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DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.*"

Subject for Reading and Prayer. August—Moosonee, Greenland.

In 1707 Hans Egede, a young Danish pastor, took up his abode at Vaagar, an ancient chronicle fell into his hands, telling how in the tenth Century an Icelander, Eric, had been banished for three years. In a ship with followers, he sailed northward and at the end of the three years returned, announcing the discovery of a new land, a *Green Land* of grassy valleys. This was in 985. Ships with colonists went forth to the newly found *Green Land*, and in the year 1,000, Eric's son Leife, while on a visit to Norway became a Christian. He returned to *Green Land*, Christianity spread, Bishops and clergy multiplied. Historical records show seventeen Bishops. In 1406, a Bishop went out, but no one ever heard of his arrival, and from that time until 1710 or thereabouts the fate of Eric's flourishing colonies remained a secret, whether the ice closed in round them, whether the black pest carried them off, or a hostile fleet destroyed them, no history tells. Just thirteen years after Hans Egede read this ancient Chronicle, he landed on the shores of this "*Green Land*" only to find wastes of dreary ice, and desolation. No trace of his fellow Norsemen, only tribes of savage and miserable Eskimos. As a result of the faith and labour of Hans Egede, we find the people of Danish Greenland educated and Christianized. In most of the schools natives are specially instructed as teachers and Missionaries, and are sent to the outlying fishing posts of the Eskimos to instruct them in their leisure hours, the salaries of these Catechists being paid by the Government.

AUXILIARY NOTES.

The summer season has no doubt, interfered with the work of the Parochial Missionary collections, only twelve parishes having as yet reported monthly. The W.A. do not therefore feel justified in going to the expense of printing *The Diocesan Chronicle* until at least fifty parishes are at work. A careful study of the Treasurer's report for August will show what this plan of systematic giving could accomplish. The taking up of this work has caused the Diocesan officers and members of the W.A. much additional work, the responsibility is great,