

the Board is able to undertake extra work.

It is not honest for a Churchman interested in Missions to collect all he can from all missionary-hearted people in the parish, send it surreptitiously to the Board, and then at the annual meeting to accuse the parish of want of interest in Missions because the only amounts shown for that purpose in its balance-sheet are those raised from people he has missed. It is unfair to squeeze a lemon dry and then blame someone else because he can get very little juice out of it. It is also unfair to the Diocesan Treasurer, who is responsible for raising the Diocesan quota, to send money to the Board through other channels, so that he is unable to tell what progress is being made in raising the quota of the diocese.

News and Notes.

Synod will meet this year on September 12th.

The Rev. D. J. Davies has arrived from England and has commenced his duties as assistant Priest in the parish of Holy Trinity, Gisborne.

Our readers will be very sorry to hear that the Rev. Canon Clarke, Vicar of Taradale, has had a very serious breakdown in health. He

was first ordered to Rotorua but the medical officer there has sent him to the Sanatorium at Hanmer Springs.

Extract from a girls' diary picked up by the Secretary to the N.P. Sunday School Council on the floor of his parish room:—"Monday: Pictures with Bert. Tuesday: Pictures with Jack. Wednesday: Dance with A.D.T. Thursday: Worked late. Friday: Pantomime with Elsie. Saturday: Pictures with Freddy. Sunday: Had a bad head." And no wonder! The craze for amusement is affecting the souls as well as the heads of our girls—and boys; it leaves no room for God or the realities of life.

"I was calling at a house whither I had been directed as to a 'new family in town.' After the usual openings and courtesies, and I had learned my error, the woman sitting opposite me startled me with: 'You Protestants are queer! Now we Catholics' (of course she meant Roman Catholic; but whether one is Roman, or Anglo, or Greek, or other Catholics, her statement is true of him) 'we Catholics,' she said, 'whenever we go to a new place, always seek out the Church to worship Almighty God. But you people, you always wait until the ministers and the grocery men come around, to see

who first can get the trade!'"—Rev. J. C. Poland.

The famous Roman Catholic Archbishop Seton, in a book of memories, tells the following story:—"One of my earliest memories of London is of about 70 years ago. I addressed a stalwart policeman, saying: 'Will you please direct me to the nearest Catholic Church? He drew himself up, and looked down upon my insignificance with this peremptory answer: 'There are no Catholic Churches in England, sir; there is a Catholic Chapel. First turn to the right, second to the left.'"

Giving his experiences of choir training in Newport, R.I. (U.S.A.) Dr. Madeley Richardson says: We had some amusing experiences during the course of training. One day the subject of study was the hymn "The Church's one Foundation." On reaching the words "by heresies distressed," Do they know, I wondered, what they are singing about? "Now what are heresies?" hesitation followed; no one ventured to reply. "Do you know?" said I. "Oh, yes, I can tell you," cries a bright little fellow, "Why, Sir, ladies who inherit fortunes." As the summer congregation of Trinity Church, Newport, is mostly composed of millionaires, this answer seemed singularly happy.

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all those for whom the missionaries work.

O Lord, give us a sense of the terrors of those who suffer under dread of evil spirits and tribal cruelties and old customs, and rouse us to pass on to them our confidence, that in all fears and needs we can lean on Thee and "keep to a bright view of Thy kindness whatever happens." Amen.

Let us pray for all women who have had training in Educational, Medical, Civic and Welfare work.

O Lord, Who hath entrusted to our Women rich opportunities of sound training and wider service, we pray Thee to rouse them to use their gifts by training in Leadership those Eastern women who are eager to help their own people. Amen.

Let us pray for the great end for which our Missionaries are striving—the World's Peace—the coming of God's Kingdom on earth.

Make us eager to carry the truth to those who know it not, so that the glory and honor of every nation shall be the sooner brought into Thy Temple, that peace may rule in all

lands and Thy Kingdom come in all the World. Amen.

(Adopted from L. H. M. Soulsby's Collection).

N.B.—"As every Body of Believers emphasises some special note of Truth, a special ray of light, essential to its full presentment, so each Nation seizes special points in the Mind of Christ; and His final appearing must tarry till each Race contributes the white light of truth."—Boshop Montgomery.

FOR THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all good, grant Thy help to the Committees and Officers of the New Zealand Board of Missions, that they may rightfully discern the needs of the hour and boldly enter into the opportunities of the new day. Give to them a clearer insight into the meaning and demands of the missionary task, patience and steadfastness in the discharge of the work committed to them, and courage to attempt great things for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For God's blessing upon the Annual Meeting of the Board to be held

in Wellington in the second week in August.

For the Standing Committee of General Synod. (Meeting August 14th).

For the meeting of Bishops during the second week in August.

For St. Winifred's School, Gisborne, especially that the Holy Spirit will guide the minds of those responsible for the appointment of a new headmistress.

For Alfred Pickering Clarke, Canon, Vicar of Taradale, who is seriously ill.

For the Parliament of the Dominion now in session.

For the forthcoming Session of the Diocesan Synod (September 12th).

PRAYER FOR USE BY CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES.

O Holy Spirit, by Whose power I have been made an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven, prepare and fit me for the great grace and blessing of Confirmation. Enter into my soul at that moment, and bring with Thee Thy sevenfold gifts. Kindle in my heart the fire of Thy love, and grant that I may persevere unto the end, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.