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## CHRISTMAS DAY.

Holy Communion: 57, 316, 555, 557 Processional: 56, 59, 60, 62. Offertory: 58, 61, 483, 484. Children's Hymns: 329, 330, 341, 473. General Hymns: 55, 63, 482.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

(Holy Innocents).

Holy Communion: 482, 483, 555, 556. Processional: 56, 60, 69, 484. Offertory: 55, 57, 68, 166. Children's Hymns: 58, 329, 330, 341. General Hymns: 61, 62, 63.

Missionaries.

It is significant that in the last three consecutive numbers, and in this issue, we have published appeals from four bishops, representing vast missionary districts, namely, the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary, the Bishop of Algoma, the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, and the Bishop of Athabasca. In addition to that, we have the letter of Mr. W. D. Gwynne, of Toronto, one of our ablest and hardest working laymen, which shows a lamentable lack of numbers, to say the least of it, among the clergy in the home dioceses of Ontario. What is the reason of this, have we no young men for the home mission field? There is a movement among our divinity students to devote their means, their energy, their lives, in foreign mission work; a feeling at its best, when unaccompanied with a very special necessity or aptitude, of romantic sentimentalism. The young clergyman and student, who deserts the home mission work for a foreign field at the present crisis, is like the soldier who leaves the ranks in the time of danger. There is no foreign field where so much Canadian life and energy and piety is so needed than those of our own country. No son of the Canadian Church with a spark of patriotic love would desert her now in her hour of danger. There is another class of our young clergy, who leave us, many of them to our great regret, and that consists of the now large number in the States. There are now three bishops there, and clergy in almost every diocese. It is hard to prevent the exodus, the temptations of a greater field, an apparently (only in many cases, apparently), larger stipend; the alleged want of encouragement by our own bishops, are all advanced as reasons for leaving us. Now, no such reasons exist; here are opportunities for all, not only for our own young clergy, but those who come to us from the Motherlands, the beginnings will be small, but in ten years from now, who can predict the enlarged spheres of work in the missions to which these young men may be sent? Some will still remain poor mission districts; others will have developed into flourishing villages, in a rich farming community, and still another class will have become towns and industrial centres.

Longfellow.

The admirers of the poet Longfellow will regret to hear that probably the last link with the generation he lived in has passed away. His sister, Mrs. Mary L. Greenleaf, a staunch Churchwoman, one whose life was crowned with many acts of kindness, died at her home, in Cambridge, Mass., December 3rd. She was 86 years of age.

Advent Missions.

The Advent missionary meetings, in New York, have been a very great success, and the Bishop of Thetford, who was invited at the suggestion of the Archbishop of Canterbury, more than realized expectations. But of all the addresses, that of Bishop Burgess, of Long Island, in St. Paul's, N.Y., making allowances for the difference between New York and ourselves, is by far the most appropriate to us at the present time. the course of it he said: "When St. Paul, the first great missionary Bishop, started on his work, there was no question of money, although he was able to have the books of the day, a secretary, and to live like a gentleman in his own hired house. Now-a-days, money is always to the front. When a new missionary Bishop is thought of, everyone

asks at once: 'Can we get the money?' and we sometimes have to hang our heads in shame when we realize that we cannot. What are we to do? The work is only half done. Missions are only half supported, although the Church of Christ must be missionary, or die. What is the trouble? The Church at Antioch hadn't burdened itself with buildings. Meetings were held in upper rooms and on street corners. Now the Church must have cathedrals, churches, parish buildings, rectories, theatres, dancing halls, jewelled windows, and the like. All these luxuries are a burden to the parishes, and it seems as if the needs of the parishes along these lines grow greater every year. Every parish must have everything and the consequence is that they frequently become sad burdens, and the missionary appropriations of such parishes are the first to suffer. Some say that the remedy is to be found in endowments, but endowed churches are not the most generous givers to missions, and we do not look to them for help. churches are very apt to settle back to apathetic enjoyment. This condition is not necessarily connected with endowments, but nevertheless the Board of Missions does not look to the endowed parishes for great offerings. The trouble is, I think, that many parishes put their faith in buildings, guilds, gymnasia, and the like, rather than in the Gospel."

Exchange.

"Church Bells," in its issue of 5th December, states that there are many clergy, who, from one cause or another, find themselves, after a few years' work and residence in the parish, confronted by difficulties-climatic, family, social, ministerial—which, if not actually weakening their influence among their people, tend to a great extent to make the work more arduous, and prevent the parish priest from throwing himself as vigorously and usefully into his duties as would otherwise be the case. After elaborating these opening sentences, and giving instances where changes are desirable, the writer offers the services of the journal as a medium for the exchange of livings. Following this example, we are ready to place those clergy of Canada, who desire a change, in communication with others, who also wish it. Communications addresed to the Editor, marked, "Exchange," will be, of course, strictly confidential.

Algoma.

In next week's issue, we will print a valuable communication by the Bishop of Algoma. Valuable not only to Church people, but to all who desire to acquire a clear idea of the real resources of this great area. We are deeply indebted to the Bishop for his kindness, and we would impress on our readers the desirability of their obtaining