

diocese, has the sympathy of those older residents in Muskoka among whom he lived and worked.

THE Right Rev. Sidney Catlin Partridge who, on the Feast of the Purification, 1900, was consecrated the first Bishop of Kyoto, in the city of Tokio, Japan, was for fifteen years a missionary of the American Church in China. He was the first bishop ever consecrated in Japan. The English bishops in Japan took part in the services.

NEW school maps issued for use in the schools of Canada distinctly show Ontario's northern limit to be James' Bay. So that there can be no question but that the Diocese of Moosonee is almost, if not quite, wholly in the civil Province of Ontario; Moosonee, therefore, should belong to the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada and not to that of Rupert's Land.

ONE of the difficulties in the mission field of Algoma is the widely-diffused idea that the Church is one of the denominations, not to say one of the sects. The error is in no small degree due to those among us who foster it by indifference and by neglect to examine the principles of the Church. Of course the various Christian bodies around us contribute to the diffusion of a statement we cannot accept.

SUCCESS is in sight if only we hammer, hammer, hammer again. The Bible will soon have a place in our schools if we persevere. The Bible will after have its place in our schools, if we faint not. The Ontario Educational Association met in Toronto in the middle of April. The Bible in the schools found a general advocacy in the Modern Language Department, and was by it referred to other sections of the association.

THE Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord coincides this year with our national holiday of May 24th (the Queen's Birthday). It is devoutly to be hoped that Church people—their loyalty to the throne is unquestioned—will rise to the opportunity of acting upon Church principles and be in God's house on that day. This great festival has been observed less than other festivals of our Lord. This year, Churchmen, put your religion first and be present at the services of the Church.

RIGHT REV. DR. GILBERT, the beloved Bishop-Coadjutor of Minnesota, whose death a few weeks ago was mourned by all sorts and conditions of men who knew him, was also the president of the American Sunday-school Institute. In a letter lately addressed to "My dear children" he impressed upon them the responsibilities of the Church to take possession of the world for Christ. He asked of the children \$100,000 as a Lenten offering. Last year their Lenten offering reached \$87,000.

THE progress of the mission sent to Brazil ten years ago, by the Church in the United States, is reported as encouraging. Brazil now has a bishop, seven presbyters, a deacon, and several lay readers and women-workers. The Prayer Book has been translated into Portuguese, the national tongue; the growing list of communicants now numbers seven hundred. Their offerings for the support of the services show that they desire to maintain a self-respecting independence.

THE Rev. J. Blackburne, one of the chaplains at the front in South Africa, from a letter to the chaplain general, published in the *Church Times*, seems to have been among our Canadian infantry. He says:—"On Ash Wednesday (we had a celebration in the morning) I was assisted at a funeral by the Roman Catholic chaplain attached to the Canadians. He read part of our Burial Office, and thanked me most warmly for asking him to assist, and requested my good offices for any of his people I chanced to meet."

DURING the month of May the diocese will lose one of its clergy in the person of Rev. William Evans. Coming to Canada with Bishop Sullivan in 1888 he was sent for a short time to Port Carling. Thence he went almost to the other end of the diocese—to Schreiber. After more than three years spent in this mission, which then included Chapleau, 250 east of Schreiber, Mr. Evans was asked to go to Parry Sound, where he has since lived. Both in Schreiber and Parry Sound parsonages were erected during Mr. Evans' incumbency. He was ordered deacon in 1889 and priest in 1890. From paragraphs appearing in a Parry Sound paper we learn that Church people and others are sorry that Mr. Evans deems it to be his duty to leave Canada and take up work

in England. On behalf of the clergy of the diocese—and of some of the laity, too—we give expression to the sorrow that is inseparable from the parting of friends and pray that God will abundantly bless our brother priest and his wife in the days that are before them.

The Spirit of Missions, the monthly review of missions published by our sister Church in the United States, is becoming a most interesting and influential monthly magazine. In the April number it devotes its opening article to the S. P. G., and under the title of "The Payment of an Old Debt," it says:

The thought of sending missionaries to Boston is enough to make a nineteenth century American Churchman shudder. Yet it was to Boston that the Rev. George Keith and the Rev. Patrick Gordon went in April, 1702, as the first missionaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The S. P. G., as it is familiarly called, is the oldest Foreign Missionary Society in the Anglican communion. It was established in 1701. In those days the missionary obligation, however acutely it may have been realized by Dr. Bray and a few others who united with him in establishing the Society, was not generally recognized. The results accomplished through the beginnings made by a faithful few will be set forth in full, and, in some degree, their mighty significance will be realized during the Bicentennial Jubilee the Society proposes to keep from June, 1900, to June, 1901. The opening service is to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral June 16th. At the special request of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is president of the S. P. G., the Right Rev. William Crosswell Doane, D.D., Bishop of Albany, will preach the sermon. Thus the debt due the Society for its first missionary aid is to be repaid, in a measure, two hundred years after by the presence and the counsel of one of the leaders of the American episcopate. It was more than a desire to do a merely graceful act that impelled the Society and its president to request that the Vice-President of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the American Church should thus strike the key-note of so notable a commemoration. The spirit in which the invitation was extended is another indication of the cordial unity existing between the national branches of the Anglican communion. It is also a recognition of the fact that the Church of England and the Church in the United States stand responsible above all others for the proclamation of the gospel of our Lord. This fellowship in service may well inspire Churchmen on both sides of the Atlantic to renewed progress and work for the evangelization of the world during the coming century. The Board of Managers, before whom the Bishop of Albany laid the Archbishop's request, urged him to accept the invitation and appointed a committee to prepare a suitable address from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Present-day Churchmen can scarcely realize how much the Church in this country owes to this venerable Society. In twenty-two of our present dioceses it planted and for several years sustained mission work. Vermont is the only American diocese which still has distinct relations with the S. P. G. To this day the Society holds the title to what are known in Vermont as the "Crown Lands," from which the diocese derives an income of about \$3,000 a year.

THE RIGHT REV. JAMES JOHNSON, recently consecrated Assistant Bishop of Western Equatorial Africa in Lambeth Palace Chapel, is an African—a black man, the son of a slave. Born in Sierra