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WILL THE CLERGY HELP US?

THE clergy can render valuable service by procuring subscribers for this magazine. Our object is to supply our Church people with wholesome information regarding Mission work. No better way can be found to serve the cause of Missions than by spreading Missionary intelligence. The lack of interest in Missions is due chiefly to want of information about what is being done. This information we hope, in some measure, from time to time to give, and with interest aroused in Missions, there will come, in unmistakable power, a reaction for good upon all departments of Church work in the parish.

ILLUSTRATIONS will always form a feature of the magazine. To enable us to carry this out successfully, we ask for subscribers, as illustrations are expensive. Our object is to spare no expense to make this magazine a first-class and attractive Church Journal, and as our friends send us subscribers, with the money paid in advance, we will be able to make improvements till a worthy standard is reached.

WITH A GOOD CIRCULATION, such as we hope to obtain, we shall be able to give from time to time portraits of our own bishops and leading churchmen, together with illustrations of Canadian Churches. There are numbers of very beautiful Cathedrals and Churches within our own Dominion, views of which we hope in time to be able to give. The old clap-boarded, square-towered churches of rural districts are continually giving place to handsome, Gothic structures, many of them picturesque in the extreme, and worthy of being preserved in illustrations which may be seen by church people at large.

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ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES.

THE question is sometimes asked "What do you mean by 'our Ecclesiastical Province?'" It is a term certainly which is often used in connection with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and may as well be explained. There are in the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada, two Ecclesiastical Provinces. That of prior standing is our own, which consists of the Dioceses of Nova Scotia, Quebec, Toronto, Fredericton (New Brunswick), Montreal, Huron, Ontario and Niagara and the Missionary Diocese of Algoma. It is presided over by a Metropolitan, who is one of the Bishops elected to that important position by the House of Bishops itself. Though Montreal is appointed the Metropolitan city of this Ecclesiastical Province, the Metropolitan himself is not required to be resident within it. In the present case the Metropolitan is the Most Reverend John Medley, D.D., Lord Bishop of Fredericton, N. B. He is chairman of the House of Bishops, and head of the Church in that portion of Canada embraced by the nine dioceses above mentioned.

This officer in the Church is designated differently in different places. Sometimes, as in England, he is called Archbishop, sometimes, as in Scotland, he is called Primus, and sometimes, as with us, Metropolitan. In the United States he is styled simply "Presiding Bishop," and by regulation he is naturally that, as the Bishop of longest standing succeeds by right to the position.

There is also another Ecclesiastical Province in the North-west, consisting of the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Mackenzie River, Athabasca and Qu'Appelle. The Most Reverend R. Machray, D.D., whose residence is Winnipeg, is the Metropolitan.

The three Dioceses in British Columbia will be attached probably, some day, to Rupert's Land, or else formed into a separate Ecclesiastical Province.

While in Canada there are these two Ecclesiastical Provinces, in the sister Church in the United States, there is but one organization from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is all presided over by the senior Bishop.

It is to be remembered then that our Ecclesiastical Province consists of what used to be called Upper and Lower Canada, together with the Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland alone excepted, because it is not in the Dominion of Canada. It stands by itself, an independent Diocese.

The Provincial Synod is the Synod of this Ecclesiastical Province as described above. It has an Upper and a Lower House, the Upper