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### Notes by the Way.

THE Rev. Mr. Evans, of Schreiber mission, on the C.P.R., is enjoying a three months' leave of absence in England.

THE Rev. Gowan Gillmor will shortly move from North Bay mission to Rosseau.

THE painting of Trinity Church, Parry Sound, is almost complete, and has wonderfully improved the general appearance of the building.

THE Rev. Mr. McMorin has been visiting his old parishioners at Port Arthur.

THE Ruridecanal Chapter of Parry Sound and Nipissing met at St. Stephen's, Broadbent, on Tuesday, 14th inst., and at Parry Sound on Thursday, 16th inst.

### A Sad Death.

On May 7th, a middle-aged woman, named Annie Hyde, was compelled, through illness, to get off a west-bound train at Sudbury, Diocese of Algoma. At

daylight on Sunday, the 10th, she was dead. The deceased was a passenger from Liverpool, on the steamship *Mongolian*, and was journeying to relatives in Dakota. When she got off the train she went to a boarding-house near by. On Saturday evening the doctor in attendance informed Rev. C. Piercy of the case, but when he arrived the deceased was in a semi-comatose condition. He soon saw there was no hope, and endeavoured to find out what he could concerning Miss Hyde. The conduct of the boarding-house people raised suspicions, and the police authorities were communicated with. Ultimately they took possession of the articles said to belong to Miss Hyde. A coffin was purchased, and the Incumbent and three or four others laid the body of the deceased therein and took it to the little English church, where it remained until Tuesday, the 12th, when it was interred. The clergyman has forwarded all belongings to the brother (Mr. Jos. Hyde) in Dakota.

It was sad to die away from old friends, and without the knowledge that there were some near who would have been friends had they been notified. The deceased was for nearly twenty years in the service of the Duke of Westminster. In Sudbury considerable sympathy was manifested.

### Narrowness.

There is such a thing as narrowness of breadth—that breadth which denounces intolerance, and which is itself too intolerant to tolerate intolerance. And, as some one says, it is easier to criticise the best thing superbly than to do the smallest thing indifferently. There is no way by which we can improve the impoverished Christian life of the country, by which we can redeem the unintelligent, the intolerant, and the uncharitable theology this has brought, but by introducing into it freshness and newness of life, patient thinking, and the newest culture. But if all these are kept aloof from it, how can it ever be any better? If, instead of looking on and criticising those who know a thing or two, those who think they are wiser would throw themselves in among others and back them and try to work alongside of them, they would get perhaps their breadth tempered by earnestness and by zeal, because the narrow man has much to

contribute to the Christian cause, perhaps more than the broad man. It needs all kinds of people to make a world; it needs all kinds of people to make a Church.—*English Pulpit of To-day.*

### Ready Wit.

A clergyman had called a missionary meeting one evening during the recent election campaign at one of his outlying stations. The one hall of this place was used for all meetings of every description. The clergyman was late in starting for his destination, as he had waited some time for a brother clergyman who did not turn up. When he drew near the hall, he was surprised to see the place black with people, who could barely all get in. Thinking this a capital beginning, he started around towards the platform, on which he found, to his great surprise, the retiring member and one of his friends. They also had engaged the hall for a political meeting the same night. What was to be done? The clergyman was equal to the occasion, and requested just ten minutes before the political speeches should begin. On this request being granted, he explained to the people the position he was in. Then he told them the story of the two sailors in the open boat during a storm, who knew no prayers and all they could do for themselves was to take up a collection. Now he was in great need of money for his missions, so, though he would not detain them by a missionary address, as he had no doubt they were anxious to hear the speakers, all he would do would be to take up a collection. This was accordingly done, and the readiness of the clergyman rewarded by a liberal response, after which the member and his companions took the floor.—*Trinity University Review.*

### What Civilizes Men.

There are people who believe that civilization and education will meet the world's need, and that the Bible and Christianity are not requisite for the redemption of lost humanity. But how are men to be civilized, educated, and enlightened without the Word of God? Infidelity never has done it, and never will do it. The culture of the ancient nations was but a thin veneer over unspeakable barbarisms, cruelties, debaucheries, and idolatries; and in modern times, though savages have been civilized and peoples have been regenerated, it never has been done by infidel theologians and philosophers. The world may be defied to point out an instance where a language has been written down, a literature created, or a tribe of savages civilized, by infidels. This is the work of Christian people and Christians only.

James Chalmers, a veteran missionary, said in an address delivered before the London Missionary Society: "I have had twenty-one years' experience

among natives. I have seen the semi-civilized and the civilized; I have lived with the Christian native, and I have lived, dined, and slept with the cannibal. I have visited the islands of the New Hebrides, which, I sincerely trust, will not be handed over to the tender mercies of France. I have visited the Loyalty Group; I have seen the work of missions in the Samoan Group; I know all the islands of the Society Group; I have lived for ten years in the Hervey Group; I know a few of the groups close on the line, and for at least nine years of my life I have lived with the savages of New Guinea, but I have never yet met with a single man or woman, or with a single people, that your civilization without Christianity has civilized. Wherever there has been the slightest spark of civilization in the Southern Seas, it has been where the Gospel is preached; and wherever you find in the island of New Guinea a friendly people, or a people that will welcome you there, it is where the missionaries of the Cross have been preaching Christ. Civilization! The rampart can only be stormed by those who carry the Cross."

The Gospel, and the Gospel alone, is the power of God unto salvation, and nothing else can lift up men out of the darkness of a lost race into the light and joy of peaceful civilization and temporal prosperity in this world; and nothing else can give them hope of endless life and glory in the world to come.

### Kindness.

More hearts pine away in secret anguish for the want of kindness from those who should be their comforters than any other calamity in life. A word of kindness is a seed which springs up a flower. A kind word and a pleasant voice are gifts easy to give. Be liberal with them. They are worth more than money. If a word or two will render a man happy, said a Frenchman, he must be a wretch, indeed, who will not give it. Kindness is stored away in the heart like rose leaves in a drawer, to sweeten every object around them. Little drops of rain brighten the meadows, and little acts of kindness brighten the world.

We can conceive of nothing more attractive than the heart when filled with the spirit of kindness. Certainly nothing embellishes human nature as the practice of this virtue: a sentiment so genial and so excellent ought to be emblazoned upon every thought and act of our lives. The principle underlies the whole theory of Christianity, and in no other person do we find it more happily exemplified than in the life of our Saviour, who, while on earth, "went about doing good." And how true it is that

"A little word in kindness spoken,  
A motion, or a tear,  
Has often healed the heart that's broken,  
And made a friend sincere."



### Our Indian Homes.

Rev. E. F. Wilson's quarterly letter in the *Church Magazine*.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Since writing last I have been away on a journey of more than 3,000 miles. Thanks to the C.P.R., we can now travel from Ontario to the Rockies and back within a short space of time, and at comparatively small expense. Only a few weeks ago I was in and out among the Blood and Piegan Indians in Mr. Trivett's and Mr. Bourne's missions in Alberta. I took in Medicine Hat, where our new school is being established, both going and returning, and all is in trim now for proceeding with the work, directly the expected Government grant becomes available. At each of my centres now I have an "Advisory Council," consisting of the Bishop of the diocese and several of the clergy, and the laity living in the neighbourhood. At Medicine Hat, the Bishop of Qu' Appelle is president; Rev. E. N. Dobie, secretary; and Rev. J. W. Tims, Judge McLeod, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Sanderson, Rev. H. W. Stocken, and myself, members of council. At Elkhorn, the Bishop of Rupert's Land is visitor; Ven. Archdeacon Phair, president; Rev. R. G. Stevenson, secretary; Rev. C. Quinney, Dr. Rolston, Rev. H. L. Watts, Rev. Rural Dean Rogers, Mr. W. Wilson, and myself, members of council. Here, in Algoma, the Bishop of Algoma is president; Rev. E. A. Vesey, secretary; Judge Johnson, W. G. McNeil Thomson, and myself, members of council.

To take now my Homes in order, beginning with the most distant, viz., Medicine Hat. There are to be three buildings, a home for girls, a home for boys, and a central building where all will come together for meals and school. The central building is already up, the concrete walls completed, timbers between the concrete painted, and roof finished; but *inside*

nothing is yet done. It will take \$2,000 to complete the building, and \$1,000 or so to furnish it. Towards this we are expecting \$5,000 from the Government. What is over after completing and furnishing the central building will go towards erecting laundry, outbuildings, cattle stable, fencing, etc. Towards the first year's maintenance the Government will give \$2,000. Beyond that we have no absolute promise at present of any help. My present idea is to remove to Medicine Hat myself, with two of my daughters, about September 1st, remain there for the winter, and set to work on foot in a sort of family way at as little expense as possible. We could not afford to pay a superintendent at present, but I have already made arrangements with a man and wife, both highly recommended, the man to look after the outside work and the wife to cook, bake, and wash for us, with the help of the Indian children. They will come to us September 1st if I am able to carry out my plans. God has given me a big work and a big family, and it has been on my mind lately that perhaps it is His will that the big family, now that they are growing up, should lend a helping hand in the big work. We have eight acres and a half of good land at Medicine Hat, on the banks of the River Saskatchewan. It will have to be irrigated by means of a pump and windmill, as the climate is so dry; and I propose to have a market garden, grow strawberries and vegetables, and also supply bouquets of cut-flowers to the passenger trains—all of which wait half an hour at Medicine Hat station, to take water and replenish the dining cars. We hope also to have a dairy and supply milk and butter to the town and the trains. This Medicine Hat work will be exceedingly interesting, as all the pupils will be little wild blanket children, with plaited hair and painted faces, fresh from the teepees. There are a number of Cree Indians always hanging about the station at Medicine

Hat, selling polished buffalo horns to the passengers, and those who have travelled west know how wild they look. We have already the promise of some of their children for our Sauketappi Home, and also of children from the Blackfeet, Bloods, Peigans, and Sarcees. Mr. Sanderson, one of our Medicine Hat council, is a Cree Half-breed and Government interpreter, and he will have great influence in getting pupils into our Home. I do so hope that Sunday-schools and friends will take up this work and try to make it a success. There is that \$1,000 idea which was started in St. John, N.B., never yet taken up. Is that to be allowed to lapse? And even the Government grants cannot be used unless supplemented liberally from other sources. Surely our friends mean to help us—now that our work is getting to be so well established and so widely known. But I must pass on to our next point—Elkhorn. I am very thankful to say that during the five months which have elapsed since the new year began our receipts on Elkhorn maintenance account, including Government grant, have a little exceeded our expenditure. This is *very satisfactory*, but still there is the old debt of about \$1,000 not yet wiped out, and this makes us afraid to push ahead as we would wish to do. My brother, Mr. Wilberforce Wilson, became local superintendent of my Elkhorn Homes on March 1st; but within a month after his appointment, I am sorry to say, he took cold and became very ill with congestion of the lungs, and he is only just now regaining strength after a long illness of nearly two months. This has been a great anxiety to me. When I got up to Elkhorn the first week in April, I found the accounts and everything behind, and things a good deal upside down, owing to my brother's illness; it is a relief, however, to me that my eldest son, A. E. Wilson, now twenty-two years of age, is developing into a reliable and useful man. I have given him a little training in account keeping of the Shingwauk, and he is now at Elkhorn assisting his uncle; the Indian children are all very fond of him, and he has a good influence with them. Our other Elkhorn employees are also all that could be desired. Miss Vidal is an excellent teacher, clever disciplinarian, and devoted to her work. Her mother, Mrs. Vidal, has charge of the Girls' Home, and nurses sick cases. Mrs. Leale, who has been a number of years with us, first at Shingwauk and then at Wawanosh, is now matron at Elkhorn. Government placed \$2,500 at my disposal this spring for the erection of farm buildings and purchase of farm stock. Mr. Kring, whom I have engaged as farm instructor, seems likely to give every satisfaction. His wife is a sister of the Miss Robinson who was our first lady superintendent at the Washakada Home, Elkhorn, and niece of our late Bishop Fauquier. Our Elkhorn farm is a large one, 640 acres; the farm house is just completed and cattle sheds are in course of erection. We have already purchased a pair of heavy horses and a yoke of oxen, and farming operations are now in progress.

And now, lastly, the old Algoma Homes—Shingwauk and Wawanosh. These, as our friends know, have been partially shut down during the winter months for lack of funds. That is, taking all our Homes together, our books showed us to be nearly \$1,000 behind on December 31st last. I am thankful to say that since the new year the receipts, both for Shingwauk and Wawanosh, have a little exceeded the expenditure. But then the general management fund and the hospital fund are both behind; so, taking all the maintenance fund together, we are still \$600 or \$700 in debt. I am sorry for this. I had hoped very much that the whole debt would have been wiped out, and that we should be able now to make a fresh start with a little balance to the good. But I still have confidence in the work. I believe it is the work to which Almighty God has called me. My difficulties are no greater now than they were ten years ago. And in the face of them all my work has increased. When I partly closed the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes last fall, it was with the intention of opening them again with full numbers in May. I see no reason for departing from this plan. And so letters have been sent out to all the Reserves inviting old pupils to return and new ones to come, and already we are fast filling up again, and before the end of the summer we may, I hope, have from eighty to one hundred pupils at our two Algoma Homes. We expect also to have a lot of building going on. A new laundry, with modern appliances, is to be erected on the Shingwauk land close to the river; and if funds will permit, we hope also to begin work on a new Wawanosh Home for fifty girls. Then we have \$900 also on the estimates to be applied towards a steam pump, tanks, etc., for fire protection. To provide for the increased number of boys at the Shingwauk, I have now two schoolmasters, Mr. McCallum, who has been with us a number of years, and Mr. Dooley, an architect by profession, whom I have just engaged. Each of the masters will teach school half the day and superintend outside operations the other half.

### The Power of Life.

An idol temple had stood in India for many centuries, sound and uninjured by the changes and ravages of time. But birds flew over it, and seeds were dropped amid the dust on the stone roof. These seeds germinating, pushed their rootlets down into the crevices of the masonry, and grew, and while the temple was draped with their foliage, the little rootlets were disintegrating the structure, until its ruin seemed imminent. So the truth of God sown in the hearts of men takes root downward, and not only brings forth fruit upward, but disintegrates and subverts wrongs and errors which had seemed almost beyond remedy.—*Church Magazine.*

### The Best Use of a Penny.

Should you wish to be told the best use of a penny,  
I'll tell you a way that is better than any :  
Not on apples, or cakes, or playthings to spend it,  
But over the seas to the Indian to send it.

Come, listen to me, and I'll tell, if you please,  
Of some poor little children far over the seas:  
Their color is dark, for our God made them thus ;  
But He made them with bodies and feelings like us.

A soul, too, that never will die, has been given,  
And there's room for the children with Jesus in heaven.  
But who will now tell of such good things as these,  
To the poor little heathen far over the seas ?

Little boys in this land are well off indeed ;  
They have schools every day, where they sing, write, and read ;  
To church they may go, and have pastors to teach  
How the true way to heaven through Jesus to reach ;  
Yet, sad to remember, there are few of these  
For the poor little pagan far over the seas.

O, think then of this when a penny is given,  
" I can help a poor child on his way home to heaven ;"  
Then give it to Jesus, and He will approve,  
Nor scorn e'en the mite, if 'tis offered in love :  
And oh, when in prayer you to Him bend your knees,  
Remember the children far over the seas.

—Songs for Little Ones at Home.

### Emsdale Mission.

This mission is a new creation, being formed out of the large and unwieldy missions of Burk's Falls and Ilfracombe.

The Rev. Rural Dean Chowne moved <sup>from</sup> to Rosseau and took charge of the mission at Easter, 1890, at which time only the church and land for parsonage was provided. The mission embraces Emsdale as its centre, with Ebberston, Novar, Sprucedale, and Katrine as out-stations.

There being no house available, the first thing to be done was the erection of a parsonage. With a zeal and energy beyond all praise, the members of the church bent themselves to the accomplishment of this work, and in the month of December, 1890, the house was sufficiently advanced towards completion as to admit of its being occupied. The house is commodious and well-built, and is a really good country parsonage, and at this date, costing over \$1,000, has a debt of only \$60, but much yet remains to be done. It is badly needing a coat of paint, and much else that go to preserve the work done. The congregation is not a large one, and are struggling settlers in a new country, and that country the district of Parry Sound. What wonder, then, if they are all but paralysed with the great work they have already, aided by English friends, brought to so successful an issue.

In addition to the debt of \$60 now due the work yet to be finished, there is a debt of \$41 in the working expenses of the church ; twenty dollars to be provided immediately to pay for the cemetery, already receiving the bodies of the Christian dead ; and a

driving-shed to be erected for the comfort and shelter of the teams of the members assembling for divine worship, which work requires fully \$100. Exhausted in ourselves, we, for the first time in our experience, turn our eyes to the many friends of our missionary diocese in the front and in England, and earnestly solicit their immediate aid to enable us to realize the sum of \$250. This sum, small as it is in itself, will set us on our feet, and enable us to do what we wish to, and what we have proved ourselves anxious to do—namely, help ourselves in the great work of planting the Church of Christ in the mission of Emsdale.

We earnestly ask this help from those who are more highly blessed with temporal wealth than ourselves.

I have visited officially the Emsdale Mission, and inspected the work done, and noted what is yet needing to be done, and I fully and heartily endorse the above appeal. Both clergyman and people are fully deserving of the most liberal help on every ground.

THOMAS LLWYD,

*Rural Dean of Muskoka.*

June 26th, 1891.

### Port Sydney Mission.

BRUNEL, (*New Church Work*).—Whilst waiting for responses to the various appeals sent forth for money to enable the church building to proceed, a social tea and sale of useful articles has just come off in Brunel Town Hall. Some months since Miss Alice C. Day (England), who visited the site last year, sent out to the Incumbent (Rev. A. H. Allman) a very sensible collection of useful articles, to be sold for the benefit of the New Church funds, and the female members of the Brunel congregation were asked to give baskets in order to provide tea. A small committee of ladies was formed, the articles were marked at reasonable figures, and promises came in generously as to baskets. On Thursday, the 25th of June, the preparations were brought to a head, and the Brunel Town Hall was decked with tables spread with articles for sale on the one hand, and abundant provision for tea on the other. At four o'clock the Incumbent addressed a few cheery words to the company present and declared the sale open, whereupon the ladies began at once to overhaul the goods. This went on till six o'clock, when tea having been declared ready, grace was sung, and the invitingly-spread tables received attention for some time. After tea, more selling went on, and then a short programme of readings, recitations, songs, etc., was carried out, which all enjoyed. Hearty votes of thanks were given to all who had contributed baskets, and special thanks are due to Mrs. Allman, Mrs. Ferguson, and Mrs. Dodd, and to Messrs. Porter, Gray, Rumball, Geale, Chamberlain, and W. Lloyd, for help rendered during the evening. The entire affair passed off successfully, and added \$23.15 to the funds in the treasurer's hands.

### Aspdin Mission.

ASPDIN STATION.—On Thursday afternoon, May 28th, the Sunday-school scholars assembled to clean up the churchyard, and to make the fence, which had been heaved by the frost, “animal proof.” A great deal of useful work was accomplished, and the ground is much improved in appearance. Much still remains to be done before the yard will be in good order, but a few more such afternoons will make a great difference. The children had tea (which was kindly provided by several of the ladies of the congregation) in Clifton Hall, and before separating had an hour’s good, hearty play.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Mr. Lowe has proceeded to his M.A. degree during the past month.

ASPDIN MISSION ASSOCIATION.—Many of our readers have heard of the above association of English workers, which numbers amongst its members such prominent helpers as Mrs. Leefe, Miss Wilshere, Miss Garret, and others; and are aware of the valuable assistance it has rendered the mission in times past. They will be interested to hear that it has been affiliated into the St. Augustine’s Kilburn Mission Band, of which the president is the Rev. T. Outram Marshall.

ALLANSVILLE STATION.—The churchwardens contemplate having a portion of the church lot fenced in, there being sufficient money in hand for that purpose.

CLIFTON HALL.—It is not often that in one magazine we have to chronicle two entertainments, but such is the case this month.

On May 25th a concert was given in which the following gentlemen kindly took part:—Rev. H. P. Lowe, Messrs. W. C. Tait, J. Capell, and McDonald, of Huntsville; W. Gall, of Allansville; C. J. C. Crump, of Ilfracombe; Malone, of McMurrich; and C. W. Waterhouse, E. B. Steward, and G. F. Davidson, of Aspdin.

Messrs. Waterhouse and Tait kept everybody merry with their comic songs, and Mr. Steward’s songs were exceedingly pretty and well rendered. The programme was rather long, but the interest of the audience never flagged. A ball followed, which was unusually hearty, owing to the excellent music (violin and piano). There would have been a larger audience, but a great many people had to stay at home and fight bush fires, which have been very prevalent, owing to the unusually dry season. An excellent supper was served at midnight.

#### NEEDS OF THE MISSION :

- A pocket communion set.
- A font ewer.
- Two alms-dishes.
- A small altar desk.

A set of coloured stoles (for St. John’s).

Books to form a Sunday-school library at Stanleydale.

Papers of all kinds for distribution in the mission.

Post-office Orders may be made payable at either Ashworth or Allansville post-offices.

### Sheguiandah Mission.

The mission here is still flourishing. Services have been held regularly all the spring, and have been well attended. The Indians have been busy putting in their crops of corn and potatoes. Some peas, wheat, and oats have also been sown. This season I note that there are a larger number of cattle and ponies owned on the Reserve than heretofore. I am sorry, though, that there seems a disposition to part with the oxen and keep horses in preference. I am rather inclined to think that, in some instances at any rate, the oxen are best for them on the farm. I note also that several houses are in course of construction rather larger and better than usual; also that a good many are making gardens around their houses, with neat picket fences to enclose them. This adds to the appearance of the village, as well as the profit of villagers. The interior of the cabins are cleaner than of yore. I have made periodical visits to the homes on Saturday afternoons, encouraging them to clean up for Sunday. I discovered that amongst the women it was considered a mark of Christian piety to clean up for Sunday, and one was pronounced especially heathenish who did not do so.

I visit the mission at Aundagwahmenckauning every Sunday, and occasionally in the week. The Sunday services are very well attended. Some Indians are absent now with their families, being employed elsewhere. I visited the houses lately and found some exceptionally clean, some not so, yet none particularly dirty. One or two families have fairly large cottages, but all in one room, except in one instance. Almost all have sheds for summer kitchens. I asked them to whitewash the outside of their log houses to add to appearances. Some only did so. The gardening operations are fairly good here, contrary to the general rule. The Indians live on their lots at this place. The missionary boat is frequently called into requisition. The Indians at Ogahmeekuning were visited last week, and two services held in the little church. One Indian was finishing his house, but the gardens did not seem to be particularly flourishing. Most of the Indians were engaged in fishing. I did not see some of the gardens, which are situated at some distance from the village. All the inhabitants of the village came to church.

The mission at Subing was visited the other week. A good many Indians were present at the service. I went round to all the houses. These Indians live

chiefly by hunting. They have gardens, though, and grow corn and potatoes. They do not particularly excel in this direction.

F. F.

### Ilfacombe Mission.

RAVENSCLIFFE.—On Saturday, June 6th, a large bee assembled and improved the driving-shed and church-yard to a considerable extent. Much credit is due to the officials of St. John the Baptist's Church and the many friends for the large amount of work done in a single day.

Saturday, the 13th of June, was a day of great interest in this portion of Chaffey. The funeral of the late Mrs. Tipper brought together one of the largest meetings of the settlers ever assembled here, including the Lake Vernon settlement. The Revs. Rural Dean Llwyd and L. Sinclair were the officiating clergymen. The service was conducted in the Church of St. John the Baptist, and the sermon was preached by the Rural Dean, in the course of which he said, in commendation of the late Mrs. Tipper, what will ever be remembered as a lasting token to her honour, that she was a "mother in Israel," a true Churchwoman, and a settler whose equal could not be surpassed as the longest and one of the most valued in all the district. On the following evening the church was filled to an extent beyond what it has ever been, the nave being used for sittings. The sermon was preached by the Rev. L. Sinclair, on "The Apocalyptic Multitude before the Throne of God in Heaven." The preacher, especially at the close of the sermon, expressed his high appreciation of the late Mrs. Tipper, adding his own experience of her goodness, and following in the same line of her esteemed remembrance as the Rural Dean had done so well on the previous day. Mrs. Tipper was seventy-six years of age, and her family, settled in their various homes, remain among us as living monuments to her honour.

### Schreiber.

On Saturday, May 23rd, Rev. William Evans left here for a three months' holiday trip to his old home in Scotland. It is now nearly three years since Mr. Evans took charge of this mission, which comprises some 250 miles of railway, and of course involves much travel. During his stay here he has held services regularly, on alternate Sundays, at Schreiber and Chapleau, the extreme points east and west; and has also visited, through the week, White River, Peninsula, and other stations.

At Mr. Patch's house, on Saturday evening, Mr. Evans was presented, by the members of his congregation here, with an address expressive of their appreciation of his labours and wishes for a pleasant holiday. Accompanying the address was a purse containing a very substantial confirmation of the regard professed for Mr. Evans in the address.

During the absence of Mr. Evans, a parsonage is to be built next the church here, so as to be ready for him on his return.

The mission is at present supplied by a student from Wycliffe College, Toronto.

### Sudbury.

We regret to say that Mrs. Starkey's name appeared as Mrs. Stickley in last account of Sudbury. Mrs. Starkey is one of our best friends. We are pleased to meet Mr. Donald Forbes, now at the Blezard Mine, who is a great-nephew of Mrs. Starkey.

Rev. C. Piercy is looking forward to the arrival of Mr. Earl, who is to assist him in the work in this vicinity.

The Rev. E. A. Vesey, Rural Dean, is expected to visit this mission on June 29th and 30th.

The Incumbent is deeply grateful to Mrs. Ben and other friends who sent him a lantern and fifty slides. More will be heard of it when the days are shorter.

On Ascension Day there were two services at the Church of the Epiphany—8 a.m., celebration of the Lord's Supper; 8 p.m., Evening Prayer and sermon by Rev. R. Sims.

The season is very dull, due, without question, partly to the new mining regulations imposed by the Provincial Parliament.

Steps have been taken towards the fencing of an acre of land for the burial of our dead. There is much to do in the way of cleaning and stumping.

### Uffington Mission.

ST. PAUL'S STATION.—The parsonage will in a short space of time, outwardly at all events, present a more finished appearance. A fence has been erected around the garden, and a verandah around the parsonage house; when these have been painted, a still greater improvement will be seen. Perhaps it was a mistake to carry out this work before funds were in hand to pay for the whole of it; but seeing the great need of both, the missionary thought it better to risk the expense than an illness—the house, from its exposed situation, becoming almost unbearable at times when the weather was extreme, and thus the parsonage itself became the cause of fatigue instead of a place for weary workers to rest in and prepare themselves for the renewed battle. The fence is almost as great a necessity in this out-of-the-way place; if one does not grow vegetables, etc., they certainly have to go without many, if not all of them. The painting of the parsonage and fencing will cost about \$70; this amount will also have to be added to the risk; if we allow the work to go unpainted for a few weeks, it will be much damaged, if not ruined, by the excessive heat in so exposed a situation.

We are glad to notice that members of other bodies are not only regularly attending our evening services, but also the afternoon services as well. We have for a

long time wondered why both morning and afternoon services should not have as many worshippers from other religious bodies attending them as the evening service. Whatever the cause may have been, it gives us much pleasure to see it is being removed.

PURBROOK STATION—CHRIST CHURCH.—As Mr. Smith was driving the clergyman to this church on the Sunday after Ascension Day, the latter remarked: "I wonder if we shall find anything done here since last Sunday week." The cause of this remark was that on many occasions of late the missionary has found some needed work had been done; at one time a pile of wood had appeared, at another the stumps had done the opposite.

Now, this is as it should be; surely missionaries have sufficient in their own duties to attend to without taking upon themselves those of the wardens. Yet too often in Algoma do they have to do so; but Christ Church can, and does, look after its own affairs.

On arriving they found something had again been done. The graveyard had been ploughed, and looked well, ready for seeding. On enquiry, we found the gratitude of the congregation was due for this work to Mr. Wm. Payne, one of our younger communicants, he having performed it as a labour of love.

Nothing further has been done with regard to church building at Purbrook during the month, although a whisper has reached the home station which seems to infer that Mrs. Churchwarden Colson has not altogether forgotten it, particularly when visiting friends some few miles away.

The missionary regrets he cannot, as yet, report an accumulation of funds to meet the portion of the expenses he has undertaken to collect for Christ Church.

Since the above was written, a letter has been received from Miss B. Kirby enclosing the sum of £4 from herself and Mrs. Kirby for Purbrook church, to both of whom we tender our grateful thanks.

VANKOUGHNET STATION—ST. STEPHEN'S.—During the month of May this church suffered a very considerable loss. The logs, which had been cut to supply lumber (about 8,000 feet) and taken to the river bank in order that they might go down to the mill to be cut into boards, have been swept away by the spring freshet, which caused the water to be many feet deeper (we are told) than in former years, and the river, as a consequence, overflowed its banks.

The great quantity of water was rendered all the more powerful by a "jam" of logs keeping it back until the vast weight of accumulated waters caused the jam to burst and suddenly release all behind it. One of the settlers tells us the water and logs came on like a wall, tearing down everything in its course, big trees, booms, etc., being snapped off and carried away like so many saplings.

The loss of these logs to the mission is the more to be regretted on account of the urgent need of material to fence in the graveyard, which is now open on all sides, and the cattle and other animals stray over it at their own sweet will. Moreover the driving-shed

is, by this misfortune, put further from our reach, and the poor horses will have to continue to stand out in the great heat or piercing cold, as the case may be.

We regret that several settlers have also lost their logs; one, we understand, as many as 150.

LEWISHAM STATION—ALL SAINTS'.—In a few days the carpenter's hammer will again be heard upon this church, and we trust in future Lewisham will have its space in our notes more largely occupied with doings worthy of a congregation of Churchmen. It is hoped the building will be completed (so far as it is possible with our present means to finish it) within the promised time, by the end of June. Should we not be disappointed in this, nor in our hopes in another direction, the next copy of our "Calendar" will contain the hours and days of service.

Lewisham certainly seems very isolated, the more so as every year the lumbermen are allowed to hold back the water in the creek, which in its turn floods the crossways and causes the logs of which they are made to float away; and when roads are made of crossway for long distances, this is no light matter either for the local authority or for those who thus have their communication cut off.

### Marriage.

THOMAS—ROBINSON.—On June 22nd, 1891, at St. Mary's, Novar, by the Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne, Incumbent of Emsdale, David Allan Thomas to Sarah Ann Robinson, both of Emsdale.

### Died.

FISK.—On May 27th, 1891, Stephen Bateman Fisk. Deceased was buried on May 29th in the new burial-ground at Emsdale with Masonic honours.

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*For Burk's Falls Parsonage.*—"C.D.," \$20.

*For Domestic Missions: Ascension Collection.*—Hoodstown, \$1.35; South River, \$2; Eagle Lake, \$1; Powassan, \$2.50; Sudbury, \$4.60.

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D. KEMP, Treasurer.

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