

every nation who, with them, believed these facts and put their hope and reliance in Him! The existence of this Society (the Church) is one prodigious proof of the resurrection of Christ, and one which cannot be gainsaid or denied.

If it cannot be contradicted, then God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself; giving all who wanted it pardon here and peace and hope when they lay down in the grave that they should not lie down forever, but should one day be raised in glory and honor and immortality. "We are begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Christ's resurrection is the pledge and assurance that all believers in Him shall rise in the resurrection at the last day. We need not fear death. As surely as the Head of the Church rose, so will all its true members be raised. It cannot be that the members of Christ should continue absent from their Head forever.

It was on the first day of the week, or our Sunday, that Christ rose. Every Sunday is therefore a "little Easter." But once a year the Church delights to meet together to celebrate its annual memory. From the first it has been the great festival of the Christian year; from the first the Church of Christ has remembered the words with which He first addressed His Church, *Peace be unto you*. Speaking these words then, he speaks them now to us. Our first thoughts on Easter morning, as our eyes open to the light, may be—that the peace of Christ belongs to us!

No doubt we have trials and troubles. It must needs be: "In the world ye shall have tribulation."—Troubles from our own sins and troubles from the sins of others; troubles from our own pains and sickness and troubles from the sickness and pains of others; troubles from misunderstandings, from impatience, from discontent, from weariness and work. All these things we know, and have known, and will know to the end. But the Lord knows them as well as we, so has provided a remedy: "Ye believe in God, believe also in me."

#### BRITISH HONDURAS.

**BELIZE.**—*St. Mary's.*—The first quarterly missionary meeting in connection with the Sunday-school and children of the Parish, was held on the afternoon of Sunday April 7th, at 3.30 p.m., when the church was packed.

The hymns used were taken from the children's Hymn Book, and "Hark the swelling breeze" was the processional. The Litany for missions "Heavenly Father, let Thy light" was sung after which the Rev. F. R. Murray said several missionary collects. The hymn "Lord a Saviour's love displaying" was followed by the reading of the lesson Isaiah 49, after which the old well used favourite hymn "From Greenland's icy mountains," was sung most heartily. The Rector in his address, explained that the Church's work was of a purely missionary character and that consequently every branch of her—if it is to be a living branch—must be saturated with Missionary zeal in all its works and objects. If there was no regard for the work of the Master in His Church outside of our own parish, city, and Diocese deadness must ensue, for selfishness begins and ends in self—but love begins in Christ—is embodied in our hearts and then of a necessity goes out—as Christ's love did—to all souls.

To keep the children of our parish alive then we intend to have our quarterly meetings in connection with the Missions of the world—1. because this is part of our Christian duty and according to the mind of Christ. 2. because it is the out come of our love for the Master. 3. because by it we are to share our love to the Brethren. 4. because we will have brought upon us the wants and necessities, difficulties and trials of others, and so

make us more contented with our own position of grace and privileges. 5. to give us something better to talk about than our neighbors faults, our own good qualities or even city gossip and then lastly that God may know from our prayers that we are trying to help Him in His work for the conversion of the world and that men may know through our alms small though they may be, that we are having a regard for the welfare of others souls, as well as our own.

To this end our meetings, as a rule would, each quarter, have as their object and teaching, the work and wants of the Church in the four quarters of the globe, but to day we will glance only at the reason and authorities for Missions and Missionaries. Our marching orders were those of the great Captain of our Salvation given to His Church "Go ye into all the world and PREACH the gospel to every creature" and "Go ye therefore and TEACH all nations baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be condemned." Then as we are not left in doubt as to the constitution, faith and government of the living Organism, whereby men were to be taught, either by instruction on the one hand or preaching on the other, so that they might believe; be baptized and admitted in Christ's Body, adopted as God's children and become present inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven—the Church Militant—and heirs of the future kingdom of Heaven—the Church Triumphant; so too we are not left in doubt as to the mode of procedure whereby the Church's stakes are to be deepened and her cords lengthened; for, beginning at Jerusalem, then going to Judea, after that embracing Samaria and finally compassing the uttermost parts of the earth, the Master lays this method down as the plan of the Church's action, and of the Gospel campaign.

Thus we have Belize and St. Mary's in particular as our starting point, where much Missionary work has to be done; much Missionary zeal and labour to be expended; but, although, our love and charity may begin here at home, we have not to be content to let it rest there but must go out to Judea, our vast Diocese of British Honduras, where the labourers are few and on account of which many prayers have to be said by your children and others that laborers may be sent by the Lord into this part of the world's Harvest Field. Yet we are not to be content even with this, but must go out into Samaria, away from our bounds to our countrymen elsewhere and finally, and yet, not as the last thing of all, but along with all our other work, to the 1,000,000,000 millions of heathen yet to be converted and brought to the feet of their Lord. The need and necessity for our cooperating in this mighty work, apart from our positive duty, and the necessary response of our love was exhibited by various illustrations taken from the history of Missions, and especially that of the English Church, showing how because charity did not begin and rest at home, and with St. Paul and others who were instrumental in founding the British Church our forefathers were not left in darkness, superstition and cruel practices connected with their religious worship of the one God.

The Hymn, "Souls in heathen darkness lying," was then sung, after which the Rector dwelt upon the ways and means whereby the work of God in His Church could be carried out. Self-denial and humility bound together by love must be the constraining power for the children as well as for adults. Several stories about Missionary news, missionary trees, missionary bees and missionary pence were told; after which the difficulties of Missionaries in the prosecution of their labours for the Master were illustrated by the narrative of experiences of Missionaries in different parts of the world and especially in the Northern latitudes. During the collecting of the offerings the Hymns,

"I think when I read that sweet story of old," was very sweetly sung, together with "Faithful Shepherd feed me." At the presentation of the alms, which amounted to \$8.34, the grand old doxology "Praise God from whom all Blessings flow" was most heartily rendered. After the Benediction the *Nunc Dimittis* was sung as the Retrocessional.

**QUARTERLY RETURNS.**—Our returns for the 1st quarter of this year are very satisfactory, and certainly evidence a renewal life and a revived interest in the Church's work: Clergy Fund \$249.08½; Unappropriated Fund \$15.69½; Poor Fund \$18.33½; Sunday-school \$11.50; General Sustentation Fund \$39.52; St. Alban's Mission \$54.78; St. Stephen's Guild \$5.47; New Church Fund \$23.08; S.P.C.K. \$8.38; S.P.G. \$8.16½; Communicants' Library \$237½; Total \$386.38½.

In addition to these offerings there are also the pew rents and subscriptions, both of which sources of income have considerably increased, and besides about \$600 have been collected towards a new organ. We cannot be too thankful for these certain tokens of energy and activity amongst our members.

The services during Lent have been wonderfully well attended, and both on Thursday and Sundays the little Church is entirely packed with crowds standing also outside at every door and window.

A class for candidates for Confirmation has been begun, with an attendance of over eighty already.

The acting Bishop, his Lordship of Jamaica, is at present in England, and his Assistant Bishop Douet is on a tour in the lower part of this Diocese at Colen, where much work has to be done, so that it is very uncertain when either of them will be able to come here; but we trust that September or October may find us welcome one of our Chief Pastors in our midst, when our Church will be consecrated and dedicated to God's service.

**THE NEW CHURCH.**—This has nearly arrived at completion; the seats have come and are very rapidly being put in position. We hope to have Mission services during the evenings of Holy Week, and the Three Hours Agony on Good Friday, as well as the General Easter Services in the new building. Of course this beautiful little structure has not been erected without leaving our poor parish in debt, but with loving hearts and hands and the help of kind friends in other parts of the world, we hope soon to raise the balance of over \$2,000 in order to secure a grant which the Venerable Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has so bountifully given to us—a Society which under God, is always a present help in the Missionary's troubles in erecting churches and school houses. May the blessing of God rest upon the Society's labours.

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*To the Editor of the Church Guardian:*

SIR.—In the records given in our church papers of the annual Diocesan meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association, a general note of almost triumphant thankfulness was sounded for the large measure of success with which God has blessed and crowned its efforts during the past year, but, owing to the many heavy claims upon their space, much of interesting and inspiring detail had to be omitted.

Now it is these very details of work com-