

THE expression of reverence in public worship has much to do with the feeling of the worshippers, and with the impressions of the service. The habit of bowing the head in silent prayer on entering the church prepares one to enter heartily into the spirit of public prayer and praise. It suggests also the presence of God, and the reverent recognition of it by His children. In most Episcopal churches this is usual. It should not be less so in churches of other denominations. A few words counselling this habit by pastors, teachers in Sunday Schools, and parents, would secure its observance. Indeed, its appropriateness is so evident that we have known an instance where a single worshipper, who had been trained to it, became a habitual attendant at a church where no one had thought of it, and the example, with no word spoken about it, was soon generally followed. Let each one who enters God's temple show that he meets his Father there.—*The Congregationalist*.

THE emigration of Syrians to foreign lands continues. Between ten and fifteen thousand of them from the pashalic of Mount Lebanon alone have taken out passports during the last few years, going mostly to the United States, to Brazil and Buenos Ayres.

IN the Mysore country, India, the people believe that the gods will be angry if a child is born in or near a human habitation. The mother and little child must remain in the field or forest twenty-one days, and no one will come to bring even a cup of water until the child is several days old. Even the faith of heathenism is cruel.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST
JESUS:—

As the autumn comes on I have once again ventured to appeal to the generous readers of the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE, and to lay before them some account of our work and our wants. Of the former let me say we thank God for having spared us for another year to labor for Him, and pray that the fruits of our labor may be seen in the years to come. Since I last wrote to the MAGAZINE a new school has been opened some twenty-two miles from here, and good progress has been made in the short time the school has been held. We have now two schools with teachers whose salaries have been paid by the Church Missionary Society. We would like to have at least two more Boys' Schools, but before these can be opened we must receive the promise of \$250 for each teacher, and \$250 for a small house. It rests with Canada whether these schools shall be opened or not. Our bishop has partly promised one of our chiefs that a school

shall be opened in his camp, but before this can be done we need some of our churches in the east to guarantee to pay \$250 per annum towards the teachers' salary and an additional \$250 the first year to provide a small house.

Then comes our Indian Girls' Home, for which I have been pleading for two years. I am thankful to say I have at last commenced it in faith, trusting that now it has been commenced our friends will assist us with the funds. A building 68 feet by 25 is now in course of erection, and \$250 more is needed by the end of September to pay for the walls and roof of the building, including flooring joists. Then I have to purchase the windows and doors and lumber to complete the inside of the building and floor the rooms. Nearly the whole of the work after the walls are up and roof on I shall do myself. Our Indians are very anxious we should open the Home before the winter sets in, and I earnestly ask our Christian friends to come to our aid. The lady to assist my dear wife is ready to come, and I hope to be able by the end of September to write to our H. ron friends, and say we are ready for our sister in Christ to join us in the blessed work of training our Indian sisters for Jesus. The girls are very anxious to come to us. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ help me to pay off the bills due the end of September, and send me funds to complete the building. Lumber and all kinds of material are very high here. I myself will do the work or nearly all after the walls are up. Surely your Christian readers will give me material for the work. Let me not have to delay the work till another year. What will the poor Indian women say when they see the building roofed, and yet not fit to take them in? I do sincerely thank those dear friends who in the past have helped us with funds. Again I plead to them and others to come to our help. Then I ask to be permitted to plead for clothing for our poor people. During the past winter hundreds of needy ones were denied even one garment. They are very poorly clad now, and all the crops on the Reservation this year are a failure. I don't think there will be fifty dollars worth of grain and potatoes for sale from the whole of our 2,300 Indians. What will they do for clothing? They will come to us when the cold weather closes on them and ask us again to help them? What dear friends is to be our reply? Unless we receive far more this year than we did last our Indians must suffer before the spring. One thing I do ask you to bear in mind is the number of Indians on this reserve. There is only one Indian Reservation in the whole of Canada which anything like approaches us in number, that is the Blackfeet under Mr. Tims, where there are about 1,900, then comes the Piegiens, about 800. The other Reservations vary from 80 to 400. I am afraid in the past, from what I have heard, that our friends have not looked at the numbers, but rather that each Reservation should receive equal help irrespective of the numbers on the Re-