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Bishop's Appointments for March.

t. Th .- Train from Sturgeon Falls West.

2. Fri.

- 3. Sat. 1. 1st Sunday in Lent. Take duty in the
- Mission of Korah. 5. Mon. -Attend meeting of Indian Home Committee, Sault S e. Marie.

Tues .- Set out for Land.

- Wed .- Linber Day. Land and Bar River.
- Th. Return to Sault Se. Marie.
- 9. Fri.—Ember Day. 10 Sat.—Ember Day.
- 2nd Sunday in Lent. Take duty in the Mission of Korah and Sault Ste. Marie.
- Mon.
- Tues. Wed. ١3.
- 15 Th. Train for Sudbury 10. Fri. Visit Copperchil. Confer with people in it new church.
- 17. Sit .- Train from Sudbary to Chapleau.
- 18. 3rd Sunday in Lent Chapleau. 19. Mon.—Set out for Michipicoten via
- Misanabie. Tues.—On to Michipicoten by stage. Wed —Michipicoten.
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Notes by the Way.

THOU blessed Saviour, sacred Spring, As dear as crystal glistening: Thou Stream of blessing, pure and free, All splendour of the cherubin, And holiness of scraphing, Is darkness when compared with Thee ! O Thou, my pattern here, Make me Thy image bear: My all in all! Ah, teach Thou me, And let me be All pure and holy, like to Thee :

Oh, gentle Jesus, as Thy will Was, subject to Thy Father's, still, Yea, even anto death resigned; Ah, tet me thus like Thee be passive, My heart and will to Thee submissive, Guided entirely by Thy mind: Like Thee may I be mild, And gentle as a child, And docile too! Ah, teach Thou me, And let me be Meek and obedient, like Thee :

THE Christian population numbers a little over 500 millions.

THE unevangelized population of the world numbers nearly 1,000 millions.

In Iowa College is a chair of Applied Christianity. Is its object the teaching of Christian Socialism?

THE world contains about 175 millions of Mohammedans, of Buddhists and Confucianists about 369 millions

THE whole Anglican Church has at present about 2,600 missionaries in the foreign field, of which number only 1,100 are priests.

IT is to be regretted that a Church Congress is not held in Canada. It looks as though men's interests were too much confined to their own parishes and dioceses.

AFTER nearly nineteen centuries of missionary effort, the Church has only been able to win about one-third of the world's population to any form of Christian faith.

To take no interest in foreign missionary work would be to cut ourselves off from one of the most magnificent opportunities of helping to win the world for Christ

On Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 11th, the services at North Bay, morning and evening, and at Calander in the afternoon. were taken by the Incumbent of Sturgeon Falls Mission. We are pleased to be able to say that Rev. A. J. Cobb is almost wholly recovered.

Missionary work is not a work which we may take up or leave aside at our pleasure, but it is an absolute duty devolving upon every soldier of the King. Who is to win the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

WE are sorry to be unable to record any substantial improvement in the condition of Rev. F. Ulbricht.

THE Rev. Wm. Evans has resigned his incumbency of Parry Sound, where he has worked for the past seven years. He returns in the course of a few months to England, to take duty in the Diocese of Lichfield. We put off our "goodbye" as long as possible.

In not a few places within the diocese subscription lists have been opened for a Canadian Patrictic Fund. Churchmen are everywhere subscribers. This fact will show that the offertories within the diocese would have been larger in amount if the day of supplication had come before Septuagesima.

DR. WELLDON, the Metropolitan of India, has recently visited the Medical Mission at Peshawar, and has given £,25 towards the cost of a Rontgen ray apparatus, and three other friends have made up the balance. The missionaries at this station frequently have to deal with bullet wounds, and several people have lately come from beyond the frontier inquiring for the wonderful dur-bin, or telescope, which will enable a doctor to see where their bullet is lodged.

IT is learned from an article in the Nineteenth Century, written by Sir W. Hunter, K.C.S.I., that whereas the normal rate of increase in the general population of India was about 8 per cent. from 1872 to 1881, the actual rate of increase of Christians was over 30 per cent. From the census return of 1891 for India, we find in the Madras Presidency, to which more than half of the native Christians belong, that whereas the population increased at the rate of 51/2 per cent, the Christian increase was 2334 per cent.

I'ROM statements made in several quarters we gather that the Canadian contingents-horse, foot, and artillery-sent to South Africa are composed of men more than half of whom are members of the Church of England. In a previous issue we noted the difficulties put in the way of an Anglican chaplain for the regiment under Col. Otter, even when Churchmen outnumbered all others. Now we note the loss sustained by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. The Bishop of that diocese says that those who from that section of country enlisted in the Strathcona Horse are to the extent of 65 per cent. Churchmen.

Not for many years, if indeed the proverbial "oldest inhabitant" can remember the like, has a winter occurred in which, up to the close of February, has so little snow fallen in Northern Ontario. The weather, too, has been far from the average in the matter of temperature. Some days are almost springlike, especially at mid-day. Rain fell, the snow on the rivers melted away and the water from many creeks added their quota on the surface of the ice, which froze, and for many days made the ice perfect from a skater's point of view. Nearly everybody skates-old and young alike enjoying the exhilarating exercise on fields of ice on river and lake.

THE S.P.G. is now able to outline the plans for the keeping of its bi-centenary. The celebration will extend over the twelve months beginning on June 16th, 1900, which is the 199th anniversary of the day on which a royal charter was granted to the society by King William III. The Committee suggest that a sum not less than £250,000 should be raised in connection with the bi-centenary, and that the fund should remain open until December 31st, 1901. All of our dioceses in eastern Canada have received liberal grants from the S.P.G. To no one human source does the Church in Canada owe so much. What shall we contribute towards the fund above referred to? Whatever that contribution be, it will show the high-water mark of Canadian Churchmen's gratitude.

THE name of the first English missionary to China, ever fragrant and magic like, is an honor to all English speaking nations, and his manuscripts are to-day reverently treasured under glass in Hong Kong. He arrived in the year 1807, and was given quarters with Messrs. Milner and Bull, of New York. The East India Company was hostile to the presence of a missionary, but it was through Mr. Olyphant's influence that the London Missionary Society sent him out, and so manifest were his talents that in 1808 the company employed him as a translator. With a single teacher, who was in constant terror of being discovered and put to death, he worked steadily in a godown or store-house. This hero of learning and consecration, almost unaid-

ed, translated the Bible into the most difficult language of the world. In the opinion of all learned men in Europe this had been deemed utterly beyond the power of any single person. Through his exertions, and those of his colleagues, from 1810 to 1836, 751,763 copies of works, religious and scientific, consisting of 800,000,000 pages, were printed at Canton and other ports in the far East, of which there were 2,075 complete Chinese Bibles, 9,070 New Testaments and 31,000 separate portions of Scripture. To translate the Bible into Chinese meant the building of a railway through the Chinese intellect .- "America in the East," by W. E. Griffis.

Sundridge Mission.

Church services were started here again on Sunday, Dec. 31st last, by Mr. F. W. Major, who came here from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec. There has been service in each church in the mission since that time, all of which have been fairly well attended.

The Sunday-school at Sundridge has been doing remarkably well. The superintendent, Mr. Edgar, and his excellent staff of teachers are doing a very good work indeed. The treasurer of the S.S. has five dollars which is to be given to the Bishop for mission work among the

Indians in this diocese.

The Sunday-school has just been re vived at South River, and is getting along nicely under the care of Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Connolly. We hope in the near future to start two more Sundayschools, one at Eagle Lake and one in the vicinity of South River. A good lamp has been placed in the church at South River, and a handsome prayer desk in the church at Eagle Lake, where a temporary altar has been erected and covered with an altar cloth given by the church people at Sundridge. The people at Eagle Lake are hard at work preparing to fence the church property and build a horse-shed. A good start has been made by a social, given by Mrs. Thos. Quirt, at which \$22.75 were raised. Others have promised to do likewise, and it is hoped that there will be no difficulty in getting enough money to repair the church as well. Septuagesima Sunday was observed here as a day of humble supplication to the Great Father in Heaven with reference to the terrible war now raging in South Africa. The Rev. C. H. Buckland, of Burk's Falls, administered Holy Communion and preached in the three parts of the mission. The services at each place were hearty and well attended. Mr. Buckland exhorted his audience to humbly confess their sins and to pray to our Heavenly Father for a speedy and righteous termination of the awful war. There was also a baptism at Eagle Lake and one at Sundridge.

Emsdale Mission.

REV. A. H ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

Again, there are a few items of information from this mission to write off for the readers of the A. M. N.

On Christmas Day two services were held,—one at Sprucedale in the morning with a celebration of the Holy Com-munion; the other at Emsdale in the afternoon, at three o'clock. Both services were well attended, and were also devout, hearty and bright. The services were evidently appreciated, and the offertories were good. St. Mark's was tastefully and profusely decorated under the leadership of Miss Harwood.

A watch-night service was held in St. Mark's at midnight on New Year's Eve, when a good number of persons assembled. It was a solemn, inspiring, and refreshing time, after which the incumbent and congregation enjoyed mutual greetings. One couple drove six miles

in order to be present.

The Christmas tree gatherings were very successful, and warm and hearty thanks have already been tendered to the untiring ladies of various W. A. branches, who sent very nice gifts, as well as candies oranges and apples The scholars and others were very much delighted when receiving some suitable present from the trees, at the respective centres. At Emsdale a very good programme was carried out, before an audience that numbered, at least, two hundred persons.

On Friday, Jan. 26th, the Bishop arrived in the mission, and stayed at St. Mark's parsonage. Large congregations greeted his lordship at St. Mark's, and also at the outside stations, and listened most attentively to the very impressive and powerful sermons and addresses which the Bishop delivered.

At Sprucedale, the 26th of January was in every way a red letter day to the Church people. The Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. A. H. Allman and party, were conveyed safely by Mr. Wm. Jenkin, and arrived something before eleven at the door of the new church there. Everything being in order, and Mr. Ernest Allman presiding at the organ, shortly after eleven o'clock divine service commenced with a processional hymn, and then the churchwardens presented a petition for the consecration of the building. The Bishop accepted the same, and at once began the service appointed for consecration, dedicating the sacred edifice to God by the name of S. Paul. The incumbent followed with Morning Prayer, and the Revs. C. H. Buckland and J. Pardoe, and Mr. J. Waring, also took part. Six candidates were presented for Confirmation. The Bishop preached a most powerful and affecting sermon, after which he was again assisted by the clergy in the continuation of the Com munion office, during which the holy vessels given by St. Matthew's W. A., Quebec, were brought into use. When

the service had ended there were mutual rejoicings and congratulations between bishop, clergy, wardens and congregation, and then nearly all present made their way to the Agricultural Hall, where an ample luncheon had been spread by the lady members of the congregation, who had evidently vied with each other in producing their best. They not only merited, but also received, the highest praise for their unstinted generosity, labour, and self-denial. The Bishop asked the divine blessing upon the bountiful spread, and the company sat down to partake with grateful hearts. It was a happy gathering, flushed with success, the memory of which will long remain green in the minds of all present. Luncheon over, the incumbent proposed "The Queen and the Welfare of the Empire," to which a very hearty response was given by singing the nati mal anthem. Then, again, the incumbent rose and offered the toast of the day, "The Bishop a d the Prosperity of the Diocese," calling upon the entire company to rise and sing the Doxology. It was well done, but the speech of the Bishop afterwards was even better done, for, rising to the occasion, his lordship uttered such sentiments in such tender, ringing tones as touched deeply every soul present. More rejoicings then took place, followed by leave-takings, and in a little while all were on their way home,

At Emsdale a solemn and refreshing service was held on the Friday evening. The Rev. J. Pardoe and Mr. J. War.ng, as well as the incumbent, assisted in the service, and the Bishop spoke very appropriately to the candidates presented tor Confirmation.

Kearney and Sand Lake were also taken in, and at the former place a very sat sfactory conference with the Bishop took place on the Saturday evening, Jan. 27th, having in view the building of a new church. The Bishop was well-pleased with the fine hall at Kearney (belonging to Rankin & Bemeridge), where (after a Communion service at Sand Lake on Sunday morning, Jan. 28th) the B.shop preached on the Sunday afternoon to a congregation of sixty-five persons. The incumbent was called upon to take a funeral at Sand Lake, and Mr. E-nest Allman assisted the Bishop in his father's absence.

The Sunday evening was given to Emidale, the incumbent taking the prayers and the Bishop the lessons and sermon, and, although the weather was stormy, the church was well-filled.

On Monday morning an early celebration took place, and on Monday after-noon an "At-Home" was given at the Orange Hall. The congregation were glad to assemble for social intercourse with the Bishop, and with each other, and at six o'clock all present were invited to sit down to a most admirable spread of good things. The Bishop again spoke with telling effect, and then, after leave takings, the incumbent accompanied his lordship to the railway station, who boarded the train going north.

A. H. A.

Huntsville Mission

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLYWD, INCUMBENT

The Right Reverend the Bishop of the diocese paid a flying visit to Huntsville on the 7th and 8th of February, and was the guest of the Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Llwyd.

Special services of prayer and supplication for our cause in South Africa were held in the Church of A'l Saints', Huntsville, on Septuagesima Sunday, February 11th. Offerings in aid of the Patriotic Fund were invited in envelopes marked "special" for the purpose; \$12.25 was received and duly forwarded to the diocesan treasurer. Many had subscribed to this fund at an earlier date, through the Huntsville branch of the Dominion Bank.

With a zeal that is beyond all praise the congregation of the above church has by a most self-denying effort succeeded in paying off the remaining debt on the church building. The Bishop, having been notified that all obstacles to the consecration of the church had been removed, arrived on Feb. 17th for this zervice on Sexagesima Sunday. The day began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at eight o'clock. The consecration service began at ten thirty o'clock by the Bishop, and the incumbent, preceded by the two lay readers in surplices, proceeded to the west door, where they were met by the wardens, sidesmen and other officers of the church. The petition for consecration was read by Mr. R. J. Hutchinson, warden, the Bishop signifying his assent to the prayer of the petitioners. A procession was formed and proceeded along the aisle to the chancel steps, reciting the twenty-fourth Psalm, the procession then opened out and the Bishop, clergyman and lay readers passed on to their places in the sacrarium and chancel, and the beautiful and impressive service of consecration was taken by the Bishop. A certificate of the instrument conveying the property to the Bishop in trust for the church, and setting forth that it was free from all legal incumbrance, was read by the incumbent and was by the B shop laid upon the holy table. The solemn prayers relating to the several offices of the Church were then said, after which the sentence of consecration was read by the Archdeacon of the diocese, and being in due form executed by the Bishop, was laid upon the holy table. Morning Prayer was then said, with special Psalms and lessons, and an inspiring and instructive sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was preached by the Bishop. The Holy Communion followed, which was partaken of by seventy members and visiting friends.

At 2 30 p.m., a special service for the Sunday-school was held in the church, and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered, after which the Bishop addressed the scholars, teachers and friends present, on the interesting work of our Indian missions to children.

At 7 p.m. we again had an inspiring service, at which the Bishop was the preacher. The congregations at all the services were very good, and the musical parts of the services, under the able leadership of Mr. W. J. Morgan, choirmaster, were most hearty and appreciative. Laus Deo.

Monday and Tuesday were employed by the Bishop, accompanied by the Archdeacon, in visiting the stations of Grassmere, Quinn's and Fox Point, in the Franklin Mission.

On Tuesday at 8 p.m. a parish gathering was held in the church hall, Huntsville, to enable the members of the Church to meet and to speak with their Bishop A most enjoyable and chatty evening was spent. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the W. A., after which the Bishop spoke a few words of kindly recognition of the work of the congregation, congratulating them on the successful issue in the consecration of the church, and encouraging them to yet further effort in the Master's cause for the future.

Franklin Mission.

This mission is situated in the Lake of Bays district, Muskoka. Formerly it was served from Huntsville, but last August a catechist, Mr. Harold G. King, was placed in charge, under the direction of the Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd, of Huntsville. The mission comprises three stations: Fox Point, where a new church is about to be erected, services now being held in a school house; Grassmere, where there is a neat church building; and Quinn's Settlement, where a school house is used.

On Monday, Feb. 19th, the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Algoma, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd, visited St. Paul's Church, Grassmere, where a hearty service was held, the Archdeacon baptizing a young girl, to whom the Bishop afterwards administered the rite of Confirmation. A large congregation was present.

After lunch the Bishop's party drove to the Quinn Settlement, where Evening Prayer was held, and two infants were baptized by the Archdeacon.

Leaving Quinn's at five o'clock, an hour's drive brought the party to Fox Point. Next morning, Tuesday, a large congregation assembled in the school house, where eight candidates were confirmed, afterwards partaking of Holy Communion. At each of the three stations the Bishop preached an inspiring and helpful sermon.

After the service at Fox Point an informal meeting was held to discuss ways and means of building the new church. Several of the members have deeded a site to the Church, and Messrs. C. J. C. and H. W. Crump have given the lumber. This, with the money already subscribed,

will enable us to build as soon as spring opens. H.G K.

Gravenhurst Mission.

REV. A. R. MITCHELL, INCUMBENT.

The Lord B shop of the diocese visited this mission on Sunday, Feb. 4th, when the following services were held: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, Confirmation and Holy Communion; 3 p.m., children's service; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer. The congrega-tions at these services were large, and the Bishop's sermons were listened to with rapt attention. The communicants for the day numbered fifty-eight, and the offertories were much above the average. The Sunday scholars gave the offertory at their service in the afternoon to be used by the Bishop as his lordship thought best. In consequence of this, the address took the form of a general instruction on Indian work, and the Bishop told the children that their offerings should be used for that work in this diocese. The offertory amounted to \$2.25. This is the third tin ; that our Bishop has favored this mission with a visit during the year, and his advent is looked forward to with increased enthusiasm each time.

Dr. Ashtor is doing good work in the Boys' Brigade. The members turn out in good numbers, and we are anticipating a great success among the young men in that branch of the work. Dr. Ashtor is a very apt trainer, and spares no pains.

Our Women's Auxiliary and Girls' Guild are doing good work, and we anticipate making a good report at Easter.

Every branch of Church work is very active. The Sunday-school teachers and church choir, in their respective spheres, are doing their best to brighten up Church work.

A.R.M.

The Mission of Bracebridge.

REV. RURAL DEAN BURT, INCUMBENT.

The Bishop of the diocese visited this mission on Monday, Feb. 5th, and administered the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation to twenty-one persons. His lordship remained over for the Deanery meeting held here on the two following days, when the following clergy were present: Reverends Messrs. French, Mitchell, Pardoe, Hazlehurst, Chilcott, Atkinson and the Incumbent. The following programme was observed:

February 6th, 10.30 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 2 p.m., Business Session; 8 p.m., Missionary Meeting.

February 7th, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 9.30 Quiet Hour; 11 a.m., Business Session.

The particulars of this chapter meeting, which were most pleasant and profitable, will doubtless be forwarded to the A. M. N. by the secretary.

Notwithstanding the fact that many members of our congregations had contributed to the Patriotic Fund in other

ways, the offerings on the evening of Sepluagesima Sunday amounted to the sum of \$14.

The missionary meeting was poorly attended, but the few who were present, I feel sure, enjoyed the addresses given by the Bishop and Revs. W. H. French and A. R. Mitchell. The offerings amounted to \$7.

Old Gakezheoongai.

There was living in one of my missions not long since an Indian who was known by the above name. He was an Indian of the old-fashioned sort who never seemed to take up with the white man's way nor, for that matter, with the white man's religion. It has been said with some measure of truth perhaps, that an old Indian is never converted to Christ ianity; perhaps it would be better to say that if he becomes a Christian in old age he never quite gives up his old superstitions and fails to bend his mind to the new faith. Old Gakezheoongai was like this, simple, humble, plain and good. One day when I was coming home from a journey across the ice I overtook the old man dragging a hand sleigh. He had been fishing with a long handled spear through a hole in the ice and was taking home the spoil. It was grand spoil indeed. Two huge sturgeons, the largest and finest fish that ever I have been privileged to see. The old man displayed thera with all the pleasure and pride of a child, explained what a tussle he had had with the monsters till he finally landed them by his perseverance and skill. I helped the old man along and as we drew near to the shore his boys saw him coming with the load and they met him and pulled the sleigh over the bare spots on the beach. Old Ga. was a happy man to be able to bring home so much food for his hungry boys.

Those boys were good religious boys, the mother was a religious woman, and the mother and the boys did the church going and the praying and the singing, and the old man didn't, not because he disliked it, but because he couldn't, but his patient, plodding, simple, industrious life was something in the way of religion which made up, perhaps, for an inability to take part in religious exercises.

One day the old man was taken sick, not disease particularly, but he couldn't get up. His wife was dead now. The boys, at his request, put him up a little wigwam out on the grass and went away to work, leaving the old man to rest in his little wigwam. I looked in to see him and talk to him. I made things as simple as possible for him. I trust in the good God, he says. There was something I wished to say, he went on. I listened eagerly for the important communication. The old man struggled to give utterance to what was in his thoughts, but his powers failed him and he fell back and ded. I have often wished he could have told me what he wanted to say.

S.P.G. Bi-centenary Prayer.

The following Thanksgiving Collect has been approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury for use during the bi-cen-

tenary year of the S.P.G.:

"O God, Who revivest Thy work in the midst of the years, and renewest the strength of those that wait upon Thee; we thank Thee for having so abundantly blessed the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in the days that are past; and now again we besecch Thee to prosper whatever we undertake in our colonies or among the heathen, according to Thy will and for Thy glory. Vouchsafe to all who labour in the carrying on of our good designs the grace to do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus: and pour out upon them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and holy fear, of love that will not wax cold, and of constant perseverance in their ministry. Grant that the seed which was sown by the pious founders of the Society may in the days to come bring forth yet richer fruit: that more and more souls may be drawn into Thy service, and that Thy Blessed Kingdom may be enlarged throughout the earth. Hear us, O merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our only Lord and Saviour, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory both now and for evermore.

Boers and the "Colour Line."

The Bishop of St. John's, Kaffraria, who has been working among the natives of South Africa for nearly forty years,

writes with regard to the war:

I would impress upon our friends at home that the real cause of the situation, the one great difference which separates us from our Dutch fellow-countrymen, is the native question. It is our proclaimed method, our policy towards the natives, from the time of the freeing of the slaves to their admission to the franchise, and the recent advance among them of education, which has prevented us Boers and British from becoming one nation. If this is to be a war of races through the colony it is not merely a question of franchise to the Uitlanders. It will be, I cannot but feel, a holy war. Many as our sins and shortcomings may be, it is a war resting on the broad ques tion, "Are these natives of South Africa to be looked upon as beasts of burden or human beings?'

Parry Sound Mission.

REV. WM. EVANS, INCUMBENT.

On Sunday, February 11th, his Lordship the Bishop occupied the pulpit of Trinity Church, preaching to large congregations morning and evening, and cheering the hearts of clergyman and people by his earnest comments on the war in South Africa. Running through

hoth discourses were two lines of thought incidental to the "Situation," viz., the "Righteousness that exalteth a nation," and the humiliation that must surely fall upon that nation which shall become careless of her high privileges. Every word found an echo in the minds of thoughtful hearers.

The offertories of the day, including mission stations, amounted to \$24 (twenty-four dollars), which went to swell

the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Sturgeon Falls Mission.

REV. C. PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

The Bishop of the Diccese spent Ash Wednesday in Sturgeon Falls. He arrived on the evening of Shrove Tuesday After Evening Prayer in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene the Apostolic rite of "laying on of hands" was administered to one candidate—a woman who was prevented from being present at the confirmation held there last autumn. Next morning at 10 o'clock Morning Prayer was said by the incumbent, the Bishop reading the lessons. Following came "A Commination" "to be used on the first day of Lent," read by the B.shop, who afterwards celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In the evening, at the end of Evening Prayer, the Bishop preached an instructive sermon upon times and places specially set aside for the worship of God.

At Sturgeon Falls the incumbent associated with himself the Presbyterian and Methodist ministers in an effort to have in the town (Public) school all the religious teaching that the provincial laws allow (and that is very little). Opposition was raised by some school trustees to anything the law did not compel, that is to say permissible things were not directed. However, the Lord's Prayer is to be said "in concert in future, and the school is to be opened and closed with prayer, the Ten Commandments are to be learned and recited weekly and the Apostles' Creed is to be committed to

memory.

People who oppose religion in the schools and who talk about the home and Sunday-school supplying all the necessary religious teaching are, in not a few instances, parents of children who do not know how many "Commandments" there are.

The paper industry at Sturgeon Falls has either changed hands or there has been a re-arrangement of the firm. It is understood that a London firm (The Eiward Lloyds Co.), the proprietors of Lloyd's Weekly and the Daily Chronicle, now have control. The great difficulty here is want of houses to shelter workpeople. During the coming summer there will, doubtless, be much building here of dwelling houses as well as of paper mills. Things would have been further ahead, but some of the stone work erected

during the winter fell down during a few days' soft weather.

It is to be hoped that a large proportion of the new comers—either from England or from other places in this country—will be Church people. Besides, when Church people come it is to be hoped they will not only make themselves known to the missionary in charge, but will be possessed of letters from the clergyman in whose cure they have last lived.

Port Sydney Mission.

REV. ROBT. ATKINSON, INCUMBENT.

A branch of the W A has been re-organized in connection with Christ Church congregation. The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. Atkinson; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Butcher; 2nd V.ce-President, Mrs. Schwoob; Secretary, Miss M. Brymer; Treasurer, Mrs. Forrest, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Leonard. Several new members were received and arrangements were made to work for a bazzar to be held during the forthcoming summer. The renovation of the parsonage and the mission fund of the diocese are the objects for which the members desire to work.

At an "At-Home" recently given by the incumbent and Mrs Atkinson to the members of the W.A., choir and Sunday-school teachers, Mr. A. Sydney Smith was the recipient of a beautifully upholstered Mosaic chair in recognition of his valuable services as superintendent of Christ Church Sunday-school, which position he has held for 26 years.

The Bishop of the Diocese has recently visited the mission, and was accomp anied by Rural Dean Gilmour on the journey from Ulleswater to Ufford, and the Rev. R Atkinson me' them at St. John's Crurch on the morning of the 15th of February. Here Morning Prayer was said by Rural Dean Gilmour. The Bishop celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion. The sermon was preached by his Lordship, who now for the first time addressed this congregation, which very much appreciated their chief pastor's words of loving counsel. The offertory was devoted to the Patriotic Fund. The Bishop and clergy together with a numher of pari hioners and friends (including Mr. A. Knowles, clergyman's warden) were entertained to dinner by Reeve and Mr. W. Kay is the Mrs. Kay. people's warden and most hospitable in caring for the missionary on his visits to this station. It is pleasing to record that the regular services were well attended and the offertories, in proportion to the number of church members, are larger than any other congregation in this mission. The Bishop and the Incumbent then journeyed to Bestrice for Evening Prayer, the Bishop again preaching. After service the Bishop consulted with the congregation and clergyman on matters of importance. The offertory here was also for the Patriotic Fund.

On the following morning the Bishop confirmed a class of 9 (nine) persons at Christ Church, Port Sydney. A very impressive sermon on "Peace" was given by the Bishop, who especially exhorted the newly-confirmed to remember that it was by fighting their great enemies in the strength of God, that true peace would come to them. His Lordship in the course of his sermon drew lessons from the present strife in South Africa. Holy Communion was celebrated and in addition to a good number of the faithful the newly admitted into the full privileges of the Church partook of this spiritual food.

Holy Trinity, Newholme, was visited the next morning, where Matins were said by the Incumbent, the Bishop cele-

brating and preaching.

After a very helpful and cheering visit, His Lordship left for Huntsville, but before so doing expressed himself as being pleased with the evident signs of a good work going on in this mission.

The offertory at Port Sydney was in behalf of the Sullivan Memorial Fund.

Read Twice.

The Mission Chronicle of the Scottish Episcopal Church offers to missionary workers everywhere the following extracts from the writings of the late Rev. J. M. Neale:

"You may often suffer,—and His was a life of suffering. But what you must have, what is to be struggled for at all hazards, what is to be gained by all suffering, what is to be prayed for with that violence that takes the Kingdom of Heaven by

force, is victory."

"Think of this. Not one feeling of bodily weariness in the service of your dear Lord, not one pain or inconvenience, not one suffering of mind or body,—whether it be from loneliness, opposition, disappointments, or whatever else,—but are His marks."

"Never give up the least thing because it is little; never suffer ourselves to shrink from anything because it is so difficult; be unbending for Christ's sake, where need is; stand 'stiffly for the name of the Lord."

"Prayer is the breviary of faith, the

interpreter of hope."

"If you knew how much prayer can do,—how the prayer of a poor, weak, old man or woman is stronger than a great army of warriors,—how much oftener, how much more earnestly, you would pray."

A Call to United Prayer.

In accordance with their resolution, passed at Lambeth on November 14th, the bishops have issued the following general letter, entitled, "A Call to United

Prayer," and signed by all the members of the Episcopal Bench:

Dearly beloved in Christ,—We feel that the circumstances and events of the present time bring with them a special call to prayer.

This year is the closing year of a century marked by wonderful advances in science, invention, and knowledge of the world's needs. These advances have put us in possession of powers and opportunities of doing good, which were not vouchsafed to our fathers. Changed political and civic conditions have opened to the Church countless avenues for social and missionary enterprise. Such enlarged opportunities are fresh responsibilities, and fresh responsibilities are, to all devout souls, a call to prayer.

Missionary work has made marked advance during the last 100 years, but still two thirds of the human race lie outside the allegiance of Christ. The great work which yet remains to be done is an-

other call to prayer.

The spirit of materialism which has invaded national and social life, the consequent relaxation of the sense of personal responsibility, the power and influence of sins which lower national character, such as intemperance, gambling, and self-indulgence, and the thoughtless and indolent acquiescence in grave, public evils—these things which sadly contrast with the blessings and advantages given to us of God, loudly call us to prayer.

Moreover, we cannot disguise from ourselves that the greatest hindrances to the advance of the Kingdom of Christ among men are to be found in the bosom of Christendom itself. Next to the inconsistent lives and irreligious spirit of many professing Christians, perhaps the chief hindrance is to be found in the unhappy divisions in the Church of Christ. The divisions of Christendom, the present troubles in our own communion, and, more grievous still, the acrimonious temper which too often characterizes religious controversy, are deplorable impediments to the progress of the gospel. All these hindrances are again a call to prayer.

In addition to these considerations, which it had been previously in our mind to bring before you, the conflict in which our country is now engaged, the sorrows and anxieties that accompany the conflict, and the many grave national and human interests involved, constitute a specially solemn call to prayer.

Moved by the remembrance of these things, we feel constrained to invite to united prayer all who love the name of Christ. We venture with all affectionate respect to suggest that this closing year of the century should be consecrated to special prayer for the outpouring of the spirit of love zeal, and brotherliness, for the removal of all that hinders godly union and concord, for a fuller realization in practice of the spirit of Christ, and for a greater readiness among His followers to do what He would have them do.

We suggest further that the first Sunday

in each month of the year and the Monday following should be set apart for special and recurrent supplications. We would add an earnest request, the fitness of which will be evident, that during such a year of self-communing and prayer, controversial questions should be as far as possible kept in the background, and that all warfare in bitter words should be put away, that so we may promote the spirit needful for united prayer.

We commend this invitation to the faithful of our own communion, and to all brethren in Christ who may find it in their hearts to join their prayers with ours, reminding both ourselves and them of the many and clear promises which encourage us to seek thus in prayer the unfailing and all-sufficient aid of God, who is the Saviour of all men, and specially of those who believe

ally of those who believe.

The following subjects for prayer are suggested in a separate paper signed by

the two archbishops:—

- r. General.—(i) For the spirit of prayer; (2) for recognition of our short comings and sins—e.g., forgetfulness of God, materialism, luxurious living, intemperance, inipurity, gambling; (3) for the realization of the working of the Divine Spirit; (4) for a grateful sense of God's goodness to nation, Church, and individual; (5) for wisdom to make use of fresh opportunities.
- 2 Divisions of Christendom.—
 (1) For the spirit of brotherly love; (2) for a simple love of truth; (3) for a recognition of diversities of gifts; (4) for grace in the use of gifts.
- 3. Spiritual Character.—(1) For more Christlike lives; (2) for the realization of responsibility and courage to meet and to bear it—e.g., in use of wealth, right-eous testimony, abilities, etc.
- 4. Missionary.—(1) For the heathen world; (2) for the rulers of heathen lands; (3) for missionary workers; (4) for those who administer the affairs of missionary societies and agencies; (5) for the consistent lives of Christians in heathen lands.
- 5. The War.—(1) The gift of wisdom and prudence to our leaders; (2) for the sufferers on both sides—the sick, wounded, prisoners, sorrowing and bereaved; (3) for our soldiers and representatives and colonists—that they may maintain high character and honourable traditions; (4) for the combatants—that no animosties may destroy mutual respect; (5) for the native races—that the cause of Christian missions and civilization may be advanced; (6) for a righteous and lasting peace.

It is suggested that whatever selection from the above subjects may be made at different times of intercession, due prominence should be given to—(a) confession of sin in the matters which call for prayer; (b) thanksgiving for mercies already received.

This letter, which is signed by all the bishops and dated January 20th, 1900,

also contains the following suggestions :-

1. SUGGESTED SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

1. Genera!-

1. For the spirit of prayer.

- For recognition of our shortcomings and sins—eg, forgetful ness of God, materialism, luxurious living, intemperance, impurity, gambling.
- 3. For the realization of the working of the Divine Spirit.
- 4. For the grateful sense of God's goodness to nation, Church, and individual.
- 5. For wisdom to make use of fresh opportunities.

2. Divisions of Christendom-

- 1 For the spirit of brotherly love.
- 2. For a simple love of truth.
- 3 For a recognition of diversities of gifts.
- 4. For grace in the use of gifts.

3. Spiritual Character-

- 1. For more Christlike lives.
- 2 For the realisation of responsibility and courage to meet and to bear it—e.g., in use of wealth, righteous testimony, abilities, &c.

1 Missionary-

- 1. For the heathen world.
- 2. For the rulers of heathen lands.
- 3. For missionary workers.
- 4 For those who administer the affairs of missionary societies and agencies.
- 5. For the consistent lives of Christians in heathen lands.

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- 1. The gifts of wisdom and prudence to our leaders.
- 2. For the sufferers on both sides the sick, wounded, prisoners, sorrowing and bereaved.
- For our soldiers and representatives and colonists—that they may maintain high character and honourable traditions.
- 4 For the combatants—that no animosities may destroy mutual respect.
- 5. For the native races—that the cause of Christian missions and civilization may be advanced.
- 6 For a righteous and lasting peace. [It is suggested that whatever selections from the above subjects may be made at different times of intercession, due prominence should be given to—

(a) Confession of sin in the matters which call for prayer.

(b) Thanksgiving for mercies already received.]

There are obviously many ways in which the suggestions above made for united prayer may be carried into effect, and there is great advantage in such variety and flexibility of devotional use.

In addition to specially prepared or adapted services of intercession, where

such may be legitimately used, a distinctive character may on particular occasions be readily given to our existing services, and especially to the Litany, by long pauses after particular petitions and by longer intervals for silent prayer at fitting points in the service. When the Litany is used, Collects, if duly authorized, may also be added—e.g., after the last prayer, "We humbly beseech Thee," etc.

Where such methods are employed they will naturally be explained briefly to the congregation at the beginning of the service.

These suggestions may be found of service in private and in home as well as in public worship.

F. CANTUAR: WILLELM: EBOR:

Religious Denominations in South Africa.

In the new number of the Fortnightly Review the Rev. William Greswell gives a great deal of interesting information about religious denominations in South Africa. England in South Africa, is, it appears, the undoubted cham pion of religious and political liberty. If any Test Acts or Disabilities Laws prevail in South Africa, they must be looked for in the Boer States. In the Transvaal no Roman Catholic or Jew can be President, and the same prohibition applies to members of the Legislative Council or Volksraad. This is a tolerably severe Test Act for the end of the nineteenth century, and with regard to electoral and other disabilities the example of the Transvaal is notorious in the case of the European population, while the natives, whether Hostentots, Kaffirs, Malays, or Indians, have, of course, been treated as parialis with no status in Church or State. In Cape Colony, upon the whole, the doctrinal Christianity is of the Protestant type, with many gradations in teaching. There is the High Church Anglican divine, with traditions dating back to the days of Robert Gray, the Bishop of Capetown. There is the Lutheran pastor, the Scotch Presbyterian, the English Wesleyan, the Moravian missionary, the French Protestant missionary, known chiefly in Basutoland, and more numerous than any others, the predikant of the Dutch Reformed Church. 'As a rule, the last is a Calvinist, and to understand him properly Mr. Greswell says that we should read the Corpus Disciplina of the Dutch Churches, promulgated in the times of the Stuarts. At the same time there is a Liberal Party in the Dutch Reformed Church, and there are "Doppers"—these last being distinguished by peculiarities of dress and manners. In accordance with the usual practice of civilized states, a religious census is taken in Cape Colony. The census of 1891 showed that the Dutch

Reformed Church had a membership of 297,983; the Church of England, 139,058; the Wesleyns, 106,132; the Congregationalists, Independents, and London Missionary Society, 65.737; the Presbyterians, 33,000; the Lutherans about 6000; the Moravians, 16,128, the Rhenish Mission, 14,271; the Berlin Mission, 7012; the French Reformed Church 2,500; the Jews 3,007; the Roman Catholics, 17,219 These figures include both natives and Europeans, and we learn that about a quarter of the Dutch Reformed Church, one-half of the English Church, and one-sixth of the Roman Catholics were people of colour. In the other denominations, especially amongst the Wesleyans, Congregationalists, Independents, and, in a marked degree, the Moravians, the majority were people of colour. This might be expected in a population which numbered only 376,987 people of European extraction out of a total of 1,527,224. In the absence of proper statistics, it is impossible to speak so accurately of the religious sects of the Boer States. Mr. Greswell believes that a large part of the recent difficulties in South Africa is due to the action of the Dutch Reformed Church, and suggests that there are two reasons which account for the hostile attitude of the Dutch predikant towards British Colonial rule, both arising from the very liberality of this rule. In the first place, he cannot quite forget that he is the lineal successor of those who, for a great number of years, represented a privileged church at the Cape. In the second place, he has never cordially adopted the spirit of the Slave Emancipation Act of 1834. -Church Bells.

It is not money only that makes people rich. God is glad to give things worth, more than money to those who choose. His way. He gives good thoughts, good wishes, good feelings.

Grace at meals.—A meal without a religious word is a death feast. A meal blessed with religious thought is a heavenly banquet.

Some men seem to think it is a great missortune that they do not have faith. Bear in mind, it is not a missortune, but it is the damning sin of the world. The greatest enemy God and man have got is unbelief. It is the secret of all disobedience. Christ found it on both sides of the cross. The Jews did not believe Him; they did not believe God had sent Him; they took Him to Calvary and murdered Him, and the first thing we find after He rose from the grave was unbelief again. Thomas, one of His own disciples, did not believe He had risen. God's Word becomes a power to us just in proportion as we believe .- D. L.

The Church and Her Ways.

X -THE CHURCH YEAR.

Many persons who are not members of the Church of England have observed that she has particular names for all Sundays in the year. She has also provided more than thirty other services, which usually fall upon week days, so that in every year there are about eighty five days for which special services are provided. The names of all these days may be learned by consulting the pages which follow just after the preface in all her Prayer Books. The civil year begins with the first day of January. The Church year begins with that Sunday which falls nearest to the thirtieth day of November. This day is known as the First Sunday in Advent. There are four Sundays in Advent, and these weeks constitute what is called the Advent Season. Advent means coming, and these services teach us about Christ's first coming, or birth, and warn us to prepare for His second coming, when He shall judge the world.

The Christmas Season follows Advent, teaching that Christ is "Very Man," as well as "Very God." Next comes the Epiphany Season. Epiphany means showing forth, and the services represent the Saviour as showing forth His glory by working miracles, forgiving sins, and offering salvation to Gentile as well as

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and always falls forty-six days before Easter. Six of these days are Sundays, leaving forty days of Lent, which represent the Lord's forty days of fasting. The lessons of Lent are fasting, abstaining and self-denial. Good Friday, the next to the last day of Lent, is the day kept in memory of the Crucifixion-Three days later comes Easter Sunday, when Christ rose from the dead, and opened the gate of eternal life. Just forty days after the Resurrection, Christ went away into Heaven, and that fact is taught on Ascension Day. Ten days later is Whitsunday, when the Holy Ghost was sent down upon the waiting Whirsunday may fall anydiscaples. where from the tenth of May to the thirteenth of June. From this time on to November the Sandays are called Trinity Sunday and Sundays after Trinity. All through the Trinity Season the practical duties of life are considered, each Sunday setting forth its particular lesson. For the names of the other days, consult the front part of the Prayer B ok, and the special services for those days may be found just before the office for Holy Communion.

This cycle of days makes what is known as the Church year. By means of it, all doctrines of the Gospel are taught anew every year. Due prominence is given to all. Not one is undervalued or forgotten. Most Christian bodies have one dogma as a watchword, as, predestination, justification by faith, immersion, good works,

etc.; but it cannot be said that any one doctrine is the distinguishing mark of the Episcopal Church. She values all doctrines revealed by God, and all find a place in her creed and worship, as shown by the Church year.

AL OUTWARD FORMS AND VITAL RELIGION.

In the preceding articles, some of the distinctive features of the Church have been briefly set forth. The object is to meet with short explanations the inquiries of those who come to the Church attracted by many of her ways, even while unacquainted with their full significance. They treat largely of the histor c, the external and organic side of the Church. There are, indeed, higher spiritual truths, which touch the souls and have to do with the lives and characters of her children. The Church sets forth most thoroughly the apostolic, Scriptural truth, that neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature; that the Kingdom of Heaven is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. The Church teaches constantly the need of a change of heart, and leads her children to pray most fervently that God may make clean their hearts. The Church speaks plainly upon the great themes of regeneration, conversion, sanctification, redemption, atonement, justification by faith, charity, godliness, practical religion and personal holiness. Those of her children who accept the first principles, she goes on to perfect in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

The Bishop Sullivan Memorial Sustentation Fund

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To last month's total we add the appended subscriptions:

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The ancient flag of Ireland was a golden harp on a dark-blue ground, as now emblazoned in the Irish quarter of the Royal Standard. Green was never heard of as a national color until the year 1798. The revolutionary Irish leaders, for the purpose of uniting all classes of Irishmen, and to join the Orangemen to the rest of their countrymen, adopted the colour green, green being produced by the uniting of blue and orange.

Love that one who makes thee see thy faults rather than him who ever praiseth thee.

What is God's.—Give to God what is His; all is His which belongs to you and even yourself.

Acknowledgments.

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