

Prayer Card: Front.

BI-CENTENARY OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS,

*Celebrated from Sunday, June 17, 1900,
until Sunday, June 16, 1901.*

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

to be offered frequently with our Private Devotions.

*(See Second Prayer after the Collect of
Day, page 82.)*

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THE S. P. G.—THE EXTENT OF ITS WORK.

"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD."

For more than one-tenth part of the time since Our Lord came down from Heaven, and was made man, He has been pleased to permit the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to carry out the purpose expressed in its name. To the British Empire God has given great Blessings involving unique responsibility and the S.P.G. has been peculiarly the means of meeting it. The Anglican Church is a Communion with 283 Bishops and upwards of thirty thousand Clergy, spreading all over the regions of the world. What has been the part of the Society in bringing this about?

Its first work was in the Colonies which have since become the United States of America. Now there are no fewer than 84 Bishops and 1,692 Clergymen.

British North America, with Newfoundland and the West Indian Province, the Society helps still. Here it has now about nineteen hundred Missionaries, ministering in some twenty-three languages, but most of them, of course, in English.

In Australia in 1793 there was only one Clergyman. Now there are twenty-three dioceses, with 1,165 Clergymen.

In South Africa the work began less than eighty years ago. The Society has helped to endow eight of the ten dioceses, and has spent £800,000.

In India the Society's work is wholly Missionary to the native population of that great dependency of England, and the Christians are to be reckoned by many thousands. It is the same in Madagascar and Ceylon, in China and Japan, and in many other lands.

Thus the Society's work in its two centuries has been world-wide.

The blessing therefore on what has been done should surely incite us all to more earnest Prayer, with real endeavor to seize our Missionary opportunities to our own good and to the glory and praise of God.

The Collecting Card: Front

shows that its holder is authorized by the Clergyman to collect donations to the Bicentenary Fund from Sunday, June 17, 1900, to Sunday, June 16, 1901, and that the Card must be returned to the Clergyman as soon as it is filled up, or at the latest on June 16, 1901, and that it is to be forwarded by the Clergyman to Armistage Rhodes, Esq., Bergerville, P.Q.

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What is being done!

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

At the present moment the Society has the privilege of maintaining 714 ordained Missionaries who are teaching the One Faith in fifty-four languages or dialects in fifty-five dioceses. The Missionaries include twelve Bishops, and are thus distributed: 219 in Asia, 171 in Africa, 29 in Australia, 209 in North America, 48 in the West Indies and South America, and 38 (chaplains) in Europe. Of those labouring in Asia, 127 are natives of the country and there are also 50 natives of Africa in the number of the Society's Missionaries. In the Society's colleges there are about 3,200 students; and 2,900 lay teachers, mostly natives of the lands in which they work, are employed in the various Missions. Thirty-eight thousand children are receiving instruction in the Mission Schools in Asia and Africa. For pressing needs alone, 100 additional Missionaries ought now to be sent from England. To send them would cost at least £20,000 a year. Will you not help?

We earnestly hope that many of our people in every Congregation will ask for a Prayer Card and use it, and we also trust that there will be some everywhere, who will determine to have a Collecting Card and to collect a goodly sum during the year for so glorious a cause.