

enormous work, where but recently there lay the expanse of an untrodden wilderness, new centres of population are springing up, such as North Bay, Sudbury, Chapleau and Schreiber, all of them demanding the ministrations of the Church. Again, new mining industries are being developed, which will call forth fresh and urgent demands for money and men for the work of the Church; while unfortunately the local resources do not at all increase in the same ratio. Clergymen must be stationed in new communities, and services held for some time before interest is sufficiently awakened to secure any appreciable financial support. Meanwhile churches and parsonages must be built. To meet all these needs, the diocese, save at one or two points, is but scantily equipped. The poor harvests of the last two years have impoverished very many of the farmers. In many cases cattle had to be killed, or sold at a heavy sacrifice, for lack of provender. Numbers of settlers will have to buy their seed for this year, and to do so on credit. In not a few instances even necessary food and clothing have been wanting. Mortgages also abound, especially in the agricultural districts, causing permanent trouble in return for temporary relief, and not infrequently as the only method of extrication, compelling migration to distant points in the North-west. Under these circumstances as might be reasonably expected, the missionaries have suffered pecuniary loss, willingly, however, knowing that their people were not in a position to contribute to any large extent. Church building has advanced but slowly. From eight to ten parsonages are needed in the Diocese, but there are no means forthcoming for the erection of even one. The bishop earnestly bespeaks a continuance, and if possible an increase of the assistance, which the Canadian Church, through her Domestic Board, has so willingly bestowed in past years, and for which he, and Churchmen in his Diocese, are deeply and devoutly grateful.

#### NORTH-WEST MISSIONS.

The remainder of the Domestic Field consists of the following dioceses: Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Qu'Appelle, Moosonee, Athabasca and Mackenzie River. The extent of each of these dioceses is enormous, and renders the work of both bishop and clergy laborious and costly. The notices of missionary work in some fields, which have appeared in the pages of the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE and MISSION NEWS, must have made its readers acquainted with the self-devotion of both bishops and clergy to their great and glorious work, and the patient cheerfulness with which they endure the hardships to which they are exposed. A continuous current of immigration is pouring into the North west. A large proportion of the settlers are members of the Church of England. If they are to be held fast in their allegiance to her, missionaries must be planted in their midst, and the Church's services provided for them and their children. The Board desires most earnestly to impose on the minds of

the laity the fact that this end can only be accomplished by a large increase in their individual contributions. Without this, thousands of the Church's children will inevitably drift away from her communion, and a great reproach will rest upon her as lagging behind in the march of missionary enterprise. The honor of our Church forbids that she should occupy a secondary position among the religious bodies who are caring for the religious well being of these vast missionary fields.

Permit us, brethren, to remind you that your own spiritual welfare is closely bound up with the interest you take in the growth of Missions. He who cares little about the religious needs of others cares little for his own.—No more practical test of Christian character can be found than this that we "love the brethren."—Gratitude for your own blessings should prompt a ready, large hearted sympathy with the needs of others. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Finally, the honor of our common Master demands the faithful performance of this duty at your hands. The work in which the Church is engaged, in occupying these waste lands for Christ, is God's work, and He will hold into a strict account for the discharge of our obligations to Him. Rich and poor, young and old alike, are invited to take part in this high and holy work. Let each see to it that the duty of giving for the support of Missions is made a subject of prayerful, conscientious self-examination, and ere long "the wilderness will rejoice and blossom as the rose," and our Church will be gladdened by the abundant fulfilment of the divine promise, "My word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

ARTHUR TORONTO, Chairman.

NOTE.—It is recommended that the offerings for this purpose be sent at as early a date as possible to the Secretary-Treasurer of each Diocese, to be by him transmitted to Mr. J. J. Mason, General Treasurer of the Society.

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#### NAZARETH MISSION—INDIA.

IT was the aim of the original founders of the Tinnevely Missions to promote the formation of villages entirely Christian; where the absence of all tumult and seduction of heathenism, the simple cheerfulness of Christian life, and the daily enjoyment of Christian ordinances, should exhibit in the most advantageous and amiable light the excellence of the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord over that debasing system with which it is thus placed in strong and beautiful contrast.

Nazareth Mission is in the extreme southern point of India, close to Cape Cormorin. As a Christian village it soon began to exercise an influence over the surrounding districts.