

towards our day schools, the grandest system of Catechising, and Sunday School and Bible Class work, these and many other things will only be learnt by some, and practised by all, by virtue of earnest, helpful, periodical meetings of the Clergy in their own districts. And much may also be gathered as to how to improve our Church finances, for while we have much to be proud of in the past, there is very much still remaining to be done. For, with the loss of the S. P. G. grant, and with the rapid lowering of the interest of money, it can only be by universal, systematic and self-denying giving in all our Parishes, that we can pay our Clergy, meet the needs that are constantly arising, and add something gradually to our present scale of stipends. To this end every Clergyman and every intelligent Layman should endeavour to master our whole Quebec system, should read up the origin and history, the actual work, and also the rules and regulations of our Church Society, and should make it a matter of conscience to press the worth of of this system, and the duty and blessing of supporting it, out of love to our most blessed Saviour, upon all their neighbours. At present all this work is unequally performed: in one Parish much is done for such a good work as the Bishop Williams' Memorial Fund, in another with equal ability the result is comparatively small, and all because those, who should lead, do not take the trouble to go into the matter, and then seeing its necessity, to fight hard to obtain universal support. Often *e. g.* considerable help has been obtained by urging the needs of the Diocese, the Parish or poorer neighbours, as the Prayer Book direct's, in the day of sickness, and if this were but done always, there is no doubt that many would be moved to do what otherwise they would never think of. The Bishop Williams' Memorial Fund, the Mission Fund of the Church Society, Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Compton Ladies' College and many other objects all need and all deserve our help. And, at any rate, I would beg that every Church in the Diocese should have collections, according to the sub-joined list, on the appointed days, for no Church can be considered to be acting in all loyalty to the Diocese, which declines to fall into line and take part in the common action arranged by lawful authority.

I would also beg of all our Clergy to do all in their power to induce their people to take and read the *Diocesan Gazette*, which costs only twenty-five cents a year. For, if this is done and if our Clergy will be at the pains to send us items of interesting Parish News, our people will then be led to realise to some extent their membership in the whole Diocese and will no longer limit their ideas to the one little place in which they happen to reside.

In the present year, about the end of May or the beginning of June, I hope to call for another Session of our Synod. I shall be much obliged to any who will write to me and suggest subjects, which they think should be brought before us for deliberation.

And now, trusting that this new year may prove to be a season of rich growth and blessing to you all,

Believe me, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely in the Lord,

A. H. QUEBEC.

OFFERTORIES WHICH ARE MATTERS OF OBLIGATION IN THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, for Foreign Missions: Money to be sent to George Lampson, Esq., Grande Allée, Quebec.

QUINQUAGESIMA, for the General Fund of the Church Society: to be sent to E. Pope, Esq., P. O. box 305, Quebec.

EASTER DAY, for the Rector or Incumbent: to be presented by the Church-Wardens.

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY (or on the day named by the Board of Missions) for Domestic Missions, *i. e.* for Missionary work outside the Diocese of Quebec, but within the Dominion of Canada: the result to be sent to Geo. Lampson, Esq., Grand Allée, Quebec.

TRINITY SUNDAY, for Bishop's College, Lennoxville: to be sent to A. D. Nicolls, Esq., Bursar, Bishop's College, Lennoxville, P. Q.

THE SUNDAY NEAREST TO MICHAELMAS DAY, for the Mission Fund of the Church Society: money to be sent to E. Pope, Esq., as above.

THANKSGIVING DAY, appointed by the Governor-General of Canada, for the Pension Fund of the Church Society: to be sent to E. Pope, Esq.

At the option of the Incumbent or on the Day suggested by the Bishop, for Compton