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The Huron Election.

It was very generally known among Church people that the Bishop of Algoma would be nominated for the vacant See of Huron, and the result of the election which took place on the 17th of October was looked forward to with considerable anxiety both to those who desired to have Dr. Sullivan as their Bishop as well as those who were in fear of losing him. To us in Algoma it seemed from the first an unfair thing to take away the Bishop who had been little more than a year working among us, and who had already so endeared himself to us and done so much to promote the interest both temporal and spiritual of this struggling missionary diocese. There were some we know who said that our Bishop was too good for us, that a man of advanced intellect and pulpit power was thrown away in the backwoods of Algoma, that in a wild rocky country like ours a rough iron hammer would do better work than a steel one, but the fact is we believe that very few men could be found in any way qualified for undertaking such a work as falls to the lot of our missionary Bishop, that men, who would do well enough in either of the older Dioceses with Synod to share the responsibility of government and committees

to examine into and report upon the various details of the work and many other agencies and organizations to assist, would fare but badly here where all the responsibility and all the organization rests virtually with one man, and that the Bishop himself. We rejoice therefore with great joy, that God has given us a Bishop so well qualified for the work that has to be done, and are most thankful for those noble words which came flashing beneath the sea in reply to the invitation offering him the Bishopric of Huron. "Most grateful to Synod, but duty to Algoma compels me to decline."

The following is an extract from the *Orillia Packet*—

The Church members of the Diocese of Algoma, which includes Muskoka, are to be congratulated upon the self-sacrificing decision of Bishop Sullivan, in declining to accept the position of Bishop of Huron. There were not wanting a few years ago, when Dr. Sullivan gave up a comfortable living in Montreal for the arduous superintendence of a poor missionary diocese, those who said he regarded it as a stepping stone to a better See. But if it had been so—or even if he were at that time actuated by no such aspirations—there can be no doubt the See offered him last week is the most desirable in the English Church in this Domin-

ion. Dr. Sullivan, however, promptly declined to quit the work in which he is already engaged. This is the fourth time he has accepted positions involving sacrifice of income and comfort. He left Chicago for Montreal, at less salary, to be once more among his own countrymen; declined to go thence to a more lucrative living in New York, because it involved change of allegiance, but went to Algoma, where more labor, fewer comforts, and less, or more uncertain, stipend awaited him, and refuses to leave it even for the Diocese of Huron. All honor to such a servant of Christ and the Church.

Tidings From Neepigon:

My Dear Mr. Wilson:—

You will be glad to hear that we all arrived safe at the Mission in the best of good health. The weather was all that could be desired.

When we arrived at Red Rock we were informed that Pedigoogin and James had been there the previous day and that we might possibly find them camping somewhere on the shores of Lake Helen. After walking for about half an hour along the rocky shore I found them. They were certainly delighted to see me and promised to assist in getting Mrs. R. and children to the mission as speedily as possible.

Next morning (Monday) a large canoe was hired and a great part of our impedimenta being left in charge of one of the store-keepers and just taking enough supplies for the journey, we paddled quickly across Lake Helen, camped at nightfall on the banks of the Neepigon River. Here a large fire was made, the hens and pig fed, and having partaken of a hearty supper of hot cakes and pork and tea we were soon sound asleep.

On Tuesday night we camped on the other end of the first portage. The weather was very cold, but we dare not complain as there was no rain. On Wednesday morning we concluded to leave the fowls, and the pig, and whatever impedimenta we could dispense with in charge of a man who made our acquaintance on the steamboat and promised to give all the assistance possible until we reached the end of our journey. He is an earnest christian, and says that he will stop with us for the winter and try to acquire knowledge of the Indian language. He will require no pay for any help, that he may give His whole heart is in the Lord's work, and I hope that he may yet prove to be a useful man in this Diocese.

We got Mrs. R. and the three youngest children safely to the mission on Thursday night Oct 4th, and then I took all the Indians who were able to work down to Red Rock to bring up the rest of my baggage and also some winter supplies. We were absent nine days, and all of us arrived here on Saturday afternoon, just in time to make preparations for the services of the following Sabbath. At 11 a. m. we all assembled in the little church, every man woman and child on the Mission were present, and both at morning and evening the congregation

amounted to forty. There were also 11 communicants and I cannot tell you how full my heart was of joy to see how they appreciated the services, of which they have been so long deprived.

You will be glad to hear that Mishen has given up one of his wives, but he has not yet fully decided as to whether he will become a Christian or not. There seems to be a fresh struggle going on in his heart he sings and prays, and attends the services just as regular as the rest I forgot to say that last Sunday three infants were baptized and added to the number of Christ's little flock. There is no doubt that this will be a very important Mission and the centre of true missionary enterprise.

At present the church is in a very delapidated condition; the chinking has all fallen out, and the rain pours in through the roof. The stove is broken in two and held together by a couple of pieces of wire.

When the cold weather comes on it will be impossible to hold service. I therefore earnestly request that you will as soon as possible send us a good large heating stove and also allow me to employ the Indians for a few days to get something done in the way of chinking.

You will also be glad to hear that all the Indians turned out like one man and took my potatoes out of the ground and had them safely put away in a root-house before my arrival. I do really believe that it has done much good to leave them for a time, as they appear more earnest, friendly, and good na-

tured than ever they have been before.

Please excuse this hurried letter as Joseph and Oshkahpu keda are going down immediately to Red Rock, and will not wait if the letter be not ready.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and that you will not neglect to send us a stove immediately, also some stove-pipes, zinc and wire.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Wilson.

I remain,
Yours truly

R. RENISON,
Negwinenang, Red Rock, Oct 14th

St. Joseph's Island.

Sunday last was a red letter day at our little church at Hilton. After a great deal of work and a vast amount of trouble, the object for which we had been striving for over a year was accomplished, and at church time there rang out on the still morning air, the tinkle, tinkle, of our new church bell.

More than a year ago my wife went round among the people and solicited subscriptions, for the purpose of buying a bell. By dint of much travelling and begging she collected sixteen dollars, and this I supplemented by one means and another until we were able to buy the bell and put it up. By the kindness of the company owning the Bruce Mines, we were able to obtain a bell, long disused by them, which they had used for a time bell, for the workmen. For this we gave twenty dollars. Then after much time wasted I managed to hire two men at a dollar a day, and by working with them myself we have at last got the bell hung, though the little spire is not yet.

On Sunday last then, for the first time, the sound of "the church going bell" was heard on the island.

It would be difficult to analyze my feelings at the time. I was both pleased and disappointed. Pleased that our efforts were crowned with success, pleased also to hear the bell, bringing back recollections of days when ponderous bells boomed out their warning

that church time was fast approaching.

But I was disappointed, for our bell does not boom, but only tinkles, and after all is not loud enough to be heard in the houses that are nearest when the doors are closed. It is so small and weak in tone that it is almost useless and I am sadly disappointed.

Let those who are called to worship on the Lord's Day by the solemn tones of some "Big Ben" and who have their souls raised by the swelling peals of a grand old organ, and who lift up their voices in praise with hundreds of others, let such think of us, in our far away backwoods building, called together to the number of thirty or so by a forty pound dinner bell, and our praises accompanied by a small cheap reed organ, and this will make them not only sympathise with us but also more fully value their own privileges and advantages.

Shingwauk Journal.

Although our numbers at the Shingwauk are not quite what we would wish, we have on the whole much cause for thankfulness. All is at present going on very smoothly and hopefully. Our staff of teachers and helpers give much satisfaction, the boys are a nice set, no black sheep among them, and give no trouble. Several of our old pupils have returned to us, and are working for wages and attending school in the evening. Harry is bootmaker, Isaac and Wells carpenters. John Esquimaux is studying for the ministry, and giving all his mind and heart to his work. Benjamin Shingwauk is studying for the public school teachers examination, in the hope of getting a certificate. We had much hoped that another old pupil, Willie Riley, would have been back with us this winter, to resume his studies. He has been teaching school two years at Henvey's Inlet. He writes that he has been sick all summer and now has to work to pay off his debt, otherwise would very much have liked to return to us. We were glad to hear of another old pupil, who, when he was with us gave good hope of a work of grace going on in his heart, that this summer he was

studying his bible, and sometimes had a bible reading in his house, although scarcely 20 years of age he has been married two or three years.

At the Wawanosh Home we have 21 girls, and all are going on nicely under the kind care and teaching of Miss Cunningham. We trust our friends will remember our work this winter. Contributions are somewhat falling off both in England and in Canada. For the girl's Home our income is at present far short of what we require. When our kind lady friends begin their work parties, will they please make us some *small* blue serge jackets, for boys from 8 to 11 years of age, we have plenty of big ones. Our stock of boys' shirts also consists almost wholly of large ones, and we are very much in want of medium size and small ones. Socks of all sizes are always acceptable, and nothing would be more appreciated than 15 or 20 pair of strong boys' trousers.

Jottings.

A friend writes to us from England:—Mrs. Sullivan was staying with us when the telegram arrived announcing the Bishop's election of Huron. We all thought it was a settled thing, and said "of course the Bishop has accepted it." It was almost like a shot when she replied "no he has refused it." We do feel that it is a most noble act on their part, as they would both have liked Huron, besides the advantages to their children.

The new church at Garden River, was opened for Divine Service on Sunday, the 28th of October, the anniversary of Bishop Fauquier's consecration. There was a large gathering of Indians, a child was baptised, and the Holy Communion administered. The church though plain is a remarkably pretty comfortable little building. \$1100 was raised by the Bishop towards its erection, and the Indians contributed a considerable amount of free labour. The Communion cloth, which is a very handsome one, was presented by the Women's Guild of St. Matthew's Church, Quebec. There are still wanted a carpet, font, reading desk, book markers &c., and the chancel would be greatly improved by a plain stained glass window.

The Rev. J. H. Gallaher has been appointed to the charge of the Garden River Mission. He is busy studying the Indian language.

The Bishop's Report to the Provincial Synod, is being held over for the January issue, that being a double number, we believe it will be read with great interest by those who have not yet seen it.

The Rev. G. B. Cooke is suffering from a severe attack of asthma, and has been unable to take his duty for several weeks.

When the new year commences, remittances received by the Treasurer of the Diocese, A. H. Campbell Esq., on Diocesan account will be acknowledged monthly, in the Algoma Missionary News, instead of quarterly as heretofore. Remittances received by the Treasurer of the Indian Homes Rev. E. F. Wilson, will be acknowledged in the Toronto church papers, as well as in the Algoma Missionary News. It is requested that money intended for the Indian Homes may, as far as practicable, be sent to Mr. Wilson direct, and for the Diocese of Algoma to Mr. Campbell direct, as it tends to confuse the accounts when remittances have to be transferred from one party to another, and involves extra work, postage &c.

The Bishop Fauquier Memorial Chapel is still in want of help. There is no carpet yet for the chancel, no matting for the aisle, not a vestige of furniture in the vestry, no bell in the belfry, the organ only a temporary one, the stove not paid for, and a considerable amount still due on the other fittings. Will not some kind friends come to our help this winter. About \$500 is urgently needed.

"Church people in the new North-West are highly pleased by the announcement that Canon Anson has resigned his living of Woolwich to cast in his lot with them. He returns to England next month to gather like-minded colleagues with whom finally to depart for the North-west." This surely is a move in the right direction. For every two thousand emigrants that come to settle in this country, an English Rector should be found to give

up his English living and come with them. Ten more clergy are needed at once for Rupert's Land, and our Bishop could find work for a similar number in Algoma.

The Bishop's address in England, is 8 Belgrave Place, Edinburgh, or care of Rev. H. W. Tucker, 19 Delahay Street Westminster, S. W. During his absence his commissary, the Rev. E. F. Wilson, is acting for him.

ULLSWATER.—*St. Thomas.* On Tuesday, 19th inst, the harvest thanksgiving was held at St. Thomas' Church, Ullswater. The church was most beautifully decorated, and showed great taste on the part of all those who had engaged in the work. The services began with matins at 10.30, with Holy Communion and sermon. Fifteen communicants received. Thanksgiving service and sermon at 2 p.m. and even song at 7, all were well-attended. The offertory amounting to \$2.10. The Church of the Redeemer at Rosseau was also very nicely decorated for harvest, and on Sunday, 21st, the offertory at both services amounted to \$2.80.

HUNTSVILLE.—On Sunday morning the 14th ult., Rev. C. A. French preached the Harvest Sermon to a congregation of about 80 in the church hall. The offertory in accordance with the expressed wish of the Bishop, was for the benefit of the English Societies supporting Algoma. On Tuesday evening there was a supper in the Hall kindly provided by the ladies of the congregation. This was followed by a concert in Phillip's Hall, the proceeds of which gave a nice sum of \$47 for the organ fund. On Thursday there was a supplemental gathering chiefly of young folks, when a further sum of \$7 was realized for church purposes. On Sunday, the 28th, the same gentleman preached the Harvest Sermon at Allansville the offertory being devoted to the same object as Huntsville. Although the district in which Mr. French labors lacks in churches, (with the exception of Allansville), parsonage, etc., the usual machinery found in organized parishes, church work and church festivals are not, we are glad to learn, wholly forgotten.

History of the Ifracombe Mission,

BY REV. A. S. SWEET.

Five years ago, where I am sitting in my study writing, and for many miles around here, all was dense bush, inhabited only by deer, bears, etc. Now, all is changed. There are farms and clearings to be met with in every direction, and all the land for several miles around has been taken up, and is already brought or being brought into a state of cultivation. A Mr. Smith and a Mr. White were the first settlers here. They came into the bush in the autumn of 1877, and a few months later were followed by a Mr. Hartson and a Mr. Baldwin. This pioneer band had very many hardships and privations to endure. They were quickly followed, however, by others, who took tip land as near Buck Lake (on which the settlement of Ifracombe is founded) as possible. In the following autumn 1878 Mr. Harston (a retired army officer, son of the late Rev. Mr. Harston, some time rector of Sherbourne) began holding regular Sunday services at Mr. Smith's shanty, where at the first service there were only three present. Mr. Hartson, like a true Churchman, adhered throughout to the prayer book, and read a sermon from some well-known divine. After a time Mr. Smith's shanty became too small for the congregation, and it was decided to adjourn to Mr. Harston's own house, a short distance off, but more commodious and more accessible from the lake. In the following winter the good and self-denying Bishop Fauguer paid the infant colony a visit, and cheered them much by his presence and sympathy. He encouraged the settlers, who were continually increasing in numbers, to try and build a church, and he promised them he would do his best to provide them with a pastor. Accordingly Mr. Harston did what he could to collect funds for a church and chiefly owing to the great kindness of Miss Barler, who inserted some of his appeals in the *Net*, soon he was enabled with the help of the settlers, to erect a log church with seating capacity for 60 persons. The church—after being built with much difficulty, owing to the absence of saw mills in the district—was opened for the first time on August 10th, 1879, by the Rev. Mr. Paterson, rector of Christ's Church Deer Park, near Toronto.

List Clothing Acknowledged by the Lady Sup't. Wawanesa Home.

From Lenoxville for Hannah Grey.

4 dresses, 3 aprons, 3 petticoats, 1 hat, 6 pair stockings, 2 chemise, 3

pair drawers, 2 night dresses, 1 uniform, 1 coat, 1 pair mitts, 2 pair cuffs, 2 pair boots, 1 book, 4 cards, 1 pelisse.

Came from Shingwauk Home and not known from whom.

8 aprons, 4 chemise, 1 scarf, 16 knitted bodies, 6 petticoats, 3 under-vests, 4 pair cuffs, 3 work bags.

Box from Niagara for Christmas tree November 14th 1883.

1 scarf, 2 slates, 2 pair cuffs, 2 pair mitts, 1 tie, 3 pocket handkerchiefs, 1 small locket, 1 jack in-box, 2 dolls, 1 box building blocks, 1 Noah's ark, 1 apron, 1 hood, 12 pamphlets, 3 books, 20 magazines, 3 boxes reading blocks, 1 toy washboard, 2 combs, 4 lead pencils, 2 slate pencils, 5 thimbles, (box broken blocks, toy iron, etc from two poor little colored boys,) present for lady superintendent.

INDIAN HOMES.

Receipts.

St. John's S. S. York Mills, for W. H. \$2.00. St. Paul's S. S. Toronto, for boy, \$37.50. Miss Martha Fennels' collection box, \$2.64. St. Paul's S. S. London, per A. H. Campbell, \$37.50. St. Geo. Miss. Union, Lennoxville, for girl, \$25.00. J. W. Ball Esqr, \$100. J. W. Connor, St John's Berlin, \$5.00. St. Paul's, Lindsay, for Shingwauk, per A. H. Campbell, \$15.50. St. Stephens' Toronto, per A. H. Campbell, \$7.49. Brooklyn & Columbus, \$1.60. St. Paul's S. S. Rothesay, for Shingwauk, \$7.50. St. Peter's Guild Sherbrooke, for girl, \$18.75. Rev. T. E. Sanders, \$1.50. All Saint's S. S. 8. Whitby for boy, \$9.37.

Memorial Chapel: Nil.

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