

OUR CHURCH MONTHLY

of the King is an Order of the Episcopal Church. Its members are received into the Order at the chancel rail in a most solemn manner, and invested with the cross, the most sacred emblem of our blessed Lord's sacrifice of Himself for us.

The Order is a thing at once so earnest, so sacred, so serious, that it should not be entered into lightly, but reverently and in the fear of God. The personal work of the Daughter of the King should be an entire consecration of the soul to God. She should, in all sincerity, humility and love, ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The two rules of the Order are prayer and service; and its object is "the extension of Christ's kingdom among women, and the strengthening of parish life." It has a council of fifteen members elected by the convention, and seven members of the founders called the Alpha Chapter, who are members of the council. Its emblem is a Greek cross fleury of silver, with the words "Magnanimeter Cruceem Sustine," and the initials of the motto of the Order, F. H. S. The colors are white and blue.

In many of the dioceses the chapters meet quarterly in a Local Assembly the bishop being the spiritual head, and the officers of the Local Assembly being president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The rector of the parish is the chaplain and spiritual adviser of his chapter or chapters. Delegates from all the chapters meet once a year, in any city that pleases to invite them. At this convention all matters of vital importance to the Order are discussed; papers are read and words of love and good cheer are exchanged.—*N. Y. Churchman.*

To Provoke unto Love and Good Works

The title of this article is the purpose of the article. The writer hopes to speak to the readers of OUR CHURCH MONTHLY in a similar strain at varying intervals. A good deal of labor has been spent in trying to discover some of the "lost arts" of antiquity. Perhaps some little labor to recover one of the lost graces of primitive Christianity may prove interesting to readers and helpful to the work of the Church. Liberality is commended by St. Paul as a grace, and all persons are urged to see that this grace abounds in them. Last year, Mrs. Binney's generous and conditional offer to the B. H. M. provoked a measure of the grace of liberality in the Diocese. It would have been cheering and stimulating to the B. H. M. deputations this year if some wealthy member of the Church had made a similar offer. Mr. Rockefeller recently gave \$5,000,000.00 to the Chicago University, and

has offered to duplicate any donation given to that university during the year if the gift does not exceed \$2,000,000.00. That is a very beautiful way to provoke. J. Pierrepont Morgan offered to supply the stipend of a bishop for Alaska for several years. That was a very graceful offer and worthy of emulation. The Very Revd. Dean Hoffman has given \$20,000.00 to fully equip and endow a clergyman's bed in the St. Luke's Church Hospital, New York. This generous gift will make it possible for many a missionary to obtain the benefit of the highest medical and surgical skill, without a heavy burden of expense. The Lord "bindeth up their wounds" by the hands of this consecrated son of the Church. Another loyal churchman has given \$250,000.00 for the purpose of building a library for his university; and yet another recently gave \$100,000.00 to build a memorial church. All this is excitingly provoking. Come nearer home. There were pathos and power in the recent offering of a dollar gift to a B. H. M. deputation by a lady in one of our country parishes. She gave cheerfully, and smilingly remarked that if some of the wealthier ladies of the towns made their bonnets serve them for four years, and then purchased inexpensive ones (like this country sister) they could give liberally and perhaps with joyous grace to the B. H. M. The remark is provoking and suggestive. The joy of joyous liberality is very Christlike; but it is worth remembering that a dear child of ordinary capacity and poor, but converted to God in childhood is often worth more to the Church than many wealthy unconverted men. Let us all first give ourselves.

Quebec Diocese has now 72 clergymen, including six who have retired from active duty; an increase of seven clergy during the episcopate of Bishop Dunn. There are, in the Diocese 21,622 churchpeople, and of these 7,511 are communicants; 91 Sunday Schools with 337 teachers and 3,374 scholars. During the past three years the following amounts have been contributed by the Diocese:—To Parochial objects, \$180,529.06; to Diocesan objects, \$61,897.57; to Outside objects, \$14,636.66. making a grand total of \$257,063.29.

The venerable society, the S.P.C.K., has recently voted the following sums towards building new churches in this Diocese:—Arichat, Cape Breton, £80; Birchtown, parish of Shelburne, £20; Cherry Hill, parish of Petite Riviere, £25; Ellerslie, Port Hill, P. E. I., £60; Souris, Georgetown, P. E. I., £30; Elmsdale, Stewiacke, £20.