

ments. I had spoken to them frequently on the nature and importance of the sacrament of baptism. I trust that they will walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called, and that they will adorn the doctrine of CHRIST JESUS in all things. One was a blind old woman, aged about eighty years, who had been living here for many years back with her sons, all of whom except one, are members of the Church. It was only lately that she expressed a desire to be admitted into the Church by baptism. She had always been willing to hear me read portions of Scripture whenever I went to see her. She even asked me once to go to her house frequently, that I might read to her the word of God. Her husband died a little more than a year ago. She is sometimes able to come to church.

Since the 9th of last month I have been assisting the Rev. Dr. O'Meara in translating. We have undertaken to translate the Old Testament. He has begun with Genesis and I with Exodus. This work necessarily takes up a great part of my time. May God bless us while engaged in it.

I have paid great attention to pastoral visiting. I have visited from time to time, not only those who reside on this spot, but others who live several miles away. Some heathen families I have seen occasionally; at such times I lost no opportunity in laying before their minds the important truths of Christianity. The indifference of the greater number of them is truly astonishing. It is difficult sometimes to get any answers from them when spoken to on religious subjects; yet these things must not cause discouragement. In order to succeed in gaining them over to the truth, it is necessary that the Missionary persevere in his work, and above all, that he pray that the Holy Spirit may bless his labours, and that God may soften the hearts of those to whom he delivers the glad message of the Gospel, so that they may willingly embrace the truth.

I have thus endeavoured to give the Society a brief statement of what has been done at this Mission for the propagation of the Gospel. There are difficulties in the work; but, thank God, there are also encouragements. There sometimes takes place that which cheers the mind of the Missionary, and stimulates him to labour more earnestly and zealously for the good of immortal souls.

#### FAST DAY.

It will be seen by the following Proclamation that Friday, the 27th inst., has been set apart as a day of Fast and Humiliation.

EDMUND HEAD,

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., to all Our Loving Subjects in Our Province of Canada—Greeting:

#### A PROCLAMATION.

Know ye, that taking into Our most serious consideration the grievous Mutiny and Disturbances which have broken out in India, and putting our trust in Almighty God, that He will graciously bless Our efforts for the restoration of lawful authority in that Country: and considering the propriety of setting apart a day to be observed throughout Our said Province as a Day of Humiliation and Solemn Prayer to Almighty God, for imploring His blessing and assistance on Our arms for the restoration of tranquillity. We have thought fit, by the advice of Our Executive Council for Our said Province, to issue this Our Proclamation appointing, and We do hereby appoint, Friday the 27th day of November instant, to be observed throughout Our said Province as

a day of General Fast and Humiliation and of Prayer to the Almighty God for the success of Our arms in restoring tranquillity in the said territory. And we do hereby earnestly exhort all Our Loving Subjects in Our said Province reverently and devoutly to observe the same as a Day of General Fast, Humiliation and Prayer.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: witness Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, one of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., At Our Government House, in Our City of Toronto, in Our said Province of Canada, this 6th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the Twentieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND, T. LEE TERRILL,  
Secretary.

To the Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Diocese of Toronto.

REV. & DEAR BRETHREN,

I hereby authorise the use of the following special service on the day appointed to be kept as a day of humiliation and fasting.

I remain Rev and dear brethren,  
Your faithful friend and brother.

JOHN TORONTO.

#### A FORM OF PRAYER TO BE USED.

In all the Churches and Chapels throughout those Parts of the United Kingdom called England and Ireland, on Wednesday, the Seventh Day of October 1857, being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a Solemn Fast, Humiliation, and Prayer before Almighty God.

In order to obtain Pardon of our Sins, and in the most devout and solemn Manner send up our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for imploring His Blessing and Assistance on our Arms for the Restoration of Tranquility in India.

By HER MAJESTY'S SPECIAL COMMAND.

#### THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

¶ The Service shall be the same with the usual Office for Holydays, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.

¶ Let these sentences of Scripture be read before the Exhortation.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing.

I will arise and go to my Father; and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son.

¶ Instead of the Venite exultemus.

God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

Though the waters thereof rage and swell; and the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

For I will not trust in my bow; it is not my sword that shall help me.

I will say unto the Lord: Thou art my hope, and my stronghold: my God, in Him will I trust.

For it is Thou that savest us from our enemies: and putteth them to confusion that hate us.

The Lord shall give strength unto His people: the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ Proper Psalms, LXXVII. and LXXIX.

First Lesson, Daniel IX. Verse 1—19.

Second Lesson, Acts XII. Verse 1—17.

Collect for the Day.

O Lord, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come amongst us, and with great might succour us; that we who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness for the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

¶ After the Prayer in the Litany (We humbly beseech Thee) read the two following, instead of the Prayer in Time of War and Tumults.

O Lord God Almighty, who orderest all things both in heaven and earth; look down, we beseech Thee, on us thy unworthy servants, who turn to Thee in this our time of trouble, when evil and misguided men have risen up against the government which they were bound to defend, and have brought wasting and destruction upon our Eastern dominions. We confess, O Lord, that in many things we have deserved Thy chastening, and have failed to make that return which Thou mightest have justly required at our hands when Thou hadst granted success to our arms, and increased our wealth and power.

But O Thou who hast revealed Thyself as a God forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, we pray Thee, enter not into judgment with Thy servants who now humble themselves before Thee. Let us fall into Thy hands, and not into the hands of men. Defend, we beseech Thee, our countrymen from the malice and treachery of the sons of violence who have risen up against them: rebuke the madness of the people, and stay the hand of the destroyer. Cast Thy shield, O Lord, over any of our brethren who may even now be in peril of death, and let their lives be precious in Thy sight. Direct the counsels of those who rule in this hour of danger. Teach the natives of British India to prize the benefits which Thy good Providence has given them through the supremacy of this Christian land: and enable us to show more and more, both by word and good example, the blessings of Thy holy religion. May those who are now the slaves of a hateful and cruel superstition be brought to lay aside their vain traditions, to turn to Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. And so, if it be Thy good pleasure, establish our empire in that distant land on a surer foundation than heretofore, that we Thy people, and sheep of Thy pasture, may give Thee thanks for ever, and shew forth Thy praise from generation to generation. These and all other mercies, we humbly beg, not for our own worthiness, but for Thy love, and through the merits and mediation of the blessed Son our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, our refuge and strength in every time of trouble, mercifully receive these our prayers and intercessions for our armies now engaged in defence of their Sovereign's rights, and of the lives of their brethren, who are in peril through violence and treachery. Be with them, we beseech Thee, in all their trials and privations. Let them enter into battle with hearts full of repentance towards Thee, and of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and crown with success their courage in their country's cause. Preserve them alike from the pestilence that walketh in darkness,