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Editorial Notes

IN another column we publish a list of the clergy of Algoma, and their respective post-offices, and out-stations. Such a list has long been needed by our many friends in Canada and England. We have taken it from the Bishop's last triennial report, and hope that it is in all particulars correct; if, however, any mistakes should be noted by the missionaries of the diocese, we would deem as a great favor their kindly information and corrections.

IN last month's issue we published a communication from the Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, B.D., Incumbent of Rosseau, in which he describes the present deplorable condition of the parsonage. We grieve to say that the actual state of the building is, if anything, worse than our correspondent has described; in fact it is not fit for a clergyman and family, or any other man to live in. We do not mean to say that it is any colder than many of the settlers' shanties, in wilder parts of Algoma, but we will venture, without hesitation, to affirm that it is the coldest and most dilapidated house, with perhaps one exception, in Rosseau village; to sum up, the house is not at all fit for the purpose for which it is used.

We have much pleasure in noting the ordination held last month (12th ult.) at Port Carling, when Messrs. Podmore and Lowe were admitted to the Diaconate. It is pleasing and encouraging to the Bishop of Algoma to find that every year, young men are found who will come forward and offer themselves as candidates for holy orders in this missionary diocese. By this means, his Lordship the Bishop will gradually collect around him a band of clergy, who have been from the first trained according to his style, whose whole interest and desire will be to promote their diocese and to please their Bishop. Doubtless many good clergy could be obtained from other dioceses, but it takes time and patience to fit a man for the mission field, hence it is better, so far as may be possible, to train and ordain men especially to the work.

Notes and Comments.

THE Bishop appears to be enjoying excellent health, being most active and diligent in the prosecution of his work.

IF the zeal of our Clergy for the success of the Diocese, as a Diocese, were to be tested by the amount of copy which they furnish for the Diocesan organ, we fear for some of them it would not rank very high.

TRINITY Church, Parry Sound, was closed on Sunday, Feb. 9, owing to the serious attack made by the "Russian Influenza" upon the town; the Incumbent, the organist, the caretaker, and the greater part of the congregation being simultaneously visited.

THE mission of Sault Ste Marie is now self-supporting, and for that reason the laity have the right to nominate their new Incumbent. We hope that the vestry may be led to make a wise and happy choice, and prove themselves worthy of the privilege which they now possess.

WE are happy to learn that the Mission of Uffington is progressing under the pastoral care of the Rev. H. N. Burden. That not only has a new organ been purchased, but a new church erected at a cost of

about \$800, furniture being yet required. This new church was consecrated on Jan. 19th, by the Bishop of the Diocese.

THE Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, B.D., has resigned the mission of Rosseau, and has asked the Bishop to appoint him to some other field of labour, as he does not intend to leave the diocese. The Rev. gentleman's resignation was a great surprise to his parishioners, and many grieved to learn that their tried and affectionate pastor was about to seek a new field. Mr. Chowne has two daughters and three sons, and the former are now old enough to need, and profit by, a better school than his present mission contains. This is one reason for Mr. Chowne's resignation; another is, the extreme roughness of the roads, and the great distance between the stations where he holds service. For nearly ten years he has faithfully kept his appointments, and has endeavoured to avoid in this respect any annoyance to his parishioners. We mention this because others of our missionaries are so remiss in this matter.

Christmas Among the Indians on the Manitoulin!

The readers of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS perhaps would like to hear of the way the Christian Indians in Algoma spend their Christmas. I will begin with a short account of Sheguiandah, its Christmas services, Christmas tree, etc., and then say a few words, or rather, write a few words about another Indian village on the Manitoulin and its Christmas festivities.

The pretty little church at Sheguiandah was prettily decorated on Christmas Eve, ready for the midnight service, when a good congregation of Indians gathered to worship the Saviour, whose birth we commemorate at this happy season. The Christmas hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," translated into the Ojibway tongue, was sung with great spirit, and the rest of Christmas service was entered into with evident interest and enjoyment. A sermon on the "Angels' Message to the Shepherds," was preached in the Indian tongue by the missionary in charge. The Indians listened attentively while the events connected with the birth of our blessed Saviour were explained to them, and several partook of the Holy Communion in obedience to command of that same Saviour who was born at Bethlehem, and died on Calvary to redeem and save His people of whatever race or colour.

On Christmas Day morning at nine o'clock, Divine service was held again, and a larger congregation than ever assembled, in fact, the seating capacity of the church was insufficient for the congregation. Some had come from a distance across very unsafe ice in order to be present. The sermon was preached from the text "And will God in very deed dwell with

man on the earth?" After service the Indians shook hands with the missionary and with each other and wished Christmas wishes.

On the next evening there was a Christmas Tree given by the chief to the children of the village, when candies and small articles made by the family of the chief were distributed, and the missionary became the happy recipient of a gorgeous hanging basket, and his wife some grass work. After the tree was over, there was a Punch and Judy exhibition manipulated by two Indian youths, which proved very entertaining, especially to the younger part of the audience.

On Monday evening, the 30th of December, the annual Christmas tree entertainment was held in the School-house, when the gifts sent by the Ladies' Mission Aid were distributed to the needy among the Indians. They consisted chiefly of warm articles of clothing and quilts, which were much appreciated by the old cronies. An Indian made a speech thanking the donors. There were 85 Indians present. Proceedings concluded with "God Save the Queen," sung in English.

But let us go on to our other Indian village. The Church here was beautifully decorated, and what was better still, it was beautifully clean. The walls had been whitewashed spotlessly white, so that the dark evergreens showed out so clear. Divine Service and Holy Communion at 3 p.m. There was a very good congregation, and for Indians, a very good collection. The missionary received a very pressing invitation to a public Indian feast, but he could not stay. On New Year's Eve was the Christmas tree here, and a most hilarious gathering it was. Some people think Indians never laugh; they should have been here. Some orphan children were clothed from head to foot with gifts from the tree. All were delighted.

F. FROST,

Missionary.

Ordination.

PORT CARLING MISSION.

On Sunday, January 12th, the 1st after the Epiphany, in St. James' Church, Port Carling, the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese, administering Holy orders, admitted Messrs. H. P. Lowe, B.A., Trinity, Toronto, and P. St. M. Podmore, of St. John's College, Hurst Pierpoint, to the diaconate.

Morning Prayer was said at 9 a.m. by the Rev. Rural Dean Llwydd, and James Boydell, Chaplain.

The solemn service of Ordination began at 10:30., the Bishop preaching the sermon from II. Cor. v. 18, "The Ministry of Reconciliation." The Rev. J. Boydell, M.A., Examining Chaplain, presented the candidates, who responded to the solemn questions in clear audible voice, and were then duly ordained to the holy office of a Deacon in the Church of God. The Rev. H. P. Lowe, B.A., was Gospeller. The Bishop, assisted by the visiting clergy, then proceeded

to the administration of the Holy Communion. A large and devout congregation was present and witnessed the impressive service, of whom 37 remained to partake with the newly ordained of the Holy Sacrament following. This was the first occasion of an Ordination service being held in Port Carling. In the afternoon the Bishop and the Rev. P. St. M. Podmore went to the out-station of Gregory for afternoon service. The Rev. J. Boydell returning to Bracebridge.

The evening service in St. James' Church was taken by the Rev. Rural Dean Llwydd, assisted by the Rev. H. P. Lowe, the Rural Dean preaching the sermon.

On Monday evening, the Bishop met the members of Port Carling, in vestry. A very satisfactory financial statement for the year past, during which Mr. Podmore had served the mission as catechist, was presented by the wardens. The Bishop congratulated the vestry that the whole mission was *free of debt*, that its relations with Mr. Podmore were most harmonious, and stated that he had that day licensed the Rev. Mr. Podmore to the incumbency of the mission.

A resolution was unanimously passed, that a united effort be made this year to erect a parsonage in the village, with a suitable stable for the missionary's horse.

The Rev. H. P. Lowe has been licensed to the mission of Aspden.

THOMAS LLWYDD,
Rural Dean of Muskoka.

Episcopal Visitations.

The Bishop's work during the first month of the New Year was as follows:

On Thursday, Jan. 2nd, he left Sault Ste. Marie for Nepigon, on the north shore of Lake Superior, for the purpose of conferring with the Rev. R. Renison as to the rebuilding of the mission house at Negweneng, and also of consecrating the Church which Mr. R. had built near the Nepigon railway station, at the mouth of the river Nepigon. Reaching his destination a little after mid-day on Saturday, the 4th, he was, as usual, most kindly received and hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan, of the Hudson Bay Co. On Sunday morning, the sound of the church going-bell rang out on the clear, crisp winter air, and a goodly congregation assembled, when the little Church was solemnly consecrated and set apart from all profane and common use, for the worship of Almighty God, the petition being read by Mr. N. Flanagan. Morning Prayer was then read, followed by a sermon by the Bishop, and the administration of the Holy Communion. At 3.30 p.m., Evening Prayer was said, after which the Bishop preached again, the service closing in time to admit of his taking the express eastward again. At Schreiber the train stopped long enough to permit of an interview

with the Rev. W. Evans, the resident missionary, and make arrangements for a visitation sometime in March. Sudbury, 184 miles east of Nepigon, was reached on Monday afternoon, and a vestry meeting held the same evening, at which much business was transacted in connection with the erection of a church to be begun in spring. Funds sufficient for the purpose are already in hand, but we sorely need about \$500 more to put up a small building to serve as a reading room, etc., for the benefit of the scores of young men who gather at this important mining centre. The parishioners who attended the meeting (the largest yet held in Sudbury) pledged themselves to the sum of \$250 towards the stipend of the Catechist, Mr. T. R. Johnstone, who has been unremitting in his labors since his arrival last November. A clergyman, however, is urgently needed, and must be placed there at the earliest possible opportunity. Leaving Sudbury the same night, the Bishop reached Sault Ste. Marie next morning, Tuesday, Jan. 7th, having travelled upwards of 1310 miles within five days, thanks to the marvellous increase of railway facilities furnished by the enterprise of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., within the past three or four years.

On Thursday, the 9th, he started once more on a more extended tour through the Muskoka district, his first point being Port Carling, which was reached Friday evening, the 10th. A portion of Saturday the 11th was devoted to the two students, who were to present themselves for ordination the next morning. Owing to the condition of the roads, which were blocked up by heavy snow storms, the danger of travelling on the lakes, and the prevalence of "la grippe," the congregation on the morning of Sunday, Jan. 12th, was not so large as had been expected, but those who were present were evidently deeply interested, witnessing, as they did, for the first time, the administration of the solemn and impressive rite by which the Church of England admits to the order of the Diaconate. The Bishop preached from II. Cor. v. 18, and was assisted in the ordination service (which had been preceded at 9 a.m. by Morning Prayer) by the Examining Chaplain, Rev. Jas. Boydell, M.A., Incumbent of Bracebridge, and the Rural Dean Llwydd, Incumbent of Huntsville. The candidates were Mr. Henry Percy Lowe, who had gained honours in his examinations at Trinity College, Toronto, and Mr. Percy St. Michael Podmore (son of the Rev. Mr. Podmore, Vicar of St. Michael's, Hackney, London), who had been educated in England. In the afternoon, service was held at Gregory, when the Bishop preached again, returning in the evening to Port Carling, after partaking of the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory at their residence on Lake Rosseau.

On Monday morning, the 13th, he proceeded to Beaumaris, accompanied by Rev. P. S. M. Podmore, and held service in the dining-room of Mr. Prowse's hotel. Here a heavy gloom rested on the little com-

munity, in consequence of the death of Mr. Herbert Prowse a few days before by drowning, while crossing a lake in the neighbourhood. The Bishop's subsequent appointments for the remainder of the month were as follows :

- Jan. 14—Gravenhurst, 7.30 p.m.
 " 15—Falkenburg, 3.30 p.m.
 " 15—Bracebridge, 7.30.
 " 16—Baysville, 11.00 a.m.
 " 16—Bracebridge, 7.30 p.m.
 " 18—Uffington, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 " 19—Uffington, 10 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m.
 " 20—Port Sydney, 7.30 p.m.
 " 21—Ufford, 11 a.m.
 " 22—Ullswater 10.3 a.m.
 " 22—Bentrivendale, 3 p.m.
 " 23—Bron-y-Craig, 10.30 a.m.
 " 23—Rosseau, 7.30.
 " 24—Parry Sound, 7.30 p.m.
 " 25—Broadbent, 7.30 p.m.
 " 26—Broadbent, 10 a.m.
 " 27—Seguin Falls, 5.30 p.m.
 " 28—Magnetawan, 7.30 p.m.
 " 29—Midlothian, 10.30 a.m.,
 " 29—Magnetawan, 7.30 p.m.
 " 30—Dunchurch, 7.30 p.m.
 Feb. 1 —Burk's Falls, 8 p.m.
 " 2 —Burk's Falls, 10.30 a.m.
 " 2 —Emsdale, 3 p.m.
 " 2 —Burk's Falls, 7.30 p.m.
 " 3 —Bethune, 11 a.m.
 " 3 —Emsdale, 2.30 p.m.

On the completion of this tour, the Bishop returned to Sault Ste. Marie, where the Western Convocation meet on the 12th and 13th of this month, but too late to be reported in this issue. We hope to give some notes of the proceedings in the March number.

List of Algoma Clergy and Their Stations.

In response to the expressed wishes of many friends in England, we publish this month a correct list of the Algoma clergy, their respective post-offices and stations, the first in every group being, so far as the editor is aware, the homestation of that mission : Rev. A. H. Allman, Port Sydney, P.O. : Port Sydney, Brunel, Ufford, Beatrice. Rev. James Boydell, M.A., Bracebridge P.O. : Bracebridge, Bardsville, Falkenburg, Stoneleigh, Baysville. Rev. H. N. Burden, Uffington P.O. : Uffington, Lewisham, Purbrook, Oakley. Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, B.D. R.D., Rosseau P.O. : Rosseau, Ullswater, Bentrivendale, Bron-y-Craig, Port Colborne (summer). Rev. H. P. Lowe, Aspdin P.O. : Aspdin, Lancelot. Rev. W. Evans, Schreiber P.O. : Schreiber, Chapleau, White River. Rev. F. Frost, Sheguiandah P.O. : Sheguiandah, Little Current, Sucker Creek (Ind.), Birch Island (Ind.), Spanish River (Ind.). Rev. G. Gander, South River P.O. : Sundridge, South River, Eagle Lake. Rev. G. H. Gaviller, Parry Sound P.O. : Parry Sound, Rankins, Christie Road. Rev. F. W. Greene, R.D., Sault Ste. Marie P.O. : Sault

Ste. Marie, Koral, Goulais Bay, Tarentoras. Rev. G. Gillmor, North Bay P.O. : North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, South East Bay, Nipissing. Rev. I. Irvine, Garden River P.O. : Garden River (Ind.), McDonald Tp. Rev. M. C. Kirby, Fort William West P.O. : Fort William West, Fort William East, Oliver. Rev. T. Llwydd, R.D., Huntsville P.O. : Huntsville, Ravenscliffe, Allensville. Rev. C. I. Machin, Port Arthur P.O. : Port Arthur. Rev. J. H. McLeod, Gore Bay P.O. : Gore Bay, Burpee. Rev. R. Mosley, Parry Sound P.O. : Waubamick. Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., Gravenhurst P.O. : Gravenhurst, Northwood. Rev. C. Piercy, Hilton P.O. : Hilton, Jocelyn, Richard's Landing. Rev. R. Renison, Nepigon P.O. : Negwenang, Nepigon. Rev. P. G. H. Robinson, Thessalon P.O. : Thessalon, Bruce Mines, Ottertail, Kirkwood. Rev. H. Rollings, Manitowaning P.O. : Manitowaning, Purple Hill, The Slash, South Bay. Rev. L. Sinclair, Ilfracombe P.O. : Ilfracombe, Hoodstown, Axe Lake, Stanley Dale. Rev. E. A. Vesey, Burk's Falls P.O. : Burk's Falls, Emsdale, Bethune, Starratts. Rev. E. F. Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie P.O. : Shingwauk Home, Wawanosh Home. Rev. A. J. Young, Magnetawan P.O. : Magnetawan, Pearcey, Midlothian, Dunchurch. Rev. P. S. M. Podmore, Port Carling P.O. : Port Carling, Port Sandfield, Gregory, Brackenrig.

CATECHISTS.

Mr. J. Johnston, Sudbury P.O. : Sudbury, Stobie, Copper Cliff. Mr. A. J. Cobb, Inholmes P.O. : Broadbent, McKellar, Hurdsville, Dufferin Bridge, Seguin Falls. Mr. W. K. Llwydd, Grassmere P.O. : Grassmere, Quinns, Emberson.

Gravenhurst Mission.

NORTHWOOD STATION.—On Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 1890, the Sunday-school children at Northwood had their annual treat. The Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., of Gravenhurst, who has charge of Northwood, drove out with Mrs. McKee and Miss Johns, who had provided toys and sweets for the children. Arriving a little late, owing to the state of the roads and a constant downpour of rain, we found Mrs. Stephens had supplied them with nice tea, which we gladly shared with them ; and for which we all accorded Mrs. Stephens a hearty vote of thanks. Then Mr. Noble gave each a book—kindly supplied by Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchison, of Toronto. Then followed the distribution of toys and sweets, to the genuine satisfaction of the little folks. The Misses Mason, of Barrie, sent some toys and sweets, and are kindly supplying some weekly papers for the children, for which we are deeply thankful. Mr. Ennis, the superintendent, had also received some toys and clothing for those needing it from the ladies of St. Philip's Church, Toronto, to whom our acknowledgments are due. Some kind words of advice and encouragement were added by Mr. Noble and Mr. Ennis.

GRAVENHURST STATION.—On Tuesday, Jan 7th, 1890, the annual Sunday-school entertainment in connection with St. James' Church, Gravenhurst, was held in the Town Hall, which was well filled with an appreciative audience. The incumbent, the Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., presided, and a long programme of thirty-two pieces, consisting of songs, instrumental solos, readings, recitations, and dialogues, was gone through in a very creditable

manner, evidently to the entire satisfaction of the audience. Perfect order prevailed throughout, and the whole performance reflected great credit on the teachers for the careful manner in which they had trained the children, and on the children for the way in which they played their respective parts. During the intermission Mr. Noble made a brief statement of the present position of the Sunday-school. There are 87 children on the roll book, with an average attendance for the past year of 54 per Sunday. There are 12 Sunday-school teachers, with an average attendance for the past year of 10 per Sunday, which will bear comparison with any band of Sunday-school teachers in the province. Mr. W. H. Swan acts as assistant superintendent in the absence of the Incumbent at Northwood on alternate Sundays. Mr. W. Leigh, the indefatigable secretary, keeps all in order, and preserves the harmonious working of the whole machinery. Mr. Cumming, head master of the public school, acts as librarian, assisted by Mr. R. Leigh. At the close of the performance prizes and presents were given to all; Mr. Noble explained that the book prizes, 25 in number, were given to those scholars who had made 45 attendances or upwards during the past year, and he urged both scholars and parents to aim at earning a larger number during the ensuing year. There were presents of other kinds on the Christmas tree for all who did not win prizes, while there were candies and oranges for all.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14th, the Lord Bishop of Algoma arrived in Gravenhurst from Port Carling. In the course of the afternoon he had a look over the church, and the fence placed around the ground since his last visit, and expressed himself highly satisfied with what has been done. In the evening he held a Confirmation service, prayers being read by the Incumbent, the Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., and preached a very powerful and impressive sermon to a large and attentive congregation, from I. Cor. xiii. 12. He pointed out the limitations of our knowledge in the physical world, and the analogy subsisting between it and the moral and spiritual world. He also pointed out the only possible means of increasing this knowledge, *i.e.*, intellectual and moral culture, and the purification of the moral atmosphere of the soul, by the enlightening and sanctifying power of the Word and Spirit of the living God. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to the newly confirmed and others. All those confirmed last year, save two, one of whom has left town, were present at the Lord's table.

Magnetawan Mission.

MAGNETAWAN.—St. George's Church was very tastefully decorated for the Christmas Festival. On Christmas Day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and at 10.30 morning prayer, sermon, and second celebration. Many of the communicants having been prevented by the storm from attending the 8 o'clock service. Considering the unfavorable state of the weather the attendance was very good, there were 18 communicants. The annual entertainment and Christmas tree in connection with the Sunday-school was held in St. George's Hall, adjoining the church, on the evening of Dec. 26th. The hall, now seated with 150 chairs, was filled to overflowing, many unable to get seats. The church choir with Mrs. Young at the organ sang several

anthems, carols, etc., in excellent style. The great attraction for old and young was the beautiful Christmas tree, from which hung all kinds of fruit; some good and pleasant to the taste, others of a more useful character; socks, stockings, mitts, caps, mufflers, shawls, etc., and prettily dressed dolls for the little ones. Could those kind friends who so generously provided these beautiful gifts have just taken one peep into the hall and seen the happy beaming faces of the poor little children they would have exclaimed "We have seen enough to satisfy us that our work of labor and love is deeply appreciated and highly valued," and so it is. The usual watch night service was held at 11.30 on the last day of the old year. The motto for 1890, and upon which the missionary gave an address, is "Come unto Me all ye that are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest."

PEARCELEY STATION.—Divine service was held in Holy Trinity Church on Christmas Day at 2.30 p.m.; all the congregation were present excepting two, and enjoyed a very hearty Christmas service. The Holy Communion was administered to six communicants. The congregation is taking a deep interest in everything connected with the Church, the Sunday-school is well attended and managed under the superintendence of Mrs. S. Pearce. The teachers and scholars are deeply grateful to the Sunday-school at St. James, London South, for their gift of ninety-three volumes to the Rev. A. J. Young, and by him presented to this church as a nucleus of a library for the Sunday-school.

DUNCHURCH STATION.—At this station a Christmas service was held on the Friday before Christmas Day at 7.30 in Mrs. Kelcey's Hall. There was, as usual, a large congregation of hearty worshippers. A Sunday-school has been organized at this station, and is well attended. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Markham, late of St. Matthias, Toronto, meet weekly for practice, and their assistance in the congregation is very helpful. The congregation at this point are taking a very deep interest in all Church affairs.

MIDLOTHIAN STATION—ST. PETER'S.—Divine service was held here on New Year's Day with a celebration of the Holy Communion. Many were prevented attending by the heavy rain.

CHAPMAN VALLEY STATION.—Evangelistic services are being held here by the Rev. A. J. Young, of Magnetawan, once a fortnight during the winter. The greatest interest is being taken in these gatherings, and much good has already resulted.

Thessalon Mission.

THESSALON.—The Sunday-school in connection with the Church of the Redeemer held their first Christmas tree on Friday evening, 3rd Jan., in the Foresters' Hall, Thessalon, which was well attended with the parents and friends of the children. The chair was ably filled by the Incumbent, the Rev. P. G. Robinson, who opened the proceedings with an interesting address. The hall was suitably decorated for the occasion, and a tree on either side of the platform bore the many presents which were to be distributed to the pupils of the school, and members of the choir. This Sunday-school has only been organized about a year, and now has 52 scholars. There is also a Bible class in connection with the school, which is ably

taught by the superintendent, Mrs. Robinson, who is also the organist of the church. A very interesting programme was disposed of, consisting of speeches, vocal and instrumental music, readings, etc., after which the presents were distributed. The churchwardens, on behalf of the choir, presented Mrs. Robinson with a very handsome dress. Mrs. Robinson also received other presents from some of the pupils of the school. The pleasing event was brought to a close by all singing "God save the Queen." The sum of \$15 was realized for the Organ Fund, an admission fee of twenty-five cents having been charged to those not connected with the school.

Mrs. Robinson begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the box which contained the numerous presents for the above mentioned occasion, kindly sent by the "Children's Auxiliary" of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, Ont.; and great praise is due the children of that Society for the manner in which those presents were prepared; but if they could have seen the pleasure with which they were received by the fortunate ones their trouble would be amply rewarded.

Gore Bay Mission.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.—A most successful entertainment was given by the choir, Sunday-school and others on Christmas Eve. In spite of the rain, which literally poured down, the large hall was filled. The lengthy programme, consisting of readings, recitations, and dialogues, with vocal and instrumental music, was rendered in capital style. The solos of Mrs. Brazener and Mr. Sutherland were especially applauded and heartily encored, as was also the instrumental duet by the Misses Ada and Minnie Young. The centre of attraction for the younger portion of the audience was the Christmas tree, which was beautifully decorated and well filled with presents, which were handed to the recipients by Santa Claus. The gathering dispersed after singing the National Anthem, and all seemed to be well satisfied with the evening's enjoyment. Next day being Christmas Day, there was a bright and hearty service in the Church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the congregation.

Seguin Falls.

The Sunday-school Christmas Entertainment in connection with Seguin Falls S.S. was held on Monday, 6th Jan., at the residence of Mrs. W. Fry. A good tea was provided for the children in the dining-room, and then all adjourned to the parlor for distribution of presents, so kindly sent by the S.S. scholars in the Rev. Mr. McCleary's Parish, Peterboro', Mrs. Boomer, Mrs. O'Brien, and the Rev. G. H. Gaviller. The joy of the children was unbounded, and Mrs. Fry felt well repaid for her labor, and so would the friends who have so kindly aided her, if they could have been present. Presents were given in all to 36 children; Mrs. Fry is to be heartily congratulated upon the great success which has attended her efforts on behalf of the settlers on that part of the Nipissing Road.

Broadbent Mission.

Mr. A. J. Cobb, Catechist, has been appointed by the Bishop to Broadbent Mission; he is a young Englishman

who has volunteered to work in Algoma. His new field of labor is indeed an extensive one, comprising the three organized congregations of St. Stephen's (Broadbent home station), Seguin Falls, and Dufferin Bridge, besides Hurdsville and McKellar Stations, which have yet to be organized. Mr. Cobb's post-office address is Inholmes P.O., where he is for the present lodged with Mr. James Bartlett, churchwarden.

Ifracombe Mission.

Christmas service was held in St. Jude's Church, Hoodstown, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, 25th Dec., and in Christ Church, Ifracombe, at 3 p.m. Large congregations were assembled in each church, and the decorations displayed a great advance on previous years, thus showing that the festival of Christmas is becoming more prominent as the years roll on. The services were conducted by the Incumbent, the Rev. L. Sinclair, who, in his sermon, pointed out that among all the grand lessons obtained by commemorating the nativity of Jesus Christ, none shone forth with so much beauty as that of joy and gladness. Even although the song of the "herald angels" was the prelude to the life of the Man of Sorrows and to Rachel weeping for her children because of the sword of Herod, still the message of the angel at Christmas time is still the same. "Fear not, for I bring good tidings of great joy to you and all mankind."

On Tuesday, the 31st Dec., the annual Christmas tree was held in Christ Church Parsonage at 5 p.m. The Rev. L. Sinclair appointed Miss C. I. Fair, of Fair Villa, Charlinch, to present the prizes to the Sunday-school scholars, and R. H. Tothill, Esq., to take the chair. Addresses were given by the Incumbent and Mr. Chas. Smith, Superintendent, and others. Captain Whidden also gave a magic lantern entertainment, comprising views of English Cathedrals and churches, and scenes in Scotland, France, and the United States of America.

On New Year's Day, the Rev. L. Sinclair officiated at the marriage of Mr. Edward Boulter to Miss Sarah Ann Farris, the former from Lewisham, and the latter from Croyden, near London, in England.

The Christmas tree in connection with St. John's Church, Stanleydale, was held on Friday, Jan. 3rd, in the house of Mr. Ogilvie, J.P., Township Clerk. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and the Rev. L. Sinclair presented a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong to Miss Annie Ogilvie, for her services as organist in St. John's Church.

Grassmere Mission.

GRASSMERE STATION.—The Rev. Rural Dean Llywod visited this mission on the 28th of December last, and preached the Christmas sermon, and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to eight persons, and also the Sacrament of Baptism to two. The church is much improved by the addition of a new Communion table and cloth, and also by a beautiful set of banners.

THE PORTAGE STATION.—The Sunday-school held their Christmas tree on Monday, December 23rd, and the room was crowded with both old and young: all were determined to have a happy Christmas. The Catechist in charge, Mr. W. R. Lloyd, was the recipient of a pair of splendidly worked slippers.

CANE'S CORNERS STATION.—During the Christmas week, the student in charge delivered a lecture in aid of the temperance cause, on "A Voyage to India," illustrating the same with views from a magic lantern. The room was crowded.

Burk's Falls Mission.

All Saints' Church was most elaborately decorated for Christmas by the members of the choir and others, and

the beautiful service on Christmas morning was heartily sung both by the choir and by the large congregation present, some Christmas carols were also sung at the close of the service. On New Year's Eve a midnight service was held, which was well attended. Wednesday, Jan. 1st, the Christmas tree was held in the Town Hall. A sumptuous tea was provided, at which about 50 children sat down. Before distributing the presents from the tree, the Incumbent expressed his deep gratitude to the superintendent and teachers of the Sunday-school for their efficient and noble work, after which he presented the Sunday-school prizes. Santa Claus then turned up and distributed the Christmas tree presents; the Incumbent was surprised and delighted to find his congregation had put a handsome present on the tree for him, viz., a beautiful silver cruet. Various games were indulged in, interspersed with songs by the choir, the whole concluding with the evening hymn.

EMSDALE STATION.—Service was held in St. Mark's Church, Emsdale, at 3 p.m. on Christmas day. The Rev. E. A. Vesey, Pastor of the Mission, officiating. In spite of bad roads, a good congregation assembled in the church, which had been very tastefully decorated on the previous day. A very hearty service followed, interspersed with many Christmas hymns and two carols, namely, "The First Nowell" and "Good Christian Men Rejoice." After the service, with the interchange of many reasonable wishes, the members of the congregation retired to their respective homes.

On Tuesday, the 7th January, the annual Christmas Tree and entertainment in aid of the Sunday School, was held in Thomas' Hall, in Emsdale. The doors were open for tea at 5 p.m., and from that time till after 7 o'clock, the tables were well patronized. Shortly after 7 o'clock the chair was taken by the Rev. E. A. Vesey, and after he had spoken a few words to the children of the Sunday School, who number nearly sixty, the gifts were distributed from the Tree. Many of the gifts and the candies, of which each child received a bag, were the gift of Mr. Vesey, and for a very welcome parcel of presents, many thanks are due to Mrs. Maitland Young, Burlington, Ont. After the children had been made happy, the elder portion of the audience was treated to a programme consisting of readings, recitations and numerous songs, all of which gave great satisfaction, as evinced by the hearty applause of the audience. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close at 9.30 p.m., with a hearty rendering of the National Anthem. Eleven dollars were realized, which will clear off all expenses in connection with St. Mark's Sunday School for the year 1889.

Port Carling Mission.

GREGORY STATION.—On Sunday afternoon, 12th Jan., His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma left Port Carling for service at 3.30 p.m. The snow was very deep and roads bad, but in spite of these difficulties, Mr. Davidson succeeded in forcing his team over the road in time for service and a glimpse at the Sunday School, which is very faithfully conducted by Misses Gregory and Woods. This school consists of two classes, and meets every Sunday for instruction at 2.30 p.m. The Bishop was much pleased with the excellent discipline and condition of the school, and before service, spoke earnestly to both scholars and teachers, reminding them of the blessings bestowed upon those who feed Christ's Lambs. At the conclusion of a very hearty service and eloquent sermon, touching upon the history and duties of the Diaconate, a short meeting was held, all monies due to the Missionary were shown to have been paid. A boat presented to further his mode of travel, ground cleared and deeded to His Lordship for a new church, and some hundred dollars in the hands of the treasurer, Mr. Kingston. The Bishop, accompanied by Rev. P. St. M. Podmore, then repaired to Mr. Gregory's, where a very kind and hospitable greeting awaited him and, arrived at Port Carling about 9 p.m. His Lordship was much pleased with the visitation, and spoke with great hopes of the progress and future of the work.

BEAUMARIS STATION.—On Monday morning, the Bishop, accompanied by Rev. P. St. M. Podmore, left Port Carling for Beaumaris. A heavy rain and sleet fell throughout the previous night, and the morning broke with an icy wind, sending snow flying in all unprotected spots in blinding blizzards. Some settlers who had intended travelling from long distances to be present at the service, were forced by the weather to return. Mr. Davidson found at the time appointed his horses were totally unfit for travel, after the journey of the preceding day. Some considerable delay was occasioned before a team could be procured, but at length all was in readiness, and our dear Bishop with his true missionary spirit started on the way. Many trees fell during the journey, some directly across the roads, but the kindly assistance of friendly settlers cleared the way to prevent delays. So stormy was the journey that it was late when the team arrived, but nevertheless, a very hearty service and sympathetic discourse rewarded the fidelity and courage of those who had braved all to be present. Such weather as this is a common thing here, and the willingness of people to face difficulties for the assembling of themselves together, leads us to trust the Gospel is not proclaimed in vain. After the service, a short meeting was held, at which it was shown that about \$148.00 had passed into the churchwardens hands, since Easter last, of which \$90.00 is at present held by the treasurer towards church building. Monies are still to be paid in upon the subscription lists, and it is hoped that by summer, some progress will be made in building, at least sufficient for divine service. The meeting was a very happy one, and His Lordship was much pleased with the work. Mr. and Mrs. Prowse very kindly provided a substantial feast for their guests, and both Bishop and Missionary went away, feeling rewarded for having braved the elements.

Rosseau Mission.

Jan. 2nd, 1890, the Sunday-school scholars of the Church of the Redeemer assembled with their teachers and parents in the Parsonage, to the number of forty-five children. After enjoying a substantial tea, they then gathered round the Christmas tree, which was well laden with gifts suited to the various ages of the children. When the candles on the tree were lighted, it had quite a rich appearance. "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" was then sung with good will, after which the distribution of the prizes and gifts commenced, and each child took home a memento of 1889.

Boxes, bales, and parcels of clothing for distribution, and toys for Christmas trees in this mission were received from the following ladies: Church, W.A. Society, per Miss Patterson, Toronto; Miss Thurtill, and Miss Fannie Dixon, Guelph, and Rev. Alex W. Macnab, St. Barnabas', St. Catharines, and from the W.A. and Sunday-school, per L. Wood, Esq., Oil Springs, Oil City.

ALFRED W. H. CHOWNE.

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

To the Editor of the Algoma Missionary News.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to explain with reference to my letter in your December issue that it is not our desire to enroll associates in all parts of Canada, as well as England, but only to suggest association within the Diocese of Algoma. To all workers there as well as to ourselves it would be a source of strength to know and feel that we were united by the closed links of Intercessory Prayer one to another. Beyond this it is not deemed expedient to go, it being far from our wish to claim for Algoma an undue share of the help which the Canadian Church must necessarily extend to all the missions within her borders.

Yours faithfully,

St. Michael's Rectory,
Bristol, Dec. 18, '89.

A. H. C. WILKINSON,
Local Secretary.

Sudbury Mission.

To the Editor Algoma Missionary News :

Sir,—Knowing that some of your readers will like to hear something of the work being done at Sudbury, I take the present opportunity of writing you. I arrived here on the 1st December last, and immediately hunted up some of the Church of England people, and arranged for active work. I found it very different to city work, but I found plenty of willing workers. A service is held twice every Sunday in a hall kindly loaned us *free* by a Mr. McCormick, a member of the Roman Catholic Church here. The attendance during the month past has averaged twenty-four at each service. Besides Sudbury, I hold service at two mines on alternate Sundays; Copper Cliff Mine, belonging to the Canadian Copper Co., on one Sunday, at 3 p.m., and the Dominion Mineral Co., on the other Sunday at same hour. One is $4\frac{1}{2}$, and the other $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Sudbury. His Lordship the Bishop made a flying visit on Monday last, as he was passing through to Nepigon. Some took advantage of his presence and held a vestry meeting, at which twelve members were present. All present evinced a great desire to have the church erected as soon as possible, and as soon as the site is decided on the contracts will be given out. There is a great work to be done here among young men, and I daily feel the need of holding to view the beauties of the religion of Jesus. We have decided to build under the same roof with the church, a room to accommodate the young people, as at present, except their bedrooms or the Hotel public room, they have no place of privacy, and the room proposed to be built will be a means of drawing them away from evil and bringing them under religious influence. I shall be pleased to send you word occasionally of our work.

Yours, etc.,

T. R. JOHNSTON,
Catechist in charge.

Sudbury, Jan. 10, '90.

North Bay Mission.

To the Editor of the Algoma Missionary News :

SIR,—On Christmas Day we had a most hearty service in St. Michael and All Angels' Churches, and fuller as to congregation than formerly. Unfortunately on the railway Sundays and Holy Days are not kept sacred to God, and this winter especially, there is a great rush of work, and constant straining at extra hours, and the men are kept away from the service of God, and to be found regular, steady, sober, and undeviating in the service of the C. P. R. Company. It is, indeed, terrible to neglect God under any circumstances or conditions whatever, and he reminds them constantly and sharply, the rod sometimes descending in awful chastisement.

On Monday evening, the 30th of December, we had our Christmas tree, the number of our Sunday-school scholars to be provided for being 75, but Santa Claus was equal to the occasion, and satisfied over 100 of our young people. Now, we could not have attained to this magnitude but for the kindness of the Working Band of St. John's Church, Port Hope. They sent us, just in the nick of time, a box well filled indeed. The tree was a success in that the opinion and feelings of the children on the subject gave back the verdict—beautiful, first-rate, very good. What more did we want? In the box from Port Hope there came also a magnificent illustrated Bible, with notes from the commentary of Henry and Scott, for me, the Incumbent. A present of value it is to me surely, and a great addition to my library. What was my first book? It was on my *fifth* birthday, sent me by a young lady friend from England, and it was a book of sermons by the Divines of the Reformation period, and called "Lights of the World!" I could not read a word of it, nor understand a word of it for years afterwards, but I would not, I remember, on that day have taken all the toys off a tree for it.

North Bay, 20th Jan., 1890.

G. GILLMOR.

Acknowledgments.

Acknowledgment.—The publishers of the A. M. N. desire to acknowledge with thanks the sum of \$3.00 from Mr. Robert McAllister, of Sackville, New Brunswick, on behalf of the Algoma Diocesan Fund. The same has been sent to Mr. Kemp, Treasurer of the Diocese.

THESSALON.—The Incumbent of the mission of Bruce Mines, the Rev. P. G. Robinson, begs to acknowledge, with hearty thanks, the following boxes of clothing, etc., received from "The Woman's Auxiliary to Missions of the Church of England in Canada," viz., two boxes from Port Hope branch, one box from Woodbridge branch, one box from Central Rooms, Toronto; one box (baby's clothing) from St. Peter's branch, Toronto; and last, but not least, one box from St. John's, P.Q., containing (besides clothing, etc., for the poor) some nice articles for the Incumbent and his family. Nearly all the clothing for distribution has been given away to those deserving the same between the eight stations now under my charge, and gratefully received. Many have been able thereby to attend Sunday-school and church who would otherwise have been obliged to remain at home. Considering that the "W.A." has only been organized about three years, I consider that they have already done wonders. But this is not surprising; for the great and chief thing that prompts them to do this admirable work is *the love of Christ*. The Rev. Mr. Robinson also begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, a saddle, the kind gift of Miss Ford, sister of the late Rev. O. P. Ford.

The Rev. E. A. Vesey begs to acknowledge, with very many thanks, a splendid box full of Christmas tree presents and clothing, also a large cake sent to the clergyman's wife in the same box, for which Mrs. Vesey returns her best thanks, from the superintendent and Sunday-school at Peterborough.

The Rev. G. H. Gaviller desires to acknowledge the following Christmas presents received from members of his congregations: A beautifully iced Christmas cake from his churchwarden, Mr. Frank Dowell, sr.; chickens from Mrs. Fuller, a turkey each from Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. M. Rankin, two chickens from Mrs. Wm. Taylor, and a quantity of vegetables from Mr. T. Haines, besides a number of presents from others.

Receipts at Synod office, Toronto, for Diocese of Algoma during January 1890.

For Episcopal Income.—From Diocese of Montreal to 31st Dec. 1889, \$125.

For Mission Fund.—Rev. S. Ackroyd, £1; Miss Crabbe, £1; Hon. Mrs. Noel, £10; St. James' Church, South London Mission Band, \$25; H. Lye, \$5; D. H. Charles, \$20; W. H. Eakins, \$10; Wm. Guy, \$5; Lady A. Pepys, £1; G. Wilgress, \$25; Miss G. Osborne, \$3; Rev. Dr. Beaumont, \$5; Mary Nixon, \$100; Mrs. Freer, \$5.

For Widows and Orphans' Fund.—Toronto Diocesan Branch W. A., \$100; Hoodstown, \$3.60; Magnetawan, \$5; Miss Freer, \$5.

For Church and Parsonage Fund.—G. Wilgress, \$5.

For Port Sydney Mission.—Mrs. Huggins, 10s.; Brighton friends, 4s.; Boxes, etc., £2 18s. 6d.

For Parry Sound Mission.—F. J. T., \$15.

For Sudbury Church Building Fund.—T. R. J., Catechist, \$93; Miss E. Wigram, Treas., £4 3s. 4d.; Mrs. Bores, for Church and Parsonage, 10s.

For Rev. R. Renison.—Per Huron Diocesan Branch, W. A.: Mrs. Boomer, \$5; Sarnia Branch, \$10; Chatham Junior Missionary Band, \$25; Miss E. Wigram, for Indian Church at Negwenenang, £20; Harriet Gurney, for Parsonage, £2 15s.

For Episcopal Endowment Fund.—Miss E. Wigram, £4 4s.; Harriet Gurney, 5s.

For Novar.—Miss E. Wigram, £4 3s. 4d.

For Uffington.—Miss E. Wigram, £4 3s. 4d.
For Foreign Missions.—Gravenhurst, \$6; Port Sydney Mission, \$1.25; Bruce Mines, \$2.

Superannuation Fund.—Rev. F. H. DuVernet, \$5.
D. KEMP, Treasurer.