

loses one of its most active, zealous, and faithful supporters. She was one of the most regular and interested attendants at the Annual Meetings from the first, and was the means of enlisting many friends and helpers. The prayer that she so continually offered for the work, and in the prevailing power of which, through the Mediation of Christ, she had such simple unwavering faith, will doubtless be continued to be offered in the nearer presence to the Throne in the Paradise of the waiting Church to which, by the Mercy of God, we believe that she has been admitted, but many of the most earnest supporters of the Diocese will sadly miss her presence amongst us here.

"The Lord grant unto her that she may find mercy of the Lord in that day."

MISSIONS—A BOND OF UNION AMONGST CHURCH PEOPLE.

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In the excellent Paper which Canon Dugmore kindly wrote in the last OCCASIONAL, "On the Missionary Spirit," we were well reminded that "the *heart* of the Church must be right with God, if her *hands* are to present, in converted nations, an acceptable offering to her LORD."

There must be first the true, earnest Missionary spirit—love for Christ, constraining us to fulfil, to the utmost of our power, His command to "preach the Gospel to every creature," and overflowing in love and pity for those who as yet know not the blessings which He came to bring to men. And in the face of that all-compelling command of Love, and of that "exceeding bitter cry" that comes from the vast numbers of those, our brothers and sisters, for whom Christ died, but who as yet know not the glad tidings of salvation through His Name, ought not the voices of divisions amongst Christians, amongst those at least who hold the essentials of the Catholic Faith, to be hushed into a profound awe-inspired silence?

Can "the *heart* of the Church be *right* with God" unless there is unity?

I am not one who would wish to minimise the importance of many of the questions which undoubtedly do divide even Churchmen. I feel very strongly that it is our bounden duty to teach "the whole council of God" as we believe we have been taught it by God through that Branch of the Holy Catholic Church to which by His providence we belong. And even in the matter of Ritual, as the Preface in our Prayer Book "Of Ceremonies" says:—"Although the keeping or omitting of a Ceremony, in itself considered, is but a small thing; yet the wilful and contemptuous transgression and breaking of a common order and discipline is no small offence before God." I have no sympathy whatever with those who make the plea of concord a cloak for laxity or indifference as to *the truth*. It is, moreover, undoubtedly