

either in Church or at a parish meeting, to lay before the people what is being done by the Church Society of Quebec, for the common good. Here again, we must readily assent, and we believe, if the Clergy would gather from the *Diocesan Gazette* and from the Church Society Reports and other sources, accounts of the good work that is going on, and would bring these things before their people, it would have the best effect and do much good.

A Prayer for the Diocese.

We should be glad indeed if our readers would use the following prayer regularly week by week :

O Lord Jesus Christ, who walkest in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, and hast the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, prosper with Thy heavenly blessing the work of Thy church in the Diocese of Quebec ; confirm it by Thy power, sanctify it by Thy grace, and preserve it from all assaults of evil. And, to those whom Thou hast called to labour therein, vouchsafe the aid of Thy Holy Spirit. Strengthen their faith ; enkindle their love ; pour down upon them the spirit of self-sacrifice ; and grant them, O Lord, a mouth and wisdom, which all their adversaries shall not be able to gainsay or resist ; for Thy sake, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God world without end. Amen.

Lay Helpers' Association.

About a year ago there appeared in the *Diocesan Gazette* an article in which it was explained that the Bishop desired to form a Quebec Diocesan Lay Helpers Association with two sections or branches, one for men, the other for women. In this Association the Bishop said he was anxious to bind together all the Lay Helpers in the Diocese with no further responsibility than the following :—

(1) That once a week at least they should remember the whole body of Helpers in the Diocese in their prayers.

(2) That they should be glad to unite in their own Churches in the Holy Communion

on some one Sunday in the year to be chosen by the Bishop, and called " Lay Helpers' Sunday," with the special object of seeking God's blessing upon all the work for God in the Diocese.

(3) That they should only continue their membership as long as they continue to do their work.

It was proposed moreover that every member should be provided with a member's card, with a special prayer for the whole body of Helpers printed upon it ; and it was contemplated that a return of the number of members receiving the Holy Communion on the " Lay Helpers' Sunday " in all our Churches would be sent up by the Clergy, and an account of the whole matter given annually in the *Diocesan Gazette*. And in addition to this the Bishop thought possibly Meetings for Worship and Conference, and social intercourse and enjoyment might be arranged from time to time at different centres, with a view to information and encouragement, just as many of our Clergy are now helped and encouraged by meeting their neighbouring Clergy at their sub-Deanery meetings. The advantages to be derived from such a system are :

(1) That all our Helpers would once a year receive the Holy Communion on a chosen day with the special object of seeking God's blessing upon their common work. (2) That all our Helpers would pray for the whole body of Helpers at least once in every week. (3) That many would be greatly helped by the Meetings that might be arranged to take place at the several centres. (4) That our Helpers would get to realize the greatness of their work, they would see, in fact, that they were not merely Wardens, or Choir Members or Sunday School Teachers in this or that little township ; for their thoughts would be carried beyond their own district, and they would get to realize, that they were members of a great army, working under the Bishop and Clergy through the whole length and breadth of the vast Diocese of Quebec for the pulling down of the strong holds of Satan and for the building up of the City of God.

We are all too apt to care only, and to work only for our own Parish ; and anything, which tends to help us to take a wider view, must, the Bishop thinks, do great good.