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### NO. 20.—THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

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IN November, 1882, there issued from the office of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts a pamphlet, headed "North-West Canada." In his introductory remarks the secretary of the Society wrote,—

"In that part of North-Western Canada which is comprised in the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan and Algoma, an enormous tract of fertile country has been recently opened to British enterprise. Attracted by a belt of virgin soil extending for 1,000 miles from east to west, immigrants are pouring into these regions in numbers without parallel in the history of the colonies of the British Empire. The Society has assisted these Dioceses to the utmost of its ability, but their needs are exceptional, and the several Bishops are quite unable to provide for the spiritual welfare of the crowds of immigrants who are settling in their Dioceses. The Standing Committee therefore look to Churchmen at home for a liberal and prompt response to this *Special Appeal* now made for North-West Canada." (The pamphlet itself) consisted of letters from persons of importance, describing the position and needs of the Church in the provinces referred to.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, nearly a year before, had written a letter to the Church, "On the present Emigration to America," in which he said, "I am anxious to direct attention, from a Christian point of view, to the vast movement of people which has for some years been going on between Europe and the British Colonies, and especially between England and America. Official returns show that, during the first nine months of the present year (1881), 313,716 emigrants left

the ports of Great Britain, nearly 200,000 of whom were British subjects. The destination of more than 158,000 of these emigrants was North America." Lieut-General Lowry, C. B., wrote in a letter to the *Times* dated October 24th, 1882, on the Church in the Centre and North-West of British America, to the following effect: "The Bishops of our Church from Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Athabasca, Algoma—tell us that their own people are doing what they can to provide adequate Church ministrations, and that the longer settled dioceses of Canada, especially in



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the case of Algoma, so contiguous to them, are giving such supplementary aid as it is possible for them to offer. But these chief pastors, and notably the Bishop of Rupert's Land (Metropolitan) and the Bishop of Saskatchewan, in the greatness of the present needs and growth of population in their dioceses, and in the extreme pressure of the