

# Parish and Home

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## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER.

- 7—**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Jer. v.; Phil. i. *Evening*—Jer. xxii. or xxxv.; Luke viii. to 26.
- 14—**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Jer. xxxvi.; Col. iii. to 18. *Evening*—Ezek. ii. or xiii. to 17; Luke xi. 29.
- 18—**St. Luke, Evangelist.** *Morning*—Isaiah lv.; 1 Thess. iii. *Evening*—Eccles. xxxviii. 1; 15; Luke xiii. 18.
- 21—**Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Ezek. xiv.; 2 Thess. I. *Evening*—Ezek. xviii. or xxiv. 15; Luke xv. 11.
- 28—**Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Ezek. xxxv.; 1 Tim. v. *Evening*—Ezek. xxxvi. or Dan. i.; Luke xix. 28. **St. Simon and St. Jude, A. and M.** *Morning*—Isaiah xxviii. 9 to 17. *Evening*—Jer. iii. 12 to 19.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THERE is sometimes a danger of us in the Church of England neglecting the country parts and devoting our attention chiefly to the towns and cities. While we can never neglect the larger centres with safety, it is well to remember that the cities are continually supplied from the country by strong, active, energetic young people coming up to seek their fortunes in the places where men most do congregate, and that if we as a Church lose the country we will sooner or later lose the towns and cities. Every country parish should do its best to support the ministrations of the Church in its midst, but there always will be a number of localities where this cannot be done. Diocesan and such-like mission funds should be kept in a strong, healthy state, so that a man who is doing good work in a country parish may not have to leave, just in the midst of his greatest usefulness, for the sake of a hundred dollars or two to enable him to sustain a growing family and increasing expenses. "No man liveth to himself," and it is equally true that no parish or mission liveth to itself. If the weak are allowed to languish and die, the strong must sooner or later suffer with them, but if the weak are strengthened by the sympathy, prayer and help of the strong, then all together will be blessed and enlarged.

THE season of the year is now

here when all the Churches' activities are in full swing, when, after somewhat of a lull in the summer, all the various organizations are doing their work. Surely every man who loves his church, every man who loves his Saviour, will ask: What can I do? Where can I be most useful? Yea, even like St. Paul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" To how many professed disciples of His in our parishes to day would the Master say, as of old: "Why stand ye here all the day idle? Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

MANY of us will soon be called upon to exercise one of the duties of citizenship at the polls, and it is well to remember that country is far above party, that a good government cannot be made out of bad men, and that righteousness exalteth a nation. It is well for us, therefore, if we be Christian citizens, to see that our vote makes for righteousness every time, and that if the party to which we belong brings out a man whose character is not honest, true and upright, he will not get our support. The men who go to Parliament, or who serve in our city, town or county councils, should receive our earnest sympathy and hearty support in everything that makes for the welfare of the nation or people. We are exhorted also to pray for all those in authority. At the same time we should do our best to see that none but men of the highest character are placed there.

MANY of us have been permitted to enjoy summer holidays of longer or shorter duration, and have come back to our regular work refreshed and invigorated by the rest and change. Should we not then remember those who are not so greatly blessed as ourselves in these things.

In the hospitals, homes for incurables, jails, asylums, are many

who are spending long, weary hours, with little, very little, of the good things of this life to enjoy. Of course in many cases they may have only themselves to blame for this, but still if we have the loving spirit of our Master, should not our hearts go out to these suffering ones in loving sympathy, and with an earnest desire to help and bless them?

If this be so, and we have ourselves been helped in the past by the monthly visits of PARISH AND HOME, shall we not try to give the same help to others? Every dollar contributed for this purpose will send four papers for a year to some who are not so well off as we are ourselves.

A request came in a few days ago for ten papers for distribution amongst the sailors at Collingwood, and although the fund was exhausted the papers were sent forward, the committee feeling sure that there were many who, if reminded of the matter, would willingly help in so good a work. Ten copies have from the first been sent every month to our brave boys in South Africa. Brave, stalwart men they were when they left the home-land, ready and eager for the fray. But the cable is telling us each day that this one and that one is wounded, and has been sent to the hospital. And then comes what most of them find even harder work than fighting. Who shall say how much may be done for God in the long, weary hours of convalescence by such silent messengers as PARISH AND HOME? Ten copies don't go very far. Would not some one like to increase the number?

And in our sympathy for those who have gone to distant lands shall we forget those nearer home? Is there nothing to interest us in the lot of the men in the lumber camps and backwoods settlements, where literature of all kinds is scarce, and so much of what is to be had is calculated to hinder, not to help, spiritual growth?