

"But then, that's the law!" The law? Oh, yes; it came, if my reading serves me correctly, as the result of missions in the first instance. Was my friend somewhat inconsistent, then, in his denunciation of missions? But perhaps that grand old man of New Guinea, Sir William MacGregor, was more nearly right when he "pronounced mission teaching to be indispensable to the progress and settlement of a country."

True, the missionary makes mistakes. He is only human—"an earthen vessel," so the Apostle to the Gentiles described himself, and his less worthy followers have but the same frail tenement. But there is the Commission, from Him who did believe in missions. He recognises his own weaknesses, his limitations. But his vision is of the countless hosts beyond the veil. And the results lie with God.—W.H.M.

## The Two Great Needs.

### AN APT PARALLEL.

The Bishop of St. Albans, writing to his diocese, says:—"Some little time ago I was driving past what is now, I believe, called The Slough Trading Company. This Company took over from the Government a huge 'dump' of every sort of motor car and motor lorry, with thousands of spare parts and all sorts of odds and ends. It struck me as being not altogether unlike the Church of England! There you had some of the finest machinery in the world; some of it was perhaps a bit out-of-date and needed to be scrapped; a good

deal of it had not been 'assembled' and was lying about in a disjointed mass; it needed being brought together; that was all. No! it needed one thing more—the driving power to make it go. So it is with the Church of England; it contains some of the finest machinery in the world; its got all sorts of glorious 'spare parts,' but they need to be 'mobilised' and 'assembled.' Some of the machinery no doubt is out-of-date and needs 'scrapping,' steps are being taken to that end; but one big thing it seems to lack, and that is the driving power to make the machinery go. Power and cohesion: those are the two great needs before us to-day, in parish, diocese and country, and the glorious thing is that neither is out of our reach; we can, if we wish, get them both. Let's make the effort, then, to get them; and start doing so together this Lent."

## News and Notes.

A Diocesan Conference of the C.E.M.S. will be held in St. Augustine's Schoolroom, Napier, on November 17th, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr Reginald Gardiner highly recommends the book "Psychology and the Christian Life" by the Rev. T. W. Pym, D.S.O., M.A., published by the Student Christian Association, as a most helpful book for present reading.

A retreat for women will be held at Hukarere School, Napier, from January 22nd to January 26th, 1923. The Rev. A. Neild, M.A., will be the conductor. For all particulars intend-

ing retreatants should apply to Deaconess Esther Brand, King street, Hastings.

The Rev. F. B. Redgrave, M.A., having been appointed General Secretary of the Board of Missions has resigned the cure of St. Andrew's, Napier. The Rev. E. Drake has been appointed by the Board of Nomination to succeed Mr Redgrave as Vicar of the Port. Mr Drake will leave Puketapu to take charge of his new parish at the beginning of November.

The Northern Hawke's Bay Clerical Society met at St. Luke's, Havelock North, on October 18th (St. Luke's Day). A choral celebration (Merbeke) was held in the Parish Church at 10 a.m. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Maclean) was the celebrant; he was assisted by the Rev. B. R. Brierley. The service began with a solemn procession from the choir round the nave and back to the choir, the hymn 309 (Pange lingua) being sung as the processional. Hymn 311 (Verbum Supernum) was sung as a gradual and 322 during the Communion. The offertory hymn was No. 433. The whole service was most devotional and impressive. After the service the clergy met at the Vicarage and discussed the subject of Prayer Book revision. The Rev. E. Drake was elected secretary in place of the Rev. F. B. Redgrave, who is leaving the diocese to become General Secretary of the Board of Missions. The next meeting of the Society will be held on November 20th at Wai-pukurau, when the Rev. Canon Rice will open a discussion on Sunday ob-lin light, through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Intercessions.

[The copy for our Intercession column has not come to hand. We therefore take the opportunity to insert the following prayers which are among those proposed to be added in the revised Prayer Book]:—

### For Hospitals and Infirmaries.

Let us pray for God's blessing on all Hospitals and Infirmaries.

V. Himself took our infirmities;

R. And bore our sicknesses.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people: Continue, we beseech Thee, this His gracious work among us, especially in the hospitals and infirmaries in our land; cheer, heal and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down Thy blessing on all who endeavor to prevent suffering and to forward Thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

### For the Absent.

Let us pray for absent friends.

V. The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in.

R. From this time forth for evermore.

O God Who art everywhere present, look down with Thy mercy upon our friends now far from us. Give Thy holy angels charge over them and grant that they may be kept safe in body, soul and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or this:

V. He shall give his angels charge over them;

R. To keep them in all their ways.

Lord Jesus, Saviour of the world, have pity on those who in other lands are deprived of the ministrations of Thy Word and Sacraments, or have forgotten Thee. Visit them, we beseech Thee, with Thy salvation, and hasten Thy Kingdom, that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of Thy glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

### For Travellers.

Let us pray for those who travel.

V. The Lord which dwelleth in heaven prosper their journey;

R. And let His angel go with them.

O God who ever bestowest Thy mercy on those that love Thee, and unto those that serve Thee art always near; direct the way of Thy servants that, Thou being their protector and guide, they may finish their journey in peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Occasional Collects.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear, for the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and for all other Thy righteous servants, known to us or unknown; and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints