

of seas and continents can ever efface.
—Dean Stanley.

THE S. P. G., now on the eve of its bi-centenary celebration, can appeal to the Church of the English-speaking race as a society which has been, and is, a handmaid to the Church, knowing no narrow party limitations, as an auxiliary which helps colonial and foreign mission work, with confidence in those who are officers in the Church where help is extended.

THE Church in Canada owes much to the S. P. G. If Church people in the older settled portions of Ontario—that is to say, in the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Kingston, Niagara and Ottawa—realized how much they owed to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, they would band themselves together to contribute a thank-offering worthy of their appreciation of the goodness of God in raising up such a society within the Church.

How willing we Britons are to send our sons, well-equipped for the work, to the Empire's battlefields in South Africa. Compare the zealous, eager rush to carry our flag victoriously in an imperial enterprise with the energy and willingness displayed in sending men and equipments to carry the Cross of Christ to the same and similar fields. Do we not exhibit in Christ's cause less willingness to send men—the best we have—to provide them with means to prolong the fight in His Name, less zeal, less determination, less faith?

THE Dyaks in Sarawak, Borneo, are very eager to learn about Christianity. A missionary at Kuching writes: "We are continually having parties from distant villages and towns coming down here to ask for teachers, and it is so sad to have to refuse them. But it is absolutely impossible with our small staff of six, to work more mission stations." The villages in Sarawak are very scattered, and the only ways of travelling are by boat and by walking through the jungle. The latter method is not very safe owing to the heat and the snakes.

WHEN all eyes are turned to the battlefields of Africa, it is worth mentioning that in South Africa the S.P.G. has at the present time 151 missionaries. In the

Transvaal itself there are ten, and six in the Orange Free State. No reports have been received from these missionaries since the outbreak of war. A newspaper report a few days since said, the Bishop of Pretoria and his wife, who had nobly determined to stay in Pretoria, had been compelled to leave. Not only will the missionaries have to endure hardships, but will suffer much at seeing their work disorganized and suspended.

"THERE was a time when North Africa was studded with numbers of episcopal sees, no doubt with hundreds of congregations of native Christian believers. Great saints like Cyprian and Augustine were reared under and worked in that old African Church; and yet today (and for centuries past) not a shadow of it is left. It came to Africa under the protection of the Roman power; it was never a native Church at all; it was an exotic imported from Italy and forced on the country by the power of the Roman arms. When that power weakened and failed the Church failed with it; and the Barbarian invasion and the Mohammedan influx swept the country of all its Christianity, which to this day has never been restored. It was not a native Church; it was not the Church of the people; it was (as we should say now) the religion of 'the Boma' (Boma, the seat of Government or authority), and of the power which the Boma represented. We have to learn not to rely on the power of the Government in order to bring men into the fold of Christ. We must endeavour, without any pretence, *really* to develop an African Church; though the patience needed to do so be inexhaustible."—*Bishop Hine, of Likoma.*

1899.

The year just flown has been an eventful one in the history of the missionary diocese of Algoma. For the first time our annual retrospect has to tell of the inroads of the last enemy. The year of our Lord 1899 was scarcely born when, on the Feast of the Epiphany, our second bishop, Dr. Sullivan, departed this life in Toronto. It was not long after, that one of our long-service missionaries, Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, was called to his long home and his body interred in the churchyard at Emsdale, among those of his parishioners. Yet once more we were called upon to grieve for the loss of a mis-

ary, Rev. Percy Lowe, who, after serving in Algoma, had removed west to the Missionary Diocese of Calgary. None of our missionaries who knew their brethren deceased but felt their loss keenly.

The year past saw many changes in the incumbencies of missions. The parish of Sault Ste. Marie, in January, bade good-bye to its rector, Rev. R. Renison, whose service in past years at the lonely Indian post up the Nepigon, stamped him as a whole-souled missionary. It was not until nearly the end of the year that Rev. W. Capp, the present curate-in-charge took up the work of the parish of the sea town. Rev. F. B. Storer went up to the Temiscamingue Mission, but was not able to stay long. He came out of his distant and isolated mission much broken down in health and returned an invalid to England. Our latest, though not recent information, was to the effect that he was recovering his health. Rev. Franz C. H. Ulbricht, much thought of by his people at Sudbury, was at last compelled by his long illness to resign his incumbency. For several months he received treatment at a sanatorium in New York State, afterwards going to friends at Beeton. We have no recent news of him and can only hope that in God's providence he may sufficiently recover to again labour in the ministry of the church. Sudbury is now served by the Rev. J. Boydell, M.A., one of Algoma's oldest missionaries. Mr. Boydell's removing left Bracebridge vacant, to which place Rev. W. A. J. Burt, of North Bay, removed. North Bay was filled by Rev. A. J. Cobb, of Powassa, whose place in turn was taken by Rev. D. A. Johnston, whose removal from Magnetawan has left a mission to which no missionary has yet been appointed. Emsdale Mission, vacated by the death of Mr. Chowne, was filled by the appointment of Rev. A. H. Allman, whose field at Uffington and parts adjacent is occupied by Rev. G. Gander. Mr. Gander's late mission of Sundridge and South River is yet unfilled. Rev. E. Lawlor, M.A., who left Schrieber the year before in a critical state of health recovered and after a week spent at Broadbent, removed to the mission of Webbwood, Broadbent being served by a catechist, Mr. Waring, who arrived from England in June last. Rev. A. R. Mitchell moved to the town of Gravenhurst, of which Rev. C. J. Machin had for some years been incumbent, and was succeeded at Port Sydney by Rev. R. Atkinson from St. Joseph's Island. The