

THE Society of the Treasury of God, which never made very much headway in Canada, still exists in England. Our old friend, Commander Pocock (Deacon), is connected with it and in 1888 was made "Honorary Secretary for the Colonies." The principles of the Society in England are those of the tithe giving, and even a few wealthy people induced to adopt the principle of giving regularly and systematically one-tenth of their actual income would represent a great deal of good. The first report of the Society is before us and it shews that at the end of the year 1889 there were 94 members, comprising four bishops, thirty-two clergy and fifty-eight laity. Would it not be a good plan for this Society to spend some of this tithe money in pressing its own claims? What is needed is some good, live agent, with special gifts for pleading in public, who shall devote his whole time to the work of enrolling members. Would not a lasting good be done in this way? Some eloquent and earnest clergyman, moving about from place to place, preaching in churches, addressing Sunday schools and organizing branches, would surely be productive of much good and rescue this most useful Society from the obscurity which all along seems to have been its trouble. Could the present members do a better work with a portion of their tithe than this? Would not the money spent upon it all come back, multiplied many fold with, at the same time, the knowledge that the principles of the Society had been well disseminated? Local clergy are often deterred for many causes from urging giving upon their people. In many cases it sounds to them like begging for their own stipend. But if this could be urged with affection and ability by a stranger, charged with a definite message, the result would surely be beneficial. There are hundreds and hundreds of well disposed people who would willingly connect themselves with such a society if its claims were well and skillfully presented to them. The Secretary in England is Mr. S. E. Gunyon, 7 Ickburgh Road, Upper Clapton, London, N. E.

Our Indian Department.

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IT is a mistake to think the laity have no further share in the "marching orders" of the Church than the mere provision for the equipment of clerical workers, or even the direction of the affairs of missionary organizations. All this is needful work, and we give all honour to the many earnest laymen who give of their time, strength and often

hard-earned money to further the Lord's work. But we want more than this. There is work in the mission field that can in many cases be done best by laymen, and in some cases only by such as have received special training in manual labour. In the North-West there are many calls to this part of mission work. In all parts of the field we need men as schoolmasters, mechanics and perhaps farmers. Men who would, for a few years, consecrate themselves to this work, would be doing true missionary work, and would earn for themselves much happiness and the honour of all who love the cause of missions.

In the Diocese of Rupert's Land there are frequently openings of this character, and I rejoice to say that at least four young laymen who have been led to give themselves to mission work, are doing excellent service. At the present, the Principal of the Rupert's Land Indian school St. Pauls, Manitoba, is anxiously looking for a devoted man properly qualified to direct and train boys of the school in blacksmithing. Cannot our readers help us in this matter? May God lead many of our young men and women to give themselves to this part of the Lord's work.

A very interesting series of meetings in connection with Indian mission work was held in Winnipeg, from January 11th to 15th. Special sermons were preached in all the city churches by the bishop and various missionaries, and addresses given to Sunday-schools. There was a meeting on the Monday night presided over by the bishop, and a conference of workers was held on Tuesday. A special feature was the presence of the Christian Chief, David Landon, of the White Dog Mission, and Councillor Joseph Kent, of Fort Alexander, likewise a Christian. They gave several addresses which elicited the sympathy and admiration of all who heard them. Both these men are not only consistent Christians, but each year they do work amongst their heathen friends and often travel a long way to reach them. Their descriptions of the miserable condition of the Indians, both temporally and often in spiritual things, and their earnest appeal for help, were very touching, and have done much to awaken a new interest in our Indian work.

The Indians and missionaries were given a reception at Government House, when the former presented an interesting and original address to the Lieutenant Governor.

The Rupert's Land Indian school has now sixty pupils. A carpenter shop is now in full operation. A printing shop has also been opened, from which in future we shall issue the *Rupert's Land Gleaner*, a monthly missionary magazine. Price 75 cents per year.

Miss Pechell, of Toronto, has lately joined us, desiring to do missionary work. She will teach the junior classes and take part in the general work of the school.