

## MISSIONS AND COLONIZATIONS.

IN urging the desirableness of liberally supporting the missionary organizations of the various religious bodies in Canada, we have already dwelt at some length on a point in connection therewith, which is too often overlooked. What that point is no person who has any acquaintance with the missionary system of the Roman Catholic Church can fail to be aware. Let any one read the history of the settlements in the region north of us, away up to the farther side of Lake St. John, and he will find that in every instance the missionary priest has been the leader and founder of the colony. We have no intention of recommending any such plan for Protestant settlers; nor, indeed, would such a plan be practicable in their case. But Protestants of all denominations, whether seeking a home in the newer districts of the older provinces or in unbroken prairie of the Northwest, must have had frequent reason to contrast the ample provision for public worship and religious ministrations enjoyed by the Roman Catholic neighbors with their own extreme destitution in those respects. There have been cases, we doubt not, in which, had the new comers known that they would suffer in their far-off destinations from so complete a want of all that is implied in Cowper's "church-going bell," they could hardly have been induced, by any promise of worldly prosperity, to leave their old homes. We can imagine the account that such immigrants would give to their enquiring friends in the old country of a situation so novel and unlooked for, and we may be sure that heads of families, accustomed to consider religious privileges among the chief blessings of this life, and as inspiring the best hopes of that which is to come, would shrink from a change that would deprive them of those blessings or tend to weaken those hopes. Indeed, if we take up any of the numerous emigration pamphlets published in recent years, whether in favor of Australia or South Africa, or our own Dominion, we are almost certain to find that, among the inducements held out, provision for public worship and for education holds a prominent place. We need hardly say that it is of importance that the assurances thus given should not lead to disappointment, and the only way in which the regrettable result can be avoided is to give all needful encouragement to the work of Domestic Missions.—*Montreal Gazette.*

## HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

The Bishop of Saskatchewan appeals for help for the church people of Fort McLeod. By great exertions they had but lately finished a very handsome church at a cost of \$4,000. The church was completely destroyed by fire about a fortnight ago. Led by their energetic missionary, they are themselves endeavoring to collect funds for rebuilding the church, but it is felt, in view of their recent large expenditure for the building so unhappily destroyed, the re-building must be post-

poned for an indefinite period unless friends come to their assistance. The Bishop has promised \$500 from funds at his disposal and he now earnestly appeals to church people throughout the Dominion to lend a helping hand.

The Rev. Canon Richardson, M. A., Rector of the Memorial Church, London, Ont., Commissary for the Bishop, will receive contributions for the building fund. The Bishop most earnestly commends this appeal to the kind sympathies of all who take an interest in the missionary work of our great North-West.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES.

ANNUAL Reports of Woman's Auxiliary Societies have been received, but as they will be presented at the general meeting in Montreal at the time of the Provincial Synod we will defer publishing them, or extracts from them, till after they are presented. A very good showing, however, comes from Quebec and also from the Diocese of Ontario.

A MEETING of Delegates from parochial branches was held at the time of the meeting of the Ontario Diocesan Synod, and officers of the Diocesan Board were appointed:—

President, Mrs. Lewis (who, we deeply regret to say has since been called to her rest); Vice-presidents, Mrs. Tilton and Mrs. Grant Powell, Ottawa; Treasurer, Miss Gilderslieve, Kingston; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Moore, Prescott; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Yielding, Ottawa.

At the Synod itself, a resolution of thanks to the ladies who had formed Woman's Auxiliaries was passed, and sympathy was expressed in their works.

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

*The Churchman's Family Bible*, Illustrated, with Commentary, etc., in parts or complete; S. P. C. K. Rowsell and Hutchison, Toronto.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge have produced a really fine book in their *Illustrated Family Bible*. The commentary is useful, and throws light upon many passages. The type and illustrations (which are very numerous) are first class. While it will rank with the best, it is a marvel of cheapness. The Old and New Testaments may be had separately, the former at \$3.75 and the latter at \$1.75, or the two may be had bound together at the low cost of \$5.00. It may be taken also in parts at 15 cents each, 18 parts to the Old Testament and 6 parts to the New.

*Our Missionary*, Mattawa, Diocese of Ontario, published by Rev. Forster Bliss, Priest in charge of the Mission.

This little quarterly paper, of a local nature, is neatly printed, and contains much that is useful in Mission work. It will prove, no doubt, useful as a channel of communication between clergymen and their friends.