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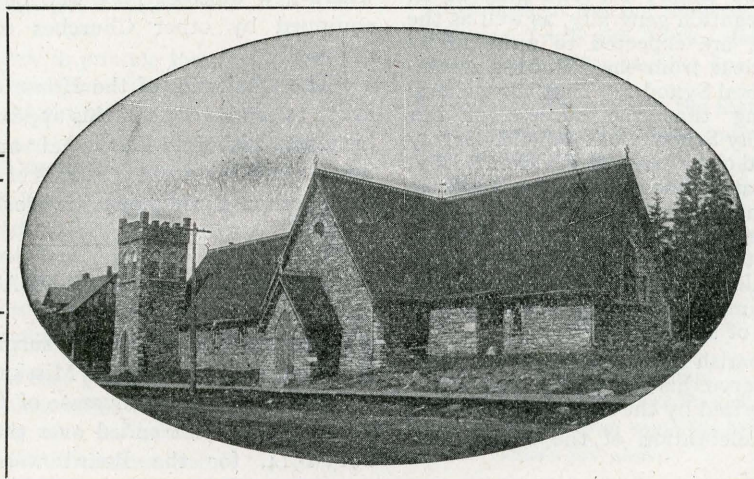
Now it is high time to
awake out of sleep.



He maketh his sun to rise
on the evil and on the good.

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"CHILDREN'S DAY."

THE S.S. Commission desires that the attention of the Churchpeople in Algoma be directed to the day so named above and which falls upon the 20th Sunday after Trinity, October 17th, 1915.

The purpose of "Children's Day" is three-fold: (1) To afford a special opportunity for bringing very definitely before the Church the importance of the religious training of the young and the value of Sunday School work. (2) To call forth the united prayers of our people that God's blessing may rest upon our work. (3) To provide an opportunity to give freely and generously for the support of the organized Sunday School work of our Church as represented by the Sunday School Commission.

Children's Day is intended for the whole Church and not simply for one part of it. That the congregation generally, as well as the Sunday School, are expected to unite in its observance is clear from the following resolution of the General Synod: "That the General Synod, realizing that the success of our organized Sunday School work depends largely upon the general observance of Children's Day, recommends that Children's Day be made the great educational festival for the child life of the Church in each congregation, and that the whole congregation take part in the observance of the day, joining heartily in the intercessions and in the offerings in aid of the Sunday School extension work of the Church."

While each parish must determine for itself how best to observe this day, a true observance will be characterized by the following features:

- (1) Special celebration of the Holy Communion.
- (2) Special services for parents, teachers and officers, with special sermons.
- (3) Special service for the Sunday School members.
- (4) Special offerings for the work of the Sunday School Commission.

The Commission needs \$10,000. Your school and congregation has some part of that amount to raise.

APPEAL FROM CHINA.

ATTENTION is directed to the following resolution of the General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, adopted April, 1915:

"We, the Bishops, clergy and lay delegates of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui in Synod assembled, while confident that definite Church extension will be vigorously pressed forward by the Chinese themselves, earnestly appeal to older branches of the Anglican Communion to come over and help us in this time of extraordinary need and fleeting opportunity to shepherd the baptized, instruct the enquirers and evangelize the people. The work in each of the eleven missionary jurisdictions in China needs to be strengthened and in at least three of them there is need of subdivision. In Western China there are strong reasons for this in the remoteness and the vast area of the diocese, and also arising out of the development of the work carried on by two distinct Missionary Societies. In the Dioceses of Victoria (South China) and in North China there are large Provinces hitherto untouched by us where new dioceses may well be created and equipped by other Churches of our Communion.

"The Chairman of the House of Bishops is asked to send a copy of this appeal to all Archbishops, Bishops, Provincial and Diocesan Synods and Missionary Boards of the Anglican Communion throughout the world."

MISSIONS TO THE HEATHEN.

IT has come as a grateful surprise that the Australian Board of Missions has been able to report an increase of £1,758 for its financial year just ended over the returns for 1913-1914, for the Board were justifiably anxious as to the effect of the war upon its receipts. The total revenue reached £14,854, and as the Church Missionary Association for Australia records its annual income at £15,583, the Commonwealth raised over £30,000 for the year for Missions. Even more gratifying is the announcement that several offers of personal service have been received by both these missionary organizations. The Bishop of New Guinea has at last got a resident priest for Port Moresby—the seat of Government for Papua—in the person of the Rev. Robert Leck, of the Diocese of Wangaratta. The Bishop of Melanesia is appealing for two priests to supply the vacancies caused by the recent deaths of the Revs. W. F. Long and F. H. Drew.



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THE SEARCH LIGHTS.

The Living Church, in printing these verses written by Alfred Noyes, declares that this is the finest poem as yet brought out by the great war.

“Political morality differs from individual morality, because there is no power above the State.—*General von Bernhardt.*”

“Shadow by shadow, stripped for fight,
The lean black cruisers search the sea.
Night-long their level shafts of light
Revolve and find no enemy
Only they know each leaping wave
May hide the lightning and their grave :

“And, in the land they guard so well,
Is there no silent watch to keep ;
An age is dying; and the bell
Rings midnight on a vaster deep :
But over all its waves once more
The searchlights move from shore to shore :

“And captains that we thought were dead,
And dreamers that we thought were dumb,
And voices that we thought were fled
Arise and call us, and we come :
And ‘Search in thine own soul,’ they cry,
‘For there, too, lurks thine enemy.’”

“Search for the foe in thine own soul,
The sloth, the intellectual pride,
The trivial jest that veils the goal
For which our fathers lived and died ;
The lawless dreams, the cynic art,
That rend thy nobler self apart.

“Not far, not far into the night
These level swords of light can pierce ;
Yet for her faith does England fight,

Her faith in this our universe,
Believing Truth and Justice draw
From founts of everlasting law.

“Therefore a Power above the State,
The unconquerable Power, returns.
The fire, the fire that made her great,
Once more upon her altar burns.
Once more, redeemed and healed and whole,
She moves to the eternal Goal.”

“MISSING.”

Not hidden from his Maker's sight,
Not missing from his Saviour's love ;
Perchance he smiles from some far height
Secure of victor's joy above.

Still missing from his Comrades' Roll,
Still missing from the home's warm hearth :
For him no solemn knell shall toll—
His bliss needs naught of earth.

Good angels gathered where he lay,
Bewildered, lost, alone in woe ;
They seemed to him his best beloved,
Who bore him safe from pain or foe.

Shall he be missing when they call
The names from out the book of life ?
No, surely in that book are all
Who bore them nobly in the strife.

None shall be missing when the King
Selects the jewels for His crown.
Our friends, who proved their “greater love”
For home and country, by their lives “laid down.”



DIOCESAN NEWS



THE ARCHBISHOP OF ALGOMA.

WHEN the news reached the parishes and mission stations that our beloved Bishop had been elected Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario there was in them all a common thrill of joy.

It would not be easy to find a Bishop of the Church in Canada, or elsewhere, who is more rich in possessing the love and confidence of priests and people. This missionary diocese may be and is indeed honoured in having for its Father in God the Archbishop of the Province. But we are not blind to the fact that it is a reflected honour. We who have known him as our chief for almost twenty years are not surprised that his brethren of the episcopate in Ontario saw in him those qualities which make him a leader singularly wise and attractive and an administrator just and sympathetic.

The elevation of Archbishop Thorneloe to the metropolitan seat of Ontario sets a fine precedent in that it will surely make disappear the shadow of opinion that would exclude a missionary bishop from the presidency of the House of Bishops.

From within the diocese, as from without, many expressions of good wishes reached His Grace. Had it been possible some united expression of clergy and people would have found voice in a diocesan gathering. But we, in Algoma, cannot often enjoy the luxury of such a gathering. Great distances and heavy costs to many who attend Synod meetings forbid. Still there was a representative tender of Diocesan congratulations in the action taken at the July meeting of the Executive Committee. At that meeting were those who have been associated with the Archbishop in all the years of his episcopate and know with what singleheartedness he has given himself to his work.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee our Chancellor, A. C. Boyce, Esq., D.C.L.,

M.P., as our spokesman, gave utterance to our congratulations on the election of His Grace to the very important post of President of the House of Bishops of the Province of Ontario. The speaker gave voice to the feeling of reverence and devotion which we all feel for our Diocesan, both for his office and his person, and felt that his utterance was in tune with the feelings of both clergy and lay people alike. He then submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted—all present standing.

Moved by Mr. A. C. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Harry Plummer, and resolved :

That this the Executive Committee of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Algoma desires to place on record its deep and solemn sense of gratitude and satisfaction at the election of our beloved Bishop as Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. The Committee is convinced that the deep spirituality, profound learning, executive ability and lofty ideals which were outstanding features in His Grace's administration as Bishop of this Diocese for the past eighteen years and upwards and which have been, under the guidance of Almighty God, the means of attainment of such splendid results to this Diocese, cannot fail in the higher office to which, under God, His Grace has been called, to materially advance both the temporal and spiritual welfare of the Church in this Province and throughout the Canadian Church generally; and in deep thankfulness to Almighty God that Algoma is permitted to retain His Grace as Archbishop of this Diocese the Committee desires to express its deep and unswerving loyalty and devotion to him as Metropolitan of this Province, with the earnest hope and prayer that His Grace may long be spared to exercise the duties of his exalted office to the glory of God and the advancement of His Church in this Ecclesiastical Province.

His Grace made reply in terms of deep gratitude for the expressions contained in the resolution and the speech which led up to it. He would have been more than human if he were not pleased at the honour conferred upon him by his brother bishops. And his gratification was intensified by the fact that when he made up his mind that his duty was to Algoma rather than to Ottawa he at the same time put from himself the thought that he might be elected Metropolitan of the Province. With his added duties he hoped that the clergy would be considerate and not expect all the extra service which he had been wont and most willing to give at so many points within the diocese. Moreover, he hoped that the Church in Algoma would more than ever strive to attain a more independent position. Especially should our General Mission Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund be increased. Even though the awful war in which we were engaged might make efforts less successful than otherwise they might be, yet efforts should be put forth.

[Here the Editor has the temerity to add that the Episcopal Endowment Fund should not be overlooked.]

CONISTON MISSION.

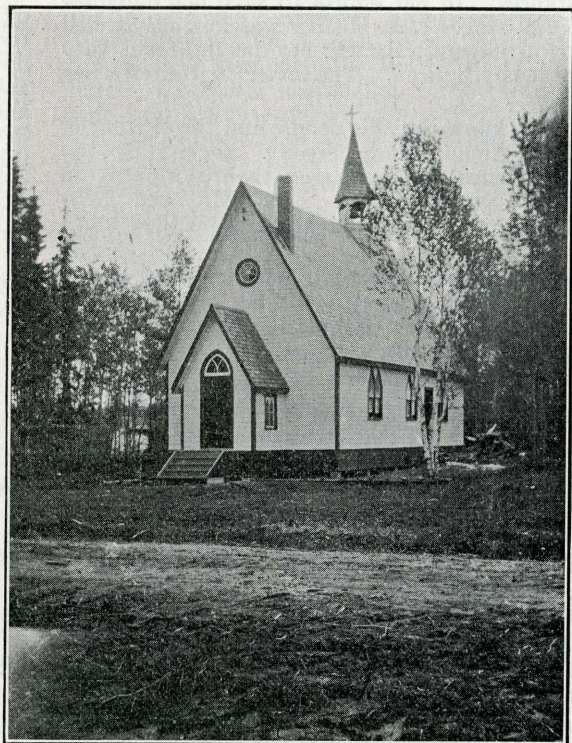
OUR engraving gives the reader a picture of the new All Saints' Church at Coniston. It certainly is a creditable addition to the church buildings in the Deanery of Nipissing. In a previous reference to it we mentioned the fact that it is the building once at Victoria Mines—taken down, re-erected and improved. The little bell turret is much more graceful than that which surmounted the building on the former site.

The Mission is a large scattered one, very difficult for any one man to work with satisfaction to himself or to the people. But Rev. F. W. Colyton, who is soon to leave it, has done all that was possible—seeking out our people and serving them with a measure of success greater than perhaps he or they at the moment estimate. We hope that his successor—or successors, for the field demands two clergymen—may be able to have and to hold all who claim the Church's ministrations.

We may make known some facts concerning the Mission: At Coniston, the headquarters of the Mond Nickel Company, there are about 140 souls to whom the missionary is called upon to minister—a Sunday School of some 50 children is included in these. The latter is like so many of our Mission Sunday Schools—sadly lacking teachers—while it is difficult to maintain the interest of the older people with a Sunday service once a fortnight only. Those of English birth are apt to be lax—needing to be taught their obligations to the Church. But after a time a missionary may overcome that.

Cartier is a railway station and village on the C.P.R. main line about 55 miles west of Coniston, with a few Church families resident—some 15 adults with a few children. Here we have no church. Services have been held fortnightly on Friday. No services on Sunday have been possible.

At Biscotasing there are some 50 souls who claim the Church's ministrations—not including the Indians who are in the neighbourhood for part of the summer. Here we have a church edifice, as have the Roman Catholics.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CONISTON

Since the fire which destroyed the lumber mill and part of the village some time ago, the population and importance of the place has decreased. Nevertheless if Church services and Sunday School could be held weekly instead of fortnightly there is no doubt a more effective work could be done. Biscotasing is also on the C.P.R. main line, 100 miles west of Coniston.

Levack is a village which is not easy of access—being some miles back from the railway. It has a population of some 300 souls, a large percentage of whom are foreigners, but there are a few Church people. As yet there is no place in which a public service can be held; though, before long, it is expected a school will be built. However, the missionary has visited the place and got into touch with the people.

CANON HEDLEY'S SORROW.

ON July 21st Rev. Canon Hedley, rector of St. John's Church, Port Arthur, suffered the loss of his wife—and later of a daughter—under most distressing circumstances. In her efforts to save her daughter from danger Mrs. Hedley was instantly killed by a railway train and her daughter was very seriously injured. The latter died after a few days.

We know that his people and the citizens of Port Arthur were terribly shocked by the occurrence and expressed their sympathy in every possible way. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hedley are held in high esteem in their home city.

For Canon Hedley's many friends in the diocese and especially for his brother clergy we tender deep sympathy which no words can fully express.

Brief life is here our portion,
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life, is *there*.

REV. F. G. SHERRING FOR "THE FRONT."

ON June 21st, the Rev. F. G. Sherring, of St. Thomas' Church, West Fort William, was the honoured guest of the people of St. John's Church, and the Mission Churches of St. George and St. Michael, Port Arthur. The function took the form of a parochial social—Mr. Sherring had been assistant in the

parish for four years—at which the attendance was large.

During the evening a splendid musical programme was given after which Mr. Sherring was presented with an address, a purse of gold and a silver communion service for use while serving as a chaplain to the Canadian forces.

Among the speakers who paid tribute to their guest's worth and work (particularly among the boys) were Rev. Canon Hedley and Rev. Canon Burt.

Rev. F. G. Sherring, appointed chaplain to the 37th Battalion, C.E.F., is now at Niagara Camp with his regiment.

When the war is over we hope to welcome back to Algoma our friend who now leaves us for military duty.

HOMELESS.

THIS issue has to do duty for two months. The editor has not only had to struggle with a shortage of diocesan copy but with the absence of quarters in which to live and work. The parsonage at Sturgeon Falls has been undergoing enlargement. The roof was taken off and the walls raised to give upstairs quarters. This necessitated moving out. No house being available, household effects, books and papers were stored in the church basement and the missionary and his wife were sheltered in a little house-boat moored to the shore of the river, which here is some 60 feet below the town level. What made things worse it was necessary for the editor to be away from home for nearly a week—two days of which were of a holiday character. By September it is hoped the parsonage will assume its homelike appearance—both within and without.

DIOCESAN NOTES.

The Executive Committee will not meet during the months of August and September.

The Archbishop of Algoma, with the Bishops of Toronto and Ottawa, waited upon the Acting Minister of Militia with a view to securing a sufficient quota of Church Chaplains for our men at "the front" and under arms.

Rev. F. W. Clayton has been sent to West Fort William to take charge of St. Thomas' Church.

On July 28th the Rector of North Bay, Rev. C. W. Balfour, went to Bear Island, Temagami Lake, and held a Celebration of the Holy Communion in the pretty little church there for the residents and tourists. Among the communicants were some Indians who have long been faithful to the Church.

Rev. W. H. Trickett has removed from White River to the Mission of Little Current.

Rev. Canon Piercy has two sons at Niagara Camp in training for service overseas.

The large lumber mill at Cache Bay was destroyed by fire in July. It was fortunate that the wind was off shore, thus saving the little town from possible destruction. A small mill is in operation. But the fire has had the effect of decreasing the population and lessening the power of those who remain to contribute to the Church funds. It is hoped that by next season another mill will be erected, though it may be of smaller capacity than that which was destroyed.

Sudbury townspeople have suffered this summer as before from dense clouds of sulphur fumes which settle on the town. Lawns and gardens upon which much care and work are expended are soon destroyed. And farmers in the surrounding country have suffered greatly. The "Mining News" urges that united action be taken to prevent such destruction.

Rev. John Leigh has removed from Cobalt to Blind River Mission.

ALGOMA'S REPRESENTATIVES AT THE GENERAL SYNOD.

BELOW we give the names of those who are the representatives of the Diocese of Algoma at the General Synod of the Church in Canada, which assembles in Toronto on Wednesday, September 15th next:

Clerical: Ven. Archdeacon Gillmore, D.D.
Rev. Canon Burt, L.Th.
Rev. Canon Hedley, M.A.
Rev. C. W. Balfour, M.A.
Rev. Canon Piercy.
*Rev. F. H. Hincks, M.A.

Lay: Mr. A. C. Boyce, D.C.L., K.C.,
Chancellor.
Mr. D. L. Hill.
Mr. W. J. Ard.
Mr. H. Plummer.
Mr. W. E. Bigwood.
*His Honour Judge Hewson.

* Rev. Mr. Hicks, the first substitute delegate, takes the place of Rev. E. J. Harper, who has left the diocese, and Judge Hewson, first substitute, takes the place of Mr. C. V. Plummer, whose duties unfortunately prevent his attendance.

JERUSALEM AND THE EAST IN WAR TIMES.

SPEAKING at the annual meeting of the Anglican and Foreign Church Society, held in London in July, the Right Rev. Dr. MacInnes, the Bishop in Jerusalem, said that Palestine had, of course, been absolutely closed since the war. Missionaries and clergy, and nearly all civilians, had been withdrawn and those who remained had been badly treated, but, so far as was known, no actual damage had been done to the fabric of any church, school, or hospital up to the present time. In Egypt they had been affected by the war, partly because of the strong feeling of the inhabitants, and partly because of the proclamation of the British Protectorate. Although the Egyptians knew perfectly well that they would henceforth receive better treatment, they still looked upon us as an alien race. But under the new Government there would be opportunities of work in schools and hospitals that had never been possible before. The Coptic Church, in spite of much that was backward and superstitious, showed possibilities of development and progress. The difficulties to be surmounted were great, and chief among them were the want of education among the priests, and the lack of funds at the disposal of the Church generally. There were, however, signs of movement, and the bulk of the laity desired reform. One of the greatest signs of amendment was the increasing tendency to use the Arabic language for the services. The result was that these were much more popular and more reverent than they used to be.

Canon Parfit, of Beyrout, expressed the opinion that the barrier between East and West was being broken down, and the fall of Constantinople, followed by the collapse of the Turkish Empire, would release the latent

energies of the Eastern Christian communities and prepare the way for a federal union between the Eastern and Anglican Churches. Our duty in connection with these momentous events was to offer to the Churches of the East brotherly aid and sympathy, and to carry to their clergy some of the intellectual advantages which we had been able to enjoy under more peaceful conditions in the West.

HONOUR TO A CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

OF interest to all Canadians, and of special interest to Trinity College, is the distinguished honour recently bestowed upon Mr. Frank Darling, of Toronto, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Darling & Pearson, Architects, and the designer of the very beautiful buildings about to be erected in the Queen's Park for Trinity College. Mr. Darling has been nominated by the Royal Institute of Architects in England to receive from His Majesty King George V. the Royal Gold Medal for the promotion of architecture. This medal, which was first bestowed by Queen Victoria in 1848 and continued by King Edward VII. and by the present Sovereign, is awarded annually to an architect of outstanding merit or to a man of Science, Arts, or Letters, who has rendered distinguished service to architecture. The medal has never before gone to any of His Majesty's Overseas Dominions. It has been bestowed, at one time or another, upon eminent architects and scientists in various European countries, but only twice before has it crossed the Atlantic, being on these two occasions awarded to citizens of the United States. In 1886, the honour went to France, falling upon Charles Garnier, architect of the beautiful Opera House which stands at the head of the Avenue de l'Opéra in Paris. A year ago it was bestowed upon another distinguished Frenchman, Jean Louis Pascal, Member of the Institute of France. Among British recipients are Lord Leighton, 1894; Sir Ernest George, A.R.A., 1896; Sir Aston Webb, K.C.V.O., C.B., R.A., 1905; Sir Lawrence Alma Tadema, 1906; Sir Arthur John Evans, D.Litt., F.R.S., 1909; Reginald Blomfield, R.A., 1913. Twelve years ago the medal crossed the Atlantic, being bestowed on Charles F. McKim, of Boston, in 1903; and now in 1915 the medal is coming to our own Dominion. Our warmest congratulations.

JONG HWA SHUN GONG HWAY.

THIS is the resounding title of the Church of China which includes all the Anglican Missions throughout China, and which, from a phonetic standpoint, is less correctly spelt Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui. A recent meeting of its synod was attended by sixty-nine delegates, who represented eleven separate dioceses. The Synod spent three days in discussing the missionary duties of the Chinese Church, and constituted itself the Board of Missions for the Church of China. It arrived also at the important decision to authorize the formation of a new diocese in the province of Shensi, with a Chinese bishop at its head, to be manned entirely by Chinese workers. In order to render this scheme effective it assessed the 35,000 members of the Church at 10 cents per head. This sum represents a full day's wage for the average Chinese, and as the assessment is for women and children as well as men the amount payable by each wage-earner is very considerable. We rejoice at the prospect which this resolution of the Synod creates.—*The Mission Field.*

FROM CANADA TO THE FIGHTING LINE.

THE *Mission Field* tells us that the staff of missionaries which the Archbishops' Western Canada Fund helps to support have responded nobly to the call to come to the aid of Great Britain in the present war. Of the twelve laymen on the staff at Edmonton five have accepted commissions in the British Army—viz., J. B. Bickersteth, W. J. C. Fishbourne, H. G. Rowsell, T. K. Digby, and C. W. Selwyn. Three others, L. Knight, G. Reeve, and F. W. Simmons have enlisted in the Canadian contingent. Of the clergy on the staff of the Mission five are serving as Army Chaplains. From the Southern Alberta Mission, one layman, C. W. Trevelyan, has accepted a commission, and three others, W. T. H. Cripps, C. B. Reynolds, and G. Biddle, are serving with the Canadian contingent, and the Rev. A. G. Wilken is serving with the Canadian contingent.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

The Bishop of Khartoum's appointment as "War Bishop" at the front has been well received by Churchmen generally. His qualifications for the post are undoubted, and it is an open secret that it was Earl Kitchener's wish that he should accept it. He has served for fifteen years as Acting-Chaplain to the troops at Khartoum. Soon after the outbreak of the war he was gazetted as Chaplain to the Forces and was warmly welcomed by the men in France. Probably no Chaplain has had a wider and more intimate knowledge of the British Army. His work at Khartoum has naturally brought him into close touch with Lord Kitchener, and he also personally knows a large number of generals and regimental officers and thousands of the rank and file. He is a sound Churchman and no party man.

Missionary influence is shown to be more in the fore than some time ago when we see popular magazines give pages to the brave adventures of the pioneer of the Church. "Grubb of Gran Chaco," in the "Wide World" for July is an instance in point.

The victory of General Botha over the German forces in Africa has no doubt liberated the missionaries which were made prisoners and for whose welfare many people were anxious.

Bishop Montgomery writes that the Government of India has interned the German missionaries in the Diocese of Chhota Nagpur for the duration of the war. The Bishop of Chhota Nagpur has wired for eighty clergy to help him to carry on necessary work as required by the Government.

The parishioners of Reguengo Grande (population 1,221), a township of Lourinham, who lately seceded from Rome, have invited the Prior (who has a pension from the Government of thirty *escudos* per month) to continue their parish priest. They also claim possession of the parish church according to Article 18 of the Law of Separation. This is the second parish of Lourinham which has seceded from Rome to the Lusitanian Church.

It was announced at the annual meeting of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Assyrian Mission that owing to the new conditions brought about by the war the Mission would cease its operations at the end of the year. Whichever side proved victorious in the present struggle, the Archbishop pointed out, the circumstances of the region in which the Mission has worked for nearly thirty years would be entirely altered. His Grace described the present state of the region as one of horror and bloodshed beyond words, and added that the mission staff were devoting all their attention to the alleviation of the suffering of the people as far as possible.

The Lay Reader—a magazine whose name proclaims its mission—has achieved a considerable triumph. Largely through its influence the Eighth Annual Conference on Readers' Work has decided to amalgamate all the various activities associated with *The Lay Reader* magazine and *Headquarters*, take them over as from January, 1915, and become responsible for them for the future. This is a momentous decision, indicating the confidence felt by Conference in the future of Readers' Work, and a determination that its development shall be not sectional or individual, but central.

A bequest of \$1,000 has been received by the representatives of St. John's Church, Sarnia, Ontario, which has been added to the fund for defraying the church debt.

St. Batholomew's Day, August 24th, has been fixed by Bishop Du Vernet, Metropolitan of British Columbia, for the date of the consecration of the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Bishop-elect of Columbia. The service will be held in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C.

A very interesting announcement was made recently concerning Princess Juliana, heiress to the Dutch Crown, who has nearly completed her sixth year. No religious teaching will be given the little Princess except by her mother, who desires to keep this all-important branch

of education in her own hands. This is good news, for the elements of the Faith can best be learnt by a child from a parent, and it is certainly the supreme and primary duty of the parent to give such teaching. Nothing can possibly make up for parental work in this respect, and however good a school may be, and whatever religious lessons may be provided, it is the influence of the home, and, in particular of the parent, that will go deepest into the soul of a child.

THE INDIAN SYRIAN CHURCH.

THE Travancore and Cochin Christian Congress was held at Kottayam in April, with Bishop Gill as President, supported on the platform by six Bishops of the Syrian Church. Two thousand Christians from all parts of Travancore and Cochin attended. The Chairman of the Reception Committee, in welcoming the delegates, referred to the internal dissensions in the Syrian Church, and suggested an appeal by the parties to the Anglican Bishops of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, and Travancore for the settlement of religious disputes by arbitration. Bishop Gill then delivered the Presidential Address.

A resolution of loyalty to the King-Emperor, the Maharajah of Travancore, and the Rajah of Cochin, was carried with acclamation, the whole assembly standing.

Resolutions were passed giving the Congress a permanent constitution and appointing a standing committee with ecclesiastical heads as patrons and Dr. Poonen as President. Another resolution passed was for the affiliation of the Congress to the All India Christian Association.

Bishop Gill, in his concluding remarks, dealt with most of the questions raised during the session regarding the claims of Christians for better representation in the Travancore Public Service. He said Travancore Christians had already given proof of fitness for service in any department, not only in Travancore and the neighbouring State of Cochin, but in Mysore and British India. The Revenue Department in Travancore was closed to Christians by a settled policy of the Local Government which the Christians were bound to respect, though they might not agree as to the soundness of such policy. The Bishop hoped, however, that the gates of the Travancore Public Service in all departments would be thrown open to Christians.—*The Indian Churchman.*

CHRISTIANS IN PERSIA.

MR. Paul Shimmon, writing from Tiflis in the quarterly paper of the Archbishop's Assyrian Mission, describes the miseries which the present war has brought upon the Christians to whom this Mission has been ministering. He writes :

"We sorrowfully record the fact that the fair Plain of Urmi, a veritable Paradise, has been ruined by the combined efforts of Turks, Kurds, and Persian Moslems. If we take a general survey of the situation I should say that some seventy Christian villages have been plundered. To say that 10,000 have met their death as a result of this invasion is to put it mildly. We sum up the whole situation in the words of the Russian commanding officer in Tabriz : 'The villages have been sacked, plundered, and reduced to such a condition that it will take years to rebuild them.' The principal Syrian refugees from Urmi who belong to the Assyrian Mission have telegraphed to the Archbishop of Canterbury to appeal to the English nation in behalf of the surviving Syrians in Urmi.

"Let the English nation judge whether there is any people under the sun, not excepting the brave Belgians, who have suffered the same amount of horrors and cruelty as these people have suffered. The Syrian women have suffered outrage and torture ; the homes of all have been reduced to ashes ; the fields and vineyards destroyed ; the churches that have not been burnt have been disgracefully polluted. The outlook for the next few years is the gloomiest we have ever known since the invasion of Tamerland the Tartar. God grant that we may never again return to the rule of a Moslem Power.

"We appeal to the civilized world, we, who have never lived under a Christian Government, to help this remnant of an ancient race, to see to it that our homes be restored to us, and that we be allowed to practise our religion without interference on the part of the unspeakable Turk or of his barbarous and wicked ally, the Kaiser. Give liberty to us, who, as a nation, have lived for centuries under the fearful scourge of Moslem misrule."

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POLISH RELIEF.

A CIRCULAR setting forth the claims of the Polish Relief Committee includes among others the names of Sir Douglas Cameron, Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba ; Mr. Richard D. Waugh, Mayor of Winnipeg ; Hon. T. Crawford Norris, Premier of Manitoba ; His Grace Archbishop Matheson, and Sir R. P. Roblin as interested in the appeal. The circular says :

"Among the peoples who are suffering from the devastating effects of the present great war, the tragedy and trials of the Polish nation are nowhere exceeded. Deservedly great as have been the claims upon Canadian generosity of the inhabitants of Belgium and northern France, the situation of the Poles makes no less demand upon that charity which knows no limitation of country, nationality or creed.

"Their country has been ravaged by the passing and repassing of the vast opposing forces of Russia, Germany and Austria ; over enormous areas agriculture has disappeared ; towns and villages have been laid in ruins ; the movable property and foodstocks of the people have been destroyed or confiscated according to military necessity. While more than 1½ millions of the flower of the youth and manhood of the nation have been called to service in the armies—often on opposing

sides—the women and children are, to the number of millions, homeless and starving.

"Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist, a noble son of Poland, who is devoting all his time, energy and resources to the succour of his suffering country, telegraphs :

"Needs enormous, help urgent, misery indescribable. 200 cities, 7,500 towns and villages, 1,400 churches, are destroyed ; over ten million people are menaced by famine, thousands dying daily of hunger and exposure. Do help us to save our brothers and sisters from starvation. Whatever is collected can be sent directly to the General Polish Relief Committee, National Bank of Switzerland, in Lausanne, or to the National City Bank, New York, whence it will be forwarded to Warsaw and other centres for distribution."

"The calls for help have been great, but the sufferings and want demand of us every assistance we can give.

"Donations to the Funds will be received by any Branch of the Bank of Montreal, and duly transmitted according to M. Paderewski's directions."

The Secretary is Mr. Francis Sedziak, 204 Sterling Bank Building, Winnipeg.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT

St. John's S.S., Port Arthur, \$25.00; Little Current S.S., \$8.60; St. Paul's S.S., Fort William, \$24.20. St. Paul's, Fort William, \$50.00; New Liskeard, \$21.95; St. John's, Port Arthur, \$100.00; St. Luke's, Fort William, \$50.00.

MISSION FUND

English Association, (£150) \$720; English Association, Church Extension, \$1.32; Lancelot, 30c.; Allensville, 25c.; Powassan, \$7.00; St. Paul's, Fort William, \$4.60; Archdeacon's Stipend—Thesalon, \$37.50; St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, \$71.11; C. & C. C. S. (£46, 10s.) \$220.87; S.P.G., (£69, 15s.) \$332.01; (£200) \$952.

SUPERANNUATION FUND

English Association—(£220) \$1,056; Pro-Cathedral W.A. \$92.41.

EXPENSE FUND

Uffington, \$2.00; Purbrook, \$1.00; Vankougnet, \$1.00; North Cobalt, \$3.50; Marksville, \$3.00.

SPECIAL PURPOSES

Sheshegwaning Church, (£15) \$72.00; Nepigon Boat and House—Toronto W.A. per Mrs. Webster, \$340.00; Bishop's Discretion—Returned loan, \$10.00; Schreiber Church—St. Stephen's S.S., Toronto, \$19.50.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS

Sudbury, \$9.01; Falkenburg, \$5.75; Powassan, \$3.00; Schreiber, \$5.00; New Liskeard, \$3.18; Cobalt, \$21.00; Silverwater, \$1.30; Port Sandfield, \$6.00; Port Carling, \$3.29; Nairn, \$1.75; Webbwood, \$3.50; Sundridge, \$6.83; South River, \$1.45; Eagle Lake, \$2.72; Little Current, \$4.70; Missanabie, \$2.26; White River, \$2.32; Rosseau, \$6.49; North Cardwell, \$1.32; Ullswater and Bent River, \$1.01; Ilfracombe, \$1.00; Broadbent, \$1.65; Seguin Falls, \$1.09; Beatrice, \$2.50; Torrance, \$4.70; Mortimer's Point, \$3.30; Haileybury, \$47.98; Port Sydney, \$4.05; Newholme, \$1.90; Murillo and Slate River, \$5.75; Callander, \$2.00; Gore Bay, \$3.20; Kagawong, \$1.55; Hymers, 50c.; Baysville, \$7.80; Sheshegwaning, \$1.71; Grassmere, 65c., Quinns, 35c.; Ufford, \$1.30; North Bay, \$27.28; Latchford, \$3.10; Gregory, \$3.41.

THE JEWS

Hymers, \$1.00; Gregory, \$1.00.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE FUND

St. Luke's W.A., Fort William, \$10.00; Mrs. Baldwin and children, \$17.00; Rose and Lloyd, \$1.00.

BISHOP SULLIVAN MEM. SUS. FUND

Port Sydney, \$7.76; Newholme, \$1.30; Sheshegwaning, 41c.; Parkinson, \$1.27.

INDIAN HOMES

English Association (£4, 11s., 7d.) \$21.98; Miss Bevan, \$9.97; Mrs. R. J. Fremlin, \$23.75; S.P.G.—K.M. No. 355, \$47.60.

MISSION FUND

Pro-Cathedral for Archdeacon's Stipend, \$250.00; Burk's Falls, \$4.50; English Association (£75, 5s., 10d.) \$358.00; M.S.C.C. grant, \$1,340.62.

BISHOP SULLIVAN MEM. SUS. FUND

Uffington, \$1.30; Purbrook, 73c.; Vankoughnet, \$1.01; Seguin Falls, \$1.02; Broadbent, \$2.30; Hymers, 40c.; English Association, 24c.

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Burk's Falls, \$4.50; English Association (£187, 8s. 9d.) \$891.26.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Schreiber, \$7.15.

SPECIAL PURPOSES

Thessalon Church—English Association, \$22.25; Port Carling Church—English Association, \$1.19; Schreiber Church—English Association, \$14.26.

INDIAN HOMES

Gregory, \$29.17; English Association, \$16.16; S.P.G., (£7) \$33.26.

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