

stranger looking wistfully for recognition, grasp him by the hand, and don't pass him by, if he is a little shabby. How differently people shake hands! Let us put our mind and heart into it when we shake hands. Shake hands with a man as you would if he were bringing business into your office.—Let us not wait for opportunities; let us seek them.—Alertness, readiness, is the great thing. Be ready, and when your opportunity comes, you will recognise it and use it.—But pray use discretion; avoid sudden hand-shaking with some people who are not readily approachable. Do not offend them by precipitancy.—It is a great thing to have a happy way of creating and using opportunities.

News from the Labrador.

The Rev. George Pye, the Missionary in charge, writes to the Bishop that he has succeeded in making the following arrangements for the welfare of his people for the year 1898-9. First of all, as to Services, Mr. Percy Boyle, B.A., is taking Services at Harrington Harbour, Mr. Organ at Mutton Bay, Mr. Charles Rothera, B.A., at Tabatière, and Mr. Willis at St. Paul's River; and as to school teaching, Messrs. Boyle, Rothera and Willis are also keeping school at Harrington, Tabatière and St. Paul's River, and in addition Mr. Owen Chevalier is teaching at Old Fort and Mr. George Hobbs at Bradore. This last teacher is being paid by the Rev. George Pye himself out of his tenth. And while all this work is going on, Mr. Pye travels up and down this rocky Coast, visiting the above and many other Stations, holding Services and celebrating the Holy Eucharist and administering the Holy Food for the strengthening and refreshing of poor hungry souls.

In the same letter Mr. George Pye offers in behalf of the people earnest thanks to the Provincial Government for

sending fifty barrels of flour to help the poorest people over the winter, and also thanks to the Quebec Church Society for the Prayers and Hymns recently sent down for distribution and for use at the several Services.

Surely some of our readers will sometimes pray for those who are doing all this good work.

Advent, Christmas and New Year.

Our readers are already no doubt having Advent thoughts suggested to them by their Clergy—thoughts concerning the great future coming of our Lord—thoughts with regard to our own individual latter end. And they are also being reminded that our chief duty during Advent is to fix our gaze more intently on the great central mystery of our Faith—the Incarnation of the Son of God—the taking of our Nature by the second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Eternal Son of God.

We earnestly trust that our meditations and reflections during this Holy Season may enable us to enjoy a truly happy helpful Christmas, in which we shall, as it were, welcome our dear Infant Saviour Jesus Christ, the new born King. And then, accepting the high and holy and inestimable Gift, we trust that in true and heartfelt repentance all our readers will be able to leave all things evil behind them with the dead year, and to enter upon a holy and heavenly New Year, remembering day by day that we have a Father who loves us, a Saviour who died and rose again for us, and a Holy Spirit who sanctifies us and all the elect people of God.

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