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Episcopal Visitation to Rev. A. O. Sweet's Misson.

To the Editor of the Algoma Missionary News ;

Dear Sir : As it is some time since I troubled you with a letter I trust you will allow me to give you a short account of Bishop Sullivan's first visit to this struggling outpost of the church Militant, also briefly to chronicle indirectly the progress made during the past year and to acknowledge various sums of money which have been received by me for church purposes.

Bishop Sullivan reached my house on Monday the fifth of February and during the afternoon of the same day he was joined by his examining chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Cole of Bracebridge. The two following days, Tuesday and Wednesday, were occupied with my examination for the Priesthood, with the exception of part of Wednesday morning which was taken up by the usual Ash-Wednesday service. I regret to say that the attendance at this service was much smaller than it should have been and I felt much humbled by the fact that after two years' preaching and teaching my people should be so deficient in true churchmanship as to absent themselves from the House of God on so solemn a day as Ash-Wednesday. In spite of the thinness of the congregation, only *twelve* being present, the Bishop gave us an admirable sermon.

On Thursday morning the Bishop and I started for Ravenscliffe, twelve miles off. The roads were so heavy with lately-fallen snow that we took four hours in getting over the twelve miles and it was a relief to both of us when we reached the house of our kind and genial hostess, Mrs. Tipper. Here a plentiful dinner was provided

for us and after ample justice had been done to it and we had had time to "thaw out" we drove on to the Ravenscliffe School-house to attend a meeting of The Church Building Committee. This meeting had been long looked forward to as the Bishop had requested us in the fall not to proceed with the building of the church till he had personally inspected the site and discussed the plans. Our plans, carefully drawn out by John Tipper, Lay-Reader, were produced and thoroughly examined and were cordially approved by the Bishop as a whole. One alteration, or rather curtailment, the Bishop advised us to make. The building was designed to accommodate one hundred and twenty-four persons, and the Bishop thought seating capacity for one-hundred would be sufficient. This alteration has now been made and specifications have been carefully drawn out and tenders have been invited for the work of building. We hope to have the building ready for consecration by the middle of next winter. A great deal of preliminary work has already been done. After the Committee meeting we adjourned to John Tipper's house close by for tea and at seven o'clock were again in the school house for evening service. The night was very cold and stormy and the roads were well nigh impassable but nevertheless there was a fair number of worshippers. The Bishop preached and administered the Holy Communion. At the conclusion of Divine Service a sort of informal meeting was held at which parish matters generally were discussed and commented on by the Bishop. That night we slept at Mrs. Tipper's and the next morning (Friday the 9th.) started for Dixon's school house about eight miles from Mrs. Tipper's. The service was to have been at 2 p.m. but owing to the state of the roads it was 1.30. by the time



we reached Mr. Whiddon's house one mile from the school house, To our dismay we found there was no track beyond Mr. Whiddon's and we were told that it would be impossible to reach the school house under an hour, the snow being from three to four feet deep. This being so we decided to forego the attempt to proceed further as it would certainly have rendered us late for the evening service at Ilfracombe. The Bishop and I were much disappointed at not being able to keep our engagement. It was an old promise of mine that I would hold services regularly in this settlement as soon as I was Priest and I thought it would be nice for the Bishop to hold *the first church of England* service ever held here. I had purposely refrained from holding service here before as I did not think it right that I should burden myself with another out-station whilst I was reading for the Priesthood. There are seven families here belonging to the church of England all living within easy reach of one another and they are, by their isolation, quite cut off from all religious services. I am glad to say that since the Bishop's visit I have made arrangements to hold a week day service on the first Monday in every month; after a while I hope to increase this to a fortnightly service. I think it was the Earl of Beaconsfield who used to say that "failure is the parent of success" and I hope this saying will prove true as regards the services to be held at Whiddon's settlement.

After resting a little while at Mr. Whiddon's and having partaken of a good hearty dinner, we once more got into our sleigh and wended our way slowly but surely to Ilfracombe. Here service was held at 7 p.m. and we only arrived just in time for it. The Rev. Mr. Cole took part in the service. The congregation was a good one for a week-day and the service was hearty. The Bishop preached as usual. At the conclusion of the service a general meeting was held in which finances and other matters relating to the Mission were discussed. The subject of a new and large church was warmly debated. His Lordship stated that *without one exception the church here at Ilfracombe is the worst church building in the Diocese*; every log was crying out loudly for its succession. The congregation, however, were not unanimous as to *where* the new church should be built: some members contending that that the

present site is the best, others that a site on the opposite side of Buck Lake where a village is rapidly springing up, would be more suitable. After a long discussion the meeting adjourned without any definite result.

*To be Continued.*

### An Appeal for Algoma and The Far North West.

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. St. Mark xvi, 15.

Is this command obeyed by those who devote all the time and the money they can spare to further the preaching of the Gospel only at home or if they do realize the duty of contributing to foreign missions, to concentrate all their energies on one corner of the Mission Field? Would it not be more consistent with Christ's command, if people as far as may be possible extended their interests and enlarged their charities, each sympathizing more with the other, as they wrought for the bringing in of Christ's lost sheep in all quarters of the world? Is it not too often the case, that while one party of Christians is entirely devoted to work for the church in India, another for the church in Africa &c. they ignore the needs of others and have therefore little or no sympathy with the labourers in a different field.

Some say that by this means more work is done, than if each divided his means, but is it according to Christ's rule, and if not, we may be sure, whatever may have been our own thoughts as to the best means of attaining the end in view, they cannot be the right means. The American Indians, for whom perhaps we have cared nothing, are as much God's children as the East Indian or the African, Christ died for them and He loves them. Must there not be something wanting in our love to our Lord and Master if we care nothing for any whom He loves? Others may say, it would be wasted energy, for the people are fast dying out. Is it not however possible, if the right means be used to arrest that decay, let alone the laudable motive to win even that remnant for Christ's fold?

To those tribes once belonged the fertile plains of north America but we drove them far to the north and west. We took from them their lands, and what did we give them in return? Not the Gospel of peace, not the sword



of the Spirit, but at the instigation of an evil spirit, we gave them what they called "fire-water" and whiskey, the abuse of which has been a curse to our own country, has been a still greater blight to those poor people, who had no Bible principles inculcating temperance to enable them to withstand the temptation. Had we treated them otherwise, how different might their condition now have been. They were not devoid of intellect or ideas of religion. They did worship One Great Spirit, and those who have been educated in schools or colleges have proved themselves capable of a higher civilization. The writer of these lines was struck by the appearance of American chiefs who visited England many years ago; they did not seem to belong to a low type of humanity—and those who have shot the rapids of the St. Lawrence may remember the intelligent eye and the handsome profile of the skillful pilot, in whose veins flowed the blood of the old American Chief.

Alas! that it should only be now when but remnants of the tribes are left, that the churches should give their strength to labour

amongst them. But this has been done. There are schools and mission stations, though not so many as are needed, in those distant regions whither the poor Indians have been driven, and Bishops have been appointed, who may well be said to be following the example of the Great Chief Shepherd, when they have spheres of influence in the civilised towns to go after the scattered sheep in those wild lone lands. Dr. Sullivan, one of the most popular preachers in Montreal, left his large congregation and gave up half his income, to accept the missionary Bishopric of Algoma. All are not called as he was, to go themselves into the Mission Field, but it is incumbent on all, to do what they can to aid those—their representatives—who go, as it were, in their place. May all who read this appeal be induced to send if it be only a few pence to the address given at its close, as a proof of their good will despising not small offerings—for large collections may often be rather the aggregate of the pence of the poor, as of the pounds of the rich.

(Continued in our next.)

## They Will Build a Church

(From the *Thunder Bay Herald*.)

March 28th

The St. John's Church Easter Vestry meeting was held on Monday last at which there was a good attendance. The financial statement showed that there was sufficient money to meet all current expenses. The Church-wardens elect are Messrs. W. F. Davidson and G. T. Marks. Upon the question of building a church there was a discussion. Plans are to be prepared by Mr. Wicksteed, for a building sufficiently large to seat two hundred and fifty people. They intend to lay the foundation in the spring, and the building, brick veneer, erected as the means of the church will allow. They have had a liberal offer from Mr. Thos. Marks for the quantity of bricks to be used. About eight hundred dollars was subscribed last spring, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Kennedy, Ray, Bishop, and the incumbent, was appointed to solicit further subscriptions. As we stated a short time ago, some of the property belonging to the Church in this place can be sold, and it is likely it will be

put on the market. We would like to see the congregation of St. John's church build a fine edifice here. New churches built here now should be large so as they may accommodate the increasing population.

## Examination for Ordination.

On Tuesday May 15th the examination of candidates for ordination commenced at the Shingwauk. The Rev. R. Renison and the Rev. H. Beer, both deacons ordained by the late Bishop Fauquier, were examined for priests orders, and Wm. Frost of Sheguindah, Manitoulin Island, was examined for the perpetual diaconate.

All three gentlemen passed very creditably, showing that they had carefully read up the books given to them to prepare.

Ordination was expected on Trinity Sunday, but unavoidable circumstances detained the Bishop in Toronto, so that the ordination has been put off until the second Sunday after Trinity, which will be June 3rd.

## St. Joseph's Island.

BY REV. H. BEER.

Our new church at Mud Lake is already drawing towards completion. We have been holding service in it since Christmas and we fully appreciate the blessing and comfort of having a place of worship, a building set apart especially for the purpose of assembling in to pray to Him who blesses us in so many ways.

It was with feelings of the greatest sorrow that I had my first funeral in the church. Mrs. J. Campbell after being safely delivered of a little boy and girl, twins, never regained her strength but gradually sank and at last on Wednesday April 18th her soul took its flight to its maker. She was during life a consistent member and regular attendant at church, and it was a great grief to her that the comfort of the Lord's Supper was denied her, I being only a deacon.

At Hilton we are making an effort to raise money to purchase a bell, and we hope to be successful.



**Jottings.**

Ordination Sunday will be second Sunday after Trinity.

The Sault church has been brightened up internally.

Rev. E. F. Wilson is away on a Missionary trip to Algoma Mills.

Rev. R. Rennison hopes to start for his Nepigon Mission immediately after ordination.

Cold winter has taken leave of us at last, and the exceptionally cold and backward spring has given place to summer.

We are pleased to be able to state that they are forming a new school section in the Township of Oliver, near Prince Arthur's Landing. The Council had a meeting a few days ago, and divided up the Township into two School sections, the new one on the west side of the Township, which has of late become a necessity, owing to increase of population. They have selected a site, and will soon commence the section of a good substantial school house, for which they will require a teacher.

**BIRTHS.**

On Tuesday, March 28th the wife of J. Campbell, St. Joseph's Island of twins.

On Sunday April 29th at the Parsonage Ilfracombe Muskoka, wife of the Rev. A. S. O. Sweet, of a daughter.

**DEATH.**

At St. Joseph's Island April 18th Mrs. J. Campbell.

**The Babes in the Basket,**

OR

**DAPH AND HER CHARGE.**

*Continued.*

Daph had to go through a course of consolation, similar to the above, very frequently, to enable her to maintain her cheerfulness; but the piteous questionings of the little Louise well nigh overcame all the poor negro's philosophy.

"I'se tell you what it is, Miss Lou," poor Daph said desperately at last,— "I'se jus tell you what it is: De

great Lord is a taken care ob your mama, an' if you's a good girl you'll jus see her some day, and if you is not, de great Lord will nebber, nebber bring you together!"

Daph's manner as well as her words had some effect upon Louise, and she tried to content herself with watching the rain streaming down the window-panes, and was soon in a sufficiently cheerful mood to march up and down the room to the sound of Charlie's music, greatly to his satisfaction.

The dreary weather without was not all that Daph had to content with she found she had an enemy within the house, whose attacks it was far more difficult to meet.

The little woman, whose angry voice had attracted Daph's attention at first, kept her humble lodger familiar with its harsh tones. Daph's appearance was the signal for a volley of complaints as to the noise made by the children, the marks left on the floor by Daph's feet as she returned from the well, the unpleasantness of "seeing other folks so much at home in one's own house," &c.

Daph never had a chance to get any further than "Deed, Miss Ray!" in her attempts at self-justification, for the opening of her mouth was sure to produce another tirade on the "impudence of certain people that nobody knew anything about."

The demure looking little girl was generally a silent spectator of these attacks, but now and then she was forced to cry out, "O mother, don't!" which protests was generally met by a sharp box in the ear, and a "Take that, Mary, and learn to be quiet!" If Mary Ray had learned any lesson, it certainly was to be quiet. She rarely spoke, and her footsteps were almost as noiseless as the fall of the winter snow.

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**Algoma Aid Association Dio. of Fredericton.**

BARREL SENT 31ST MARCH 1883.

*From Miss Gregory.*

1 roll gingham, 1 roll factory cotton, 1 reminent print, 1 pair mitts, 1 roll patchwork.

*From Miss Campbell.*

One parcel factory cotton undercloth-

ing, 4 childrens dresses, 1 parcel various articles, 1 bonnet.

*From Mrs A. G. Street.*

One overcoat etc.

*From Miss Liffet.*

One roll factory cotton, 3 articles of underclothing, 1 pair socks, 3 scarfs, 1 pair fine gloves, 1 pair mufftees, 1 pinafore, for the Rev. Mr Wilson's schools at Sault Ste. Marie.

**Memorial Chapel.**

H. O.....	\$ 1.00
By Mrs TuisLegh (£30).....	146.00
G. and R.....	2.00
T. L. B.....	2.00
Christiville.....	6.00
Grace church Montreal.....	9.88
Ornstown.....	2.77
Sutton Sunday school.....	2.00
Coll. Shingwauk Home.....	90 ; 65; 82
In memoriam.....	5.00
V. C.....	5.00
Dr. Holland (£1.1).....	5.06
St. Mary's Sunday school, corno	10.00
Catarqui.....	8.00
St. Mary Magdaline, Napanee..	18.00

**INDIAN HOMES.**

All Saints S. school, Whiby....	\$ 9.87
Holy Trinity S. school, Toronto.	15.00
St. George's ch. miss, Union	
Lenoxville.....	25.00
Beaverton.....	3.10
Uxbridge S. school for Indian boy	22.00
St. Paul's S. school, London, for	
boy.....	37.50
St John's Sunday school Berlin	8.45
St. Thomas' S. sch Bracebridge	3.77
Trinity S. sch. Mitchell for W. H.	19.00
Per Rev. R. Sheve, mite boxes.	2.01
"    "    " for Wawanosh	1.71

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