

ACCESSION DAY (June 20) was duly observed in the Church of St. Thomas, Bracebridge. The special office for the day was used, and there was a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

THE anniversary of the day upon which "Her Majesty began her happy reign" was observed in a number of our churches. We have learned of special services at Falkenburg and Burk's Falls.

THE King of Portugal has presented to the Universities' Mission in Central Africa the ground in which are interred the remains of Bishop MacKenzie. The unconditional grant of land is 50 metres square (10 by 5).

As in the best days of Rome, all her best men, including the Emperor himself, were sent to the frontiers, so now the Church must throw all her best energies on her frontiers. Unless she did so there could be no wholesomeness in the inward parts.

THE Archdeacon is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from the results of an accident met with during a visit to Powassan Mission in the middle of June. He suffered the fracture of two ribs. He is now at home at Huntsville. We hope he will rapidly make a complete recovery.

THE Bishop was one of the preachers on Sunday, June 17 last, in the Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, where the S.P.G. was the subject of the sermons of the day. On the same day the Archbishop of Canterbury preached in Westminster Abbey, as did also the Archbishop of Armagh and the Bishop of Albany, U.S.A.

THE new English church at Assouan, Upper Egypt, is now completed. The S.P.G. has taken over the control of the chaplaincy, and a clergyman, with considerable experience of mission work, an honorary canon of an English cathedral, has offered to go to Assouan for eight months this coming season.

Two years ago the Queen gave a font to the Collegiate Church of St. George at Jerusalem. Lately the church at Assouan, on the "Cape to Cairo" railway—the first English Church Mission of importance inland in Egypt,—has won her sympathy, and Her Majesty has signified her intention of presenting to it a font.

THE Bishop of Mashonaland reports to the S.P.G. that the Matabele are showing strange interest in the religion of their conquerors, and a most important new station is being opened at Mazeir's—one of the late big rebel chiefs—who will "only have the Bishop's church at his kraal," and is building mission huts.

THE report of the South American Missionary Society, lately read at the annual meeting held in London, presents two noteworthy items: (1) The first baptism of Indian converts in the Paraguayan Chaco, and (2) the remarkable proposal of the Argentine Government to introduce the Bible in the national schools.

THE *Canadian Church Magazine*, the valuable organ of the D. & F. M. Society, notes that the society "is not exceptional in asking for free and unappropriated contributions for its general work," and quotes from a C.M.S. publication, "Practical Hints for Foreign Missions in the Sunday-school," in support of the "unappropriated" principle.

THE Executive Committee of the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada has asked the bishops to instruct the secretaries of the several dioceses, to address a card to the clergy, requesting them to say whether they have read the Epiphany and Ascensiontide missionary appeals to each of their congregations.

ON July 8th, being the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, in each congregation in the diocese, it is appointed by the Bishop (and printed on cards posted in the entrance of every church), that special offerings be taken up for the Bishop Sullivan Memorial Sustentation Fund. It is provided, however, that offerings at the services on St. Peter's Day may be substituted for the before-mentioned date.

THE first of the special prayers authorized by the Bishop for use during the year in connection with the S.P.G. Bicentenary, and published in our columns last month, is that authorized by the Archbishop of Ontario and Metropolitan for use throughout the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada at the request of an informal meeting of the House of Bishops held recently in Montreal. The collect referred to may be used after the collect of the day at all services.

THE Bishop was present at the initial service on Saturday, June 16 last, in St. Paul's Cathedral, celebrating the 200th birthday of the S.P.G. With the Bishop of Trinidad he represented the Church in the colonies. In the procession there were twenty-three other bishops and some 250 clergy. The Archbishop of Canterbury was, of course, there. When all were in their places the service proceeded, the Bishop of London being the celebrant, with the Bishops of Durham and Winchester as Gospeller and Epistoller respectively. The sermon was preached by Bishop Doane, of Albany, N.Y.

THE flag of the English Church is being steadily carried onward from Uganda, and towards the distant Atlantic coast. Teachers have now opened a new country, N'kole, south west of Koki, on the western side of the Victoria Nyanza. The circumstances repeat, with suitable variations, the story of St. Patrick. Four years ago a young native of N'kole was carried off into Koki as a slave. While there he learned something of Christianity. He turns out to be the son of one of the four most important chiefs in N'kole, and has now returned to his own country, and is a candidate for baptism. At the request of the young king of N'kole teachers are to be sent from Koki.

THE Bishop, now in England, is likely to have a busy time of it. The S.P.G. was anxious to secure him for its bicentenary meeting. It was arranged that he should preach on behalf of the Society in London—two churches—on June 17. A note-circular just to hand says that arrangements were made for the Bishop to give an address at a public meeting to be held in the lecture-room of St. Paul's, Bristol, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bristol in the chair. The meeting was to be followed by the annual anniversary service in St. Paul's Church. On the Sunday following (24th) the Bishop was billed to preach at St. Saviour's, Woolcote Park, in the morning, and in the evening at St. Mary, Redcliffe. On the 26th ult. the Bishop would address the members of the Clifton and Bristol Branch of the S.P.G. Junior Clergy Missionary Association in the vestry of Christ Church, Bristol.

BISHOP TUGWELL, with four companions, is making his way to Kano in the Central Soudan. "But little is known of Kano," says the Bishop, "only two Europeans