think so! Have you never read what St. Paul said to the Church at Ephesus: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive"? If Jesus said it, it must be so. And you know it, too! Who is the most miserable man on earth? Is it not the miser, who hoards up his gold, and thinks he will starve because he is so poor? And indeed he is poor, poorer than he knows! And who is the happiest? Is it not one who goes about doing kind things and saying kind things, and thinking all sorts of kind things for others? And what is the very kindest and most blessed thing that you can do for any one who has not heard of Jesus? Surely it is to tell them how GOD sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. Of all the blessed angels, surely the most blessed was that one which proclaimed to the shepherds of Bethlehem the glad tidings of a Saviour's birth. Be like that missionary angel, and you will know what Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Now, we shall tell you what we think you can do for the Church's missionary work.

(1) You can *pray*. Jesus bids you pray. When He saw how great the harvest was, and how few the laborers, He was moved with compassion and said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Do what Jesus tells us. Add to your prayer:—"Dear Lord Jesus, send forth laborers into Thy harvest." Will He not hear that prayer? Think of that prayer rising up to heaven day by day from one hundred thousand young hearts in this broad Dominion! Aye, He will hear it, and answer it, too. No more will He say, "The laborers are few." He will send laborers by scores and by hundreds into His harvest to gather immortal souls into the heavenly garner.

Therefore—*pray*.

(2) You can *give*.

We ask you to give all you can during Lent. Think in what ways you can deny yourself, and resolve to buy nothing that you can do without these forty days. Think of Jesus fasting in the

wilderness forty days and forty nights—for *your sake*—and then ask yourself, Shall I not deny myself these forty days for *Jesus' sake*?

Ask for a mission box. Keep it in a safe place. Save all you can to put into it. Get your friends to put into it. And then on Easter day you will be glad and thankful to have done what you can for Christ's sake.

(3) Once more, you can *work*.

You girls can join a missionary band, or get one up among yourselves. And you can work and sew for missions. It's a very great help to the missionary and his family in the far Northwest to get a bale of warm clothing. If you could see their happy faces as they open the bales, and find one garment after another, ready-made, to keep out the bitter cold, you would want to add your share to increase their comfort.

Then there are many Indian children in the Indian homes who depend on us to clothe them. We shall be especially glad if you will help us to give them clothing. They are very poor—therefore they need your help; and they are learning to be Christians—therefore they are your brothers and sisters in Christ.

And you boys; what can you do? You know that where there's a will there's a way. Can you make anything and sell it? or plant flowers? or earn anything? If you think about it very much, you will find some way of helping the missionary work. In any case, this Lent don't buy any candy. Save all you can; have a mission box; put all you can into it, and collect from your friends. Try to have it full by Easter day.

And now we put this whole matter in your charge. We are sure that you will do all you can—by prayer, and gift, and work. This mission work is very near and dear to the heart of Jesus. Let it be dear to your hearts also.

That God may bless you all, dear children, and fill you with His grace, is the earnest prayer of your Bishops and Clergy.

#### DIOCESE OF SELKIRK.



HIS diocese extends from the irregular line of the Rocky Mountains on the east to the United States Territory of Alaska on the west (W. long. 141), and from the Arctic Ocean on the north, in about lat. 70, to the boundary of British Columbia, lat. 60, on the south. The diocese thus contains about 200,000 square miles, but with a present population of only about 5000, including some hundreds of miners, either resident in the diocese in winter, or passing through it on their way to and from the gold mines in spring and autumn. The neighboring country is reported as rich in gold. The diggings hitherto worked appear to be mostly on the American side of