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### Editorial Notes.

In this issue will be found a report of the meeting (12-13 ult.) of the clergy of Algoma west of the French River. The Bishop of Algoma, and the clergy of the Western district, are to be congratulated upon having at length enjoyed the privilege of meeting in convocation, to discuss matters of interest, and to refresh one another by social intercourse. This gathering must have been especially gratifying to the Bishop and the Rev. E. F. Wilson, and also to the Incumbent of Sault Ste. Marie, since the Sault is the see town of the diocese, and this is the first assemblage of clergy, as far as we are aware, that has been held at Sault Ste. Marie; indeed, such a gathering could not in former winters have taken place there, from the fact, that since the establishment of our diocese, the Bishop's winter residence has always, with one exception, been Toronto; but now, owing to the completion of the Sault branch of the C.P.R. road, our Diocesan is enabled to reside at his own house during the winter, and reach his Eastern clergy by rail.

AND here we may note, that since Dr. Sullivan became Bishop of Algoma, eight years ago, he has never enjoyed a settled home until this winter. Living here-

tofore, six months at the Sault and six months in Toronto, was anything but conducive to domestic comfort, especially as in the latter place he did not always occupy the same house, but might be found one winter on Gould street, and another on John street.

BUT to return to the Western Convocation. Now that it is over, and the necessary travelling expenses have been incurred, it may be in order to enquire whether anything worth recording was done, or anything of value to the diocese accomplished? There may perhaps be differences of opinion, within and without the diocese, as to what answer should be given to these questions, not only in this instance, but also if asked concerning the diocesan council; but we fancy that those who have experienced and well considered the circumstances under which the Missionary Bishop and his clergy perform their duties, will readily agree that reunions of clergy, or co-workers in any Christian field of labor, tend to refresh and quicken the zeal of those who meet, so that they return to their respective fields the better for such re-union. In this particular case, as will be seen upon reference to the minutes furnished by the district secretary, some matters of importance have been discussed well worthy of being placed on record. First of all, there is the question as to how the missionary may cope with and overcome the difficulty experienced in affording the children of his parish systematic and definite Church teaching. Upon this subject, which had been introduced by the Rev. C. Piercy, was based a resolution to the effect that it is not expedient that the children of the English Church be allowed to attend so-called "Union Sunday-schools." This brings the missionary and many of the settlers at once face to face with a serious question, namely, as those little ones, children of parents nominally English Church people, may be living too far away from any Anglican Sunday-school to be able to attend it, are they to be forbidden to attend a voluntary Sunday-school, taught by some pious settler, who, however, is not a member of the English Church? There are such schools, conducted solely with a view of doing good, and if the missionary were to reprove parents for sending their little ones to these schools, he would not only, in all probability, prejudice such parents and children

against the Church, but he might, on the other hand, if successful in preventing attendance at the "Union schools," deprive the children of whatever spiritual training they were getting on the Sunday, for it is not unfrequently the case, that parents who ought to train their own families in Church ways and Bible history are very careless in their performance of this duty, and in some cases totally neglect it, and the only instruction the children get, is such as they may receive from the occasional visit of the missionary, or that which is afforded in simple Gospel truth at Sunday-schools, conducted in some settler's shanty. Of course where it is at all possible to have a Church Sunday-school, by all means establish one, and encourage attendance at it, but there are settlements too scattered for Church schools, or schools of any other denomination, and in such cases the missionary and Church of England parents must be guided by circumstances.

Another very important and excellent resolution, also based upon this subject, was that which affirmed the intention of the clergy to avail themselves of every opportunity and possible facility for giving religious instruction in the public schools. This is a most practical branch of the clergyman's work in any part of Ontario. The schools being non-sectarian, as it is called, the amount of spiritual teaching afforded the children by the regular system of instruction is very, very small, and as for distinctive Church teaching, of course there is *none*. But the Government has made provision for all clergy, and if the latter desire to visit the public schools, they will find that Friday afternoon has been mentioned as the time when such visits should be made; or any afternoon, after school hours, the minister of any denomination may visit the public schools in his parish, and ask the children to remain while he catechises them.

ANOTHER subject introduced at the Western Convocation, for due consideration, was the non-payment by congregations of their respective quotas of the missionary's stipend; finally, a resolution was offered and adopted, asking the Bishop to issue a pastoral urging the laity to perform this duty with more becoming promptness, such a pastoral, or circular letter, would doubtless be of service, since much of the laxity in this matter is due to mere thoughtlessness, and also to the "slow" way into which settlers in a new country are apt to allow themselves to drift. Where almost every kind of business is carried on upon the credit system, or the barter system, ready cash is often a scarce article, and it requires some forethought to always lay by for the first day of the week. But where are the Rural Deans? is it not one of their duties to stir up the laity in this matter? We do not want the office of "Rural Dean" to degenerate in Algoma into a mere sinecure, as it has in some other dioceses; and further, it must be borne in mind that

the Bishop of Algoma has already undertaken more than he can possibly attend to, to say nothing of his seldom enjoying the blessing of even a week's rest.

UPON the subject of conformity to the rubrics governing the place of baptisms, marriages, burials, and admission to the Holy Communion, there appears to have been a good deal of discussion, nearly all agreeing that the laity require more definite Church teaching, but no one seems to have offered any suggestion as to how or when lectures upon Liturgics and Ecclesiastical History might be delivered by the clergyman to his people. Probably such a book as Barry's *Teachers' Prayer Book* would prove useful, if placed in the hands of our Sunday-school teachers.

THE great kindness of the W.A., in its many useful gifts to the missionaries and poor of Algoma, drew forth the unanimous applause of those present at the Western Convocation. A good proof of appreciation was shown in the resolution affirming an intention to establish as many branches as possible within the diocese; such an effort will tend to foster a spirit of "self-help." Space will not allow us to make any more notes upon the work of the Convocation; enough, however, has been noted to show that time and money were not, by any means, lost in the assembling, for the first time, of the western clergy at Sault Ste. Marie.

#### Notes and Comments.

THE Rev. Charles Piercy, of St. Joseph's Island, desires to correct a mistake in the official list of Algoma clergy and their addresses, published in our last issue. Mr. Piercy's P.O. is "Marksville," and not Hilton.

WE have been asked by the Rev. Frank R. Millspaugh to publish the following notice: "Our thirteen page tract, 'The Church and her Ways,' published by the Minnesota Board of Missions, has reached the ninetieth thousand. The purpose is not to make money, but to help the clergy and church-workers. It will be a pleasure to send any quantity at one cent each and prepay postage ourselves."—FRANK R. MILLSPAUGH, Sec. St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.

OWING to the fact that our diocesan organ is only a "Monthly," sometimes items of news reach the editor too late for the current issue, and therefore have to be held over, and do not appear for four, or perhaps for even five weeks, after they were written; but, if such delays seem to the missionary who has contributed the article hard to bear, he should remember that there was a time when our organ was only a "quarterly." In general, the rule "first come, first inserted," is observed in the editorial management of the NEWS.

## Diocese of Algoma.

*Meeting of Western Convocation.*

### FIRST DAY.

At Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on Wednesday, Feb 12, 1890, assembled for the first time the clergy of the Western portion of the Diocese.

At 9 a.m. the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated in the Church of St. Luke, the Bishop of the Diocese being the celebrant.

At 10.30 the clergy assembled for business at Bishophurst. There were present: The Rt. Rev. E. Sullivan, D.D., in the chair; the Revs. Messrs. F. W. Greene, Sault Ste. Marie; W. Evans, Schreiber; H. Rollings, Manitowaning; F. Frost, Sheguiandah; P. G. Robinson, Thessalon; E. F. Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie; I. Irvine, Garden River; R. Renison, Nepi-con; C. Piercy, St. Joseph's Island, secretary.

Prayers were said by the Bishop, who then read an address dealing with some of the matters of difficulty connected with the work of the Church in the Diocese.

Rev. Charles Piercy introduced the first question, viz., the difficulties to be met with in teaching the children of the Church and the necessity of distinct and definite instruction. There was a very general unanimity of opinion expressed by all who spoke to the following resolutions.

Moved by Rev. C. Piercy, seconded by Rev. H. Rollings, That it is the unanimous conviction of the Western Convocation of the Diocese of Algoma that it is not desirable that the children of the Church of England should attend so-called "Union" Sunday-schools.—Carried unanimously.

It was further moved by Rev. C. Piercy, seconded by Rev. R. Renison, That the members of this Convocation, feeling very strongly the importance of the training of the children of the Church in a knowledge of her distinctive teaching and worship, hereby desire to express it as their intention to avail themselves of every possible facility for this purpose, by instructing the children in the public schools, where possible, after school hours; by organising special children's services, and by themselves catechising the children during the public services of the Church, when at all feasible, in obedience to the rubric following the catechism; and by any other means of which the circumstances of their several missions will admit.—Carried unanimously

At 1 o'clock the Convocation adjourned for luncheon.

Upon re-assembling at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Mr. Robinson introduced the subject of the non-payment of stipends by congregations.

The discussion evinced the fact that Church people in Algoma are far from realizing that it is their duty to contribute towards the maintenance of those who

minister to them in holy things. Ultimately, on motion of Rev. W. Evans, seconded by Rev. P. G. Robinson, it was unanimously resolved:

That owing to the difficulties encountered in many of our missions in securing the honest and regular payment of the quotas of stipend to be provided by congregations, the Bishop be requested to take into consideration the expediency of the circulation of a letter amongst the members of said congregations, placing before them as strongly as possible their duty in this matter.

Rev. E. F. Wilson extended an invitation to the clergy present to pay a visit to the Shingwauk Home.

The invitation was accepted, and it was further decided to visit the Shingwauk Home for Indian boys after adjournment at 4 o'clock on Thursday.

Convocation adjourned at 5 o'clock.

### SECOND DAY.

Morning prayer was read in St. Luke's Church at 9 a.m. The clergy officiating were Revs. C. Piercy, P. G. Robinson, and H. Rollings.

Convocation re-assembled at Bishophurst at 10.30 a.m. Prayers were read by the Bishop.

"How far the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer governing baptisms, marriages, burials, and admission to Holy Communion, can be carried into practice," was the important subject taken up. It occupied the whole morning session.

Rev. C. Piercy opened with a statement of difficulties experienced on St. Joseph's Island.

The discussion became very general, nearly all testifying to the lamentable ignorance of Church doctrine in distinction from the teachings of Nonconformity to be found on all sides. To the end that some general argument in practice may be reached it was

Moved by Rev. E. F. Wilson, seconded by Rev. W. Evans, that the Secretary of the Western Convocation be instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the Eastern Convocation, informing him of the discussion of the relation of the laity to obedience to the rubrics governing baptisms, marriages, burials, and administration of the Holy Communion, asking him to bring the subject before the next meeting of the Eastern Convocation.—Carried.

After luncheon it was moved by Rev. P. G. Robinson, seconded by Rev. F. W. Greene, That this Western Convocation instruct the Secretary to tender to the various branches of the Women's Auxiliary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, through their general Secretary, its heartfelt thanks for the liberal and substantial assistance rendered to the Missionaries and their parishioners in clothing, gifts for Xmas trees, and other expressions of their sympathy.—Carried unanimously.

There was no difference of opinion on this subject. All admitted the obligations which were owing to the Christian women banded together in above Society

for the spread of the Gospel throughout the diocese. The proof that missionary effort is realized as a test of vitality is shown in the following resolution, which was adopted on motion of Rev. E. F. Wilson, seconded by Rev. P. G. Robinson :

That we, the Western Convocation of the Diocese of Algoma, realising the importance of establishing branches of the Women's Auxiliary within our Missionary diocese, do hereby pledge ourselves to use what means we can towards the establishment of such a society within our various parishes.

The kind ladies of the Church of St. Luke, Sault Ste. Marie, were not forgotten. A vote of thanks was tendered them, on motion of Rev. C. Piercy, seconded by Rev. P. G. Robinson. The secretary was instructed to forward it.

On motion the minutes were adopted, after which the Bishop expressed his pleasure at meeting the Western Convocation for the first time, as well as at the tone of the deliberations and the results arrived at. He also referred to the increased facilities for meeting together, and the Christian sympathy and feelings of brotherhood created and kept aglow by such assemblings.

The Convocation was closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

#### RECEPTION.

On Wednesday evening the ladies of St. Luke's gave a reception to the visiting clergy in Turner's Hall. A good musical programme was prepared by the choir, and substantial refreshments were served in the ante-room. The chair was occupied by the incumbent, Rev. F. W. Greene. The speakers were His Lordship the Bishop, Revs. Messrs. Evans, Rollings, and Frost.

#### MISSIONARY MEETING.

On Thursday evening a missionary meeting was held in Turner's Hall, Bishop Sullivan occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. The speakers were the Bishop and Revs. R. Renison, C. Piercy, and E. F. Wilson. After prayers

His Lordship spoke briefly of the missionary spirit, which impels one who has realized the Redeemer's love to man to impart a knowledge of that love to his fellowman. The Diocese of Algoma is a large one, having an area of 48,000 square miles, and a total length of 800 miles. He was gratified at the knowledge of the work done by his co-workers, the clergy of the diocese, who worked under many disadvantages, of which those of a financial character were far from the most oppressive. It was the miserable carpings that took the heart out of a clergyman. With his people at his back he would cheerfully submit, if need be, to share the privations and hardships of those to whom he ministered.

Rev. R. Renison commenced by returning the thanks of himself and family for the sympathy and substantial aid accorded since the burning of the mission house at Negwenenang. The Diocese of

Algoma itself headed the list, having contributed more liberally than any other diocese. He then adduced facts to show that work among the Indians was a "paying" work. He testified to the potent influence of the Gospel among the Indians in bringing them to Christ—and he thanked God for the blessed deaths which he had witnessed—besides, there were results to be found in the orderly and devout worshipping of his Indian congregation, and their strict observance of the Sabbath. Moreover, when tourists and others wanted guides in the Nepigon region, it was those who had been brought under Christian influences who were most sought after. His address was listened to with great interest.

Rev. C. Piercy spoke briefly of the fruit of missionary labors as evidenced in our own knowledge of the Gospel. It was only a common debt of gratitude to give to others what had been so abundantly given to us. He emphasized what had been said by the previous speaker concerning the value of prayer as a means of helping on missionary work.

Rev. E. F. Wilson recalled the work in which he had been engaged for over 20 years, during which he had expended over \$40,000 on Indian work. He next gave an interesting description of his visit to the Pueblo Indians in Arizona. Concluding, he urged upon all to try and get rid of self in their work, and to do all to the glory of Christ.

The collection was taken up, which reached the very creditable sum of \$25.74.

The meeting was brought to a close by a few remarks from the Rt. Rev. Chairman, who also pronounced the benediction.

#### NOTES.

All the clergy of the Western Convocation were pleased to greet their new co-worker, Rev. I. Irvine, of Garden River.

The Bishop and Mrs. Sullivan entertained the clergy at luncheon on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Plummer entertained the clergy at dinner on Wednesday evening.

The evidence of Rev. Mr. Wilson's work at the Shingwauk Home was highly pleasing to those who visited Mr. Wilson and his Indian wards.

The members of the Western Convocation deeply sympathized with their honored fellow-worker, Rev. G. Gilmor, in his affliction.

CHARLES PIERCY,  
*Secretary Western Convocation.*

#### Incidents by the Way.

For the Ruridecanal meeting at Parry Sound, on 10th and 11th of December, I would have found the journey a difficult one from North Bay, but for the brotherly kindness of the Rev. E. A. Vesey, of Burk's Falls. I received an invitation from him some days before, offering me a share of his cutter from Burk's

Falls to Parry Sound, a distance of some sixty miles, be the same more or less, as the attorneys say. I had a most enjoyable and characteristic journey with him, and much hearty pleasure and happiness were put into it by him. As it happened, the roads were in the worst possible state for sleighing, as the snow had in many places entirely melted away, and we had to walk and ride alternately throughout long distances, especially towards Parry Sound. I must remark that in our missionary work there are certain minor characters which seldom appear in Church papers, but which nevertheless, occupy their places, and fulfil their duties, and add features and shading to the picture left on the mind and on the heart.

Now, there is Mr. Vesey's horse, and as I know about horses fairly well, I can say that I seldom ever sat behind one with such a stride and pace, and so willing and eager to get through his work. Now, also, there is Mr. Vesey's dog, Mr. Thompson. He was brought to his master from England, and is a pure white thoroughbred English bull terrier. He also accompanied us, running all the way, and was a source of anxiety to me, for we used to meet every few miles big shaggy mongrel curs with white gleaming teeth, and the hair erect in a ridge over the shoulders. Thompson on such occasions would often be far behind, and had to run the gauntlet passing these brutes. I used to appeal to Mr. Vesey to stop and wait and help the little fellow; but no, indeed, he only drove the faster. I pleaded that the little dog must go down under their weight and size; but with a grim smile he made reply that Thompson fought just as well on his back as on his feet. And so it must have been, for he arrived at his journey's end safe and well, and the English bull still triumphant.

At McKellar we remained for the night, and found in the same hotel a young man just brought in with double fracture, not compound, of thigh, from rolling log. The doctors had just commenced the setting, and he was a long time under chloroform. When opportunity offered we comforted him spiritually, and left him to exercise that patience so essential under such trial, and so difficult but through the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We had a most profitable and enjoyable time at the Ruridecanal meeting, and returned to Burk's Falls in same marching order, the minor characters faithful and true.

GOWAN GILLMOR.

### Notes of Mission Work.

SHEGUIANDAH, MANITOULIN ISLAND,  
Feb. 4th, 1889.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Having just returned from missionary travels, I send a few notes, which, I trust, will interest the readers of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. I have been unable until very lately to make any extended journeys far from home, in consequence of the unsafe condition of the ice, but as soon as I found

out that a crossing had been made to the north shore of Lake Huron, I set out thither, although the ice was not very safe. Part of my journey was made on land, and on reaching the ice I found but a single track to guide me on my course, but as I knew the general direction which I ought to take, the very slight and imperfect indications of the road did not disturb me much. The travelling was very bad, especially in places, for the crust on the snow was not sufficiently strong to carry the horse, and underneath was water, sometimes of such depth as to make one feel uncomfortable, lest the ice should not be there at all, besides materially hindering one's progress. Still, however, in some places we trotted along bravely, especially when the way led by the shores of an island, where the ice was almost glare. At length, towards nightfall, we reached an Indian settlement, where service was held.

The chief's house, which served us for a church, had been recently repaired, elevated, and enlarged, and it really was quite comfortable, and also *it was very clean*. I ought to know, for I slept there that night, and I can assure the readers of the A.M.N. that none of those peculiar insects that occasionally, sometimes frequently, infest the person and beds of the species of all nationalities disturbed my slumbers. We had a large congregation of Indians at church, and a hearty service; and afterwards a council was held about building a church. I may mention, too, that a Christmas tree formed part of the proceedings, and children and old folks received the garments that the Dorcas of Ontario sent me for distribution.

The next day a snow-storm came on, but I pushed on further to my next appointment, which was an Indian village, also situated on the banks of a river and near its mouth. I was glad to see that the Indians had improved their dwellings, and two new and substantial log houses were erected. Some of the Indians were absent from home, working in the lumber shanties. Still, I had a respectable congregation in the largest of the houses, and I preached to them on the subject of the Epiphany.

In the afternoon I extended my journey away back into the bush, across very picturesque lakes, and sometimes through thick bush where it required constant vigilance, lest the sleigh should be caught against the trees. The snow came down thick and fast. It fell upon me from the towering pine trees overhead, and anon, it was so deep on the track that my mare could go but very slowly. Just before dark I reached a lumber shanty of a superior kind. The people were very civil indeed to me. I got good comfortable quarters assigned me, and the fare on the table was excellent. The men listened to my preaching with respectful, if not devout, attention, and gave me five dollars to help on the mission.

The next morning the manager gave me a good breakfast, a new cross-cut saw to saw my firewood, an axe, a pair of warm over-socks, and some oats to feed my horse on the journey home, and sent me on my way rejoicing. Substantial sympathy doeth good like a medicine.

F.F.

### Sale of Work to be Held August, 1890.

Will the English members of the Association for Prayer and Work come to the assistance of a few of their number who are desirous of helping Algoma? and will they obtain their friends also as helpers? As local secretary for this neighborhood, I have obtained from the committee of the Park Annual Flower Show permission to erect a tent in which to hold a small sale of work for Algoma.

The flower show being very well attended, I believe we might dispose of hundreds of articles had we them to offer to the numerous visitors and inhabitants of the locality. Many of my friends are working already, or have promised their assistance, but with our best efforts we shall still need many more things than we shall have material, time, or strength to prepare. Will, therefore, every reader of this appeal send me one or more articles? It would be so kind if they would. Contributions may be large or small, useful or ornamental, expensive or inexpensive, everything will be welcome. Small articles, packed so that the parcels do not exceed eleven pounds in weight, may come through ordinary parcel post; larger consignments should be sent by train via L.B. and S.C. railway. Any useful or warm garments, etc., remaining unsold, will be packed up and forwarded to the Bishop of Algoma in the course of the autumn. Perhaps some friends of Algoma might even conduct working parties to help the cause. Those of us who read THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS must realize how many are the districts in Algoma where a little assistance, in either money or clothing, would be of great value, and this sale of work, small though it be, may lead to extended interest in the future.

I shall be happy to answer any letters which may be addressed to me, and to give whatever information is in my power.

ALICE E. DAY,  
*Local Secretary.*

West Hadlow, Buxted, Sussex, England, Feb. 20, 1890.

### Port Sydney Mission.

UFFORD STATION.—On Tuesday, January 21st, his Lordship the Bishop of Algoma, accompanied by the Rev. A. H. Allman, visited Ufford. The church here, commenced on a small scale many years ago, during the past year has been enlarged and completed, and on Tuesday was consecrated. After Matins eight young people were confirmed. The service concluded with a long-to-be-remembered sermon on "Worship," by the Bishop, followed by the Holy Communion. There was a very large congregation, who joined heartily in the responses and singing. After service a short business meeting was held, when the Bishop expressed his great satisfaction at the work that had been done, and arrangements were made for the proper fencing of the churchyard during the ensuing season.

We hope the readers of THE NEWS will not think that, because our church has been so long building, it is one of those grand structures which necessarily take years to complete; but it is neat, warm, and comfortable, and will doubtless meet the needs of its congregation for years to come, unless the number of worshippers increases in the future in the same ratio that it has since the advent of the Rev. Mr. Allman, whose work

already speaks for itself. Several minor wants, however, remain unsatisfied—a bell, a little carpet, and other furniture for the vestry, some lamps and books for our Parochial Library, etc. Who will help those who are trying to help themselves? Contributions will be thankfully received by the Wardens, Ufford P.O., Muskoka.

H. M. GILL.

On Monday and Tuesday, January 20th and 21st, the Bishop of the diocese visited this mission. His Lordship was met at Utterson, by the Rev. A. H. Allman, and was driven to the Parsonage, Port Sydney, where they were joined by Messrs. W. H. Thoms and C. Gale (wardens), and A. Sydney-Smith. Divine service commenced at Christ Church at 7 p.m., during which nine candidates were presented for confirmation. The Bishop preached an intensely practical sermon from Matt. x., 32, and the Holy Communion was administered to the newly-admitted, with upwards of twenty other persons. The weather being rough, and the roads very bad, there was not an unusually large attendance. Readily complying with the wish of the wardens, the Bishop held a church meeting after the service, and enquired about the church accounts, clergyman's stipend, church repairs, etc., and concluded with the giving of suitable advice, counsel, and encouragement concerning matters generally. The next morning, 21st, his Lordship was driven to Ufford, and thence on to Raymond, where he was met by Rural Dean Chowne.

A. H. ALLMAN.

### Bracebridge Mission.

The Bishop of the Diocese made his usual annual confirmation tour in this mission on Wednesday and Thursday, 15th and 16th January. At St. George's, Falkenburg, three persons were confirmed, sealing their promise, and seeking aid to keep it, in the reception of the Holy Communion on the following Sunday.

In Bracebridge four persons were confirmed, two of whom were adults. The Bishop, as is his wont, preached a most clear and instructive sermon upon "Eternal Punishment," which was listened to with marked attention from beginning to end.

On Thursday, leaving Bracebridge at 8.30 a.m., we arrived in Baysville, six miles distant, in time for the church bell at 10.30 a.m. Here four persons were admitted into full Communion with the Church in the Apostolic rite. About half of the candidates at the three stations were incapacitated, through the prevailing epidemic, from presenting themselves for confirmation, although they had previously attended the classes with the expressed intention of doing so.

We are always glad to see our Bishop—for his own sake, and as an influence for good, strengthening the hands of the clergy, and fully incorporating and identifying himself with their work. Long may he be spared to us.

JAMES BOYDELL, *Incumbent,*  
Bracebridge, Ontario.

February 3rd, 1890.

### Rosseau Mission.

ROSSEAU.—January 21st, his Lordship the Bishop of Algoma entered this mission, and was met by the Incumbent, the Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne, at Mr. Anthony Suffern's, Raymond, to whose house he was brought by the Rev. Mr. Allman, of Port Sydney, whose mission he had just visited. From Raymond he was taken to Ullswater that evening, to the house of Mr. Alexander Anderson, churchwarden, under whose hospitable roof he stayed that night. 22nd, service was held in St. Thomas' Church at 10:30 a.m., with Holy Communion. His Lordship preached an excellent sermon, and spoke encouragingly to the people on the progress they had made. Unfortunately the congregation was not so large as usual, some being at work in other places, many being confined to their houses. Proceeding thence to the house of Mr. August Briesie for dinner, thence to Bentrivendale

for service 8:30 p.m. The school-house was nothing like as well filled as usual, so many being laid up. The same evening, Rosseau was reached. The 23rd, his Lordship started for Bron-y-Graig, where service was again held in the school-house. Here the attendance was good, the people in this settlement having got over the general attack of influenza, every seat being filled; after service, returning direct to Rosseau. In the evening, service was held in the Church of the Redeemer at 7:30. Here again the Bishop preached a splendid sermon, and after service held a Vestry. Unfortunately, many were absent, from the epidemic. The 24th, the Bishop left for Parry Sound.

We have to record, with deep regret, the decease of Frederick John Holton, of the out-station of Bron-y-Graig, whose parents are highly respected throughout this mission. This little boy was only seven years and eight months old. Diabetes set in, and he was called away.

### Magnettawan Mission.

The Bishop reached Magnettawan for his annual visitation on Monday, January 27th. Owing to the prevailing sickness, the attendance at all the services was much smaller than usual. On Wednesday, 29th, divine service was held at St. Peter's, Midlothian, when the Bishop preached and confirmed three young persons. The service was very hearty, as usual, and much appreciated by those who were able to be present. In the evening divine service was held at St. George's, Magnettawan, the Bishop again preaching. The attendance was good. Three young persons were presented for confirmation; two others were prevented by sickness from attending. On the 30th, Dunchurch, twelve miles distant, was reached, and service held in Kelcey's Hall at 7:30 p.m., the Bishop again preaching to a very attentive congregation. At a Vestry meeting held afterwards, it was unanimously decided to erect a church. Through the kindness of the Bishop a plot was secured, and a subscription list having been opened, quite a considerable sum was raised on the spot, which, with subsequent gifts, amounts to the respectable total of nearly \$300. It is intended to push the work forward early in the spring. The congregation is small, and with one or two exceptions, poor. Any help towards the building fund would be thankfully received. The Bishop left for Burk's Falls on Friday, January 31st.

MAGNETTAWAN.—Feb. 19th being Ash Wednesday, divine service was held in St. George's Church at 7:30 p.m. During Lent, service will be held every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. A. J. Young is preaching a special course of sermons. The Bishop, at his last visitation, having hinted at the possible removal of the Rev. A. J. Young to another part of the diocese, a petition has been forwarded to the Bishop, signed by every member of the several congregations in the mission, with two exceptions, assuring the Bishop of their appreciation of the Christian character and earnest Gospel preaching of the Rev. A. J. Young, and praying him, on no account to deprive them of services so highly esteemed. On the 24th February visited, accompanied by Mrs. Young, the W—— family, living eight miles from here. When within a mile of the house we were met by the eldest son, who had started to meet us, fearing we might take the wrong road. Arriving at the house we were heartily welcomed, the whole family coming to meet us. The father, who is working in the camps, having remained at home on purpose to receive us, losing a day's pay. Three of the little ones had learnt by heart the 1st chapter of St. John's 1st Epistle, which the missionary had set them at his last visit. Some kindly Christian conversation was enjoyed, God's word read, some little difficulties in the Christian life removed, and before separating all knelt in prayer, the missionary commending parents and children to the loving care of our Heavenly Father.

CHAPMAN VALLEY.—The week-day evening services have been continued during the month, and increased interest is taken in them, and the word of God eagerly listened to. By special request, the Rev. A. J. Young

held an afternoon service in the school house on Sunday, Feb. 23rd, preaching from the text, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be." The room was crowded; more seats had to be brought in, and the Gospel was listened to with wrapt attention.

CECEBE LAKE.—Week-day evening services are being held here once every ten days, Mrs. Weeks kindly lending her house for the purpose. Many are being brought under the influence of the Gospel who never attend any place of worship. Services held and sermons preached during the month, 17. Baptisms, 7.

A. J. YOUNG,  
Magnettawan.

### Presentation.

On Thursday, January 23rd, the wife of Rev. A. J. Young was the recipient of an affectionate address, accompanied by a dining extension table, with its linen, and a handsome cruet-stand.

Mr. Young's work here has for years been much helped by Mrs. Young, whose daily efforts in the choir, Sunday-school, Ladies' Aid Society, and many other et ceteras, have been quietly and unostentatiously made.

For a wife and mother to devote so much of her time to Church work, without any neglect of her young children or home duties, entailed constant labour day after day, and year after year; and all this performed unceasingly and cheerfully as if it were a privilege. "She did good by stealth, and blushed to find it fame."

On Thursday a gathering in St. George's Hall testified to the respect with which Mrs. Young is held by the whole community; a gathering, not only of our own congregation, but of many outsiders who begged to join. Dr. Walton, peoples' warden, occupied the chair, and the presentation was made by the Reeve, Hugh Irwin, Esq. The affair was a complete surprise to both Mr. and Mrs. Young. Tea was then partaken of, after which an informal talk ensued, which, no doubt, under the circumstances, would tend to cement the strong tie already existing betwixt them and the people. These little encouragements promote Church work, and stimulate all to Christian efforts, and are much required in these days to counter-balance the inane habit of grumbling about trifles which seems to pervade most places. "Go thou and do likewise," not the grumbling, but the encouraging.

BRINSLEY WALTON, M.D.

### Burk's Falls Mission.

BURK'S FALLS STATION.—On Feb. 1st, the Bishop of Algoma paid his annual visit to this mission. Sunday, Feb. 22nd, morning service in All Saints' Church commenced with the interesting ceremony of the induction of Mr. E. Bazett as lay helper to the mission. The solo, "How beautiful are the feet," from the Messiah, was beautifully sung by Mr. Goldie. After the 3rd collect, fourteen candidates, seven male and seven female, were presented for confirmation. In spite of "La Grippe" the church was crowded to hear the Bishop's grand sermon. The Emsdale mission was visited in the afternoon, at least 150 people being present in St. Mark's Church. There are excellent signs of Church life here, and the Bishop was much struck with the size of the Sunday-school and the large staff of teachers. During the service ten candidates were confirmed. The congregation, divers of whom had come ten miles and more, was treated to a most wholesome and instructive sermon by the Bishop. In the evening, at 7.15 p.m., a beautiful semi-choral service was held in All Saints' Church, Burk's Falls, and the Bishop again preached to a large and attentive congregation.—COM.

### Broadbent Mission.

This mission was visited by the Bishop of Algoma, on Saturday and Sunday, January 25th and 26th. His Lordship was driven from Parry Sound mission to St.

Stephen's, Broadbent station, on Saturday afternoon by Mr. Brownlee. The Church people at this station were delighted to see their Bishop once again, and a vestry meeting was held in St. Stephen's that evening, to consider the financial affairs of the congregation. The wardens' report showed that there was still remaining a debt of \$21.83, partly consisting of the balance of the amount expended in the erection of a vestry on the north side of the church, and partly the cost of lamps purchased during the past year for the church. The Messrs. Broadbent, to whom was owing \$15.58 of this debt, very generously cancelled their account, so reducing the amount owing by the congregation to \$6.25, which was subscribed by the members of the vestry before the adjournment of the little meeting, so that now it may be said St. Stephen's is free of debt, save the great one of gratitude, which the congregation feel that they owe to God for His continued mercies to them.

Mr. W. Fry, of Seguin Falls, and Mr. J. Vigrass, of Dufferin Bridge, being present, an order of services was agreed to for the remainder of the winter. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. H. Broadbent, to the Rev. G. H. Gaviller, "for his faithful and earnest labours among them while under his care. A second vote of thanks was moved by Mr. W. Fry, seconded by Mr. Brownlee, to Miss Annie Bartlett, for her services as organist and Sunday-school teacher, and also to Mr. E. Broadbent, for his assistance in the past as lay-reader.

The next morning, Sunday, Jan. 26th, morning service, with celebration of the Holy Communion, was held in St. Stephen's, Mr. A. J. Cobb, Catechist, reading the service, the Bishop being preacher and celebrant. There was a good congregation. After dinner, the Bishop and Catechist proceeded fifteen miles to Seguin Falls, where evening service was held in St. Paul's Church, the Bishop again preaching and administering the Holy Communion. His Lordship remained over night at the house of Mr. Fry, who drove him on Monday to Magnetawan.

The poor settlers in this mission are delighted at the appointment of a resident missionary amongst them, and have given Mr. Cobb a most hearty welcome. Those living in England, and in cities and towns in older parts of Canada, have but a very faint idea of the loneliness of the settler's life, especially when he is deprived for years of the services of his Church.

### Grassmere Mission.

EMBERSON STATION.—The Rural Dean of Muskoka, the Rev. T. Llwydd, visited this station recently, but owing to the prevalence of "Russian Influenza," the congregation was not as large as it would otherwise have been. There were three children baptized. On the 13th February, the Catechist in charge delivered, with the aid of a magic lantern, a lecture, entitled, "A voyage from England to India."

GRASSMERE STATION.—The church-yard at this station has lately been cleared of logs by the congregation, and a sufficient quantity of wood cut to warm the church for a year. On the evening of the same day on which the clearing up of the church-yard was performed, the student in charge, Mr. W. K. Lloyd, had intended to treat the congregation to a rehearsal of his lecture on the "Russo-Turkish War," but having unfortunately contracted inflammation of the lungs, the people were disappointed.

### Nepigon Mission.

[The following letter was unfortunately crowded out of last issue.—ED. A.M.N.]

NEPIGON, C.P.R.,  
Dec. 16th, 1889.

MY DEAR BISHOP,—You will be glad to hear that we are now very comfortably settled in our almost new house, thanks to God and to our many kind friends. I never

felt more anxious to see your Lordship than at this present time. I should be so thankful for an interview, if it could be managed without intruding too much on your valuable time. There are so many matters of importance to be discussed, that I feel it altogether essential to have a long quiet talk with you on the following subjects: 1st. Shall we take any steps this winter towards preparing logs and lumber for rebuilding? 2nd. Where shall we rebuild, at Negwinenang or at the Nepigon Post? You will be glad to hear that our Christian friends in almost every diocese have been most generous and sympathetic, and none more so than in Algoma itself; as far as clothing of all kinds is concerned, we need no more at present, having received from the different branches of the W.A. much more than we lost; and we will also have a few bales left for the poor Pagan Indians at the Post.

In money we also received about \$650, some for Mrs. Renison's own personal use, and some for rebuilding. After paying for the labour and the material connected with our house here, also \$61 to help complete the church here (as the grants did not come from the S.P.C.K.), we have on hand \$240. Mr. Wilson has also \$250 more from Miss P., which we can call upon at any time, and Miss Gordon in England has £13, and will go on collecting till spring. Mrs. B. also has a building fund for us; when last I heard she had about \$60. We are also promised help from other quarters when we start to rebuild.

Now, my dear Bishop, if possible, we should like you to come and visit us and our new church before I go up to Negwinenang. I hope to start as soon as the rivers and lakes are thoroughly frozen. I shall be absent about two weeks at a time. I don't expect to be able to get away before the 10th of January, perhaps later. We have two services here every Sunday, also Sunday-school, and a Bible-class every Wednesday evening, all of which are very fairly attended. The church is not yet insured, so I should like to know what to do.

With kindest regards,

ROBERT RENISON.

### Acknowledgments.

The Bishop of Algoma desires to acknowledge very thankfully the receipt of a number of boxes, bales, etc., sent to him for his diocese by friends in England and Scotland, and forwarded by the kindness of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, *via* the Allan Steamship Line. Absence from home, on one of his customary tours, prevents the Bishop doing more than making this brief acknowledgment in the present number of the A.M.N. Details will appear in the next issue.

Rev. C. Piercy acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$1, from M.R., towards a font for Holy Trinity Church, Jocelyn.

The Rev. L. Sinclair desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a quantity of good clothing, from Miss Martha Henderson, of Orangeville, for the poor.

The Rev. A. H. Allman desires to thank Mr. Thomas Hill, Emsdale, for his gifts of stone for foundation, and balsam trees for rafters, in addition to the splendid site at Newholme, for the proposed new church in Brunel.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge the kindness of the C.W.A. of Toronto, per Miss L. Patterson, in responding so heartily to an appeal made to her on behalf of some destitute persons in his mission. May God bless not only the Society generally, but individually also, for after the season of distribution was over, they made another attempt to clothe the naked.

ULLSWATER STATION.—The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge the gift of two benches in the Church of St. Thomas, Ullswater, given and placed within the sanctuary by Mr. August Briese, ex-warden. This is another instance of that quiet, earnest Churchman's kind thoughtfulness.