

centennial of the first colonial bishopric of the Anglican Church. Shortly afterwards King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, celebrated its hundredth birthday, and now Ontario is beginning its centennials. The good old parish of Niagara had a suitable celebration of the kind last month, recalling its establishment one hundred years ago when the first Lieut.-Governor took up his residence there and held the first parliament. It is a remarkable fact that the present revered rector, the Venerable Archdeacon William McMurray, is only the third incumbent of the parish, the three rectors being : Rev. Robert Addison, 1792 ; Rev. Thomas Green, 1830 ; Rev. William McMurray, 1857.

REV. J. A. NEWNHAM is on a visit to this part of Canada from Moosonee. He made the greater part of the long journey down by canoe, paddled by Indians. Up at half-past three o'clock in the morning, halting for breakfast at eight, for their simple dinner at one, for tea in the evening, they pushed on till ten o'clock at night. Such a journey was most fatiguing. Mr. Newnham was married in Montreal to a daughter of Canon Henderson, the Principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and is now making arrangements to return to Moosonee. This remote diocese is not to be included under the vague term, "the North-West." It is directly north of Ontario and Quebec, reaching to Labrador, so that if anything it in reality would be more correct to speak of it as the North-East. Mr. Newnham held an interesting open-air meeting in the grounds of the Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, on the 18th of July, Rev. Dr. Mockridge in the chair, when he fully explained several phases of the missionary work in that northern clime, and no doubt gained many sympathizers in it.

REV. ATHELSTON RILEY, of England, in a pamphlet recently published, pleads for unmarried men as those best suited for foreign missionary work. He shows the great additional cost laid upon missionary societies because of the wives and children of missionaries. He quotes Dr. Cust, of the Church Missionary Society, who thus describes the modern missionary.—"He must have a wife at ordination and a family supported by the alms of the churches ; he must have salaries, houses, comforts, conveyances, pensions and thousands spent on the education of his children. England is becoming stored with 'returned empty bottles,' men who have turned back from the plough because their wives were sick. Orders have been passed in committee to send for missionaries from distant stations in the field to come home to England to their sick wives. Even bishops are not free from this weakness. One colonial bishop left

his duty because his wife was sick, and another because his daughter was dying." Dr. Cust adds, "This is not mission service ; there is nothing of the grace of self-denial and self-sacrifice." This is a subject worthy of the gravest consideration on the part of missionary societies. Certainly it is not the way the early conquests of the cross were made.

ONE of the speakers at the late anniversary meeting of the C.M.S. said that "he had been in a town in England of only 140,000 inhabitants, and he had found there eighty-seven clergy and fifty Nonconformist ministers, as well as a large number of Scripture-readers, mission women and other agents, whilst in a town which he knew in China of double the size, there was but one missionary." Another aptly remarked : "You can never win an African unless you first love him. The African has a sweetness of character which I have not found excelled even in England. The Africans of the Bible were gentle and kind. I call to your mind Abed-Melech, who lifted Jeremiah the prophet from the dungeon and the mire ; Simon, the Cyrenian, who carried the cross of our beloved Master and Lord ; the Ethiopian eunuch who asked Philip the Evangelist to step up beside him, and was willing to listen to the explanation of the Old Book. The African is the same to-day."

WE clip the following from *Church Bells* :—"We lately gave an illustration of the Bishop of North Dakota and his Cathedral car on the railways of his diocese. We have just received an appeal for a 'house on wheels' for use amongst the 3,000 wandering folk who go from fair to fair in the diocese of Winchester. It seems that the Rev. T. E. Holt, of Winterbourne-Earls Vicarage, Salisbury, had for the past four years added the care for these wandering folk to his own parochial work. Having been himself formerly a working engineer, he has had an experience of life which specially fits him for such a difficult duty. He visits them in their wayside vans and tents, baptizes their children, moves them to live respectable married lives, ministers to the sick and dying, and teaches and exhorts the whole. His efforts have been in many cases singularly blessed, and he is always heartily welcomed. Canon Durst, who has charge of missions in the Winchester diocese, is anxious that Mr. Holt should be provided with a travelling van in which he and his fellow-workers could live on their tours, and which would carry about a tent, benches, lamps, and other appliances for holding meetings. Such a caravan would be of great use to the missionary in his work amongst the gipsies in the New Forest and in the hop-gardens of Surrey and North Hants. Travelling vans are already much used