

OUR news from St. Joseph's Island is concerned with the death of Mr. Christopher Young, a Churchman whose consistency of life and loyalty to principle had won the respect of all people on the Island. Holy Trinity Church, Jocelyn, is built on land that at one time belonged to Mr. Young. The writer has long thought Mr. Young one of the most blessed of men, inasmuch as he lived to see a large family of children grow up to become regular communicants. He was one of the few lay representatives present at the Triennial Council of 1895.

MEN eat and drink and do all manner of things with all their might and main; but how many of them do they do to the glory of God? No; this is the fault, the especial curse of our day, that religion does not mean any longer, as it used, the service of God—the being like God, and showing forth God's glory. No; religion means nowadays the art of getting to heaven when we die, and saving our own miserable souls from hell, and getting God's wages without doing God's work—as if that was godliness—as if that was anything but selfishness; as if selfishness was any better for being everlasting selfishness.—*Charles Kingsley.*

S. P. C. K.

The Bishop has addressed the following letter to the clergy of the diocese:

SAULI ST. MARIE, ONT.
February 14th, 1898.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:

On the 8th day of March next the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge will complete its 200th year. All dioceses which have been aided by the Society are requested on that day to hold special services of thanksgiving and intercession for God's blessing on the Society.

From the beginning of our diocesan existence we have been receiving constant and generous aid from the Society's funds. Indeed, there is hardly a mission in the diocese which has not received grants, in one form or another, out of those funds. We should esteem it, therefore, both a sacred obligation and a great privilege to take our part in the proposed celebration.

You have no doubt, ere this, received

a circular giving details of the Society's history and labours. I need not, therefore, enter now into particulars.

I write to ask you, in accordance with the Society's suggestion, to hold a service, including a celebration of the Holy Communion, in your principal centres of work, on Tuesday, March 8th, or on the following Sunday.

At this service it is my wish that you should address your people upon the subject of "The Society: its Works and our Obligations to it," and that you should devote the offering to the Society's funds.

Where possible, also, I should be glad if, on the afternoon or evening of March 8th, or of some other suitable day, a public meeting could be held at which testimony might be borne to the help given to us by the Society, and a collection for its funds taken up.

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE ALGOMA.

The Bishop suggests that the following Prayer and Thanksgiving (as authorized in the Diocese of Quebec) be added to the Church Services in the Diocese of Algoma in connection with the Bicentenary of the S.P.C.K.:

"ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy children do unto Thee true and laudable service, we thank Thee for that, now, two hundred years ago, Thou didst put it into the hearts of good and faithful men to found the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. For its continued labours and loving endeavours, bringing Bishops and Churches and Holy Books to many lands, we bless and praise Thy Holy Name, most humbly beseeching Thee of Thy great goodness, O Lord, that Thou wilt ever raise up godly men to perfect and carry on this holy, self-denying work and warfare to Thy honour and glory and for the benefit of Thy whole world, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us but unto Thy name be the praise for the many excellent works accomplished by this great Missionary Society. Let Thy blessing rest abundantly upon its members; and do Thou dispose the hearts of Thy people to contribute liberally to its support and promote its efforts for the advancement of Thy glory and the extension of Thy kingdom in this and other lands, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and praise world without end. Amen.

Huntsville Mission.

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, INCUMBENT.

The Right Rev. the Bishop held a Confirmation service in All Saints' Church on Sunday, January 16th at 10.30 a.m. The Ven. T. Llwyd, incumbent, presented a class of twenty-nine. Ten males and nineteen females received the "laying on of hands," and

were admitted to the Holy Communion. The Bishop preached both morning and evening and in the afternoon visited the Sunday-school and addressed the teachers and scholars. The attendance numbered 121 scholars, 18 teachers and a number of the parishioners and friends. The services in the church were most hearty, the singing and responding were very good, and it was a joy and a profit to listen to the earnest, practical, yet simple words spoken by the good Bishop to the confirmed, the congregations, as also to those present in the Sunday-school.

On Monday, January 17th, the Bishop and the Archdeacon held at 2.30 p.m. a service in St. Paul's Church, Grassmere, distant eight miles east. The sleighing was splendid and the day fine and cold. A sleigh-load of friends from Huntsville joined in the service. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to a little child. The local congregation was a good one, the service hearty, reverent and devout. The Bishop left at 6.30 p.m. for Emsdale.

Fort William.

REV. E. J. HARPER, INCUMBENT.

ST. LUKE'S.—From this, almost the extreme western limit of the diocese, we are glad to be able to report growth in numbers attending the services of the Church and Sunday School. This is, of course, no more than should be expected, as the population of our town has considerably increased in the past year, a fair proportion of the newcomers being children of the Church. As might be expected, however, the majority of our accessions from eastern parishes come to better themselves, consequently for some years little in the way of contributions can be expected. Meanwhile all possible will be done to provide a spiritual home in the little parish church for them and their children. And just here your correspondent would like to call the attention of rectors to the utter disregard of "letters of transfer" which have come under his experience. In half a dozen cases not a single letter from the incumbent of the parish or mission from whence they came, was presented to the incumbent here.

E.J.H.

A local paper gives a lengthy report of a children's entertainment—"Jack