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Editorial Notes.

THE Editor deeply regrets the lateness of this issue of the NEWS, also that some of the articles did not appear in last month's number.

AN effort was made last year to compile a statement of the diocesan receipts from the internal resources, but the parochial returns made by the missionaries to their Rural Deans were found to be, in many cases, so imperfect, that a statement could not be made with any degree of accuracy.

THE Bishop desires that the clergy and Rural Deans exercise the greatest care in making their respective annual returns during Easter week. It is very important that statistics be furnished of the income of the Diocese from within itself, for the information, first, of the Bishop, and secondly, of our many friends and supporters without. Such information can only be provided by the Easter returns.

The "Dorcas" Department.

The last issue of this paper contained a report of the proceedings of the Eastern District Convocation, held at Emsdale, on January 27th and 28th. Among

these was a document drawn up by a committee appointed for the purpose of dealing with the question of the distribution of clothing among the needy settlers of the Diocese. This document, it will be remembered, laid special emphasis on the subject of *the channels through which it was most desirable that this clothing should come*; strongly urging all the friends of the Diocese, whether acting collectively in the various branches of the "Woman's Auxiliary," or individually in the exercise of their personal benevolence, to forward their gifts *solely to the clergyman of each mission, as the proper almoner of the Church's bounty, and not in any case save in vacant missions, after correspondence with the nearest clergyman or the Bishop, to any of the laity, whether catechists, Sunday-school superintendents or any other.* The Bishop desires to give his most hearty endorsement to this recommendation. It is in entire harmony with his own feelings and wishes. The substantial sympathy displayed by the friends of the Diocese in this direction, is too valuable a boon to be abused, and abuse and injury to the Church must inevitably attend on it, as has already been the case in more instances than one, unless it is guarded by the limitation suggested in the report referred to. The clergy were unanimous in the adoption of that report, and spoke from practical experience gained in their several missions. Private piques, jealousies, open quarrels, separating friends and families, and rending Sunday-schools and congregations asunder, have already been the fruit borne by the warm, but sometimes injudicious, zeal manifested by individuals and societies in responding to the urgent and frequent appeals made to them. The only safeguard against this abuse is the adoption of the rule, *to make the clergyman the sole almoner of the Church's bounty.* The Bishop expresses the earnest hope that this rule may soon become universal.

Lake Temiscamingue.

The Bishop is very glad to be able to say "Good news for Temiscamingue." It will be remembered that he explored this region, accompanied by the Rev. G. Gillmor, last year, and returned deeply impressed with the necessity for the speedy occupation of this district by the Church of England. The

"Woman's Auxiliary," of Toronto, had already been contributing \$200 per annum towards this object, with a view to securing the services of a catechist, as a preliminary measure. Mr. Marsh had fulfilled the duties most efficiently, proving himself as well qualified to paddle his own canoe over those far-reaching waters, as he was to stand up and tell the "old, old story" to little groups of settlers gathered in scattered farm houses, or in the cabin of the *Meteor*, or to sit down beside them in their log houses, and bring the counsels and consolations of the Gospel into direct, practical contact with the cares, and sins, and sorrows of their everyday life. Since the Bishop's return he has brought the needs of the district more pointedly and personally before the members of the "Woman's Auxiliary" in Toronto, and as the result the members have most kindly promised to hold themselves responsible for a grant of \$250 towards the stipend of a clergyman, whose field of labour will lie on both sides of the Temiscamingue lake, and the upper Ottawa. As the eastern side, however, is within the bounds of the Diocese of Montreal, and the jurisdiction, therefore, of its Bishop, the consent of the latter must needs be obtained for this arrangement. This, we are rejoiced to say, has been granted most cordially. Not only so, but in response to an application made by our Bishop to the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Montreal, a resolution was passed at the last meeting "that \$250 be granted for mission work at Temiscamingue, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made as to the time and services to be devoted by the missionary to the Dioceses of Montreal and Algoma, in both of which he shall have to work." In making these arrangements there will be no difficulty whatsoever. The way, accordingly, seems clear. God, in His good providence, has taken the difficulty, so far, out of our path, and now all that remains is to find a clergyman suited to the work. The qualifications demanded are first, and most of all, a genuine missionary spirit, prepared to endure more or less of "hardness" and discomforts; second, a sound physique; third, a knowledge, or a willingness to learn and practice the art of canoeing and snowshoeing; and fourth (if possible), a slight acquaintance with French. The Bishop of Algoma will be glad to hear from applicants possessing these qualities, and to give them any further information that may be desired.

Parry Sound Mission.

The Bishop of Algoma administered the Apostolic rite of confirmation in Trinity Church, on Wednesday, March 4th; there were sixteen candidates, five of whom were married women. This class, like others in this mission, proves the attractiveness of the Church of England doctrines and customs. Of the sixteen persons confirmed, three had grown up under Presbyterian teaching, one under Baptist teaching, one Lutheran, one Methodist, and one Roman

Catholic, the remainder of the class were children of the Anglican Church. The church was crowded, and the Bishop as usual, delivered, first an address to the newly confirmed, and then preached a sermon to an attentive congregation.

Ilfracombe Mission.

The house which has been rented as a parsonage for the last two years is now in the market for sale, and there being no other available in the mission, the Rev. L. Sinclair will feel ever grateful for any donation to help the purchase, and which may be sent to Bishop Sullivan, Sault St. Marie, or the treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod office, Toronto.

RAVENSLIFF.—On January 21st Bishop Sullivan and Rural Dean Llwyd visited St. John the Baptist's Church for divine service at 11 a.m. There was a large congregation, and the Rev. L. Sinclair presented five candidates for confirmation. The Bishop gave an address on foreign missions, and the offertory of \$4.56 was given for that object. After the service there was a social meeting held in Mr. John Tipper's house, at which the Bishop and Rural Dean, with the Incumbent, were present.

Port Sydney Mission.

On the evening of Thursday, Jan. 15th, the Bishop of the diocese was met at Utterson railway station by the Incumbent, and driven to Christ Church parsonage.

BRUNEL.—On Friday, the 16th, his Lordship visited Holy Trinity Church, where a fair congregation assembled. The prayers having been read by the Incumbent, the candidates were presented for Confirmation, and the Bishop preached from I. John, v., 4. A business meeting followed, during which his lordship complimented the congregation upon the state of church finance, upon the various indications of evident progress, and especially upon the commencement of a new church at Hill's Corner, Newholme. His lordship, after hearing a statement of what had been done, encouraged the people to go on steadily together, but remarked that more money would certainly be needed from outside sources after they had done their all. Mr. W. H. Morgan very hospitably entertained the Bishop and Incumbent at dinner, and also gave further information relative to the erection of the new building. In free labor, about \$200 will be realized, while over \$200 have been expended in cash, and at least \$300 more will be needed.

ULLSWATER.—On Saturday, the 17th, divine service was commenced at St. Thomas' at 11 a.m., when many were glad to see and hear their Bishop again. The Rev. A. H. Allman read prayers, and his lordship

gave a most valuable and instructive missionary address, the offertory afterwards taken up being given to the Society for D. and F. Missions. The Holy Communion was administered to fourteen persons. Various persons having had a word with the Bishop, his lordship and the visiting clergymen dined with Mr. and Mrs. Buckerfield. After a brief respite, the Bishop again took his place in the cutter, and returned within the bounds of Port Sydney Mission, being driven on to the residence of Mr. A. Knowles, Ufford, where the night was passed in refreshing rest.

BEATRICE.—Sunday, the 18th, was a day of perfect weather, such as often relieve the Canadian winter—calm, clear, bright, and invigorating. St. Mary's showed the effect of such a morning, since it was literally crowded at 11 a.m., the hour fixed for divine worship here. The prayers having been read by the Incumbent, four candidates were presented to the Bishop for Confirmation, and then his Lordship preached from Eph. iv., 23, setting forth the Church as a divine creation; the governance of the Head over the body; and the need of vitality and co-operation in the latter. The absolute necessity for co-operation here was then shown; while the noble efforts of the Ufford congregation were highly spoken of. The Holy Communion was administered to eighteen persons. The Bishop and Incumbent spent a short time with each of the wardens, Messrs. J. Patteson and G. O'Hara, dining with the latter, and then drove on for evening service.

PORT SYDNEY.—Christ Church presented an animated appearance just before divine service, but at 7.30 p.m. the edifice was crowded, as over one hundred persons had made their way into it. The Incumbent read the prayers, and again presented candidates for confirmation, which were four in number, and afterwards they were briefly and suitably addressed. The Bishop preached from Gen. ix., 13, and the congregation evinced their interest in the most rapt attention. Both on Friday and Sunday the wardens, Messrs. W. H. Thoms and C. Gale, and Sunday-school superintendent, Mr. A. Sydney Smith, met his Lordship at the parsonage, and were encouraged to go on seeking the welfare of the Church and congregation.

ARTHUR H. ALLMAN,
Incumbent of Port Sydney Mission.

Huntsville Mission.

The visitation of the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese to this mission took place on Thursday, January 22nd. Seven candidates for the holy rite of confirmation were presented by the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, and three from the Allensville station of the Aspdin mission by the Rev. H. P. Lowe, B.A. For a week day, the congregation was large. The service throughout, with the Bishop's address to the candidates, was most solemn. A sudden faintness com-

pelled the Bishop to retire without preaching the sermon, and the clergy above named proceeded at once to the celebration of the Holy Communion of the Lord's Supper, of which all the confirmed, with many of the congregation, partook.

At three o'clock the Bishop and the Rural Dean went to the house of Mr. Jacob Ullman, and confirmed Mrs. Ullman, confined to the house with a long and painful sickness. Mr. Ullman, who had been confirmed in the forenoon, partook, in conjunction with other members of the Church, of the Holy Communion with his wife.

At 8 p.m., the Church Women's Committee held a reception in the hall, at which members of the congregation assembled to greet their Bishop. A most enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse and chit chat, rendered doubly profitable towards the close by stirring and encouraging speeches given by the Right Rev. the Bishop and the Rev. Messrs. Lowe and Sinclair.

The day following the Rural Dean droye the Bishop to Novar, for his visitation to the mission of Emsdale.

Emsdale Mission.

The building committee of St. Mark's Church parsonage, Emsdale, wish to make the following statement as to the financial standing of the undertaking: Cash expenditure, \$734.70, labour given, \$151.76, material given, \$114.50, total cost, \$1000.96.

The debt still owing on the above cash expenditure is \$91.80.

The committee wish to express their hearty thanks to the following persons for their generous response to the request for subscriptions: Mrs. C. W. Streatfeild, \$199.20, Messrs. Morgan & McVittie, \$7.77, Dr. Hart, \$3, Frank Smith & Co., \$10, Messrs. Wyld, Grasset & Darling, \$5, Walter Woods & Co. (goods), \$1.75, Samuel, Benjamin & Co., \$2, W. B. Hamilton, Son & Co., \$5, Kilgour Bros., \$3, Northrop, Lyman & Co., \$5, Mr. Conway, \$1, Mr. Goldie, \$1, James Haye & Co., \$10, Pugsley & Dingman, \$5, Col. O'Brien, \$2, Bishop Hamilton, \$2, A. Watts & Co., \$5, James Turner & Co., \$5, Rowsell & Hutchison, \$5, Mrs. Young, \$10, Messrs. Young, \$5, C. Wastell, \$1, G. S. Wilgress, \$2, M. Kinton, \$2, B. McDermid, \$1, Mr. Edgar, \$1, J. C. Mitchell, \$1, Mr. Templeman, \$1, E. Hardy, \$3, T. Myers, \$5, C. E. Reiffenstein, \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Hillier, \$2, Miss Hosteller, \$1, J. J. C. Thomson, 2,000 feet of dressing lumber, W. J. Gage & Co., \$3.

We wish to thank most gratefully through Mrs. Streatfeild, all those who contributed to her very generous subscription list.

W. E. STREATFEILD,
Secretary of Building Committee.

January 30th, 1891.

Fort William Mission.

St. Thomas' Church, West Fort William, was opened on Advent Sunday. The foundation block was laid by Mrs. Kirby, on St. John the Baptist's day, 24th of June; the building was built by free labour, with one paid carpenter, to whom great credit is due in superintending the work which has resulted in a very pretty little church. The opening services were Holy Communion at 9 a.m., at which twenty received, afternoon service at 3 p.m. being well attended. Rev. C. Kirby read the prayers, and the Rev. E. Jackson, who is in charge of Port Arthur during the absence of the Rev. C. Machin, read the lessons, and preached an excellent and appropriate sermon. At the usual evening service the Rev. C. Kirby preached.

The offertories during the day went towards the building fund, and amounted to \$26.85, leaving a debt of \$324.

The following is copied from the *Fort William Journal*: "The English Church was opened on Sunday, the Rev. E. Jackson addressing the congregation in the afternoon, and the Rev. Charles Kirby in the evening. Mr. Kirby deserves much praise for the perseverance he has exhibited during the building of St. Thomas' Church, and also for the taste and neatness of its arrangement. Early and late the reverend gentleman might be seen working away as industriously as the proverbial bee, and the result we are sure must be gratifying alike to him and his congregation."

St. Luke's Church, Fort William, was opened on December 14th, the foundation block having been laid on the 17th of September, by Miss McIntyre; the building was done by contract for the sum of \$1,550, being 40x24, the same size as St. Thomas'. The opening services were morning prayer and Holy Communion at eleven, and evening service at seven. The Rev. C. Kirby preached in the morning, and in the evening exchanged duty with the Rev. E. Jackson, of Port Arthur, who gave an excellent sermon. The singing throughout the day was very good, the Psalms being chanted; during the evening the anthem "How Manifold are Thy Works," by Goss, was well rendered; collections amounted to fifty-two dollars, and go towards wiping out the remaining debt of \$384, which, it is hoped, may cease to exist by Easter. Great interest was manifested by the different members of the congregation in the interior decoration of their church. The Ladies' Aid has furnished a new organ and carpet; there is a handsome red altar cloth, the gift of Mrs. Plummer; a lectern from Mrs. Kirby; and a brass cross sent from England by the Very Rev. Arthur Piercey Cust, Dean of York.

Contributions will be thankfully received by the Rev. Charles Kirby, West Fort William, for clearing the debt upon the two churches, which amounts to \$708.—*Com.*

Sheguiandah Mission.

CHRISTMAS AT OGAHMEEKUNAUNG.

We spent a very pleasant time at Sheguiandah this Christmas; the gifts from kind friends of the Woman's Auxiliary were very acceptable. A Santa Claus "made up" by a very intelligent Indian produced much fun and laughter; the illuminations were brilliant, the speaking above the average, and everybody seemed delighted. Some old women were very liberally provided for in the way of old clothes, and some poor orphans were remembered. At Aundakgwahmene-kauning there was also a Christmas-tree, which was similar to the one at Sheguiandah, minus the Santa Claus, and plus some other attractions; but it is not of these places, but of a distant mission, that I wish to write.

The tree at Ogahmeekunaung was a unique affair, because it was the first in the new school that the Indians had built, and because it was the first one which produced, so to speak, all manner of fruits. A box containing cakes, candies, and toys and dolls, had arrived a few days before, a little too late for the other trees, but just in time for this. A balsam tree was found and put in place, and the things were hung on, when the affair commenced. How the little Indian girls feasted their eyes on the dolls, in a sort of rapt ecstasy, beautiful to behold! The most unfortunate part of the programme was this—there were more little girls than dolls; consequently those who got them were happy, and the rest were not. One poor woman, whose cabin is so small that I could stretch out my arms and reach almost from wall to wall, received gifts for her poor children. An old man got a coat, another old Indian an overcoat, some poor old women were provided for, and every person received a gift. The cake and candies supplied a *felt* want, for some of the children had nothing much to eat besides that day. It was a grand day indeed for the poor children, and will long be remembered. There were caps, and mits, and socks, and comforters, and little frocks and coats, and other little articles of dress that I need not mention the name of. These things will keep the event in mind while they last.

Some of these Indians are hard up for provisions this winter. Owing to the scarcity of snow in the early part of the winter their potatoes were frozen in the pits. The fish are scarce and there are very few rabbits and partridges in the woods. The younger men have found work in the lumber woods, and the rest will wriggle through the winter somehow.

FRED FROST, *Missionary.*

Bracebridge Mission.

BISHOP'S VISITATION.—The Bishop of the Diocese arrived in Baysville on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th, having been driven by a parishioner of Mr. Burden's from the neighbouring mission of Uffington, and was

met by the Incumbent of Bracebridge and Baysville at St. Ambrose Church, at 10.30 on Wednesday morning. After morning prayer, the apostolic rite of laying on of hands was administered by the Bishop to three candidates presented by the Incumbent. Although the number present was by no means what the Incumbent had hoped it would have been, yet those who were present joined heartily in the responses, and were evidently very much impressed with the solemnity of the service. After divine service the usual business meeting of the church was held, giving the Bishop and people an opportunity for mutual intercourse and friendly discussion.

The finances of the church, we are glad to state, are in a satisfactory condition.

Baysville has had to struggle against many disadvantages, not least amongst which has been the fewness of the services which it is in the power of the missionary to hold, viz., one in three weeks. This disadvantage, we are thankful to say, is about to be in part removed, owing to the munificence of two ladies who have promised for one year the sum of \$200 towards the maintenance of a catechist and lay reader, who is to reside in Baysville as a centre; and under the supervision of the Incumbent, gather in the scattered members of the Church from the surrounding districts.

The necessity of this help may be best indicated by the fact that The Lake of Bays alone gives a coast line of 300 miles, upon the shores of which reside many Church families whose spiritual needs are at present but scantily provided for by the ministrations of the Church.

The duties of Sunday-school supervision will also devolve upon the catechist, whose services, I trust, the Church may be enabled to retain until Baysville and the surrounding districts can have an ordained missionary to themselves, which already they sorely need.

In the afternoon of the same day, the Bishop was driven to Stoneleigh, over half way between Baysville and Bracebridge, where divine service was again held, the faithful Church people being present.

The Bishop strongly emphasised the necessity of Sunday-school work being carried on by the people themselves as best they might, in the absence of more able help from without. This duty was undertaken by some of those present, and I trust will "bring forth fruit in due season."

On the evening of the same day the same sacred function of the laying on of hands was again exercised by the Bishop, in St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, whose admonitions to the candidates appeared to be, and we hope and think were, most seriously received and laid to heart, reminding all in a most clear, forcible way of the fact, that we must fight the good fight of faith if we are to continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end, and thus "lay hold of Eternal Life."

The Church of St. Thomas, Bracebridge, is by no means a credit to the place or people, either in its external aspect or internal adornment. The parsonage, however, has hitherto occupied the energies of the congregation; and now that this department of Church work is completed, we hope to turn our attention either to the building of a new church or to rendering the present church more worthy of the sacred purposes for which it was built and to which it is devoted.

The parsonage and grounds are in good repair, with the exception of the painting, which is much worn and shabby. The building and grounds reflect much credit upon the place and people. We have an excellent plot of ground, facing the best street in the town, bounded on two of its sides by streets, and on the remaining side by a lot upon which is erected an excellent house, securing desirable neighbors, while the situation is all that can be desired—high, healthy, and picturesque.

Unhappily, we are not favored with an influx of Church people; on the other hand, quite a number of our Church families have left the town, leaving the burden to fall upon our diminished ranks. We have this year to lament the removal of four Church families, in which we lose Sunday-school teachers and members of the choir, forward in helping in every good work. We can ill afford to lose them. They carry away with them our earnest prayers and best wishes for their future welfare. The visits of our good Bishop, however, always inspire our people with fresh courage, and ourselves, the clergy, with more determined resolution in the perseverance of that work which is not of man, but of God, and as *such can never* come to naught.—*Com.*

Sudbury Mission.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.—On Sexagesima Sunday, Feb. 1, Bishop Sullivan preached for the first time in our new church. In the morning his lordship held a Confirmation, and after an impressive address to the newly-confirmed, preached from I. John v., 4. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, at which those confirmed received their first communion. The morning was stormy and cold, but nearly sixty persons attended the morning service. Before the offertory, the Bishop announced that it would be devoted to the building fund, and took occasion to say that he was highly pleased with the church and its appointments. In the afternoon he addressed the Sunday-school, and urged upon his hearers, especially the young, the duty of cultivating and practising a missionary spirit. In the evening the congregation numbered about one hundred, and the Bishop preached an instructive and encouraging sermon from James i., 17. The offertory at the two services amounted to \$22.25. The music was congregational, the hymns and chants being familiar, and was enhanced by a violin, in addition to our small organ. Since the

church building was completed, seats and kneelers have been added of a character in keeping with the style of the building. The chancel furniture, etc., is of ash, oil-finished. It comprises holy table, the top of which is of maple plank; altar rail and credence table, of chaste design; prayer-desk, kneeling-stool and seat, and lectern. The floor of the chancel is carpeted. The church is also well-lighted with brass lamps, and is heated with a coal furnace. Sudbury people are well pleased with their church, and were gratified to have the Bishop of the diocese say that the money spent had been carefully expended, and with admirable effect. He heartily congratulated Incumbent, architect, and congregation, and thought the debt yet remaining (\$400) a not unnecessarily heavy one. Not a little of our funds was received from church folk outside of the diocese, notably from England, and we hope that their continued interest will enable us to pay off our indebtedness, and to have the church consecrated at an early date. The fontal, a very beautiful one, was presented by Miss Marriott, and the kneeling-stool at prayer-desk by Mrs. Bere; alms bags by Miss Awdry; and communion vessels by Lady Awdry, Mrs. Bere, and Mrs. Stickley, all English friends. The prayer-desk is the gift of the children of the Church of Ascension, Hamilton, Ont.; the lectern was given by Mr. F. Rich, who made both seats and chancel furniture. Linen for the Holy Table was donated by Mrs. Foote, of Hamilton. We yet need a font and alms dish. Any donations will be thankfully received by the Incumbent, Rev. Charles Piercy, who will acknowledge them in any way donors desire.

Sudbury bids fair to be the centre of a large mining industry. It should also be the centre of aggressive Church work. The ground is occupied and the first step taken, which all friends will be gratified to know. Much yet remains to be done, for which both men and means are needed.

Burk's Falls Mission.

The annual Christmas tree festival in connection with All Saints' Sunday-school took place on New Year's Eve, in the court house, and was most enjoyable in every sense. The ladies of the congregation, with their usual generosity, had provided a most bountiful tea, to which ample justice was done by all. After tea, music and games were indulged in for a short time, after which the Rev. P. G. Robinson, the Incumbent, made a most humorous speech, which elicited great applause. The Sunday-school prizes were then distributed to those scholars whose diligence throughout the year was shown by the number of marks they had obtained in their respective classes. After this was over, Mr. Robinson asked the superintendent, Mr. Bazett, to come forward, and presented him and Mrs. Bazett with a handsome pair of cabinet

photograph frames, accompanied by the following address:

BURK'S FALLS, Dec. 31st, 1890.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bazett:

We, the teachers of All Saints' Sunday-school, Burk's Falls, are desirous of showing the high esteem in which you are held as superintendent. Your love for the good work in which you are engaged has been evinced by your punctual attendance and ability, and much of the success attending the teachers' efforts to secure the attachment of the children to the school is due to your untiring zeal and valuable assistance. They earnestly pray that the Master you so faithfully serve here will bountifully bestow upon you and yours both spiritual and temporal blessings. As some small token of appreciation and gratitude, it is requested that you and Mrs. Bazett accept the accompanying present, the donors of which trust and are confident that you will not measure their regard and esteem by it, but rather by the spirit in which the offering is made.

Signed on behalf of the teachers: Amelia Kelcey, Gussie Mathias, Charlotte Robinson, Mrs. Freeston, Mrs. Milne, Annie Sharpe.

Mr. Bazett replied, thanking the teachers for their kind present and address, and for their faithful and punctual attendance at the Sunday-school throughout the past year. The lights in the hall were then turned down, and the Christmas tree was lighted up. Santa Claus, having a pressing engagement in the vicinity of the North Pole, sent a deputy, who performed his arduous duties very satisfactorily to all concerned. The presents were unusually handsome; the Incumbent and Mrs. Robinson, the Lay Reader, choir, teachers, and scholars, were all remembered. Much merriment was caused by the Incumbent, superintendent, and church-wardens receiving Jews' harps and fancy whistles, and Mr. Sharpe, our M.L.A., a bag of marbles. This brought the proceedings to a close, and amid much hand shaking and good wishes for the New Year, all wended their way homeward. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Boddy, of St. Peter's Church, Toronto, for her kindness in sending many useful and handsome presents for the tree, and also to several other kind friends who assisted in a similar way.

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Rev. P. G. Robinson, late of Thessalon, delivered his first sermon in St. Paul's Church, Burk's Falls, on Sunday, Dec. 7th. He is an eloquent preacher, and the members of the church are assured that they have a good Christian worker at their head.—*Sundridge Echo, December 12th, 1889.*

Sault Ste. Marie.

On Sunday, November 30th, 1890, St. Andrew's Day, the Rev. Percy G. Robinson was ordained to the priesthood of the Church of England, in Canada, by his lordship the Bishop of Algoma, at St. Luke's

Church, Sault St. Marie. There were also present the Incumbent of St. Luke's, the Rev. E. A. Vesey, and the Rev. E. F. Wilson, of the Shingwauk Home.

At 9 a.m., morning prayer was read by the Rev. P. G. Robinson, the Rev. E. A. Vesey reading the lessons. At 11 a.m., the ordination service commenced, and the Bishop preached an interesting and instructive sermon from the text "The Ministry of Reconciliation," II. Cor., v., 18th verse, towards the close of which his lordship referred to the faithfulness with which the candidate had "used the office of a Deacon," and that having now "purchased to himself a good degree," he was about to be admitted to a higher office, viz., that of the priesthood.

There was a large congregation present, and the singing was good.—*Com.*

Gravenhurst Mission.

On Saturday, Jan. 10th, the Bishop of Algoma, arrived at St. James' parsonage, Gravenhurst, and on the following day, Sunday, he administered the rite of confirmation in St. James' Church. The Incumbent, the Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., presented nine candidates, five males and four females, for confirmation. After the laying on of hands, the Bishop delivered a very solemn address to the confirmees on the duty and manner of being "about My Father's business." Then the Incumbent read the letter on Foreign Missions, and the Bishop delivered a very powerful, instructive, and practical address thereon; their nature, difficulties, and encouragements, and their claims upon the Christian Church throughout the world. He was listened to with deep attention by a very large congregation, and at the close, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the newly-confirmed and some other members of the congregation; thirty in all communicated. The Bishop afterwards dined with the churchwardens and their wives at the parsonage, and left about 3 p.m. for Uffington, where he preached in the evening.

The Algoma Indian Homes.

The committee held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10th, at Bishophurst.

The Bishop of Algoma was requested to lay before the Board of D. and F. M., officially at their next meeting in April, a scheme by which the Indian work throughout the country might be brought more prominently before the Church, and to urge that action be taken thereon.

A sub-committee read their report as to the need of fire protection at the Shingwauk Home. This report had been sent to the Indian Department, and a satisfactory answer received.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson reported the financial position of the Homes to be unsatisfactory.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

Letter from Rev. R. Renison.

MY DEAR BISHOP,—While I write this letter six Indians from Negwenenang are here. We arrived from the mission on Saturday evening. I did not visit the post, because I heard on our way up that the Indians were all away hunting, and that Mr. Anderson, the manager, would be on his way down to Red Rock for his mail, and there would be only one or two men to be seen. We had a very pleasant trip—found all the Indians well and happy. They were much pleased to see me and made a great feast. We had some very hearty services. I baptized Thomson's little daughter, and then we had a great "Pow-wow," at which the Past, the Present, and the Future of Negwenenang were discussed.

(1) They are very anxious that the new church at Negwenenang, which was left in an unfinished state on account of the burning, should be made as comfortable and as complete as the church at Red Rock. The walls are not yet lined, and there is no chimney, and consequently it cannot be used through the winter. They are not able to saw lumber themselves, but said they would bring up 300 boards from Red Rock already dressed and fit for use, but I find on calculation that boards procured in this way would cost at the very least \$60 per thousand, whereas we could have them sawn and dressed on the mission ground for \$50. I certainly think the church ought to be completed, so that they could hold services in it both winter and summer. I have been speaking to the Mukelsons since I came down, and they are quite willing to go up and saw as much lumber as shall be needed.

(2) They are very anxious that the new mission house should be built at Negwenenang. They are not able to saw the lumber, but they will help with the logging and shingling. They are also anxious that it shall stand on the site of the one that was burnt down. I suggested that the old one could be repaired and made comfortable, but they want an entirely new mission house, even though the missionary be not resident there continually, and they are willing to give all the help in their power. With your lordship's approval, the logs could be procured and the lumber sawn this winter. Thomson is also on hand at present, and would be willing to work at any time. There are some boards at Negwenenang *now* which were cut two years ago, and could be used up immediately on the wainscoting of the church.

(3) They told me that there were about 25 or 30 pagan Indians on the Indian Reserve at Gulls' Bay, about 30, or perhaps 40, miles from the mission, who were asking for the English Church missionary, and want a school established in their midst. You remember the old chief Winchaub and his little band who came to see your lordship on the island near the Nepigon post? I believe this is the very same band who are now looking for the missionary. I would have gone to see them while at Negwenenang, but hearing that all the men were all away on their different hunting-grounds, I thought it better to make arrangements with Mugwa and Mishael to go and hunt them up and assemble them all together on their Reserve; and when they have got them together, Mugwa is to come down for me and take me up to their council. After this your lordship will know what is best to be done.

All the Indians return to the mission to-morrow and take back five others with them (I mean, Julia, her husband, and children), who have been living here for the last two years. This will increase the number at Negweneng to 34. And after next Sunday, the 18th, Mugwa and Mishael will proceed to Gulls' Bay to gather the little band of pagans together. They are to bring me a list of the names of the whole band, which I shall forward to you before I go up again.

But most of all you will be pleased to hear that the greatest possible change for the better has taken place in the hearts of our poor Indians. They appear altogether different from what they were before. God's chastening rod has humbled them exceedingly. This winter the Lord has rescued some of them from the very brink of the grave. Two of those who were restored gave me thank-offerings of \$5 each, another gave me \$1.50, and these offerings, to my own knowledge, were three-fourths of all they possessed. Of course I shall apply the whole amount towards the purchase of the organ, which they so earnestly desire. And then they have all agreed to work harmoniously together, no more pouting, anger, or discontent among them, and they have promised to help the missionary as best they can.

Your prophecy has been fulfilled and our united prayers have been answered, and, unless I am greatly deceived, they are going to plant bigger gardens this next. The hunting has failed, the wild animals, beaver, otter, fox, and fisher, have almost entirely disappeared. So far, Oshteapikida has not procured one fur of any kind this winter. Mishael and his two sons together have only taken about \$18 worth in the chase. They begin to see now, more clearly than ever, that they must either till the ground or starve; for if the fur be so scarce now, what will it be nine or ten years hence! They have applied to the Indian agent for a horse, but so far their request has not been noticed. The application was made through Joseph, but I think that it ought to have been made by the Bishop. If they get the horse they are willing to cut a road through the bush and make a stable half way, so that they may be able to bring down loads of fish or potatoes, and take back in return flour, pork, tea, etc. This would encourage them to make larger gardens, if there was only some way by which they could dispose of their fish and the produce of their land.

In conclusion, I have no hesitation whatever in saying that notwithstanding all the difficulties and discouragements and trials through which the mission has passed prospects were never so bright as they are at the present moment, because the Lord Himself has been working in the breasts of the Indians—they are humbled to the dust at this present moment, and are actually saying by their actions, if not by their words, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Mugwa is doing his work well, and is very conscientious in the discharge of his duties. There is another young man, Ned Petigoogwun, who is fairly educated and seems very anxious to teach the band of pagan Indians in Gulls' Bay. If we could get a grant from the Indian Department, would it not be well to establish a little school on that Reserve, and make him the teacher? He reads both Indian and English fluently, and writes an excellent hand.

With united kind regards, etc., etc.,

ROBERT RENISON.

Nepigon, C.P.R., Jan'y 12th 1891.

Notes by the Way.

The Rev. E. A. Vesey has been appointed Rural Dean of Sault St. Marie. This Rural Deanery includes the missions of St. Joseph Island, the Manitoulin Island missions, Thessalon, Sudbury, Garden River, and the Parish of Sault St. Marie.

The Rev. E. A. Vesey and Judge Johnston, of Sault St. Marie, have been appointed scrutineers for the election of lay delegates for the next Provincial Synod.

Acknowledgments.

SIR,—Permit me to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, \$25 from the Bishop of Algoma; \$10 from G. F. Marter, Esq., M.P.P., Gravenhurst; \$1 from Miss Clark, Toronto; \$33.33 from the Rev. Canon Dumoulin, per the morning Sunday-school of the St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, for the building fund of our contemplated Sunday-school, in connection with St. James' Church, Gravenhurst.

We have now about 18,000 feet of lumber and nearly \$100 in the treasury, and earnestly hope a sufficient amount—about \$300—will be forthcoming to enable us to begin building as soon as the snow goes away.

W. T. NOBLE, *Incumbent.*

DEAR SIR,—The teacher at the Spanish River Indian School desires to acknowledge with sincere thanks a small bale of most suitable clothing for himself and family from Mrs. Sullivan, Sault Ste. Marie.

INDIAN TEACHER.

Spanish River, Feb. 21st, 1891.

Receipts at Synod Office, Toronto, for Diocese of Algoma:

For General Fund.—Lady Augusta Onslow, \$25.56; Collingwood, \$2.50; Cobourg, 50c. and \$5; Port Hope, St. John's, \$22.85; Toronto, St. Paul's, \$5.50; St. Philip's, \$11.10; All Saints', \$9; Brampton, \$5; Toronto, St. George's, \$2. Anon., per Miss Wilgress, proceeds of sale of work by Mrs. J. K. Cameron, an aged lady, \$6; Geo. Wilgress, Esq., \$24.75; Johnston Hunt, Esq., \$39.80; Toronto, All Saints' Woman's Bible Class, \$50; Mrs. Wood, 19s. 4d.; Miss C. Allan, 10s. 1d.; Mrs. G. G. Pott, £1 18s. 8d.; Mrs. Louis Bereford, 15s.; Lady E. H. Pepys, £1; Miss Sawbridge, £1 10s. Per "Net," Miss E. Wigram, 19s. 5d.; Rev. W. Crompton, Eng., towards stipend Rev. H. P. Lowe, \$24.

For Special Purposes Fund.—For "Algoma Missionary News" and "Our Forest Children," 60c. from Lady Augusta Onslow.

For Algoma Church Extension Fund.—Parkdale, Epiphany, \$9.55.

Emsdale Parsonage.—Miss M. Louis, Collection Book, \$2.50; "A. F.," New Brunswick, \$40.

Oakley Church.—Grant from S.P.C.K., \$25; Anon., per Mrs. Boddy, \$10.

For Huntsville.—Mrs. M. A. Glynn, 19s. 8d.

For Port Sydney.—Toronto, St. Peter's, \$13.

For Nepigon Mission.—Toronto, St. James', per Mrs. Heward, \$25.

For Temiscaming Catechist.—Diocesan Branch W.A., \$100.

For Foreign Missions.—Sudbury, \$6.57; Stoneleigh, \$2; Thessalon, \$5.10; Nipissing, \$2.85; West Fort William, \$6.45; Fort William, St. Luke's, \$6; Oliver, \$2.15.

For W. & O. Fund.—Thessalon, \$6.62.

D. KEMP, *Treasurer.*