

Church, and making it effectual to the conversion of the nations. But take heed that your alms accompany your prayers, for how can you expect Christ to hear and answer your prayers to Him to send missionaries, unless you provide Him with the means of supporting them? How can He bless the seed unless you send men to sow it?

It is true, indeed, that there is a vast work to be done yet in our own country. It is true that there are heathen at our own doors, wide Mission fields in our own Dominion, almost beyond our power to care for, yet this does not release us from the obligation to aid in the work in other lands. Christ's Church is *one*, Christ's work is *one*. All parts of the Church must be interested in the work of the whole Church. No part can isolate itself and work only in its own little sphere without a narrowing of that Divine spirit of love which animates and works through the whole Body of Christ. The Philippian Church, remarkable amongst the Apostolic Churches as most free from strifes and divisions, and richest in faith and love and spiritual life, is also remarkable as being the one Church commended for contributing to the support of the great missionary, St. Paul, during his missionary labors at Corinth.

No such successful efforts have ever been made by the Church in England to cope with the practical heathenism of the masses in the great cities of England, as have been made since she began to take an active part in Foreign Mission work. So also there can be no loss to the Church in Canada in taking a deeper interest in Foreign Missions. On the contrary, we cannot but believe that the Lord will pour upon her a richer blessing, will prosper her the more in her work at home, as she is faithful to her duties abroad.

Brethren in Christ, this is a work needing the financial and spiritual aid of every Christian. Not one of us can fail in his duty without loss and injury to the Church. The great Captain of our salvation is looking down upon us, noting our faithfulness or our unfaithfulness to Him and to His cause. May His Spirit so fill your hearts with His love for all humanity, that the Church in Canada may give a generous response to the call of the Master and help to hasten the coming of His Kingdom by her zeal and devotion in the missionary work of His Church.

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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It is right surely that the Church of England in Canada should make one appeal at least each year as a united Church to her sons and daughters on behalf of foreign missions. When we consider the large number of years that went by before such an

effort was made by her, except occasionally by separate dioceses, we need scarcely wonder that a certain amount of apathy has settled, not only upon the laity but also upon the clergy. Some one lately has well said that the Mohammedans have a false religion and are true to it, the Christians have a true religion but many are false to it. And those surely are false to Christianity who lend no aid to the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands. The responsibility resting upon the clergy in this great matter is beyond calculation. Their influence as a class is powerful and if apathy or selfishness characterizes them there can be little doubt that it will characterize the people also. No clergyman should lose the grand opportunity placed in his hands by the semi-annual appeals issued by the Board of Management, such as the excellent Epiphany Appeal which has just been published, for calling upon his people to assist in what is really the work of Christ's Church on earth, the evangelization of the world. He should not lose such an opportunity, not only because of the duty connected with it, but of the reactionary benefit that it will have upon work of all kinds in his parish. While the Church at this Epiphany season is endeavoring to arouse her sons and daughters to some enthusiasm on behalf of foreign missions, we do not forget that our own Missionary Bishop of Algoma is calling out earnestly for funds actually wanted to pay his missionaries, and no appeal can be more urgent. Why should such an appeal be necessary? Why, indeed, except for some strange apathy on the part of the Church herself? The missionary spirit is needed. The bishops plead for it. Algoma begs for it. Let all begin with the true work of the Church. This is our Foreign Missionary Season; in May will come the appeal for Algoma and our own Canadian Missions, but the missionary spirit is wanted for all; it is wanted even for parochial work. Let all then, clergy and laity, begin at the right end and work earnestly for foreign missions.

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"Dictionary of the Church of England" by E. L. Cutts, D. D., Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

This is both a handy and useful volume and one that is eminently suitable for the laity of the Church of England and others who would make themselves familiar with her history and doctrine. It is plain, practical, accurate, and—considering its size—to a surprising degree, exhaustive of the many subjects of which it treats. Mr. Cutts has already given us several trustworthy works on the subject of Church History, and the present volume, although neither so learned nor bulky as Dean Hook's *Church Dictionary*, which was mainly written for scholars, is likely to prove helpful to a more extended circle of readers. We could wish indeed that a copy might find its way into every church room in the Dominion, as there is not a feature of the Church's doctrine, history, discipline,