

mas, viz., Sunday, September 30th, when the offerings of all our Congregations are to be given towards this fund that it should be fully explained how really we need more generous offerings this year than have been made before. For it is only in this way that we shall be able to maintain the work which we have undertaken. It would be sad indeed to be obliged to diminish the number of our Clergy and to begin to visit some of our districts occasionally instead of continuing to them their resident Minister; but it must come to this unless all our people everywhere, in City, Town and Country alike, will be really generous and lift up these Church offerings to a figure far exceeding that of last year. We know that our people have the power of thus helping the poorer Parishes of the Diocese. We earnestly trust, therefore, they will show that they have also the will.

It is a false idea to suppose that your character must necessarily grow better as you grow older. Remember Solomon,—in his life's morning, upright and Godfearing, but in the evening of his life enshrouded in the gloom of sin and despair

S. P. G.

We continue in this number our series of papers showing the remarkable growth of the Church in the last two centuries. We have seen what an increase there has been in the number of our Bishops. We shall now show the results of this great extension of Episcopal authority by glancing at the amazing increase in the number of the Clergy and Christians since the year 1700.

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CLERGY AND PEOPLE THEN AND NOW.

In A.D.	{ The English Church had at home 9000 abroad 0 } Clergy.	1700	{ There were beyond the Seas 5 Million Christians.
In A.D.	{ There are at home 23,000 abroad 4,800 } Clergy.	1900	{ There are beyond the Seas 16 Million Christians.

Altogether more than **3 times** as many **NOW** as **THEN**.

THANKS BE UNTO GOD.

BUT read what follows.

There are only 4,800 of our Clergy abroad to work in the Apostolic Ministry for our 316,000,000 people abroad—only **1 to 720,000**.

“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that he will send forth **MORE LABOURERS** into his **HARVEST**.”

Instead of **4,800** we want **48,000** Clergy abroad, and even then **EACH ONE** will have **7,000** souls to care for.

WHO WILL SAY “SEND ME”?

But how can they be sent unless the **MONEY** is given.

Will you help to provide the Means to send those who are willing by contributing to the Bicentenary Thanksgiving Fund, or by collecting some amount, be it ever so small, among your friends and neighbours? Ask your Clergyman for Prayer and Collecting Cards, and begin to play your part in the Church's great Missionary work.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

AUTHORISED BY THE
PROVINCIAL SYNOD, ETC.

Every now and then we hear people complain that in the Prayers of the Church there is no provision for special needs or occasions. But the truth is rather that so few of our Clergy are systematic enough, when special prayers are authorized to extract them from the Synod Journal or DIOCESAN GAZETTE and arrange them at the end of the large Prayer Book in Church for occasional use. In order therefore to give to all our Clergy a new opportunity in this matter we have collected and printed, with the dates of their authorization, all the prayers authorized by the Provincial Synod and the prayers set forth for use in this Diocese on the authority of the Bishop.