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Editorial Notes.

DOUBTLESS the many friends of Algoma Diocese are always glad of any signs of advance and development within the Diocese. It is therefore with great pleasure that we insert the report of the last meeting of the Muskoka Rural Deanery. A good deal of business appears to have been transacted, and the Chapter prolonged its sittings beyond the ordinary "one day." Upon this feature we congratulate the Rural Dean of Muskoka.

ONE of the subjects discussed at the above mentioned Chapter was of a most important and serious nature, viz., the advisability of forming a Synod. In mentioning the matter, we do so hoping to bring it more particularly before the notice of our clergy and laity. The regular organization of a Diocese is not a matter to be taken in hand lightly, or to be dealt with as a troublesome piece of business that "must" be transacted. The constitutions of the other Dioceses in this ecclesiastical province should be duly examined, and some enquiry made as to the success, or the reverse, that has attended their efforts.

As to whether the creation of a Synod in this Diocese would enable the Church to make any greater

progress spiritually or in temporal affairs, cannot be at present stated, but we venture to say, that as far as the enforcement of discipline on the Bishop's part, and the loyal obedience of the clergy and laity are concerned, Algoma will compare favorably with most of the older and fully organized Dioceses of this ecclesiastical province.

AND in proof of this statement we may instance the fact that in every church in Algoma there may be found a well-printed notice over the signature of the Bishop, requiring all baptisms to be administered and marriages to be performed in the church. Of course there are places where no church has been built and where services are held in private houses, but for this the Bishop's rules make provision. These directions are faithfully obeyed by the clergy to the utmost of their ability and opportunity, and the good effect is already seen. Other salutary rules might be mentioned, but the above is sufficient to show that discipline can be enforced by a Bishop even without all the machinery and expense of a Synod.

ON the other hand, one great and almost insurmountable argument for the organization of a Synod offers itself to the minds of the clergy, and that is that something must be done to relieve the Bishop of Algoma of some part, or parts, of his too heavy and ever increasing burden of duties. It will be the privilege of the clergy of the eastern part of the Diocese to first consider this feature of the Synod problem, and this they will have an opportunity of doing in their convocation, which it is expected will be summoned by his Lordship the Bishop early in 1891.

IN conclusion we would respectfully invite letters upon the above question, with this one hint, "that they be letters of moderate length." By this means a good deal of assistance may be afforded by the clergy of the Diocese, as well as by the laity and clergy of other dioceses.

Notes by the Way.

THUS far the weather has been very mild in this latitude, and indications seem to point to a pleasant winter.

A FULL choral service was held in Trinity Church, Parry Sound, on Thanksgiving Day, the 6th inst., at Even-song.

No reports of the two Western Rural Deaneries have been received for a long time, indeed, we do not know who is Rural Dean of Algoma District.

In another column will be found an article entitled "Touchy People." We commend it to the careful study of all the readers of THE NEWS, their friends, neighbors, and acquaintances.

THE wood work of the improvements on the tower of Trinity Church, Parry Sound, is now completed, and has received one coat of paint. If the weather permits, the whole of the church is to be painted this year.

The Rural Deanery of Muskoka.

The clergy of this Deanery assembled at Bracebridge, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 24th and 25th, to transact the business of the Chapter, which an extended programme described. By the kindness of the Incumbent, (Rev. J. Boydell), the Chapter met at St. Thomas' parsonage.

On Wednesday there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., and at 10:30 the actual work of the Chapter was commenced with prayer by Rural Dean Llwyd, who followed on with a short, congratulatory, and felicitous speech. The minutes, having been read by the Hon. Secretary, Rev. A. H. Allman, were also subscribed by the chairman. The Greek text of I. Cor. i., verses 1-9, was then taken up, and after a very suggestive introduction by the chairman, in which were gathered up the homiletics of the epistle, a very helpful time was spent in exegetical exercise. Not only was the Greek taken up clause by clause, but many separate words also came up for keen and earnest discussion, both as to history and to doctrine. It was resolved that on the next occasion verses ten to sixteen inclusive, be taken up. Two of the clergy were unavoidably absent from the morning session.

The afternoon session commenced at 1:30, when all the clergy of the chapter were present, viz., Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, chairman; and Revs. J. Boydell, M.A., examining chaplain; W. T. Noble, B.A., A. H. Allman, H. N. Burden, L. Sinclair, and H. B. Lowe, B.A. The Rev. H. N. Burden read a paper, the subject of which was, "On Preparation and Preaching of Sermons." The paper was based upon advice in the writings of the late Rev. Richard Ansbury, and contained some pertinent suggestions and suitable warnings about texts, subjects, and aims. Commonsense, sound judgment, and fitness were insisted upon; whilst incongruous, obscure, and fanciful texts were to

be studiously avoided, as also subjects out of harmony with the seasons, the Church's order, and local surroundings. The subject was freely discussed, and ultimately a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. N. Burden for his paper.

The time and place for next meeting of Chapter was brought forward, and, finally, Huntsville was selected. The Rev. L. Sinclair was then asked, and consented, to prepare the next paper on "Church Government."

In the evening Divine service was held in St. Thomas'. The prayers were read by the Rev. A. H. Allman, the lessons by the Rev. L. Sinclair, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. H. P. Lowe, B.A.

On Thursday the clergy met at 9 a.m., and the chapter was at once opened with prayer by the Rural Dean. The first business taken up was the arrangement of the Bishop's programme as to episcopal visitation, the work of which (it was understood) must be condensed, so that instead of visiting every outpost, centres must be established. The course of visits following was adopted, which it was believed would immediately precede the Eastern District Convocation and Ordination to be held early in 1891: Gravenhurst, Sunday, a.m.; Uffington, Sunday, p.m.; Purbrook, Monday morning, (consecration); Uffington, Monday afternoon, (consecration); Oakley, Tuesday, (consecration); Baysville, Wednesday, 11 a.m. (Mr. Burden to drive Bishop); Bracebridge, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. (Mr. Allman to fetch Bishop p.m.); Brunel, Friday, 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, rest; Beatrice, Sunday, 11 a.m.; Port Sydney, Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Stanleydale, Monday, p.m. (Mr. Allman to drive Bishop); Aspden, Tuesday, a.m. (Rural Dean to fetch Bishop p.m.); Ravenscliffe, Wednesday, a.m.; Huntsville, Thursday, a.m.; Rev. Chowne's Deanery, p.m.

Concerning the Eastern District Convocation the Bishop's suggestion as to place was agreed to, viz., Emsdale; and that the time should be following visitation of Muskoka Deanery. As to subjects, it was suggested that the Revs. W. T. Noble and A. H. Allman should consider "The Representation of the Laity," and it was then resolved "That this Chapter is in harmony with the conviction of the Bishop that the time has come when the Algoma Diocese should fall into line with the other dioceses, and organise, but that the consideration of details should be left over to the Eastern District Convocation." Suggested by the Rev. W. T. Noble: "The equitable administration of W. and O. and the Superannuation Funds of the Diocese in connection with the Church of the Dominion." Suggested by Rev. L. Sinclair: "Sunday School Work." Suggested by Rev. J. Boydell: "Diocesan Board of Financial Assessment." It was suggested that whatever programme is adopted by the Bishop it should be in the hands of the clergy a month before the meeting of Convocation.

It was proposed by the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, and seconded by the Rev. J. Boydell, "That the

thanks of this Chapter be given to the Rev. H. P. Lowe, B.A., for his admirable and suggestive sermon."

—Carried unanimously.

The concluding session was held on Thursday afternoon, when the next Ruridecanal meeting was arranged for, and also a series of missionary meetings, as follows: Ruridecanal Meeting, Huntsville, Dec. 3rd and 4th; Missionary meetings (Incumbents in the chair): Ravenscliffe, Wednesday, December 3rd, at 3 p.m., Deputation: Revs. W. T. Noble and A. H. Allman; Allensville, Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, at 3 p.m., Deputation: Revs. J. Boydell and H. N. Burden; Bracebridge, January 27th, 1891, Deputation: Revs. W. T. Noble, A. H. Allman, and L. Sinclair; Baysville, January 28th, same deputation as above; Uffington and Purbrook, February 3rd; Oakley, Feb. 4th, Deputation: Revs. Rural Dean Llwyd, A. H. Allman, and H. P. Lowe; Gravenhurst, February 5th, same deputation as above; Port Sydney, February 18th, Deputation: Revs. J. Boydell, H. N. Burden, and H. P. Lowe; Aspdin, February 19th, 3 p.m., Deputation: Revs. J. Boydell, A. H. Allman, and H. N. Burden; Ilfracombe, February 20th, Deputation: Revs. Rural Dean Llwyd, A. H. Allman, and H. N. Burden.

The proceedings closed with the Benediction.—
Com.

General Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

The autumn meeting of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada was held in St. George's Hall, on October 8th and 9th. There were present on Wednesday: The Lord Bishop of Ontario, chairman; the Bishops of Toronto, Huron, Algoma, Niagara; Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. Canon Sweeny, Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, R. T. Walkem, Q.C., and R. V. Rogers, Q.C.

Miss Jennie C. Smith personally appeared before the Board and made an application to be accepted as candidate for work in the foreign mission field, stating her intention of taking a course as nurse in the Kingston hospital for two years. It having been settled that the sending of women to the domestic and foreign mission fields was within the scope of the work of the Board, a resolution was passed accepting Miss Smith as a candidate on completion of her hospital course, subject to her compliance with the rules and regulations of the Board.

Letters were read from several of the Bishops of North-West dioceses with respect to the proposal that they should visit the eastern dioceses, in order to awaken a stronger interest in the work of the Board. [Several of the Bishops expressed their willingness to come.] A resolution was passed appointing

the Bishop of Algoma and the secretary a committee to make the necessary arrangements for missionary addresses from the western Bishops.

A letter was read from the Bishop of Mackenzie River soliciting further aid for his diocese, and the Board passed a resolution promising to do what was possible on his behalf.

A resolution was adopted directing the secretary to explain to the missionary Bishops that they are called to plead on behalf of missions generally.

The Board then discussed an application from Rev. Mr. Wilson, soliciting aid for the Indian Homes established by him. The matter stood until the appropriations should come up for discussion.

The treasurer's report showed an amount of \$21,101.29 for domestic missions, including the appropriated and unappropriated sums received; \$14,710.96 for foreign missions, appropriated and unappropriated; or a grand total of \$36,812.25, an increase of more than \$7,000 over the receipts of last year.

The report of the committee appointed at the last April meeting for showing the See all of the children of the Church in missionary matters was read by Rural Dean Pollard, of Ottawa, and contained many valuable suggestions.

Appropriations for next year were made as follows: Domestic missions, Algoma general, \$2,500; Algoma special, \$500; Rupert's Land, \$500; Qu'Appelle, \$500; Moosomin, \$200; Athabasca, \$200; Mackenzie River, \$200; Foreign Mission Society for Propagation of Gospel, \$1,810; Church Missionary Society, \$1,360; Colonial and Continental Church Society, \$450; Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge, \$450.

Rev. J. G. Waller was accepted as a missionary of the society for Japan. He will be sent to that field. A grant of \$150 was made for current expenses. Next meeting of Board will be held at London.

Wednesday evening, in the city hall, Bishops Baldwin and Sullivan addressed a large missionary meeting.

On October 9th, a very interesting report was presented to the Board from Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and Miss Paterson, delegates from the Women's Auxiliary, Toronto, of a visit paid by these ladies to different parts of the country in connection with mission work. They proceeded as far west as Vancouver's Island, and procured a large amount of valuable and interesting information respecting the work of the Church in the West. The report was exceedingly interesting, and was listened to with much attention. These ladies travelled over 7,000 miles in performance of their charitable object. A resolution was passed thanking Mrs. Cummings and Miss Paterson for the work done by them, and recommending the publication and circulation of the report.

A report was presented by the general treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary, from which it appeared that

the ladies had collected for various purposes in cash \$7,572, and had procured and provided in clothing \$21,552.

The Board passed a resolution congratulating the ladies on their work, and requesting that a separate statement of the moneys received for the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society should be rendered.

The Board adopted a resolution providing that foreign missions should include mission work amongst pagans resident in Canada other than the aboriginal populations, the object being to include Chinese settlers in British Columbia.

Following this, a resolution was adopted granting the Bishop of Columbia \$500 for work amongst the Chinese.

The report on Sunday-schools was submitted and adopted.

The annual report of the Board was presented by the Bishop of Niagara, and adopted. Provision was made for carrying on of the *Canadian Church Magazine* and the *Mission News*.

The Board then adjourned to meet in London.

Touchy People.

[The following clipping appears to be worthy of a place in the columns of the NEWS.—ED. A.M.N.]

Of all the various classes of people with whom we are brought in contact, the race of touchy folk is the most troublesome to deal with. We always have to be so very careful, lest we tread upon their corns, and they seem to have so many corns! And the worst of the matter is that they will insist upon placing their corn-encrusted toes just where we wish to tread, so that, however careful we may be, the luckless corns will get trampled on, and then there is an outcry and a scream, and many apologies will scarcely produce peace and tranquility. It is very unfortunate.

Although there are exceptions to the rule, most touchy people are those who do little or nothing in the world, who have no occupation, and no food for the mind to thrive upon. A man or woman whose mind is fully occupied has no time to think about, and dwell upon, imaginary trifles, nor will he allow himself to brood over the unfortunate speech of his neighbor, which, by an ingenuity worthy of a better cause, can be twisted into an insult. Our touchy friend is very like a snail which draws in its horns and its head on the slightest provocation, and like a snail, too, the progress of the touchy person is remarkably slow. The energetic man has accomplished half his business while his snail-like neighbor is wondering what So-and-so could mean by saying so-and-so. We have known some members of this curious race who are by no means idlers, who are busily engaged upon some pet hobby, but if any one chance to trespass upon their domain, the touch of the intrusive foot is resented as if it were a mortal offence. The columns of local newspapers are often evidences of the strife

which follows a trespass of this nature. A learned antiquary ventures to propound a theory upon some subject upon which another learned antiquary has already delivered himself. The trespass is at once resented; in the local press a correspondence commences in which, amidst a display of research and antiquarian lore, we find a sorry exhibition of still more ancient things—"envy, hatred, and all uncharitableness."

Ladies, and particularly unmarried ladies of a "certain age," are, unfortunately, often very touchy. When they devote their time to Church work and become district visitors, they still retain the unhappy peculiarity, and how careful the poor clergyman has to be lest he should offend their susceptibilities by a chance word, or arouse the touchy jealousy of one by allowing another "to interfere with her district." "Trespassers will be prosecuted—or persecuted," is written up upon every tree, or wall, or shrub, of the touchy person's property.

In the ranks of the clergy, too, we find, alas! many of the race. The isolation of the country parson, the independence of his jurisdiction, the absence of continual occupation (if he lives in a small parish and has no resources within himself, no scholarly tastes or mental employment) all tend to increase the infirmity and make him intolerably touchy. A has a parishioner who has just left B's parish and falls ill; B, *as a friend*, calls to see the invalid, and inquires how he is progressing. A, who is a touchy person, is immediately offended, writes a furious note to B to expostulate, and tells him to confine his ministerial visits to his own parish and not to visit his parishioners. Again, "Trespassers will be prosecuted!"

This extraordinary and uncomfortable defect appears to rise from too much self-consciousness. The touchy person always regards everything that is said or done by his neighbor in its relation to himself. Selfishness is the root of all sin and unhappiness; and if touchy folk thought a little less about themselves, their own dignity and importance, if they occupied their minds a little more with some useful branch of study or employment, if they would only take down some of those hideous and unsightly "notices to trespassers," there would be a great diminution in this somewhat numerous race, and society would be greatly benefited by their removal.—*P.H.D. in Church Bells.*

Ilfracombe Mission.

The Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd and his son, with the Rev. L. Sinclair, were the guests of Mr. John Fair, Charlinch, on the night of Wednesday, Oct. 8th, and of Mr. Chas. Smith, Ilfracombe, on the following night. Thanksgiving service was held in Christ Church at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9th. Mr. Albert Llwyd read the prayers and lessons, and the Rural

Dean preached, and was assisted by the Rev. L. Sinclair in the celebration of Holy Communion. The church was neatly decorated.

HOODSTOWN STATION.—The harvest thanksgiving service in St. Jude's Church took place on Wednesday, Oct. 8th, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd of Muskoka preached, and was assisted by the Rev. L. Sinclair in the celebration of the Holy Communion. The church was very beautiful in its decorations, and the offertory of \$4.51 went to the fund for Widows and Orphans. After the service at the social meeting, it was moved by Mr. Wm. Hirst, lay reader, and seconded by Mr. Wm. Goldthorp, vestry clerk, that the thanks of the congregation should be sent to Mrs. Sutherland, of Toronto, for her kind efforts in procuring and sending the new organ, which motion was unanimously agreed upon by the congregation.—*Com.*

NOVAR STATION.—On Wednesday, Oct. 1st, the harvest thanksgiving service was held in St. Mary's Church at 7 p.m. The church was decorated with maple leaves, crab apples, etc. The Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, B.D., Incumbent; Rev. Gowan Gillmour, of North Bay; and the Rev. L. Sinclair, the former Incumbent, took part in the service. The sermon was preached by Mr. Gillmour, the tenor of which could not fail to produce a lasting impression on the congregation. The organ was presided over by Miss Grace Wickett, late of Sundridge, and who is now organist of St. Mary's Church. Although only about fourteen years of age, her confidence and musical attainments deserve the highest credit. She is also a vocalist, which adds to her usefulness as an organist. After service the Rev. L. Sinclair requested to be relieved of his engagement to preach in Emsdale on the following day, owing to his several other engagements. The Rev. Rural Dean Chowne and the Rev. Gowan Gillmour proceeded to the house of Mr. James Large, in Swindon, where they would start for service in Bethune on Thursday.

RAVENSCLIFF STATION.—The harvest thanksgiving service in St. John the Baptist Church was held on Tuesday, Oct. 7th, commencing at 11 a.m. The Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, of Huntsville, preached the sermon. His text was taken from the Epistle to the Ephesians, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The Rural Dean, free from all pusillanimousness, combined with his usual impressive style of delivery, did not fail to engage the earnest attention of the congregation, which was encouragingly large in spite of the inclemency of the weather. On the previous day the decorations of the church were superintended by Mr. William Clarke, of East River, who, with the friends who kindly assisted till 11:35 p.m., deserve to be highly commended for the good taste displayed. The very beautiful wreaths of prince's pine, high

bush cranberries, and crab apples, together with the eight bouquets which decorated the chancel and the altar, were the gifts of Miss May M. T. Clarke, of East River, who with her sister and the Misses Tipper, Shay, and others, remained until the work was finished and the church prepared for service. The products of the field which were presented in the church clearly indicated that the ancient custom is in no way diminishing. The offertory, amounting to \$2.58, was given to the Widows and Orphans' fund. After the service a social meeting was held in Mr. John Tipper's new house, and a very happy day was spent, and things temporal in connection with the work of the church were discussed. The Rural Dean expressed his confidence and appreciation of the Incumbent, the Rev. L. Sinclair, and his pleasure in the fact that the whole congregation was working in unity and love. The Rev. L. Sinclair, who had taken part in the service and was presiding at the social meeting, gave expression to his gratitude and sincere thankfulness for the honorable position which he occupied as the Incumbent of St. John the Baptist Church, and his privilege of having such an adviser and friend as the Rural Dean of Muskoka, who was always ready to give his counsel when requested, and his presence, such as he had done on the present and many other like occasions. Mr. Sinclair further stated in regard to the kindness of his flock, that he had not only many homes among them, but that his whole mission was made one large home by the hospitality of his own flock, and in many cases of the several denominations outside the Anglican Church. The meeting continued till about 5 p.m., when after the Benediction, pronounced by the Rural Dean, the happy day was brought to a close. The Rural Dean and his son, along with the Rev. L. Sinclair, were kindly entertained at the house of Mr. William Sharpe until the next morning.—*The Forester.*

Rosseau Mission.

ULLSWATER STATION.—On Tuesday, October 7th, a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held here, to the delight and consolation of those who were able to attend. The Wardens, or their families, and some of the people, had been attending Ufford church, which is in the mission of the Rev. A. H. Allman, and had expressed the hope that some clergyman would afford them the opportunity of acknowledging harvest. On the day appointed, although it was very wet, Divine service commenced at 11 a.m., with a congregation of thirty-five persons. The entire service was characterized by reverence, heartiness, and earnest interest, and during the sermon the dropping of a pin might have been heard. There was one infant baptised; nineteen persons partook of the Holy Communion, and the offertory consisted of 95c., for the W. and O. F. Mrs. Buckerfield kindly presided at the organ, and the singing was well taken up. The

Rev. A. H. Allman was greatly gratified by the spirit shewn, and also appreciated very much the kindness and hospitality extended to him by the families of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Edwards.

Port Sydney Mission.

A special Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held at Christ Church, on Friday, October 10th. During Thursday and Friday some of the lady members busied themselves with decorations, which were carried out in a very neat and tasty manner, and the best thanks of the congregation are due to them for such self-denying effort. Friday morning was very wet, but in the afternoon the weather was lovely. Notwithstanding the latter fact there was but a sparse gathering in the evening, the service having been announced for 7 p.m. The musical portion of the service was very nicely rendered; and, indeed, all those present entered both earnestly and heartily into prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. The Incumbent was assisted by the Rev. J. Boydell, M.A., Incumbent of Bracebridge, who preached a most suitable and suggestive sermon from Gen. viii. 22. The offertory, which amounted to \$1.54, was given to the Church Repair Fund.

The festival was continued on Sunday, October 12th, at 7:30 p.m., when there was a good congregation assembled. The service was devout, hearty, and refreshing, and the Incumbent appealed to all present on behalf of the Diocesan W. and O. F., preaching from Psalm cxv., 12. The offertory taken up amounted to \$2.50. At both these services, Miss Coldwell, Allensville, very readily gave her valuable help in presiding at the organ.

UFFORD STATION.—On Sunday morning, October 12th, the annual thanksgiving was held here. There was a very good congregation, which was throughout devout, hearty, and earnest. The sermon was from I. Cor., ix., and received very close attention. The offertory was taken up for the W. and O. F., and amounted to \$1.02. There were no decorations attempted, or even needed, here, because the sacred edifice had just been painted both inside and outside, and it looked very neat, clean, and attractive. The fruits of harvest had furnished the means from which Mr. Jacob Bogart drew his subscriptions, to whom alone belongs the credit of collecting the funds necessary to cover the cost. The Incumbent and congregation of St. John's tender to him their hearty and sincere thanks.

BEATRICE STATION.—On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 12th, the annual thanksgiving was held here also. The church was decorated very neatly (thanks to the efforts of Mr. O'Hara and some lady members), but something more than that will have to be done, if there is to be any comfort within the building during the coming winter. However, it is expected that the

much-needed new church will be commenced in 1891. On this occasion the house of prayer was full, and devout and earnest attention was given to the entire service. The offertory amounted to 65 cents, and was given to the W. and O. F. of the Diocese.

BRUNEL.—On Sunday afternoon, October 19th, the usual thanksgiving service was held here. The decorations, which were carried out under the superintendence of Mrs. Ferguson, were light and neat, and the little log church looked quite attractive. There was a good congregation, which took its part in the service very earnestly and heartily. The claims and needs of the W. and O. F. were again set forth, and the offertory taken up amounted to \$1.52. The congregation are in high spirits over their new church, the solid frame of which has been erected, and window-frames placed. Money is urgently needed, not more than half the sum total having as yet been promised.

Magnettawan Mission.

DUNCHURCH STATION.—On Tuesday, Oct. 14th, a Harvest Thanksgiving Service in connection with the English Church was held at Dunchurch in Kelcey's Hall. Service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Young, of Magnettawan. The hall presented a very nice appearance, being decorated with ferns, leaves, vegetables, and flowers, also some very nice pot plants, lent for the occasion. The ladies who had so very effectively prepared this pleasant service were Mrs. Markham, Mrs. and the Misses Kelcey, and Miss Butler. Mr. Bottrell very kindly lent his organ for the service. Mr. Markham officiated as organist, and the choir did their part in a very creditable manner. The hymns taken were from A. and M., Nos. 223, 308, 366, 382, and the choir sang alone, "O What Shall the Harvest be." In spite of very unfavorable weather there was a very fair attendance, and those not present missed a rich treat in Mr. Young's sermon, which was taken from the words, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath done unto me?" The reverend gentleman pointed out that in thinking of God's mercies in the harvest, our thoughts must not be confined to our immediate neighborhood; we must remember that we are indebted to the whole world for our daily food; India, China, Japan, and many other places, too numerous to mention, contribute to our necessities, and he reminded the people that according as God had blessed them so should they, at this solemn season of thanksgiving, give to the Lord. Not to put their hands into their pockets in search of the smallest coin to be found, but having calculated at home the amount they ought to give of that wherewith the Lord hath blessed them, so to give their offering, let it be \$1 or \$20 as they could afford, not forgetting the highest of all offerings, the giving up of one's own self to God. The offertory amounted to \$4.90, and, by Mr. Young's permission, was devoted to the Church Building Fund.

The church which is now in course of erection is greatly in need of help; the people are poor, but most anxious to obtain a church of their own, in which they can worship God after their own heart. They are putting up the structure as far as can be with their own hands. Any help in whatever shape will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by Mr. W. Markham, Sec.-Treas. to the Church Building Fund.

Thessalon Mission.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson have returned to Thessalon, after a three weeks visit to friends in Toronto. During their stay the Rev. Mr. Robinson preached in St. Peter's, St. George's, the Churches of the Ascension and the Redeemer, at the close of his sermons appealing for funds to pay off the debt on the Church of the Redeemer at Thessalon. The Rev. Canon DuMoulin also made an appeal from his pulpit in St. James' Cathedral on behalf of Mr. Robinson's church.

With the amounts that were kindly sent in, and those collected by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, the sum of \$288.50 was raised, which frees the Thessalon church of debt, as also a balance due on the organ. The Rev. Mr. Robinson takes this opportunity of most heartily thanking his many friends in Toronto who contributed so generously to the above named object.

The Bishop of Algoma intends visiting Thessalon shortly, for the purpose of consecrating the church, an account of which will be sent to the A.M.N. in due course.

Mr. Robinson also begs to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of £3, sent to him by that "benefactress of Algoma," Miss Alice C. Day, of England; and also the receipt of a valuable communion service, the gift of the Children's Auxiliary to Missions of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, Ont. It appears that mite boxes were given to these children about a year ago, who promised to put into them two cents per week each; and the communion service sent to Mr. Robinson is the result of these offerings. They have my heartfelt thanks for the same. To me, the idea of *children* sending a communion service to a clergyman is a beautiful one, and I feel sure that the King will say unto them, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."—*Com.*

Burk's Falls Mission.

ADDRESS TO MRS. CHOWNE.—On Saturday evening last (October 4th), after the usual weekly choir practice in All Saints' Church, Burk's Falls, a pleasing event took place. At the request of Mr. Orr, the

student in charge of the Mission in the absence of the Incumbent, the organist, and members of the choir, adjourned to the vestry, where Mr. Orr, on behalf of the choir and congregation of All Saints', presented Mrs. Chowne with a purse containing a sum of money and the following address:

Dear Mrs. Chowne:

It is a cause of deep regret to us to know that your personal connection with this choir is so soon to be severed. We feel that in parting with you we lose, not only an able assistant, but also a very dear friend. Kindly allow me on behalf of the members of this congregation, and choir in particular, to offer you our sincere thanks for the kind interest which you have taken in our services, in that you have voluntarily acted as organist during our clergyman's absence. But we feel that thanks alone are not sufficient to convey a proper impression of our gratitude; therefore, I have very great pleasure, on behalf of this congregation, in presenting you with this purse, trusting that you will accept it not for its intrinsic value, but as a slight token of our abiding love and respect for you. We wish you happiness in your new home, feeling sure that you will meet with every welcome among your Emsdale friends.

ROBERT ORR.

The Rev. Rural Dean Chowne (who was present) on behalf of Mrs. Chowne, thanked those assembled, in a few appropriate words, for their kind gift, which had quite taken them by surprise; after which the choir dispersed to their homes.

On Monday, October 6th, Mr. Orr, who has had charge of the mission during the absence of the Rev. E. A. Vesey in England, returned to Toronto to resume his studies at Trinity College. Mr. Orr has faithfully fulfilled his charge, and leaves behind him many friends in this mission. The Rev. E. A. Vesey is expected to be here shortly, having taken passage by the S.S. "Lake Ontario," sailing on October 10th.—*Com.*

Gravenhurst Mission.

On Sunday, October 5th, a harvest thanksgiving service was held in Northwood Church by the Incumbent of Gravenhurst, in whose charge it is. The church was beautifully and valuably decorated; the valuable part being intended for the Incumbent. The little church was well filled with an attentive congregation. During the year the Incumbent has performed the pleasing duty of baptising the mother of fourteen children, and eight of her children, one of them the mother of six children.

On Sunday, October 12th, harvest thanksgiving services were held in St. James' Church, Gravenhurst, by the Rev. Canon Green, of Orillia, who exchanged duty with the Incumbent for the day. The church was beautifully decorated, congregations large, sing-

ing very good, and excellent sermons. Altogether the services were visibly successful, and we trust spiritually profitable.—*Com.*

Fort William Mission.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, OLIVER.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, a harvest and thanksgiving service was held in St. James' Church, Oliver. In spite of unpropitious weather there was a very fair congregation, several people coming from a distance. The church was decorated, and great efforts made to render the service bright.

On Tuesday, a harvest home was held at Mr. Ryde's. It was intended to have had outdoor sports during the afternoon, but it proved too wet; for a short time, however, there was baseball, jumping, and putting the weight, but some music inside by the ladies proved too great an attraction for those outside. Preparations for supper were busily carried on, foremost among the many helpers being Mrs. Ryde, Mrs. Ketrige, and Mrs. Nelson. Two tables were spread and twice filled. Want of space prevents our naming all who were present; suffice it to say there were about 44. During the interval before supper, general post was played and was productive of much amusement. After supper there was a short programme; among the vocal performers were Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Waddington, Mr. and Miss Gray, Mrs. Baxendale, Mrs. J. Baxendale, Mrs. Sowman, and Mrs. Charles Kirby. A reading was given by the Rev. Chas. Kirby, also a recitation by Mrs. Wirder. Mrs. Aaron Squier kindly made a present of some candies and quite a brisk little trade was carried on in selling them. Altogether, with the sale of tickets, \$15 was realized towards the erection of a sadly needed shed near the church. At 10 o'clock the pleasant evening was brought to a close by a few words from the Rev. Chas Kirby, followed by "God Save the Queen." It is hoped that in addition to the shed a room may be built over it for parochial purposes, in which Mr. and Mrs. Kirby hope before many months are over to welcome their Oliver friends at another social party.—*Com.*

Huntsville Mission.

On Wednesday, October 22nd, the Rev. L. Sinclair preached the harvest thanksgiving sermon in the evening, and the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd read the prayers. There was a good congregation, and the preacher congratulated the people on the magnificent decorations, which he said, surpassed anything he had seen in the adjoining station towns on the line.

The harvest festival on the succeeding evening was very successful. Speeches were delivered by the Rural Dean, the Rev. L. Sinclair, and Mr. Scarlett. Some music from other friends filled up the programme.

Acknowledgments.

Receipts at Synod Office, Toronto, for the Diocese of Algoma.

For the General Fund.—Per Miss A. B. Tucker, £28 16s. 6d., and £6 2s. 6d.; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society grant, \$2500; do. for Special Indian Work, \$500.

From Woman's Auxiliary—Toronto Diocesan Branch.—Port Hope, St. John's, \$22.74; Parkdale, St. Mark's, \$5; Toronto, St. James', \$10; St. George's, \$45; Redeemer, \$35; St. Stephen's, \$5.52; St. Philip's, \$5.55; St. James' Girls' Guild, \$3.70; St. Matthias', 25c.; St. Paul's, 50c.; Weston, \$6; do. from Sunday-school, \$7; Donations, \$13; F. Hall, \$3.

From Huron Diocesan Branch, Woman's Auxiliary.—Burford Branch, \$5.

For Special Purposes Fund:

For Uffington, per Miss A. B. Tucker, £1.

For Sudbury church building fund, do. do., 5s.

For the Rev. R. Renison's Indian Mission.—Do. do., £1 1s.

For Huntsville Church Building Fund.—Do. do., £2 18s. 9d.

For Magnettawan.—Do. do., £3.

For Emsdale Parsonage Fund.—"A. F." New Brunswick, \$40. Collected by Mrs. Lowe, 60c.

For Shingwauk Home.—Toronto, St. George's, \$3; Parkdale, Epiphany Boxes, \$11.93; Donations, \$10.

For Wawanosh.—Toronto, St. George's, \$12.50.

For Educational Fund.—Brockville, Trinity Children's Missionary Guild, \$6; do. from "A Worker," \$5.

For Novar Church Building Fund.—"A. F.," New Brunswick, \$40.

For Brunel Church Building Fund.—Mr. H. J. Evans, \$2.

For Evangeline Fund.—Alice C. Day, "Sussex Sale of Work," £5.

For Port Carling Parsonage Fund.—Collected by Mr. J. T. Bryan, \$65.

For Wycliffe College Missionary.—Per Rev. W. J. Armitage, \$199.50.

Baumaris Church Site.—\$50; do. Building Fund, \$40. from Mr. E. Prowse.

For Episcopal Income.—Diocese Montreal, to 30th September, \$125; Toronto, to do., \$250; Huron, to do., \$175.

For Episcopal Endowment Fund.—Per Miss A. B. Tucker, £55 1s. 10d.

For W. & O. Fund.—Thanksgiving collection, Broadbent, St. Stephen's, \$2.17; Ravenscliff, St. John's, \$2.58; Hoodstown, \$4.51; Ilfracombe, Christ's Church, \$2.69; Novar, St. Mary's, \$1; Magnettawan, St. George's, \$1.60; Emsdale, \$1.30; Bethune, St. James', \$2.01; Miss A. B. Tucker, £1 2s. 6d.; Port Sydney, \$2.50; Brunel, \$1.52; Beatrice, 65c.; Ufford, \$1.07; Ullswater, 95c.

D. KEMP, *Treasurer.*

ILFRACOMBE MISSION.—On Friday, October 17th, the Rev. L. Sinclair received a gift of a box and barrel containing clothes, books, etc., for the mission, from Miss Lily M. Holland, of Bowmanville, Ontario, and for which he expresses his best thanks.

PORT SYDNEY MISSION.—The Rev. A. H. Allman desires to acknowledge very gratefully the receipt of \$6 (in all), per Mrs. J. Roper, toward a boat for himself and family.

GRAVENHURST MISSION.—Permit me to acknowledge with sincere thanks the following contributions on behalf of the Sunday-school building fund of St. James' Church, Gravenhurst: Received per D. Kemp, Diocesan Treasurer, old account, \$5.10; St. George's Church, Toronto W.A., \$5.01; Diocesan Branch W.A., Toronto, \$3.78.

W. T. NOBLE, *Incumbent.*