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Advent.

BY THE REV. L. SINCLAIR,

Incumbent of Christ Church, Ifracombe, Ontario.

Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour King,

We long Thy face to see;

Come quickly in the clouds of heaven,

While we do wait on Thee.

And give to us Thy gracious help,

That we may cast away

The works of darkness, and put on

The armour of the day.

To walk as children of the light,

And Thee to serve always;

To hail Thy second coming, Lord,

With shouts of joy and praise.

Though Thou wilt come with thunder loud,

And with Thy lightning bright,

Yet all our safety is in Thee,

Thou art our chief delight.

O send Thy Holy Spirit forth

To heathen nations all;

May sinners leave their wicked ways,

And on Thy mercy call.

For unto such as Thee forget

In earth's delusive dream,

Thou shalt come forth as lion fierce,

From Jordan's swelling stream.

But Thine own people shall rejoice
In Thee their dwelling place,
When heaven and earth have fled away
Before Thy glorious face.

A new creation then will rise,
Where sin can find us never;
According to Thy promise, we
Shall righteous be for ever.

To God the Father, One with Thee,
And to the Holy Ghost,
Be glory in the Church redeemed,
And heaven's angelic host.

Editorial Notes.

DURING the past three years the face of the Diocese of Algoma has, in some districts, changed greatly. Hundreds of miles of railway have been built, and many miles of colonization roads have been constructed (the latter being simply "mud" roads, underlaid with logs and brush in swampy places). The natural results have followed. Settlements and towns have sprung up where before there was only forest and wilderness. Some of the new comers are natives of other parts of Ontario; some, again, are French-Canadians, whilst others are emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland.

THIS increase in the population has required the employment of more missionaries, to go in and occupy the field thus opened up by the advancing steps of civilization. Our Bishop has, doubtless, often asked himself during the past three years, that all-important question, Where is the necessary increase of funds to come from? But God, who increased the widow's cruse of oil, has also supplied the diocesan purse. If his Lordship had been able to forecast the greater demands upon the treasury, he might have been almost tempted to despair; but whilst the future is wisely hidden from human view, yet a more blessed possession is often bestowed in abundant measure upon those who seek to do the Master's will, viz., "faith," and this most manifestly in the case of the Bishop of Algoma.

IN comparing the treasurer's triennial report, prepared this year, with that for the three preceding years (1883-86), it is most encouraging to notice that

the Diocese of Huron has contributed no less than \$3,882.27 more towards the general funds of the Diocese of Algoma than during the three former years. Many of the other Canadian dioceses also show an increase of liberality, but the Diocese of Ontario has dropped off \$1,000.28 in her alms for the general funds of Algoma. It is also noticeable that the Diocese of Quebec has contributed \$375 less towards the episcopal income than during 1883-86, but on the other hand, the Diocese of Nova Scotia has increased her offerings towards the episcopal income by \$150.

IN the Bishop's triennial report for 1886-89, his Lordship mentions as vacant missions, Broadbent, Algoma, Silver Mines, and Sudbury; but it must not be supposed by the readers of that report that these four fields are the only places in need of a missionary. There are very many other districts and settlements in this vast diocese where the voice of a Church clergyman is seldom, and in some cases, *never* heard. Then full employment could be found for five or six missionaries during the winter months in preaching every week-night in some of the many lumber camps, and in the summer to the same men, and others, engaged in the mammoth saw mills which are annually in operation within the limits of Algoma. Such missionaries would be truly itinerant. Other travelling missionaries are needed for the mining districts, and also for the fishermen along the shores of Lake Huron.

MUCH of the missionary's work and life is necessarily wholly different to that which exists in older dioceses. The settlements are so scattered, and the area to be covered so great, that with the exception of a few of the larger centres, the life of every Algoma clergyman is more or less that of a travelling missionary, but still he is attached to some particular station where he is expected to hold service every Sunday, and in many of them twice a Sunday. The natural and obvious result is, many townships are never visited, or if they are it is so seldom and for such a brief moment that neither is the missionary much better informed as to the condition of the people, nor are the settlers themselves able to become sufficiently acquainted with the missionary, as to look upon him as one they can trust. For these, and many other reasons, we need travelling missionaries.

BUT where are the men, and where is the money? It is not every man in holy orders who is fit for Algoma; but the very best are needed, both in willingness to work and aptness to teach. The missionary in the colonies is thrown amongst "all sorts and conditions of men," and has need of an abundant gift of the Holy Ghost, to cheer and guide him when he no longer has the hallowed surroundings of former days. To stand up before a crowd of rough and illiterate

lumbermen or miners, and conduct a service, not only reading and preaching, but also starting the hymn-tunes, and then trudging on the next day to another camp, and there doing the same thing, and so on, requires a stronger support than human nature supplies, and yet this is what many a colonial missionary is doing.

WITH regard to the second necessity, the much-needed money, we feel sure there is an ample supply, if only those to whom it belongs could be once convinced of the great duty laid upon all who hear the Gospel of salvation in Jesus, and that duty is expressed in the words, "Let him that heareth say come."

Notes and Comments.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP purposes (D.V.) to perform the Episcopal act of ordination at Port Carling, Muskoka, on January 12th, 1890, when it is expected Messrs. Lowe and Podmore will be admitted to the Diaconate.

THE *Forester*, the local paper of Huntsville, Muskoka, says that the Rev. Gowan Gillmor, the Anglican missionary at North Bay, is exceedingly popular with his English Church people; that he has walked from North Bay to Port Arthur and return, about 2,000 miles; has more than once walked from Sudbury to Algoma Mills and return, on snowshoes, a distance of 180 miles; has been found snow-blind, and unable to proceed for a time; and has slept in many shanties with none other but his ordinary clothing. He is greatly respected by lumbermen and railway employes, and is also a sincere and active temperance worker, holding the highest office in the Good Templars Lodge of North Bay,

THE roof of Trinity Church, Parry Sound, has just been repaired, the wooden shingles having betrayed unmistakable signs of decay.

IN our last issue the address of the Rev. George Gander is given as being "Sundridge," which was a mistake on the part of the editor. Mr. Gander's address is "South River, Ontario, Canada."

IN giving the proper direction for parcels sent to Algoma clergy in the eastern portion of the diocese, we accidentally omitted the Mission of Uffington. For this oversight forgiveness is craved. Parcels intended for this Mission should be addressed, "The Rev. A. N. Burden, Uffington, via Gravenhurst."

THE Rev. Frederick Frost, the missionary at Sheguiandah, on Manitoulin Island, still continues indefatigable in his labors, holding four services every

Sunday, two in Indian, and two in English, with many miles to travel between his four stations. During the week (in summer) he succeeds, by means of the boat, given him so kindly by the Sunday-school of Grace Church, Toronto, in keeping up continuous communication with several isolated groups of Indians on Spanish River, Birch Island, Cromlins Point, and others scattered along the north shore of Lake Huron. He also visits Gore Bay, distant sixty miles in one direction, and Manitowaning, twenty-five miles in another, to administer the Holy Communion, during the Diaconate of their respective missionaries.

ONE of the boys who once was a pupil in the Indian Home, at Sault Ste. Marie (so ably managed by the Rev. E. F. Wilson), is now a clerk in the Indian Department, in Ottawa, having passed the Civil Service examinations.

AN addition to the number of the Algoma clergy has recently been made, in the person of the Rev. J. Irvine, who has been appointed Incumbent of the Garden River Mission.

GRANTS made to various missions, from the General Church and Parsonage Fund, during the three years ending July 1st, 1889, amount to \$2,478.06. This is one of the most important funds of the Diocese, it being found that moderate or even small grants to missions act as very wholesome stimulants to the energy of the laity, encouraging them to put forth every effort on their own behalf, in order to be able to claim a grant from the Church and Parsonage Fund.

THE Editor will be happy to learn from the Algoma clergy what papers they would like to receive from England. Friends of Algoma have often asked for some guide as to whom to send the various Church papers; some times one missionary gets two or more copies of the same paper, whilst others, who are hungering for news, are left unsupplied.

THE Editor desires to thank the Rev. Dr. C. H. Mockridge, editor of the *Canadian Church Magazine*, for kindly offering to exchange with the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

THE Diocese of Algoma embraces some 47,000 square miles, and has a population of 80,000 to 85,000. When the present Bishop (Dr. E. Sullivan), took charge in 1882, just seven years ago, there were only forty-five stations being served by missionaries, now the number is one hundred and five! And many other points are annually visited by his Lordship, who is ever engaged in tending his scattered flock, and in endeavouring to provide for their spiritual, and we can add, in some cases, their bodily wants.

Extracts from the Bishop's Triennial Report.

To the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada, 1889:

THE EVANGELINE.—The Evangeline has abundantly realized all the expectations formed of her probable usefulness, when first secured for the service of the diocese some five years since, enabling me, as she has done, summer after summer, to reach places expeditiously and punctually, that till recently were accessible only by water, and thus to fulfil my engagements promptly. She has also done duty on Sunday-school excursions at various places, and has frequently been freighted with clothing and general reading matter for free distribution. Within the last year or two, however, the problem has been solved along the north shore, east of Sault Ste. Marie, by the construction of the Algoma branch of the C.P.R., leaving only a few little centres on the mainland, such as Collins' Inlet, French River, and Byng Inlet, requiring special means of communication, and the islands, St. Joseph, Cockburn, and Manitoulin, for which the lake steamers will be available. Hence the probabilities are that the Evangeline will be disposed of ere long, should an appreciative purchaser be found. Meanwhile I am largely indebted to the "S.P.G." for the service she has rendered in my summer work. The Canadian Church has contributed to her maintenance during the past three years the sum of \$102.25. While on the subject of travelling, I would take the opportunity of making cordial acknowledgment of the uniform courtesy of the official representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., in responding favorably to a variety of applications in behalf of our missionaries for passes, sites for churches, and lots for cemeteries. Reduced rates have also been granted for freight on materials designed for churches. The many kindnesses received have aided our progress materially. Seven years ago there was not a mile of railway in my diocese. To-day, thanks to the enterprise of the C.P.R., there are nearly 900, while the Northwestern (G.T.R.) has been extended from Gravenhurst to North Bay, so adding upwards of 100 more.

LAY READERS.—Our volunteer lay readers have rendered valuable aid in connection with our Sunday-schools, and also by holding services where there was no resident clergyman. In some cases, also, where there is a clergyman, they read morning or evening prayer, with a sermon, on the Sundays intervening between the clergyman's visits, and thus maintain the continuity of the only influence which can bind our people to their own Church, and restrain them from wandering to other pastures.

NOTES OF PROGRESS.—Beginning with the southeastern extremity of the diocese, a new and substantial church has been built, furnished, and paid for in Gravenhurst, at a cost of \$3,000, derived partly from insurance on its predecessor (destroyed by fire), and

partly from special contributions raised elsewhere. The conflagration, which all but obliterated the village two years ago, has seriously crippled the financial resources of the little community, leaving the Church element unable to contribute as much as they would fain give to the stipend of their clergyman, Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., a graduate of Durham University, who, with three students, accompanied the Bishop from England last year.

The congregation at Bracebridge (Rev. James Boydell, M.A., Lennoxville) have increased their contributions towards the stipend by \$200, and in so far relieve the Mission Fund. Sub-division of this mission is urgently needed. A new mission must be organised at the earliest possible date, comprising Stoneleigh, Baysville, and the district around the Lake of Bays. Two hundred dollars can be provided locally towards the stipend. At the two first named places great improvements have been made in both church and cemetery.

In Port Carling Mission (Mr. P. S. M. Podmore, catechist and candidate for Orders) a church is about to be erected at Gregory. A boat has been presented to the mission, and sufficient money raised to purchase a bell, and also, from outside sources, enough to purchase the missionary a horse.

In Port Sydney Mission the sum of about \$150 is now available (the larger part from England) for much needed repairs in Grace Church. The church at Ufford is being improved by the addition of a chancel, a new roof, etc.

The congregation of All Saints', Huntsville, through the joint efforts of the Incumbent, Rev. Rural Dean Llwydd, the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Sunday-school, have erected a commodious parish hall, purchased and paid for an excellent bell, and a very ornamental set of communion vessels, and also wiped out the balance of debt on the parsonage, besides making sundry repairs and improvements in connection with it. Two churches and three cemeteries have been consecrated in this mission.

At Aspden the Rev. W. A. Crompton has accomplished the erection of the bell tower of St. Mary's Church, rendering the building one of the most complete and substantial in the diocese. At Lancelot the church has also been enlarged.

In the Mission under the charge of Rev. E. A. Vesey, the congregation of All Saints', Burks Falls, has purchased a new organ, and furnished their chancel with choir seats. New matting has also been laid down, the gift of a member of the congregation, while the contribution to the clergyman's stipend has been doubled. The interior of the church at Bethune has also been completed.

Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, B.D., has opened two new stations in his mission, called Bon-y-Craig and Bentrivendale, and is preparing to build a small church at the former. St. Thomas', Ullswater, has been well

lined and newly seated, while the cemetery (one acre) has been cleared, well fenced, and consecrated.

The interior of Christ Church, Ilfracombe (Rev. L. Sinclair), is being completed, and material is on hand for the erection of a church at Axe Lake. Novar will also rejoice shortly in the possession of its own church. This will be an important point should the new railway to be built to Parry Sound intersect the Northwestern at this point.

Trinity Church, Parry Sound (Rev. G. H. Gaviller), has received several improvements in the form of a new approach, flanked by a solid parapet wall, a spacious vestry room, the elevation of the chancel arch, etc.

In Maganetawan (Rev. A. J. Young) an excellent parish hall has been built, the congregation assisting very materially by voluntary labour.

At North Bay the churches of St. Michael and All Angels has been improved by the addition of a chancel and vestry, the local contribution to stipend increased by \$100, and nearly \$300 raised towards the erection of a parsonage.

At Thessalon (Rev. P. G. H. Robinson) a debt of more than \$600, contracted by the late Incumbent, has been reduced through the active exertions of the missionary and his wife, to about \$250.

St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie (Rev. Rural Dean Green) has followed the good example set by St. John's, Port Arthur, and declared itself self-supporting. It will, however, need assistance in the erection of the new church, now rendered necessary by the influx of population.

Port Arthur has also advanced beyond the point of self-support, its Incumbent, Rev. Rural Dean Machin, having organized a local branch of the S.P.G., as a stimulus to the cultivation of a missionary spirit among his people.

Indications of progress such as the above may be mere trifles in some eyes, but situated as we are, they seem to me to furnish a sufficient answer to the objection sometimes heard, that the Church in Algoma is not doing enough for herself. Doubtless in Algoma, as in older and more favoured dioceses, there are individuals to whom this criticism would apply, but of the diocese, as a whole, I am bound to say that, in my judgment, it is doing all that in the peculiarly unfavourable conditions of the case, could reasonably be expected.

(To be continued.)

Gravenhurst Mission.

On Thursday, November 7th, being Thanksgiving Day, there was divine service at Saint James' church, and the Incumbent, the Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., preached from Daniel iv., 34. He spoke of the conditions, causes and modes of thanksgiving, and strongly condemned the Godless character of our Public Schools, as dishonoring to God and injurious to the best interests of the rising generation; who in the absence of

Bible teaching were likely to swell the ranks of superstition and infidelity—two classes dangerous to the liberty and prosperity of the nation.

On Sunday, November 10th, at St. James' church, Gravenhurst, the Rev. W. T. Noble preached a temperance sermon to a large and attentive audience, taking for his text Eph. v., 18. He began by saying: I shall not denounce hotel-keepers, they are pursuing a lawful calling and have a difficult task to perform, to serve their customers and their God, and to save their own souls—God help them. I shall not denounce the moderate drinker, he is unconscious of his danger and his duty; may God enlighten his mind. I shall not denounce the poor drunkard, he is the abject slave of a tyrannical appetite; may God enable him to burst the bonds of his slavery. He then dwelt plainly and forcibly on the nature and extent of drunkenness, giving facts and figures to show its pernicious effects on body and mind; by which a vast amount of pauperism, crime and insanity were produced, enormously increasing our national taxation. He then pointed out as remedies for this evil, temperance, self-control, and total abstinence; which could only be sustained by intellectual and moral culture aided by the Holy Spirit of God.

On Monday evening, November 11th, a temperance meeting was held in St. James church, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. There was a fair attendance; the Incumbent presided and explained the nature and object of the Society, adding a few words of earnest warning and admonition to those present. At the close of the meeting twenty-eight signed the pledge, which may be regarded as a fair start. The next meeting will (D.V.) be held on the second Monday in December. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—The Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., president; Mr. W. H. Swan and Miss Dickinson, vice-presidents; Mr. W. Leigh, secretary; the Misses Johns and Allen, organists; and the Sunday-school teachers form the committee of management.

St. Joseph's Island Mission.

The Bishop of the Diocese has just left us, having spent a couple of days in this mission. Arriving from Sault Ste. Marie, on his steam yacht, the *Evangeline*, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 26th, he was met at Hilton Dock by the missionary, Rev. Charles Piercy. Early on Sunday morning a start was made for Holy Trinity Church, Jocelyn—a drive of two miles over roads—at no time good—rendered worse than for some weeks past by recent rains. A fair congregation was present at the service and His Lordship preached an excellent sermon from 1st verse of xxiii. Psalm. At its conclusion he referred to the grief caused both to himself personally, as well as to all connected with the congregation, by the approaching departure of Mr. Kent and his family, who have been staunch and hearty supporters of the Church at Jocelyn during the past twelve years. A dinner was prepared for the Bishop in the adjacent school-house, after partaking of which His Lordship bade farewell to his friends and departed for Richards' Landing, to which place he was driven by Mr. Chris. Young. Twelve miles more hard driving, and we were welcomed by Mr. Richards. There is no church building at this point, though it is sadly needed, and the service was held in the Temperance Hall. Nearly one hundred persons were present. One candidate

(adult) was presented for confirmation. Another very instructive sermon was preached by Dr. Sullivan, and the service concluded at 4.30 p.m. A cup of tea was hurriedly swallowed in the house of Mr. Richards, and then another ten miles to Mr. Piercy's house, which was reached soon after sunset. The tired horse was put in the stable and the Bishop and Missionary walked to St. John's church, Hilton—a distance of little more than a mile. The evening service was the longest of the day. Evening Prayer, a baptism, confirmation and sermon. The confirmees were two adults and one boy. The Bishop's addresses to the confirmees were very solemn ones, and by God's grace will doubtless be of great assistance to those who on this day openly before the congregation professed themselves followers of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Immediately after breakfast on Monday morning, Mr. Piercy drove the Bishop to the house of a woman who, by reason of her lameness, was unable to go to church to receive the rite of Confirmation. After a stay, necessary for the performance of the Apostolic rite, the Bishop proceeded to Hilton Dock to embark on the *Evangeline*, upon which he sailed away for the Sault about 1 o'clock.

Our Church people here are few and scattered, but, if possible, all come out to welcome their chief pastor, and look forward with pleasure to his next visit.

Sault Ste. Marie Mission.

The second annual meeting of the "Woman's Auxiliary" connected with St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, was held November 5th, at the parsonage. After opening the meeting with prayer, the Bishop of Algoma expressed his pleasure to see so large an attendance, and his hope that others might be induced to join and still further extend the usefulness of the Auxiliary. In a very interesting address, the Bishop dwelt upon the necessity of work for Christ as the evidence of love for Christ, the connection being close and intimate—as the branch and the vine, the tree and its fruit. Work, not as a plea for acceptance with God—but a result of that acceptance—a consequence, not a cause. Christ's special claim on woman was pointed out, and the debt she owed to Him, through whose Gospel she has been elevated to the social rank, and intellectual and religious status now enjoyed; compare her present position and advantages with the women of India or China, whose very existence is considered a misfortune. Woman's work has only recently been recognized and encouraged as an important element in the Church; but it is no new thing—as we gather from Romans xvi., where a valuable record of the Christian work of women has been affectionately preserved by the Apostle Paul; or rather it is a lost art restored and brought again into use. Associated work ensures sympathy, "Union is strength." While mission work must ever be work for Christ, care and watchfulness are specially needed that the great motive power, be ever "the constraining love of Christ," and all lesser motives be repressed or used only as accessories; the guidance of God's Holy Spirit must be constantly sought and its leadings prayerfully followed out. The Bishop explained that while the field of work undertaken begins at home, in the parish and its immediate needs, it is not intended that its charities and exertions should end there; rather is the home a centre from which they should radiate in other directions. The same divine injunction that required the Apostles to begin their Gospel work at Jerusalem, commanded them also

"to preach the Gospel to every creature." The address was listened to with much attention, and cannot fail to encourage and cheer the members of the Association, the views enunciated bringing out so clearly the sacred and hallowed aspects of their work. After the retirement of the Bishop, the business of the annual meeting was proceeded with. The following officers were nominated and unanimously chosen: Mrs. Sullivan, honorary president; Mrs. Green, president; Mrs. Hamilton, vice-president; Mrs. Campbell, treasurer; Mrs. Wyld, secretary. A short report was read by the retiring secretary, Mrs. Bennetts, showing that while home and parish claims were attended to, the foreign field was not forgotten. The sum of \$20 was contributed to the Zenana Mission. The treasurer's report is exceptionally favorable, showing a balance of \$375; this includes \$100 brought forward from 1888. This amount is largely due to the successful sale of ladies' work in July. The fees of membership and donations are stated at \$50.70. Reference is made in the report to "A Girls' Guild," which met during the winter weekly. It did good work, realizing the sum of \$9.50. After the reading of the report, the names of new members were taken and were added to the original list of twenty-nine. Two resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted. 1. That the articles remaining unsold should be sent to Mrs. Robinson in aid of a sale of work in Thessalon. 2. That the sum of \$75 be sent to the Rev. R. Renison, whose house had been recently burnt down with all its contents of furniture, clothing, provisions, etc. A letter was read from Mrs. Boomer, giving some account of her representation of Algoma at the recent Provincial Synod in Montreal, when the Woman's Auxiliary was warmly received as a valuable ally. It may be mentioned in explanation of the comparatively large sum of \$300—still unappropriated—that it is held by the Auxiliary for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a new church, or making additions to the present building—now too small for the growing congregation.

Huntsville Mission.

GRASSMERE STATION.—This church is very much in need of coal oil lamps to enable the congregation to have evening service. Six lamps would be enough, second-hand ones would be gladly accepted.

Burk's Falls Mission.

Our church being dedicated to All Saints, All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st, was observed by Holy Communion, and a special address to the Ladies' Guild, in the morning. At 7.30 p.m., Even-song and sermon. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 7th, Even-song, 7.30 p.m.; semi-choral and sermon, by Rev. L. Sinclair, Ilfracombe. There were large congregations at these services.

Gore Bay.

His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma paid his usual annual visit to this mission on Sunday, 13th October. In the morning the Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. J. H. McLeod, missionary in charge, drove out twelve miles to one of the outstations. Service was held at 10:30 a.m. The missionary read the prayers, the Bishop taking the lessons and preaching. The Holy Communion

was administered to six persons. In the evening, the Bishop having returned to Gore Bay, held service at 7 p.m., in All Saints' Church, which was crowded to the doors, many having had to turn away, there being no room inside. His Lordship complimented the choir on their good singing. The Bishop again preached and administered the Holy Communion to a goodly number.

Historical Notes.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, JOCELYN.

To the Editor of the Algoma Missionary News:

DEAR SIR,—The idea of writing a history of such a little church in such a little place may cause Old Country friends to smile, if not some of those who live in older settled places in the Dominion. Nevertheless, though we go not back to the misty past for beginnings, and have no traditional nor historical saints enrolled in its register, the church is this portion of St. Joseph's Island has a history not without lessons of encouragement to those in worse circumstances than it is, as well as a history which should act as an incentive to Church folk to aid us in improving it and its services.

Thirteen years ago there arrived on the Island Mr. Joseph Kent, from the vicinity of London, Ontario. After a short stay at Hilton he wended his way, with his family, to the side of the Island opposite the shore of the State of Michigan, where he settled. He brought a waggon with him among other things, but as there were no roads was obliged to sell it. His effects were transported by a small boat around the shore, while he and his family made their way to their future home by a bush trail. Away from church ministrations he read Morning Prayer every Sunday morning in his house, and Mrs. K. taught the Sunday-school—composed of her own family. Soon after, his old friend, Mr. Chris. Young, followed him to the Island, and took up land in the same vicinity. The Sunday services were then held in both houses alternately, while the children of both families assembled for instruction at Mr. Kent's. In January, 1881, Mr. H. Beer was sent to the Island as lay reader. In the following June Mr. Beer was ordained Deacon by the late Bishop Fauquier. In 1882 steps were taken towards the erection of a church, which was consecrated by the present Bishop of Algoma (Dr. Sullivan), who, on the same day, raised Rev. Mr. Beer to the Priesthood, together with Rev. Mr. Renison, widely known on account of his self-denying labours among the Indians at Lake Nepigon. Since then—a little at a time—the building has continued to improve. It has been "clap-boarded" during the past summer and now awaits a coat or two of paint. Some work has also been done looking towards the enclosing of the graveyard with a fence. This it is hoped will be completed next season. Besides the two families above mentioned there are now several others who attend the services in Trinity Church. It is not want of will which prevents this little building from being completed, but want of means. One thing urgently needed is a font. What, kind reader, can you do to help us in this? And oh, what a luxury a bell would be. Divine service is held at Jocelyn every Sunday by the present missionary, Rev. Charles Piercy, who would gladly receive any aid towards his work in this quarter. The people have done their best, but yet—and rightly—

yearn for more. The beginnings were small, but they were well laid by earnest work by consistent Churchmen and Churchwomen. Therefore, I have no hesitation in appealing for assistance from those who are privileged to worship in temples wanting in no necessary furniture and replete with ornament. In the vicinity of Jocelyn are families from Norfolk, Kent, and Middlesex, who in early days worshipped in churches whose years are counted by centuries. And the assistance is needed more because the Kents have left the neighbourhood. Their family being grown up they sighed for busier scenes. However, the work must, and with God's blessing will go on. Help us. Another chapter of Church history on St. Joseph in another issue.

CHARLES PIERCY.

Marksville, St. Joseph's Island, Ont.,
Nov. 13th, 1889.

Association for Union in Prayer and Work with the Church in Algoma.

To the Editor of the Algoma Missionary News:

SIR,—We have read with great interest in your October issue the circular letter of Miss Alice Day, detailing what has been done for the Diocese of Algoma in West Hadlow and the neighbourhood. Indeed, to hear of so admirably organized a scheme of help has given us much encouragement, and we hope to borrow some hints for the better development of our own work.

It may possibly tend towards the fulfilment of a wish expressed in another part of your paper, if it becomes more generally known, through its medium, that within the present year an association, entitled as above, has been formed with the Bishop's sanction and approval, which, it is hoped, will eventually gather up and unite in one common bond of fellowship and work all the scattered interest and isolated helpers in England, and it is believed that they are many. Alone, we may be enabled to do a little; associated, by God's blessing, we may hope to do a great deal, and to become a real source of strength and support to the Diocese.

Enclosed is a copy of the Association card of membership which we ask you to print in the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, and to make known that we have had 500 copies printed as a first instalment, with a view to enrolling associates in Canada as well as in England. We look to the clergy to help us in this matter by joining themselves, and inducing their people to join, so that we may all be drawn closer together, and our chain of intercession be rendered more complete.

In a letter dated July 13th, the Bishop wrote as follows: Now that the Association card has gone forth I hope for large results of spiritual blessing most of all. I sometimes fear that we lose sight of this too often. The financial necessities press on us so heavily and so tangibly as well, that I am afraid the higher needs sometimes fade into the distance, and we may possibly repeat the history of Israel, "He gave them their desire and sent leanness withal into their soul." I trust that the little card, with its comprehensive, far-reaching prayer, may be helpful in guarding us against so terrible a danger. . . . Very many thanks for the bale sent out by my daughter, doubly welcome as the first fruits of your associated work.

The last two lines refer to what has been done in Clifton during the past year. A few friends met together at St. Michael's Rectory in January, to consider the best way of keeping up the interest in Algoma aroused by the Bishop's visit in July, 1888, when his Lordship addressed two well-attended drawing-room meetings, and preached at two churches. What has since been accomplished may be briefly summarized thus:—

(1) A Working Party has been formed and is held monthly for the purpose of making warm clothing for the settlers. Already two large parcels have been despatched, one to the Bishop in June, and one in October to the Rev. T. Llywdd, for distribution in the Rural Deanery of Muskoka. Mrs. Thompson, who undertakes the management of the Working Party, also receives contributions of clothing, books, magazines, etc., and a considerable number of these have been sent to and forwarded by her to Canada. The cost of material for work is defrayed by an annual subscription from the members of two shillings and sixpence, and by subscriptions and donations from honorary members.

(2) Mrs. Dent has undertaken to receive subscriptions for the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, and to send out copies monthly to subscribers. Every effort will be made to increase the circulation of the paper. At present we have only a club of fifty, but it is "the day of small things," and we hope for large increase.

(5) Miss Reid supplies names and addresses of clergy and settlers to whom Church papers, periodicals, etc., may be sent by post, by which means we trust that a great deal of useful reading may find its way into the backwoods.

(4) Then we have a local secretary, whose office it is to enroll associates, diffuse information, find helpers and preside generally over the work; and a treasurer, whose receipts up to date amount to upwards of £132 for various diocesan and local funds.

(3) Twenty associates have been enrolled in Clifton, and twenty-five in other places since Whitsuntide. These numbers may seem small, but as we gradually are brought into communication and correspondence with many whose names and addresses have just been kindly furnished by the Bishop, we hope that progress will keep pace with our wishes.

In fact, the net results of this our first year's efforts would hardly justify us in asking space in your paper were it not for the really important point, *i.e.*, The Association. On united prayer and united work for and with our brethren in Canada, we may not only hope for but confidently expect an abundant blessing. By these means we trust that permanence and added force may be given to the endeavours of all concerned in forwarding the Master's Kingdom and building up His Church in the Diocese of Algoma. We call upon all who shall read our letter to rally round us, and give all the assistance in their power in extending the Association, and we shall thankfully and gladly supply cards, and give further particulars to any who desire to form branches in England, or to enlist the sympathies of friends in their own circle. Influence radiates from a centre. If each helper would make it a special part of his or her work to try and kindle interest in others, we should soon reckon our numbers by hundreds instead of by units.

Faithfully yours,

H. W.,
Secretary.

A Kind Offer

To the Editor of the Algoma Missionary News:—

SIR,—I shall be happy to receive subscriptions for the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS and forward them in one cheque to Canada, as you suggest in the October issue.

Yours faithfully,

M. M. STUBBS.

Address, Mrs. E. S. Stubbs, St. Michael's Rectory, Tindall's Park, Bristol.

Acknowledgments.

The Bishop of Algoma begs to report to the donors of the funds specially contributed for the repairs of the See House, the following statement of receipts and expenditures:—

Receipts.—Proceeds of sale at residence of Mrs. E. Blake, per Mrs. Strachan, \$466.27; Mrs. Cameron, \$500; two friends in England, £15 (\$72.90); total, \$1,039.17.

Expenditures.—Gurney furnace, with all arrangements complete, \$393.08; painting (not yet completed) of interior and exterior of house, \$120.88; papering \$39.90; new spouting, \$52.50; rebuilding of three chimnies, \$43; repairs of roof, \$28.62; barbed wire fencing, \$104.87; flooring of verandah, \$19.72; sundries, \$23.68; total \$826.25. Unexpended balance, \$212.92.

Against the balance, however, stand sundry other improvements yet to be made, such as that of the well, which the doctor has condemned, further painting, etc. Meanwhile the Bishop desires to lose no time in reporting what has already been done, and in tendering to the contributors to this fund his own cordial thanks and those of the members of his family, for the very practical interest thus manifested in the domestic comfort of the occupants of Bishophurst. Among other ends accomplished by this liberality, not the least is the fact, that, the See House having been made habitable for the winter weather, a final termination is now put to the semi-annual pilgrimage which the episcopal household has hitherto been compelled to make between Sault Ste. Marie and other places of temporary sojourn, and they are now, for the first time during the seven years of their residence in Algoma, in possession of a settled "local habitation."

Bishophurst, Nov. 15th, 1880.

The Rev. E. A. Vesey begs to thank Mrs. Ellis, Toronto, for three very handsome frontals, and also the Rev. Rural Dean Llywdd, Huntsville, for a beautiful chalice.

SYNOD OFFICE RECEIPTS.

Receipts at Synod Office for Diocese of Algoma, for November, 1889.

For *Gravenhurst Church*.—Toronto, St. George's W. A., \$5.01; Diocesan Branch W.A., \$3.78.

For *Bishop's Church Extension Fund*.—Parkdale, Epiphany P.M.A., \$6.56.

For *Nepigon Mission*.—Diocesan Branch W.A., Miss Magrath, \$20.

FOR MISSION FUND.

From Toronto, Grace Church, \$15; St. James', \$36; St. Paul's, 50c.; Redemer, \$6; Holy Trinity, \$5.25; St. Philip's, \$12; Diocesan Branch W.A., \$12.64; Port Hope, St. John's, \$9.65; Price's Corners, \$1; Medonte, \$1; Bobcaygeon, \$1; Keswick, \$1.37; Sharon, 33c.; Collingwood, \$7.58; Toronto, All Saints', Ladies Bible Class, \$10; Parkdale, Epiphany, \$2.43; Mulmur, \$12.50; Mrs. Crawford, \$25; Trinity Church, Quebec, \$19.40.

Nepigon Church Building Fund.—Collingwood, \$17.47.

Nepigon Parsonage.—Port Carling, St. James', \$2.50.

Sudbury Church Bell.—Miss Day, \$1; Mrs. J. Daniels, £1; M.P., 9d.; "Harmonium," 10s. 6d.; Miss B. Cardale, 5s.; Miss Branwell, £1 5s.; Anon, £1 15s.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Thanksgiving Collection.—Port Arthur, \$14.40; Fort William West, \$4.25; Gravenhurst, \$3.50; Bruce Mission, \$3.94; Sheguiandah, \$4; Port Sydney, \$4.25; Sundridge and S. River Mission, \$3; Gregory Mission, \$1.

Novar Church Building Fund.—Donation, Mrs. C. J. Crump, \$20.

Huntsville Church Building Fund.—Miss Dorien, £15; do. for *Church and Parsonage Fund*, £35.

D. KEMP, Treasurer.

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The publishers have been requested by the Editor to make the following acknowledgments:—Since the last number of the NEWS was published, Mr. Wm. Gaviller of London, England, has sent money for a club of five copies. Mrs. D. Dent, of Clifton, Bristol, England, has sent money for a club of fifty copies. Mrs. V. S. Quinton, of Lustleigh, South Devon, England, has sent money for a club of fifteen copies. In addition to these several clubs have been received from subscribers in Canada. Also, Mr. John Ings, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., has sent \$10, of which 50c. is for one year's subscription to the A.M.N., and \$9.50 for the General Funds of the Diocese.

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1. We respectfully ask you to notice particularly the *address-label* on the outside of your wrapper. Every label contains a date. This date indicates the time to which your subscription is paid, if it is prepaid; or the time from which it is in arrears, if you are in arrears. We have taken these dates from the books put into our hands by the late publishers, and if in any case they are not right, we desire to be notified as soon as possible.

2. In cases where more than one copy of the A.M.N. is sent to one address, a number is put on the address-label to indicate the number of copies which the subscriber is entitled to receive. If these numbers are not right, we shall be obliged if we are notified at once.

3. In cases where superintendents and others have been receiving copies of the A.M.N. without entering into any definite contract as to the number of copies which they shall receive, or the amount which they shall pay, we have, upon the advice of the editor, continued to send such parties the same number of copies as they were previously receiving. Unfortunately, we were not able to do this in every case in September, as our edition had unexpected demands made upon it. But we do it this month, *and shall do it in future, until we are notified to the contrary*. We have also, upon the advice of the editor, put down the date from which the subscription for these copies commences as October, 1889. We put this month instead of September, 1889, because, as we have said above, we unfortunately ran a few numbers short in our September issue. If this arrangement is not perfectly satisfactory, we desire to be notified as soon as possible.

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