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Editorial Notes.

THIS month we publish the first of a series of letters from friends of Algoma resident in England. We Canadians shall only be pleased to see ourselves as others see us, and English people will, by this means, learn of us from their fellow-citizens. Maybe some kind friend can open our eyes to better methods of work, as well as furnish us with added means to extend the arms of mother Church until she embraces every field. Algoma needs means, and Algoma needs men. In place of the twenty-five clergy within her boundaries, there should be at least seventy-five. Until the band of priests and preachers be multiplied, those at work must experience the heartache of knowing that some born within her fold drift away because no hand is stretched out to keep them in. The Church should go first—before the railroad—with the first settler; and, going, stay while there are men and women to teach and minister to.

It is our mournful duty to record the death of the wife of another of our missionaries. It is the second since our Triennial Council meeting in July last. After only thirty-six hours' illness, Mrs. French, wife of Rev. W. H. French, Incumbent of Gravenhurst, entered into rest. The clergy of Algoma, one and all, will sympathize most deeply with their brother in the hour of his bereavement, and they will be joined by many in the Diocese of Toronto, where he is well known. The blow is more severe because but a month or two has elapsed since Mr. French suffered the loss of his mother. The reflection will not away: Not yet has God willed a breach in the ranks of Algoma's clergy; but four of their wives have gone before—three of the four this year.

THE energetic action which has been taken for the division of the Diocese of Ontario augurs well for early success, and operates as a strong endorsement of the position assumed by the Lower House of Provincial Synod. The hearty cooperation of the Bishop in the movement is also cause for satisfaction. Who of the episcopal bench will be the next to advocate immediate steps for the division of an unwieldy and overgrown diocese and the extension of the episcopate?—*Church Guardian*, Montreal.

A step on the right road. Money is needed to support all such advances; men are more needed; faith in the ultimate success of all work done in Christ's name is most needed. Given the latter, the former—men and funds—will follow. Our bishops are overburdened by the vast territories under their jurisdiction.

AT the meeting of the Standing Committee of the diocese held at Emsdale on Nov. 22nd, it was decided to issue in letter form the appeal of the Bishop of the Church in Canada, with an addendum by the committee. It is felt necessary to make every effort to sustain the present staff of missionaries. They have under-

taken their duties believing that the Head of the Church will sustain them, and that their brethren in this Dominion and in the old land are stewards to this end.

REV. MR. FRENCH and the Church people at Gravenhurst are to be congratulated upon the institution of a weekly celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, commenced on Advent Sunday. Other points would doubtless thus live up to the Book of Common Prayer if the rubrical number of communicants could be depended upon, and the missionary be present.

ATTENTION is directed to the appeal (found in another column) addressed by Mrs. Boomer to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Huron in behalf of Algoma's mission fund.

Notes by the Way.

PARTICULAR attention is directed to the following: The Commissary begs to inform catechists and to remind clergy that it is contrary to the Bishop's rule for catechists to appeal in any way to the papers for help for their missions except through and with the endorsement of the clergyman superintending, or the Rural Dean; also that the Bishop requests that all moneys received in response to appeals be sent through the treasurer, or that they be accounted for to him, so that they may appear in the diocesan books and statements.

THE editor requests subscribers to THE NEWS who have back numbers on hand to assist him in procuring a complete file of the paper. For this purpose he needs numbers issued during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889; also those of March, September, and October of 1891. For any of these we shall be very thankful. Look up your back issues, and see if you can help us.

THE secretary of the Standing Committee, Rev. Charles Piercy, Burk's Falls, is awaiting replies to circulars *re* churches, values, insurances, etc., forwarded by his predecessor, Rev. G. H. Gaviller, to every clergyman in charge of a mission. Promptness should be a characteristic of every incumbent in these diocesan affairs. The tabulated return required by the Standing Committee cannot be made until *all* the replies are at hand.

THE chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew should also be provided with a copy of our little journal. The subscription is so small that we believe every member of the brotherhood would subscribe if it were brought to his notice. We aim to so increase our circulation that a balance over cost shall flow into our fund to maintain the services of the Church.

MR. H. M. CAMPBELL, Toronto, having resigned the office of legal adviser to the Bishop, which he has held for some years at no cost to the diocese, the Commissary, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, has requested Mr. G. S. Wilgress, B.A., barrister, Huntsville, to act in the above capacity; and Mr. Wilgress has consented.

NO branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is thoroughly equipped for its work on behalf of this missionary diocese of the Church in Canada unless it receives regularly a copy of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

FROM its columns, more than from those of all the Church papers in the Dominion, may be learned the ups and downs, the triumphs and discouragements, of missionary life in the diocese.

WITH the exception of Sheguiandah, on the Manitoulin Island, we have had no news from a missionary to the north of Burk's Falls since our August issue.

"No news is good news" is a common maxim. We trust it is true with regard to our Bishop's health, of which we have had no information since last issue.

THE editor would be pleased to receive copies of missionary papers and periodicals, as well as those of a more general Church character.

WE are pleased to note the progress to recovery of Mr. Dagg Scott, catechist at Port Sydney.

REV. MR. COBB, we regret to learn, is down with measles—now prevalent in his mission.

MR. E. H. EARL, late catechist at Korah, has left the diocese.

MR. D. A. JOHNSON, catechist, has gone to Manitowaning.

Emsdale Mission.

On Tuesday, November 8th, a number of the women of the congregation of St. Mark's Church, Emsdale, met at the parsonage with the intention of organizing a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in this mission. The meeting was opened by the Incumbent, Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, with prayer, after which he gave a short address. He dwelt upon the origin of working meetings, taking for his text Acts ix. 36-43. After the address, Mr. Chowne proposed that the members of the working guild should elect a president and a secretary-treasurer, which they accordingly did, Mrs. Chowne being unanimously elected president, and Miss Streatfield secretary-treasurer. There are at present twelve members, and it is earnestly hoped that more will join in the good work, and thus show their willingness to help on God's cause in this mission. To Mrs. Boddy, Toronto, we owe grateful thanks for—by her help—enabling us to start with a goodly supply of material to work upon.

The following letter of sympathy, written on behalf of the members, was sent to Mrs. Boddy on the death of her son:

We, the members of the Emsdale Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in this mission, beg to express our deepest sorrow and sympathy with Mrs. Boddy, the Venerable Archdeacon and his family, in the great loss they have sustained in the death of their son. We take this opportunity of expressing ourselves thus, feeling that we are doubly bound to you by the debt of gratitude we owe, inasmuch as it was through you we were first enabled to band ourselves together; in the fact that you supplied us with material to begin the work (1890) we are now engaged in, which not only brings us profit, but also gives us mutual pleasure in meeting as Christian women in the sacred bond of charity. Our prayer will be that God will sustain you in your visitation, and prepare our hearts to meet our heavenly Father's correction

whenever by any manner of adversity it shall please His gracious goodness to visit us.

Signed on behalf of the members,
AGOT C. J. CHOWNE, *President*.
LILIAN A. STREATFIELD, *Sec.-Treas.*
November 15th, 1892.

A general thanksgiving service was held in St. Mark's, November 10th. The congregation was not large. The offertory, amounting to \$1.18, was devoted to the Superannuation Fund.

Aspdin Mission.

The following items are gleaned from *The Aspdin Church News*, a monthly leaflet published by the Incumbent, Rev. H. P. Lowe, M.A. The facts recorded are of more than local interest: St. Mary's (Aspdin) harvest festival took place on St. Faith's day, and on Sunday, Oct. 9th (16th after Trinity), the preacher on both days being the Rev. W. A. J. Burt, of Port Carling mission, who was also celebrant on the Sunday; Mr. Lowe taking his place at Port Carling. The church looked very pretty, and there were more flowering plants sent than usual. Two, a geranium and a begonia, were sent by a little girl of seven, who has been lying in one position now for twelve months owing to terrible burns. Poor little maid, she suffers dreadfully still, and one of her chief pleasures is her window plants; and she was delighted when her mother proposed that the two best should be put in the church. The early frosts had destroyed all out-of-door flowers, and we had only white everlastings for the vases. Almost all the fruit and vegetables sent were afterwards given to the Incumbent, and the timely present was most welcome. Mr. Burt, in his excellent sermon, lifted our thoughts through thankfulness for earthly gifts to the one great Eucharist, in which he urged all present to join. He held services at Lancelot and Allansville, returning to Port Carling on the Monday, followed by our earnest good wishes for the advancement of his work.

Rev. Mr. Lowe is glad and thankful to say that he has received nearly enough money to pay for the necessary repairs to St. Mary's vestry.

The harvest festival at St. John's, Stanleydale, was such as to delight the Incumbent.

The daily services at Aspdin have been discontinued earlier than usual this year, partly on account of the cold and partly

because of the repairs in the vestry. The record of attendance during this summer has been very fair, indeed, and we hope next year may again show an increase.

Among the needs of the mission are: \$15 to finish payment for Stanleydale church; a font ewer; two alms-dishes; a small altar desk; books for the various libraries in the mission.

Burk's Falls Mission.

In once again bringing to our readers' notice the need of a parsonage at Burk's Falls, and appealing to their generous aid to assist in providing a home for the resident missionary, I can say that something has been done. In a few days, in all probability before this reaches the reader, the purchase will be completed of a property consisting of three-fifths of an acre, on which has been erected a house (unfinished), and a fence. Another advantage is found in the possession of a good well. The owner being desirous to sell, we shall buy to advantage. In other words, it is a bargain, and it would be a pity if we were compelled to pass it by. The cost is \$320, with an additional sum of from \$5 to \$7 in connection with searching title, etc. With funds on hand, and a loan of \$150 for a year without interest, we are in a position to purchase, and have fully \$75 in hand. This sum, however, will not go far towards paying for the erection of an addition for kitchen and extra bedroom, the plastering of the whole building, the partitioning of the house into rooms, and the building of a stable. If this work were done, it could be occupied; and the painting deferred until a later day. To accomplish the above necessary work, a further sum of \$250 is needed. Contributions from Church people in Canada and England are earnestly solicited, and all donors are requested to forward donations to the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, Commissary, Huntsville, Ontario; or to the diocesan treasurer, Mr. D. Kemp, Synod office, Toronto, Ontario, by whom they will be acknowledged.

CHARLES PIERCY,
Incumbent, Burk's Falls.

I have every confidence in endorsing the above appeal, and commend it to Churchmen everywhere as one deserving of the help asked for.

THOMAS LLWYD,
Commissary.

Gravenhurst Mission.

The festival of All Saints', November 1st, as well as that of St. Andrew's, was duly observed with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., and evening prayer and appropriate sermon at 7.30 p.m.

Beginning with the first Sunday in Advent, there will be early weekly celebration at 8 a.m., except on the first Sunday in the month, when the feast will be at the eleven o'clock service.

The congregations and offertory, which have been rather slim during the summer, are increasing in a very satisfactory manner; steady growth and regular attendance, with systematic offerings, being far more to be depended upon in every way than spasmodic enthusiasm enduring only for a while.

It is our melancholy duty to record the almost sudden death of the beloved wife of the Incumbent. Mrs. French had been a great sufferer for some years, but nothing like a near termination appeared to be imminent. She was only confined to her bed thirty-six hours, and her spirit quietly passed away early on the morning of November 9th.

The Sunday-school and congregation at Northwood still maintain their efficiency. Quite a number, for so small a body, have requested to be prepared for confirmation awaiting the Bishop's return.

Mission of Rosseau.

DEAR EDITOR,—I can only write a few lines for your next issue; but as I am now living in a new, warm, commodious parsonage, it remains for me to be one of your most constant correspondents.

Our dear people here are deserving of all praise for their successful work in building this parsonage, which can compare favourably with the best in the diocese, and with only a small amount of debt upon it. We move forward for further work next year—even a stone foundation under the Church of the Redeemer, and then, the following year, a large, deep chancel.

The Church of St. Thomas, at Ullswater, has been made secure and comfortable by good matched lining, where it had been so long wanting, on gable ends and ceiling.

We missionaries of the Diocese of Algoma can work with all our might and endure hardness as good soldiers, and from our ranks a shout of triumph

will go up when we hear favourable accounts of the health of our beloved Bishop, and know that he is enjoying that rest and relaxation which, in the goodness of God our Father, will bring him back to us again stronger than ever.

GOWAN GILLMOR.

Broadbent Mission.

December is proving a trying month for the inhabitants of this locality, being visited by a severe attack of measles. In one family of regular and devout churchgoers residing at Seguin Falls, eight of the younger members are now lying sick. One of them, a daughter, is also suffering from St. Vitus' dance, and is so weak that it is feared consumption may follow. In addition to this, the father, while on his way from Emsdale on the 29th ult., and within three miles of home at 11.30 p.m., met with an accident, being crushed between some trucks and his sleigh. This combination of troubles almost proves too much for the devoted wife and mother.

Advent services so far have been very encouraging. In spite of so much sickness, the congregation at St. Paul's maintains its average, and promises well. It being impossible for the Incumbent to be at all the churches in the mission on Christmas day, he has arranged to hold divine service at St. Paul's on Christmas eve. Mr. Fry, who lives two miles and a half from the church, has promised to lend his organ, while the ladies of the congregation have undertaken to decorate the church; and the people are looking forward to a hearty service. It is hoped that the men in the adjacent lumber camps will avail themselves of this opportunity to commemorate the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Deep regret is expressed throughout the mission at the loss of our good Bishop's visit this winter.

Uffington Mission.

I am devoutly thankful to Almighty God that I am permitted to report progress, both as regards the mission and myself. Strengthened by the good hand of God upon me (still using necessary means), I confidently expect the return of healthful vigour in place of the nervous prostration which clung to me for several months. Sunday ministrations have been duly maintained at the centre, but outstations have had to suffer loss; firstly,

from my ill-health; and, secondly, from roads indescribably bad. Now that the frost has hardened up the roads, it is possible to get around a little better; but the shaking up that one experiences, mile after mile, and hour after hour, is indeed far from pleasant. A little snow has enabled the jumper to be brought out a time or two, and a few visits have been made. Missionary life in Algoma can never be said to be uneventful, since there is always some difficulty, trial, toilsome journey, or building operation either to be borne or undertaken in addition to teaching and preaching, both privately and publicly. Sickness has overtaken many of those around, who are now better; but the presence of diphtheria in the neighbourhood kept up a scare for some time, which rendered it difficult to gather a congregation, or keep together a Sunday-school. Thank God, that dangerous disease seems to be passing away; and I hope, henceforth, both pastor and people will be able to move about more freely. During the past few months God has been pleased to call to rest three of our aged members, and they are greatly missed from amongst the not-too-numerous loyal adherents. I am glad to state that during October and November the repairs to the parsonage and the work on the new stable have been pushed on vigorously. Many days of free labour were given; but the ready response of friends outside made it possible for me to meet unavoidable debts for labour, as well as for lumber, lime, hardware, and other materials. Various branches of the Woman's Auxiliary came promptly to the rescue, and their help has been duly and thankfully acknowledged; whilst the congregations of the Memorial Church and St. Paul's Cathedral (London, Ont.) have cheerfully rendered me generous assistance. When realizing the latter help, I had the very great pleasure of meeting Mrs. Boomer, and other friends of the educational movement, in connection with my daughter Ethel's return to school in London, to which place I accompanied her. I should have had pleasure in dwelling upon this matter; but, perhaps, I have taken up sufficient space for this issue, and so will endeavour to return to it next time I write. Meanwhile, amidst my many other duties, I must seek to complete the work commenced both on parsonage and stable.

ARTHUR H. ALLMAN,

Incumbent.

Port Carling Mission.

MR. EDITOR,—I promised the readers of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, in your predecessor's time, that I would send a sketch of my work from Easter, 1892, having given an outline of doings up to that time. The annual Easter feast was duly kept, but as I was then not priested we were not permitted to join in the highest act of Christian worship, viz., the office of the Holy Eucharist. However, our services were hearty, and I feel sure we all more or less offered willingly a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, coupled with and manifested by offerings of our substance. On Easter Monday, St. James', Port Carling, vestry meeting was held, officers elected, and other business transacted. The meeting was well attended, all present manifesting an interest in mission matters.

The next event, after Easter festivities, worthy of mention was the tourist season. This season is always looked forward to by Church people and others as a sort of "World's Fair" on a small scale. Then it is we have programme enough in three months to make up for the other nine months of the year. Both religiously and socially, we derive great assistance and pleasure from our town and city cousins, both from the other side as well as this side of the line.

I was assisted during July and August by the Rev. J. Francis, B.D., of Cayuga, and through this assistance granted me by the Bishop I was enabled to hold services as follows: St. James', Port Carling, every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Christ Church, Gregory, every Sunday at 3 p.m.; St. John's, Beaumaris, every Sunday at 7 p.m.; Church Hall, Whitesides, every Sunday at 3 p.m.; Church of Holy Cross, Fairview, once a fortnight at 3 p.m.; St. George's, Port Sandfield, every Sunday at 7 p.m. This was a great source of pleasure both to tourists and settlers. I was also indebted to the following clergy for assistance: Revs. Canon Cayley, Dr. Mockridge, J. Gillespie, M. Baldwin, D. Hague, J. Boyd, L. Aborn, R. Seaborn, Archdeacon Boddy, J. Cameron, and others.

During the tourist season two very successful garden parties were held: one at Ferndale Park, in aid of the parsonage fund; the other at Cleveland's, in aid of the organ fund of Gregory station. At the former we raised \$56, and at the latter \$72. For the parsonage fund, together with the above sum (\$56), we raised by

special offertories and subscriptions \$130. We sent about \$50, also raised by special offertories, to the relief fund, St. John's, Newfoundland.

The building committee appointed by the Bishop, consisting of the Incumbent and Messrs. R. G. Penson and A. T. Lowe, chose a site for a parsonage, on which, in September last, building operations commenced. The house is to be completed for occupation by Christmas, and entirely completed by Easter next. The cost is \$950. Of this amount the Incumbent found \$280 in hand when he was appointed to the mission. After deducting \$50 which was paid for the lot \$230, together with the aforesaid \$130, remained to commence the building with. Nearly \$600 remains to be raised. Some of this will, no doubt, be raised next tourist season (D.V.). Who will help us to make up the balance? Subscriptions thankfully received and acknowledged.

The Incumbent is preparing for an entertainment during Christmas week. The proceeds are to be devoted to the parsonage fund. He has also borrowed \$300 to keep the contractor in good humour, and will pay the interest himself. Thus we are endeavouring to help ourselves. Who from outside will be the first to send \$5 towards this much-needed building?

The mission is certainly progressing. Besides the new parsonage, there are two new churches in course of erection, one at Beaumaris, and the other at Gregory. The former is nearly completed, at a cost of \$900, and nearly paid for. Some assistance here, too, would be welcomed in the way of furnishings. At Gregory there is much assistance needed to complete the church.

Now to come to commonplace things. When I came here, about fourteen months ago, these were my equipments for getting to my outposts: (1) A worn-out Indian pony. (2) Harness, in a sort of hang-together state. (3) A cutter and saddle, much the worse for use. (4) The ghost of a buggy. (5) A very unsafe and poorly-made boat. The mission can now boast of (1) a young horse, stout and strong. (2) Harness fit for the strain of Muskoka roads. (3) A cutter, not new, but durable. (4) Saddle, much as it was, as I did not use it much. (5) A boat worthy the name. Without some energy on my part, and kind assistance from friends of the mission, these things would, no doubt, been an unknown quantity.

During the month of September, to

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF ALGOMA



To the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in Canada :

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—Before seeking the change and rest which the kind thoughtfulness of the Provincial Synod has provided for me, I desire to lay before you briefly a statement of the financial position of the missionary diocese which ten years ago was entrusted to my keeping.

1. So far from the General Mission Fund sufficing for our needs, there was a deficit of upwards of \$3,800 when the treasurer made up his last annual report on June 30th. Into the causes of this deficit, I need not now enter ; I have indicated three in my incomplete report to the Metropolitan. Be this, however, as it may, the fact stares us in the face that nearly \$4,000 is necessary to meet the obligations of the year closing June 30th last. I will not disguise it from you that the anxieties arising from this fact have been one of the primary causes of my recent collapse. What is to be done about it? (1) I am physically and mentally disabled from lifting a finger at present towards its removal. (2) It could be wiped out by falling back on our small invested capital of \$10,000 ; but with a first breach made in this amount, how long will it be before the remainder melts away?

2. The only solution I can discern is a special effort on the part of the clergy and laity, and to them I now earnestly appeal in my helplessness. Special gifts by individuals, special offertories in congregations, special donations from branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, special offerings from Sunday-schools, special appropriations by the Domestic Board—all these running into one common stream will soon replenish the treasury and set your missionary diocese afloat again. In this connection I may say that I have appointed the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, of Huntsville, my Commissary in my absence. Contributions will be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged by him, or by my treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod office, Toronto.

3. The Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes are now passing through the most serious ordeal to which they have ever been subjected. Their position is most critical. (1) The Rev. E. F. Wilson has resigned as Principal, being about to remove his family to British Columbia. (2) As a necessary consequence of Mr. Wilson's resignation, all the English assistance hitherto given to the homes, being, he informs me, given by personal friends to his personal work, will be diverted from these homes and transferred to the Elkhorn Home in Manitoba, where his eldest son is principal. (3) The gifts of clothes hitherto sent to these homes will similarly be diverted into other new channels.

Seriously crippled, as they will thus necessarily be, our Indian Homes must inevitably close their doors unless their Canadian friends rally to their support as they have never done before. I therefore earnestly entreat both the clergy and laity to give them a very prominent place in their sympathies, and not only to continue, but, if possible, to increase their contributions. Many who have hitherto stood aloof will now, it is hoped, enroll their names among our supporters. Gifts of money and clothing should be carefully marked, "For the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes." As I am desirous that all money contributions should appear in our diocesan accounts, I would request that cheques, etc., may be sent either to the Commissary, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, Huntsville, or to the Treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod office, Toronto, who will remit them periodically to the Rev. E. F. Wilson, who has consented to superintend the homes till April 1st, when he will rejoin his family in British Columbia.

Again entreating your thoughtful care of my diocese during my absence,

I remain, dear brethren, yours faithfully,

E. ALGOMA.

The Standing Committee, called together by Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, commissary, to consult with him concerning the deficit in the Mission Fund, conceive the need of meeting it so pressing that no solution seems possible save the transferring of \$4,000 from the Mission Reserve Fund to the overdrawn bank account. The committee also desire to urge a liberal and prompt response to Bishop Sullivan's cogent appeal, in order that the income may meet the expenditures of the diocese, and that any further need of a drain upon the above-named fund be averted.

THOMAS LLWYD, *Commissary.*

ALFRED W. H. CHOWNE,

JAMES BOYDELL,

CHARLES PIERCY,

Standing Committee.

In support of the above appeal, I would impress upon all members of the Church of England in Canada the necessity for their making a strong, united, and immediate effort to rescue the missionary work of Algoma from its present jeopardy.

D. KEMP, *Treasurer.*

return to the tourist topics, the Rev. J. Francis had sole charge in my absence; Mrs. Francis and the children having joined him, and occupied my house until my return. While away I took duty on two Sundays for Mr. Francis at Cayuga, and while there embraced the opportunity of personally thanking the Cayuga congregation for their kindness and thoughtfulness in doing without their Rector for three months in order that he might have a change, and minister to the wants of people in the missionary Diocese of Algoma.

I hope, Mr. Editor, this hasty sketch of work done in my mission may prove of interest to the many friends of Algoma and THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

W. A. J. BURT.

St. Joseph's Island.

The Rev. Rural Dean Vesey, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., visited this mission on the 15th and 16th of November. He administered the sacrament of baptism to two adults and one child; then, driving to the house of a sick woman, he celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion; thence he drove eight miles to Holy Trinity Church, Jocelyn, where he held a thanksgiving service, and again celebrated Holy Communion. At Marksville, also, like services were held by him in the Church of St. John the Evangelist. A catechist, Mr. Eccleston, holds regular services in this mission.

"The Diocesan Water Baby."

This is the title of a small book of thirty pages written by Miss Alice C. Day, an English lady largely interested in, and an earnest worker for, the Church in this diocese. Fearing that lack of support should compel the Bishop to give up his yacht, *The Evangeline*, which enables him to visit many points on the shores of and islands in Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay, the writer tells of her visit to a few of the spots in these waters which she made in *The Evangeline* in the summer of 1890. The descriptive portions betray the transatlantic ideas of the writer, and in some degree enable us to see ourselves as others see us; while the appeals for the maintenance of the little episcopal craft are calculated to elicit from the reader a response on her behalf. The pamphlet contains six illustrations. Should any of our readers desire to pur-

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Indian Mission at Aundagwahmehnekauning.

The Indians here have been improving their church, and it looks very much better for the work they have done to it. When it was first built, some six years ago, it was a rather rough and irregular log structure, yet serviceable and airy. It was exceedingly well ventilated, daylight as well as wind coming through the gables. Nevertheless, it was a great improvement on the shanty that had previously, for some years, served the purpose as a church of God. The lancet windows, with a small quantity of stained glass in them, looked more ecclesiastical than the little square windows of the shanty, and the steep-pointed roof likewise was more churchy than the flat roof of the other; but, far beyond all, it was larger, and furnished with seats and pulpit, so that the service of God could be conducted decently. But, with Indians, things advance slowly and with caution—haste is undignified; so accordingly, first of all in the way of improvement, the gables were battened, then after a number of years a bell was purchased and put in position, the ringing of which took the place of the horn which the missionary used to blow as he passed through the reserve to let the people know he was on his way to church. This was very well, except that the people living beyond the church, in the opposite direction, did not hear the horn, so the bell was a great improvement, because it diffused the sound equally in all directions, except when the wind or other natural forces obstructed the sound—forces over which we have no control. The next step in the way of improvement was really a stride. Some nice matched siding was procured, and the whole interior of the church very neatly lined. This was quite a job, and the entire band of Indians for several days worked very diligently until it was finished. A small vestry was also built. Then a new stove found its way to the building. Some little while after that an organ, not new by any means, but still useful, though slightly out of tune, was brought to the church. Our latest move is the boarding of the outside of the church, so that its true character of a log building is now entirely hidden both inside and out. A coat of paint round

the windows and door frames, both inside and out, still further improves its appearance and worth. We are now ready for the millenium, except that the bell tower needs a *little* more improvement, and the character of some of the Indians a *great deal*, before we can anticipate comfortably that great event. Much good work is being done, and the Gospel faithfully preached, especially the practical part of it. Some of the people respond to it, and strive to live according to its precepts; but with reference to others, their spiritual and moral condition is not so encouraging. Yet we hope and pray that *all* may be benefited and blessed. Divine service is held here every Sunday afternoon, and temperance meetings have been held on other evenings, and people visited at their homes occasionally. The children are catechized on Sunday by the missionary, and there is school every day. There is certainly no lack of means of grace, so we look for the fulfilment of God's promise that His Word shall not return unto Him void.

F. F.

Sheguiandah, Manitoulin,
November 1st, 1892.

Progress.

An Epitome of the Report of the Missionary Bishop of Algoma to the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada.

(Concluded.)

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD

is referred to in terms of kindest appreciation. We direct attention to a paragraph in another column from a Montreal contemporary. Under the heading of

INTERNAL GOVERNMENT,

Algoma's Bishop tells of the success of the meetings of the clergy every three years. A synopsis of the work of the "Council" of 1892 appeared in the July number. "The organization of the Triennial Council has been recently supplemented by the appointment of a Standing Committee composed of clerical and lay members to give effect to the action of the council, and also serve as an advisory board to the Bishop on any diocesan question on which he may desire their judgment." The rural deanery system is again noted, and mention made of the meeting, in alternate years during intervals between council meetings, of the Eastern and Western Convocations.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

shows a steady increase. It is invested in manner following:

- (1) Canada Permanent Loan Co. @ 4½ per cent. . . . \$15,000 00
 (2) Freehold Loan and Savings Co. @ 4¾ per cent. 10,000 00
 (3) The Land Security Co. @ 5 per cent. 10,000 00
 (4) The British Canadian Loan Co. @ 5 per cent. 5,000 00
 (5) At credit of open account in Bank of Commerce. . . 5,744 60

"The trustees of the fund are the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the Lord Bishop of Niagara, and A. H. Campbell, Esq., honorary treasurer for invested funds. The debentures are all in the keeping of Mr. Campbell. . . . It is mainly," the Bishop concludes, "to the generosity of the societies referred to (S.P.G., S.P.C.K., and council of C.B.F.), and of individual friends in England, that we are indebted, under God, for the progress already made towards placing the episcopate of the diocese on a permanent and financial basis. The structure is still far from complete. Not less than \$30,000 more is needed. Whence it is to come, or how, only He knows who knows all things, but *that it will come* the story of God's care for us in the past furnishes our best security. In connection with this, I beg to tender my most grateful thanks to those dioceses which have continued their original yearly grants to the episcopal stipend, thus allowing the fund to increase rapidly under the most favourable conditions, viz., those of compound interest."

"THE MISSION FUND

is the very backbone of our diocesan existence, serving, as it does, as a General Purpose Fund, and supplying a variety of needs incidental to our missionary work; supplementing, for example, local contributions towards clerical stipends, paying the salaries of students (\$25 per month and travelling expenses to and from destination) during the summer vacation; furnishing outfits to the extent of \$100 for newly-ordained or admitted missionaries, these amounts always remaining loans for three years; defraying the unavoidable travelling charges of the rural deans; providing for all special grants to clergymen laid aside by serious protracted sickness; covering the necessary outlay for postage, printing, stationery, office assistance, as well as the business of the Triennial Council. For these and other necessary purposes our funds have proved entirely insufficient by a sum of more than \$3,800. The probable causes of the deficit are not far to seek, viz.: (1) The

recent multiplication of appeals by bishops and presbyters, alike in person and by letter, from the remote north and northwest, met, as they have been, by deservedly liberal responses; (2) the increasing habit on the part of branches of the Woman's Auxiliary of appropriating the funds at their disposal to special objects, so embarrassing the Mission Board in its efforts to grapple with the problem of a just and equitable distribution of its resources, based on its better knowledge of the necessities of the domestic field as a whole; (3) the failure of several of our missions to meet their obligations to their respective clergymen, partly from financial inability, and partly in consequence of emigration to Manitoba and the Northwest."

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

"It is cause for devoutest thankfulness that without any special effort or appeal in its behalf this fund has grown to the goodly sum of \$15,623, and thus has removed one of the most serious discouragements which has confronted clergymen who contemplated casting in their lot with us. The resolution adopted at the previous council for the administration of the fund was amended at our last diocesan gathering, mainly, by the omission of all clauses alluding to income from other sources, the clergy feeling strongly that the sole determining consideration as to the amount of pension should be length of service in the diocese, and not any question of private resources, such as life insurance, derived possibly from a careful, economical husbanding of a scanty income during the lifetime of the head of the family. No breach has been made in the ranks of our clergy by the hand of death, and hence there are as yet no claimants on the fund. May God in His goodness continue this happy immunity to us for many a year to come!"

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

"A Superannuation Fund is still an urgent necessity for the future, and we earnestly appeal for donations in its behalf. A beginning has already been made in our own midst, the clergy having agreed at our recent council to pay an annual assessment of \$5 towards its formation. In view of the fact also that the Widows and Orphans' Fund has already attained such dimensions as will suffice for all probable claims upon it in the near future, I would express the hope that friends of the diocese who have hitherto concentrated their interest in the Widows

and Orphans' Fund would kindly divert it, for a time, into that for superannuation purposes."

The serious illness of Dr. Sullivan intervened to prevent the conclusion of the report, and stayed the hand that would so gladly have penned words of loving sympathy and encouragement to his fellow-workers in the diocese. It is his wish, however, that some mention should be made of their hearty co-operation.

In conclusion, it is but just to acknowledge the care and pains of Mr. Alan Sullivan in preparing the report for publication.

Subscriptions to Library.

The librarian desires to remind the clergy and catechists of the diocese that subscriptions are due on January 1st, next. He would urge it upon each and all—seeing that the subscription is only \$1 per annum—to support, by prompt and punctual payment, this domestic movement for the supply of useful and necessary reading matter to those whose libraries are small, and do not embrace the works on the diocesan shelves. A written appendix of new books obtained through the year will be mailed (with the printed catalogue, if desired) to any clergyman or catechist on application to the librarian. To all friends of Algoma to whom this may come the librarian wishes to say that donations of books suitable for the diocesan library, or of money for the purchase of new and recent works, will be most gratefully received; and, if address of donor is given, will be at once acknowledged by Thomas Llwyd, Librarian, Huntsville, Ont.

"A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed."

To the Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Huron:

MY DEAR SISTERS,—I have the kind and willing consent of our Bishop, and of Mrs. Baldwin, the president of our Auxiliary, that I should earnestly invite your prayers and co-operation in a united effort on behalf of the Diocese of Algoma at this crisis of its history—a crisis caused by the severe illness of its Bishop at a moment when, humanly speaking, it needs, perhaps more than ever before, his guiding hand and able leadership. When the news of his sudden prostration reached you, I feel assured that with the question, "What will poor Algoma do

without its Bishop?" arose almost simultaneously another and more practical question: "What can we do to help in this emergency?"

Well, by each of us doing a very little individually, we can collectively do much. It was by a similar concerted action, when Huron took the initiative some five years ago in the raising of the Jubilee Widows and Orphans' Fund, that, although our branches did not number 50, as against the 113 of to-day, our diocese was enabled to contribute towards it no less a sum than \$1,030. If we did well then, may we not, urged to still greater effort by the gravity of the present situation, do still better now?

"In the unfinished report of the missionary Bishop of Algoma—unfinished because the brain refused to perform its functions, and the tired hand was compelled to lay the pen aside"—the melancholy fact is recorded that, even as far back as June last, there was a deficit of nearly \$4,000 in the Mission Fund of the diocese, which means that many of the scanty stipends of its most deserving and self-denying missionaries cannot be paid, and that other necessary diocesan expenses cannot be met. "I will not disguise from you," says the Bishop, "that the anxieties arising from my inability to meet these obligations have been one of the primary causes of my collapse. . . . I am mentally and physically disabled from lifting a finger at present towards their removal. . . . The only solution I can discern is a special effort on behalf of clergy and laity alike, and to them I now earnestly appeal in my helplessness. Special gifts by individuals; special offertories in congregations; *special donations from branches of the Woman's Auxiliary* . . . all these, running into one common stream, will soon replenish the treasury, and set this missionary diocese afloat again." The words in italics are those which, my sisters, more especially appeal to ourselves. Let us take them to heart, and respond to them as far as in us lies.

In a touching letter, written from his sick father's bedside, the Bishop's son says: "Of course my father has not the slightest suspicion that I am writing to you; but do you not think the Woman's Auxiliary would do something during his coming absence in the matter of that unfortunate Mission Fund? Should he return to find it in a still more impoverished condition, as without outside aid it certainly must be, serious results must follow, whilst the relief would be immense

to find that friends had been raised up to reduce it."

A.W.A. sister from another diocese writes: "How easily we women could do this thing if we would each one of us contribute something. God grant that the heart of each sister in every diocesan branch may respond to the suffering Bishop's appeal."

The census returns reveal the "remarkable fact (and it speaks volumes for the work of the Bishop, clergy, and laity of the diocese) that Algoma is the only diocese in Ontario where our Church has grown at a greater rate of increase than the Protestant Churches around us," and this progress has been made "in the face of many discouragements, and in the midst of many hardships." Should not this most encouraging fact incite us to strain every nerve to help Algoma at this juncture? It not only needs, but it deserves all the aid we can give it.

I would venture to suggest, in view of our approaching annual meeting, that every branch should make it the occasion to send up, by the hands of its representatives, its offerings, large or small, as God enables it, enclosed in an envelope, with the name of the branch and amount given inscribed thereon, these special envelopes to be placed in a basket prepared for them upon the president's table, to be opened by her, and the amount of their contents announced before we separate and go our several ways homeward. These would be our thank-offerings for the manifold blessings with which our God has blessed us, not only as individuals, but as a sisterhood of loving service graciously permitted to be co-workers with Him.

Should this message reach your president after your usual meeting, she will, I trust, see that it is brought before every member of your branch, to whose earnest consideration I would prayerfully submit it.

I remain, your affectionate friend and sister co-worker,

H. A. BOOMER,

Cor. Sec. Huron W.A., and representative of the W.A. of the Diocese of Algoma.
November, 1892.

Death.

FRENCH. — At St. James' Parsonage, Gravenhurst, on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, Charlotte M. G. French, dearly beloved wife of the Rev. W. H. French, Incumbent of the parish, aged 39.

Our English Letter.

I.

"Ye gentlemen of England,
Who dwell at home at ease."

The diocesan publication in which, by courtesy of the editor, these words appear may have been established as a means of communication within the diocese, and from the diocese to its helpers in England and elsewhere; but why should it not be used to enable the old country friends to exhort and cheer forward one another, who might—yes, and who will—otherwise grow weary of their little bit of well-doing for lack of that sympathetic touch which is essential to the keeping up of life and energy? And, further, it is well that this attempt should be made in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, so that the pioneers of our race and Church may know some of the thoughts of the dwellers at home who, however feebly, are trying to show that they care for distant members of the one great body of Christ.

Why do we at home care about Algoma at all? Some of us have had ties with it in the past—an overpowering motive to the tender-hearted. Others have ties with it in the present—an energizing motive to those fighting life's battle for those they love. Others, like the present writer, because they have heard the stirring note of God's message from the lips of the Bishop, and were drawn immediately into sympathy with the needs of a diocese ruled over by a man of such attractive powers of head and heart; one who, as an accompaniment of full evangelical teaching, fails not to value Church doctrine and discipline.

All of us are bound to give, according to our means, to one or other of the great missionary societies of the Church. Algoma knows their sympathy, and, if all did this, the societies would be equipped to meet every call, and none should allow himself the luxury of detail until the mite, at least, has been given to the spread of the Gospel into *all* the world. But, this first plain duty done, there is the drawing nearer to the work to understand it in detail, to find oneself in touch with it. It is most difficult to grasp mission work by looking at it as a whole in order to know what it really means. We need to connect ourselves with one field, one corner, of that great estate of the Master described in the words, "I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession." Then what was hazy and distinct

becomes clear and defined. Most of those to whom these words are especially addressed will be able to class themselves as helpers of the Church in Algoma; but all may not have used Algoma as a means of helping friends as yet unconnected with any other missionary diocese to get the necessary touch of definite interest by stretching out the hand to and for Algoma. Some will say, and it is said, that THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS is not interesting enough. What? The record of the troubles and joys, of the losses and gains, of the victories and defeats, that are the lot of our brethren beyond the seas not calculated to interest those who dwell at home at ease? Shame on us! What can we really want more? What else could honestly occupy the pages of a diocesan periodical? Let us master for ourselves the details of the work, and take our knowledge to those who have no special mission to interest them, and ask them to join us in the study of the Algoma field. Tell them of the present call on our sympathy. What is it? When an army, however sufficient, or insufficient, for its work is led by a general full of health and vigour of body and mind, it ought to be enough to stir the "home government" to feed and reinforce it; but, perhaps, it is too much to expect that when this is the case, we, dwellers at ease, should concern ourselves with the distant army enough to enquire whether the general is effectively supported or not; but now what can we say when we know that he is laid aside by illness due to—what? Luxury and sloth? To overstrain chiefly from difficulty in finding the mere money needed to carry on God's work, particularly for the stipends of his clergy; such stipends, too, as would make us blush if we cared to look into the matter. "What," we say, "the active, able, soul-loving Bishop struck down! None of us can take his place, but each can do something to provide the means by which the work shall not languish more than it must during his enforced absence." Yes, this is one call of God at this moment, namely, the setting aside of His servant. Alas! that it should need this form to be effective. But no; it must be something higher than this, even for those who have known, seen, or heard the servant. It must be loyalty to his Master and ours. What shall we say to *Him* when He comes? Does the Church in the nineteenth century really believe that He will come to judge the quick and dead? If,

when He comes, we shall have taken no adequate part in order to fulfil His very last commandment on earth: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

DOUGLAS DENT.

Bristol, England, November, 1892.

Needed Contributions to Library.

The librarian of the Algoma diocesan clerical library will be very grateful to any of our friends in England who will send him complete copies of useful works of standard works recently issued, and the published reports of Church congresses from their commencement to the present time. Books mailed to the undersigned will receive prompt acknowledgment by post card, if address is given on corner of cover: Thos. Llwyd, Librarian, Huntsville, Ontario.

Little Things.

Little words are the sweetest to hear; little charities fly farthest and stay longest on the wing; little lakes are the stillest; little hearts are the fullest, and little farms are the best tilled. Little books are the most read, and little songs are the dearest loved. And when nature would make anything especially rare and beautiful, she makes it little—little pearls, little diamonds, little dews. Hagar's is a model prayer; but then it is a little one, and the burden of the petition is but little. The Sermon on the Mount is little, but the last dedication discourse was an hour. Life is made up of littles; death is what remains of them all. Day is made up of little beams, and night is glorious with little stars.

"Divide and Conquer."

Right Rev. Dr. Morris, Bishop of Oregon, in our sister Church in the U.S., recently gave an interesting address on the progress of work in his diocese. He said that though his diocese had been twice divided since his appointment, the field is really as large as ever. He found ten churches and ten clergy. There are now in the same territorial extent fifty churches and fifty clergy, and more are needed.

The Bishop's Motto.

BY A. M. COXE.

A saintly bishop, filled with holy zeal,
Who went the tidings of the cross to bear
To heathen lands, once chose a motto rare
To be impressed both on his heart and zeal:
"For toil, or sacrifice." His spirit leal
Took for its symbol, 'neath it graven there,
A bullock, 'twixt an altar and ploughshare,
For either ready; e'en in woe or weal!

Lord! give thus to Thy servants, travail-worn
And weary, grace to work as in Thy sight!
And comfort those by sorrow overborne
Who live to suffer, only, day and night!
Thou who for us didst labour and wast slain,
Attune us to Thy will, through toil or pain!

Acknowledgments.

Rev. C. Piercy, Burk's Falls, begs to acknowledge receipt of \$5 from "Sympathizer" and \$7 from Mrs. P. G. H. Robinson, Ontonagon, Michigan, for parsonage fund. He thanks also all those interested in the sending to him of a set of altar linen through Mrs. Glynn, Isle of Wight.

The Rev. T. Llwyd, Commissary, desires to acknowledge with hearty thanks the prompt and very kind response to his appeal for the Garden River parsonage, and wishes to say that he has sent to Mr. Irvine the \$50 needed; and would earnestly commend to Algoma's co-workers the diocesan parsonage fund for their sympathizing help, as there are yet several needy claimants seeking help therefrom.

The Rev. A. H. Allman begs to acknowledge the receipt of a bale from Mrs. Sullivan, Bishophurst; *Dawn of Day*, etc., from Miss Day; *The Record*, from T. A. Nash, England; *The Evangelical Churchman*, from a numerous host of friends; *Canadian Churchman*, from Miss Bates and Mrs. Cowan; *Nineteenth Century*, from Miss Baldwin, Bishopstowe; *Parish Visitor*, from Canon Richardson, London, Ont.; with quite a host of other papers from old and constant friends. . . . *Further donations towards Uffington parsonage and stable*.—Mrs. Brown (Quebec), \$12; Mrs. Freer (Winnipeg), \$5; Memorial Church Sunday-school (London, Ont.), \$7.50; Anon. (St. Catharines), \$1.

Receipts at Synod office, Toronto, for the Diocese of Algoma for November:

FOR GENERAL FUND.

Huntingdon, St. John's, \$2 and \$2.40; W. H. Robinson, \$20; J. W. McLaughlin, \$4; W. S. Richardson, \$1; Mrs. V. L. Quinton, £2.

FOR SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Schreiber, \$7.75; Chapleau, \$11.55; Port Arthur, \$15; Emsdale, \$1.18; Sault Ste. Marie, St. Luke's, \$16; Fort William, St. Luke's, \$8.

FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES FUND.

For Uffington Stable.—Miss Freer, \$5.
For Freight of Bales.—Miss Alice Day, from English Association, £3 12s. 6d.

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Manitowaning, \$1.30; Sheguiandah, 40c.; Sheguiandah Indians, \$1.15; Sucker Creek, 60c.; Little Current, \$1.05.

D. KEMP, Treas.