

has sinned as the English Church has sinned, in the neglect of definite religious teaching. Nor can one who desires her welfare aim at anything better than the recovery and promotion of simple dogmatic teaching, based on the Catechism and appealing to Scripture, not least among the youth of the educated classes."

THE Epiphany Feast again brings to us the duty and privilege of giving to the work of the Canadian Church in the foreign field. The Church's appeal will be read on Sunday, January 1st, and the offerings of the following Sunday (first after Epiphany) devoted to Foreign Missions. They are not shortsighted who look beyond their own needs, however great they are, and give *liberally* on this occasion as it comes year after year.

Shall we whose souls are lighted  
With wisdom from on high;  
Shall we to men benighted  
The lamp of life deny?

THE Bishop wishes specially to acknowledge with profound gratitude a munificent subscription from "M. S.," England, who gives £100 for the new Sustentation Fund and £200 for the general funds, at the Bishop's discretion. The contribution towards the Sustentation Fund is given in memory of the great work done by Bishop Sullivan. Surely this benefaction ought to be a suggestion and an inspiration to the many friends of the Bishop of the diocese. What better memorial could there be of the efforts of one who for so many years labored and pleaded for the Church in this new land! May many others do likewise.

WOULD you do something to develop and to cultivate the missionary spirit—the thermometer which marks the rise and fall of zeal for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ? Many there are who will say yes and who now work by prayer for the spread of the gospel. Many, too, there are who would also give of their time and means—and some, too, themselves—only they lack some knowledge that convinces men of the reality, the need, not to say, the success, of missionary effort. They would hear the cry "Come over and help us." Suppose an effort be made to supply this need by systematic instruction in a quiet way. Parents who give books to their children and young relatives on birthdays and at Christmastide might help by giving books

that tell the wonderful stories of the Foreign Mission Field; books that tell of martyrs and saints in all lands in both ancient and modern times. Besides, Sunday Schools could do much in this direction if, say, every third book in their libraries were of a missionary character. It is the good judgment of a nation that sees to it that its youth grows up with a knowledge of the deeds of its national heroes. Such a policy helps to make good, loyal citizens. It builds up a nation. So we shall be building up the characters of good loyal citizens of the Kingdom of Christ if we see to it that our children grow up with a knowledge of the faithful, self-sacrificing deeds of the heroes of the Mission fields. On Sunday School library shelves there should be bound copies of the *Mission Field*, the *Church Missionary Intelligencer*, and such periodicals, as well as biographies of Henry Martyn, Bishops Hanning, Selwyn, Patteson, Smythies, Steere, Horden, Cotton, St. Boniface, and others. However, it is not possible to give a list of names. The number is too great, comprising as it does, not only those who occupied high posts and foremost places, but so many who were true heroes in positions and fields upon which a less fierce light has shone. Give tales of the Mission field to the children.

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The year of our Lord 1898 is now numbered among those flown into the past, and we now stand on the threshold of the last year but one in the nineteenth century.

The last year has, we believe, been one of steady progress in this missionary diocese. Though no gigantic strides have been taken to mark the way, yet in many directions may be noted little advances that will have a more telling effect at a future date.

Little change has taken place in the *personnel* of the clergy. Two gentlemen, Messrs. Hay and Brittain-Storer, have been admitted to the diaconate. They had both worked as catechists in the diocese, the former for several years in the Missions of Magnetawan and Sturgeon Falls, the latter for a much shorter period in the Mission of Webbwood and parts adjacent. Now Rev. Mr. Hay is at Murillo, the post vacated by Rev. C. J. Kirby, while Rev. Mr. Storer goes to the northern Mission of Haileybury, in

the Temiscamigue country, early in January.

Rev. W. Hunter, who was ordained to the priesthood on the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, 1898, has since left the diocese for the mother Diocese of Toronto. We regret to learn that his health has been far from good of late.

However, we at this moment have a staff of thirty three clergy, embracing the Bishop, twenty-nine priests, and three deacons.

There have been not a few changes in the incumbencies of missions. Rev. C. Piercy left Burk's Falls and Sundridge to assume charge of Sturgeon Falls and Warren, being the first resident priest in a mission that is likely to have a fairly large increase of English-speaking residents in the near future. Rev. C. J. Buckland, of Powassan, left to take charge of Burk's Falls. Sundridge is at present regularly ministered to by Rev. G. Gander. Mr. Buckland's post at Powassan, with Trout Creek and Nipissing, has been filled by Rev. A. J. Cobb, the priest-incumbent of Broadbent. The last-mentioned mission is at present in the charge of Rev. Mr. Lawlor, M.A., who early in the year was forced by illness to give up his work at Schreiber. It is learned that he is not yet fully recovered and may be obliged to give up again. For this much regret will be expressed by those who know him.

Another change is the appointment of Rev. W. A. J. Burt in June last (from Gravenhurst, where he was *locum tenens*) to the important and arduous post at North Bay, which was vacated in November, 1897, by Rev. Rural Dean Young. Mr. Burt, who made a sacrifice in accepting the mission, is slowly and perseveringly meeting all difficulties with a large measure of success.

The Bishop has given the impetus of his own live interest in the Indian work, not only endeavoring to advance the good work done for Indian boys at the Shingwauk Home, and again visiting the Indian Mission up the Nepigon (an account of which appeared in our issue of October last), but at much pains visiting the Indians on the Manitoulin Island and on the north shore of Lake Huron. Two young men—one a school teacher of some years' standing—have undertaken school work among the Indians, to whom also, in the office of a catechist, they each minister as teachers of the Church.

Not the least important note of the Church's work in Algoma is to be found in the Fifth Triennial Council meeting at North Bay, an assembly that was marked by no little spiritual devotion as well as the expeditious disposal of business. Those who have been present at previous Council meetings consider it an improvement in every respect on former ones. This gathering for counsel, inaugurated in 1887 by Bishop Sullivan, is capable of becoming, in the no distant future, a