

BICENTENARY
OF THE
Society for the Propagation
of the Gospel
IN
FOREIGN PARTS.

The Bishop has recently sent to all our Clergy the following letter. They, no doubt, will do their best to carry out its earnest suggestions. We sincerely trust that all our readers and our people generally will gladly support them in their efforts, so that in all our Parishes there may be true prayer, real self-denial and high thanksgiving. The following is

The Bishop's letter.

Quebec, May 21st, 1900.

My dear Mr.

In the June issue of our Diocesan Gazette you will find a very large amount of information concerning the marvellous work of the S. P. G., whereby, we may truly say, the Canadian Church, as well as every other Branch or Part of the Anglican Communion, has under God been founded and instructed and brought to the position that it holds to-day.

It is on this ground that all our Archbishops, including our own Primate, the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, as well as our Metropolitan, the Archbishop of Ontario, have approved a certain series of proposals with a view to a due observance of the Society's Bicentenary.

And in a letter lately received from the General Secretary, he reminds all that the Society has expended c. £1,900,000, and he naturally adds, that the Society feels it has a strong claim on the several dioceses, which it has helped so long and so largely.

This is eminently true of the Diocese of Quebec. For more than a hundred years we have received continuous and generous help. Every Mission in the Diocese has been partly supported by S. P. G. money and our self-supporting parishes were, in the first instance, formed by the sending of an S. P. G. Missionary. I therefore now appeal

to you to observe this Bicentenary in your Parish in the following manner :

1. By bringing the subject fully and earnestly before your people on Sunday, June 17th, with Offerings for the Bicentenary Fund.

2. By using at these Bicentenary Services after the Collect of the day the Special Prayers and Thanksgivings which you will find in our June Diocesan Gazette.

3. By inviting your people to join with you in intercession for the Divine Blessing, once a month or at least once a quarter either on a Sunday or week day during the year, extending from Sunday, June 17th, this year, to Sunday, June 16th, next year.

4. By holding closing Bicentenary Services on Sunday, June 16th, 1901, the very day, upon which two hundred years before the Royal Charter of the S. P. G. was granted, with the special Prayers and Thanksgivings and with Offerings for the Bicentenary Fund, as this year.

5. By inducing as many of your people, or families as possible, to accept a Prayer Card and to offer the Prayer thereon frequently in their private devotions.

6. By inducing as many of your people as possible to take a Collecting Card and to secure between June this year and June next year as much as they can for the Bicentenary Fund.

7. By inducing these of your earnest Communicants who might possibly be able to render personal assistance in the Mission Field to consider whether they may not be called of God to the personal service of their King.

That we may all be permitted to rise out of the groove of only thinking about our own work and our own Parish and that we may be enabled by the Holy Spirit to give ourselves to this most important opportunity with all our heart and soul and strength is the earnest Prayer of

Yours very sincerely in the Lord,
A. H., QUEBEC.

P.S.—Kindly apply at once to the Rev. E. A. Dunn, Bishopsthorpe, Quebec, for as many Prayer Cards and Collecting Cards as you think you can really profitably use. The latter will be supplied free, and the former will cost one cent each. All offerings and Collections as well as Donations and Subscriptions are to be sent to Armistage, Rhodes, Esq., Bergerville, Que.

The Cards referred to in the P.S. are as follow :