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Publishers' Notice.

As is stated in other columns in this number of THE NEWS, our readers will learn that, owing to the recent severe illness of the Bishop of the diocese, and to the resignation of the late editor, the Rev. G. H. Gaviller, and his removal to a distant field of labour, there was no issue of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS for the month of September. In strict justice, therefore, every subscriber to the paper should be entitled to have his subscription dated *one month forward*, owing to that month's issue being omitted. But we have thought that the subscribers to THE NEWS would not care to deal so strictly with the paper, inasmuch as its publication is wholly at the charge of the missionary Diocese of Algoma, being sustained by the diocese because of its great

help thereto, both direct and indirect. We have therefore allowed our subscribers' dates of payment as recorded in our accounts to stand precisely as they would stand had the September number not been omitted; and we trust our doing so will be satisfactory to all concerned. If, however, any subscriber desires us to give him credit for the omitted month, we shall gladly allow the credit on receiving a request to that effect.

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Editorial Notes.

IN another column reference is made to the present illness of our beloved Bishop, whose labours on behalf of this diocese have been unceasing during the past ten years. The following particulars of the Bishop's illness are taken from the *Algoma Pioneer*: "After officiating at all of the services for the day at St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, in the absence of the Rev. E. A. Vesey, the Bishop returned to his home complaining of feeling weary. His lordship gradually grew worse and a physician was called in, and whispers were heard about 'danger of paralysis of the brain', the result of over-anxiety and care. But the danger has been averted, and Bishop Sullivan is progressing towards recovery. Algoma cannot spare its Bishop."

THE action of the Provincial Synod in granting \$1500 to the Bishop of Algoma to defray his travelling expenses during a much-needed year's absence, and the recommendation that he be provided with a private secretary on his return, is worthy of all praise, and yet we claim that it is no more than a bare recognition of his past services and present value to the Church. We feel sure that the clergy of this diocese will diligently exert themselves during their Bishop's absence, so that the diocese may not suffer any loss, and that they may thereby prove, if proof

be necessary, their loyalty both to the Bishop as such, and to Dr. Sullivan as a man.

To those interested in the extension of their Church in Canada and elsewhere, the most plain record of routine work—services held, administration of the sacraments, erection of churches and parsonages, etc.—cannot fail to prove of interest. True, in the home mission field, we cannot always command items of startling news as can those whose field of labour lies in foreign lands; but the home field must be occupied, and the labourers must be supported, and that support is materially increased or decreased in proportion to the dissemination of information concerning the work done by missionaries, as well as by the advertisement of their plans for the future.

THE manifestations of interest taken by the clergy of this diocese in the diocesan organ seem to be amazingly close to the vanishing point, judging by the small amount of news sent in during the last two months, although experience has amply justified the publication of our humble monthly sheet. The retiring editor hopes that he will not be deemed obtrusive if he ventures now, at the twelfth hour, to ask the missionaries of Algoma to try to do a little, or, if possible, a good deal more in the future for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

DURING the past three years THE NEWS has appeared every month with fair regularity, except last month. Much of this punctuality, as well as the good appearance of the paper, has been due to the energy and enterprise of our publishers, The J. E. Bryant Company (Limited), of Toronto, and we have every reason to believe that as the past has proved the possibility and value of a monthly issue, so in the future it will be found advisable to continue the publication of a diocesan organ. One feature of interest and value

in THE NEWS is the monthly publication of the receipts at the treasurer's office. These have been furnished with care and punctuality by the diocesan treasurer, Mr. David Kemp.

WE commend to our readers the kind and sympathetic report (to be found on another page) of Mrs. Boomer, who was Algoma's representative at the recent triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at Montreal. To her many good deeds in behalf of the Church in this diocese, Mrs. Boomer has added yet another. Her loving words of appeal and confident hope will, we feel sure, not fail to touch the hearts of her sisters, and, by God's blessing, be the means of doing much towards the removal of the natural anxieties and fears of the clergy of Algoma. Our Bishop will be cheered, too, by the knowledge that a general response will remove from his shoulders one of those great weights which have preyed upon and prostrated him.

ON behalf of the Church people in Algoma, both clergy and laity, we desire to express the deepest sympathy with Mrs. Willoughby Cummings in her bereavement by the loss of her husband. Mrs. Cummings' labours for the advancement of Christ's Church in the mission fields of Canada are known and appreciated throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. As widespread is the sorrow which mingles with hers.

ATTENTION is drawn to the letter from Bishop Sullivan to the clergy and laity of the Church of England in Canada. The deficit in the Mission Fund, upon which the missionaries in Algoma largely depend for food and shelter, has so greatly distressed him as to be the primary cause of his recent serious illness. The paragraphs having reference to the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes should be particularly noted, in order that the sustenance diverted from them to Elkhorn may not be the means of crippling them, and destroying the work of Rev. E. F. Wilson.

Notes by the Way.

THE Standing Committee met in Huntsville on the 17th inst.

AT the request of the commissary, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, Rev. Charles Piercy, of Burk's Falls, has taken the place of Rev. G. H. Gaviller on the Standing Com-

mittee of the diocese, both as a member and as secretary of the committee.

REV. A. YOUNG, Incumbent of North Bay, who has been too ill to take duty for some months, has returned from Banff, and gone to Toronto, where he will be treated for an abscess in the sheath of the spine. His brother clergy sympathize very deeply with him in his affliction, and we bespeak also for him the sympathy of all friends of Algoma.

THE Standing Committee have made arrangements for occasional services in some of the vacant missions. Doubtless every missionary will endeavour to assist them by taking the duty required, and their congregations cheerfully surrender a service, where necessary, for the benefit of their brethren.

THE late editor, the Rev. G. H. Gaviller, has resigned the charge of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, as he has removed to the city of Buffalo, in the United States.

THE Bishop of Algoma has been very ill, from overwork. May God's merciful providence soon restore him to health.

REMEMBER the new editor, the Rev. Charles Piercy, Burk's Falls P.O. Send all items of news to him.

THE Bishop is gradually recovering. May we invoke the prayers of all Christian people that God's blessing may rest upon the means used for his restoration?

A SERIES of letters from friends of the diocese resident in England will shortly appear in our columns.

SINCE the Provincial Synod have adopted the new canon on representation from Algoma to that body and the amended modes of election of delegates thereto, as recommended by the Council of Algoma in July last, we hope every missionary will use the greatest diligence to secure a full delegation at the next meeting in Montreal.

A MEETING of the chapter of the Rural Deanery of Parry Sound was summoned for the 11th and 12th of October at Broadbent. Particulars next month.

THE Bishop has left for the old world. He arrived at Montreal none the worse

for the journey. It is prayerfully hoped that the sea voyage will do much for him. Later advices record his lordship's safe arrival in England.

REV. E. A. VESEY, Incumbent of Sault Ste. Marie, has taken a short trip to England. He left immediately before the close of the Provincial Synod, and will (D.V.) be at his post again the first Sunday in November.

A SYNOPSIS of the Bishop of Algoma's report to the Metropolitan will appear in the next issue.

REV. RURAL DEAN CHOWNE and Rev. Charles Piercy have taken duty at North Bay recently in consequence of Rev. A. J. Young's illness.

IN order that all money contributions to the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Indian Homes shall appear in the diocesan accounts, the Bishop requests that all cheques, etc., should be forwarded to the commissary, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, Huntsville, or to the treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod office, Toronto.

THE Rev. Thomas Llwyd, of Huntsville (Rural Dean of Muskoka), has been appointed Bishop's commissary.

THE Rev. G. H. Gaviller left Parry Sound for Buffalo, Thursday morning, Oct. 6th. His address will be All Saints' Rectory, corner Main and Utica streets, Buffalo, U.S.

Mizpah.

The following is the text of the letter addressed by the Bishop of Algoma to his fellow-missionaries immediately prior to his departure for Europe:

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Algoma:

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—I hope in a few days, God willing, to start on the journey in search of the change and rest from diocesan cares and anxieties which the Provincial Synod so kindly provided for. Long before the expiration of the proposed "year's leave of absence," I hope, by God's blessing, to return to my accustomed duties with renewed strength and vigour.

In the meantime, in order to make provision as far as possible for the administration of the diocese, I have appointed the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, of Huntsville, Muskoka, to be commissary, *vice*

the Rev. E. F. Wilson, resigned, and request that all communications on diocesan business which otherwise would be sent to the Bishop be addressed to him, and they will receive prompt and careful attention at his hands. May I urgently request that the special Epiphany offertory for foreign missions be taken up in every station in each mission where possible?

I have also appointed the Rev. Chas. Piercy, of Burk's Falls, to the editorship of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, hitherto so ably conducted by the Rev. G. H. Gaviller, whose departure from the diocese we all deeply regret. May I impress on you the necessity of supplying him with all possible diocesan information early in each month?

And now, brethren, commending you, your families and flocks, "to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified," I remain, yours affectionately in Christ,

E. ALGOMA.

The Shingwauk Home.

The notice of the Rev. E. F. Wilson's resignation came as a clap of thunder in a clear sky—most unexpected; at least to the general public. But, as is stated in another place, he has kindly consented to remain in charge of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes until next April, in this way affording the Bishop a longer time in which to secure a successor in that important field of labour. Mr. Wilson intends moving to British Columbia.

The Bishop's Appeal.

The following appeal, which merits careful consideration, has been forwarded to THE NEWS for publication:

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 \$3800 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 \$4000 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 would 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.

Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The Standing Committee of the diocese met at the parsonage, Huntsville, on Oct. 17th. The chief work taken up by the committee was the supply of services to the missions at present vacant. The following clergy are asked to kindly supply at the places and on the dates given: NORTH BAY: Oct. 23rd, Rev. G. Gander; Nov. 6th, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd; Nov. 20th, Rev. Rural Dean Chowne. PARRY SOUND: Oct. 23rd, Rev. G. Gillmor; Oct. 30th, Rev. Rural Dean Chowne; Nov. 6th, Rev. J. Boydell; Nov. 20th, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd. PORT SYDNEY: Oct. 30th, Rev. H. P. Lowe; Nov. 27th, Rev. J. Boydell. POWASSAN: Oct. 30th, Rev. W. H. French; Nov. 13th, Rev. C. Piercy; Dec. 4th, Rev. Rural Dean Chowne.

Apology.

The editors and publishers of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS beg to apologize for the non-appearance of the paper during September. The explanation is a very easy one, viz.: First, the extremely small amount of news sent in by the clergy of the diocese, being something less than enough for one page. Secondly, the full occupation of the late editor's time, preventing the preparation of sufficient "copy" to fill six or seven pages of the paper. Thirdly, the illness of the Bishop, which prevented his contributing an account of his four weeks' tour on the *Evangeline*, during which time he visited many

places on Manitoulin Island, and the northern and eastern shores of the Georgian Bay. Those responsible for the appearance of the paper from month to month regret, most sincerely, the failure of last month, especially as it is the first during the past three years.

Change of Editor.

With the present issue of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS the Rev. G. H. Gaviller ceases to be editor, having accepted the rectory of All Saints' parish, in the city of Buffalo, United States. The new editor is the Rev. Charles Piercy, of Burk's Falls mission, who has kindly consented to take charge of the diocesan organ. All items of news should be sent to Mr. Piercy; but all business communications should be sent, as formerly, to The J. E. Bryant Company, Ltd., Toronto.

With reference to the above paragraph, which was written by his predecessor, the new editor desires to thank Mr. Gaviller for his efforts in the preparation of copy for this issue, efforts which must have sadly interfered with many pressing personal duties at the time of his leaving his mission. It is but right to state that most of the copy for this issue was prepared by Mr. Gaviller before he left.

Emsdale Mission.

The Sunday-school treat was held in the parsonage grounds, August 25th. The children assembled in St. Mark's Church, then went to the grounds, where they enjoyed various games, *e.g.*, swings, quoits, Aunt Sally, and anything they could find to amuse themselves with. Some good racing was done, and little prizes given. The children numbered thirty-six. Unfortunately, the morning was wet. The parents brought plenty, and all enjoyed themselves and returned home quite happy.

A.W.H.C.

Parry Sound Mission.

The annual harvest home dinner was held on Friday evening, Sept. 30th, in the Music Hall, and proved a most successful affair. The attendance was good, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Not the least pleased was the Rev. G. H. Gaviller, who is leaving this mission for All Saints' rectory, in the city of Buffalo, U.S. The reverend gentleman was presented with a

purse containing \$50, and many kind words were spoken by those who addressed the audience, expressive of the most kindly interest in his future, and pleasant recollections of his seven years' stay in Parry Sound.

During Mr. Gaviller's incumbency many improvements have been made in and about the church, costing in all about \$1000. The church is now in thorough repair, and a credit both to the Diocese of Algoma and to the congregation worshipping in it.

The members of the W.A., Parry Sound, are to be congratulated upon their successful entertainment.

RANKIN STATION.—The Holy Communion was administered to the devout and "worthy" at this station by the Rev. G. H. Gaviller for the last time on Sunday, Sept. 25th. There was a good congregation present. A church at this station is much needed. Already half an acre of land has been given for a site.

CHRISTIE ROAD STATION.—At this station the Holy Communion was also administered recently, on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, and many expressions of sorrow were indicated, because the old folks felt that they would see their retiring clergyman's face no more. May we trust that the humble services in these country school-houses have not been in vain in the Lord? At the Christie Road Station half an acre has also been secured as a site for a church, which is much needed. The new missionary, whoever he may be, will find plenty of work to do in securing places of worship for these two stations.

Gravenhurst Mission.

The Northwood congregation in this mission are rejoicing at the generous and very welcome gift which they have received from the Rector's warden of Trinity Church, Quebec, through the kind offices of their late clergyman, the Rev. W. T. Noble, now of Trinity. The gift is a handsome service of communion plate, suitably engraved. The people at this station are doing well, responding to the efforts made to promote their spiritual welfare. The weekly service is a great improvement, and Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont and family deserve the commendation of all for the persevering and self-sacrificing efforts so unostentatiously made to second the clergyman and assist in every way they can. The people are in great need of an organ. The singing is above

the average. Already \$16.80 has been collected from among themselves for that purpose, and they hope, with a little assistance from those whose purse-strings are never closed against a genuine want, to obtain the desired instrument this fall.

Offertory for St. John's, Newfoundland, fund: Gravenhurst congregation, \$12.20; Sunday-school, \$1; Northwood, \$3.50; total, \$16.74.

The Bishop paid us a short visit in July, arriving on the 25th and departing on 26th.

Harvest Festivals.

Thanksgiving services celebrating the ingathering of the harvest were held recently in the missions of Emsdale, Huntsville, and Burk's Falls. At Emsdale, Ebberston, and Sprucedale, all in charge of Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, they took place on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of September, Rev. Charles Piercy being the preacher at each place. The churches were suitably decorated. At the close of the service at Emsdale, a tea and entertainment was held in the Orange Hall, the proceeds of which were devoted to the small debt yet remaining on the parsonage.

All Saints' Church, Huntsville, marked the occasion by service on the 4th of October and a dinner in the church hall on the 5th. The church was tastefully decorated with the fruits and flowers of the field and forest. The service was read by Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, and the sermon preached by Rev. C. Piercy.

In Burk's Falls mission there were services at the home station on September 29th, and at St. Paul's, Sundridge, on the 30th. At the former place the service was read by Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, the Incumbent, Rev. C. Piercy, being the preacher. The congregation was a large one, and entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. The choir sang the special Psalms, canticles, and hymns with a precision and crispness that would have done credit to a much more pretentious organization. The decorations were profuse and beautiful, and the way in which the several members of the congregation vied with each other to make it so was not the least pleasing feature of the occasion. The offertory (\$5.06) was for the Superannuation Fund. At Sundridge the attendance was small, the result doubtless of the short notice given of the service. The offertory there was also devoted to the much-needed fund above mentioned.

The Bishop's Illness.

We feel assured that the whole Canadian Church, and all persons in the mother country who know of the missionary Diocese of Algoma and our worthy Bishop, will be grieved to learn, if they have not already heard, of the serious illness of Dr. Edward Sullivan, lord Bishop of Algoma, coming as a dark and ominous cloud just at a time when, for many reasons, the diocese and the whole Canadian Church needed his able counsel and service. But now the Bishop is beginning to regain his strength, and is able to be up for an hour in the day.

The illness of Bishop Sullivan naturally suggests the question, What provision is there for any bishop who has become incapacitated for work, especially the Bishop of this missionary diocese? Is he, like the saintly Fauquier, to drag on and on until he sinks to rest in the grave? Or is there not to be a fund provided, as well for aged or infirm bishops as for aged priests? The whole question of endowments and superannuation funds requires careful and energetic handling, and such funds should be collected as a matter of duty, without waiting until the illness of some particular servant of the Church of Christ is rendered unfit for active service; for then the agitation for money, as well as the giving on the part of the laity, is very apt to partake rather of the nature of a personal gift, or a gift given for the sake of some individual clergyman, rather than a gift for the sake and honour of the great Head of the Church, Jesus Christ.

To the public the Right Rev. Edward Sullivan, Bishop of Algoma, appears to be the very embodiment of health and strength, and such by nature he certainly was; but no man may continue to overtax his mental and physical powers without, in due time, experiencing what has been fittingly termed "nature's revenge." And such is an appropriate designation for the good Bishop's present illness.

During the past ten years Dr. Sullivan has laboured unceasingly for the progress and welfare of this diocese. Sparing neither talent nor strength, he has devoted himself, with all the vigour of which he was capable, to one object, viz., the advancement of the interests of Algoma.

When, in 1882, Dr. Sullivan succeeded Bishop Fauquier, he found the diocese with only eleven clergy; to-day the full staff is twenty-six. He found only about forty-five organized stations; while to-day there are upwards of ninety. He found an

empty, or worse than empty, treasury, because there were not only no endowments, but there had been no system of booking in vogue during his predecessor's time, save a private notebook kept by the then Bishop of Algoma, who, amidst all his ramblings, had been in the habit of vainly endeavouring to keep his own private accounts and those of the diocese in one and the same book, with the natural result—confusion. In this, Bishop Fauquier was not wholly to blame; the Provincial Synod had neither provided him with funds, nor any means of employing a bookkeeper should funds accrue, and to this the frailty of his physical frame, the constant pain of disease, the long and arduous journeys in his vast diocese, all added their factors in bringing about such a condition of things as we have above described by the word "*confusion.*" Dr. Sullivan set to work to remedy all this; he went to England and earnestly pleaded the cause of Algoma before the great Church societies of the mother land. After an hour's address to the committee of one of these, an English bishop, who was one of the committee, said that for aught that he knew Algoma might be in the heart of Africa! So little was known then of "poor Algoma"; but all this is now changed. Those appeals for help had their effect in due time, and to-day the diocese is in receipt of grants from the S.P.G., the S.P.C.K., and the C.C.C.S.

Another cause of the breakdown of the Bishop's health is the vast and unending correspondence that he is forced to carry on. This department comprises every conceivable subject pertaining to Church work. Letters to the great English societies, to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in Canada, to the many friends in England who send private subscriptions and donations to Algoma, to the many young men in England who anticipate coming out to Canada to engage in Church work, to the missionaries now stationed in Algoma, to churchwardens, to building committees, to branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in all parts of this ecclesiastical province, to disaffected members of missions in Algoma who have felt it their duty to write to the Bishop complaining of the clergyman, to lonely and isolated settlements which have been asking earnestly for a missionary, but which have to be told, as before, "that the Bishop has neither men nor money wherewith to open up any new missions just at present," and many other letters on many other topics;

and, it must be remembered, letters beget letters, and so on *ad infinitum*, and to the credit of the present Bishop of Algoma be it said that he always keeps his correspondence up, and never, save in sickness, allows an accumulation of unanswered letters.

Many other causes there are which tend to rapidly wear out a missionary bishop in Canada. One of these is the extremes of climate. On one missionary tour the weather sultry, or rainy; perhaps the next journey, extending, like the former, over three or four weeks, may be made amid winter's snows. Sometimes in the railway car, at others in sleighs or on buckboards. And the roads in summer are none of the best. The last journey the Bishop made prior to his present illness was a four weeks' tour on the northern and eastern shores of the Georgian Bay. But the great secret of Bishop Sullivan's worn-out condition is to be found in the fact that he has to shoulder the work of three distinct departments, or rather what *ought* to be three departments, viz., collection or obtaining of funds, seeking and procuring and stationing a supply of clergy, and, thirdly, governing his diocese; or, in other words, discharging the duties that properly belong to his episcopal office. Any one of these three departments is more than enough for one man to attend to.

Mr. Gaviller's Farewell.

Before laying down the editorial pen of the Diocese of Algoma, I must discharge the most agreeable task that can be assigned to one who has held a position of trust, especially that of editing an official organ—one which voices not always the private sentiments of the editor, but the policy of the corporate body to which the publication belongs—and this duty is to thank the Bishop and clergy of the Diocese of Algoma for all their assistance in the contribution of items of news. The name of Mr. Alan Sullivan must also be added, and that of Miss Alice Day (England) and several other English friends of Algoma. To the timely and willing help of the Bishop is due much of the information about the affairs of the diocese. The office of editor of THE NEWS, I can honestly say, was not sought by me, but first conferred upon me by Dr. Sullivan, the appointment being generously confirmed by the Diocesan Council in the form of a recommendation to the Bishop. To the reader is due an ample and

humble apology for the tameness of style in the editorial department, as well as the too often paucity of real missionary news in the columns of the paper; and here allow me respectfully to urge upon the clergy and catechists of Algoma the duty of supplying items of news. To the publishers, The J. E. Bryant Company, is entirely due the attractiveness in the style and appearance of this little monthly.

The mailing sheet exhibits a more substantial list of names than ever before in the history of the paper, and it is earnestly hoped that this list may grow until the paper yields the diocese a fair revenue.

And now, dear friends, known and unknown, farewell! May the Spirit of God awaken in all a burning zeal for the promotion of our Lord's kingdom! Whatever little service I have been able to give to Algoma, either as editor, or as secretary of the council, has been performed with pleasure, though not without many errors and shortcomings.

G. H. GAVILLER.

Help Wanted.

The Rev. J. Irvine, Garden River missionary to the Indians, reports his parsonage as badly needing immediate repairs to fit it for winter use. The poor Indians can do nothing to help him in this matter. He says: "Fifty dollars *at once* will help us to make ourselves warm for the winter." Will any one help me with *immediate donations* to make our missionary and his family warm and comfortable for the winter? Donations may be sent to and will be acknowledged by

THOMAS LLWYD,

Commissary for Algoma.

Huntsville, Oct. 20th, 1892.

Algoma at Montreal, 1892.

The following report of Mrs. Boomer, Algoma's representative at the triennial meeting of the W.A., will, we trust, be circulated through the whole of the Canadian Church:

I feel that my first words in offering what must be, from unforeseen and much-to-be-lamented circumstances, a very informal report of the progress of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Algoma should be those of sincere apology. First of all, that it is only "I," a humble member of the W.A. of another diocese, who is honoured by the joint request of the Bishop of Algoma and Mrs. Sullivan, the president of its Auxiliary,

to represent it at the triennial meeting in Montreal; and, secondly, that, owing to the severe and sudden illness of his lordship, I have but a very meagre supply of solid material, of facts and figures, to lay before you. Up to the last moment I had hoped that, even if Mrs. Sullivan herself could not be present, a representative direct from Algoma should have come in her place. This hope, alas! could not be realized; so I must ask you to put up with the only alternative, "half a loaf," as being a few degrees better than no bread at all! And if I find myself somewhat in the position of the poor Israelites of old, having to produce my tale of bricks without the wherewithal of straw, I comfort myself by the full assurance that in the members present of our parent society I have no hard taskmasters who will beat me with rods for my shortcomings; but rather tender, loving hearts, who will listen kindly and responsively, should I be led, in the short time granted me, to say rather more of poor Algoma's claims upon us as the missionary diocese of our Canadian Church than of what she has been able to achieve for missions outside of those within her own boundaries.

So much, then, by way of introduction, to the few words, chiefly those of the Bishop and Mrs. Sullivan, which will more clearly explain the position. In July last his lordship wrote me: "I still doubt very much if Mrs. Sullivan will be able to attend the (triennial) meeting in Montreal, but I will send you your credentials in ample time. You will be furnished with reports from all our branches giving full particulars as to date of origin, membership, methods of work, work done, etc., all in good time." Well, dear friends, I waited as patiently as I could, seeing that I most earnestly desired to do the fullest justice to the commission entrusted to me, without sending any urgent reminder of his promise to one already so overpressed with correspondence. July passed, then August, and the first week of September, when crossing my long-postponed message of enquiry came the following from Mrs. Sullivan:

BISHOPHURST, Sept. 6th, 1892.

My Dear Mrs. Boomer, — My sad news will be a shock to you. The Bishop broke down completely yesterday, and the doctors have ordered perfect rest and quiet for some time, and we hope that the means used will restore him to health and strength again. He is paying the penalty of months, I might say of years, of overwork. When at home chained

to his desk all day, and generally till 11 p.m., seldom going out. When away all the anxiety of navigating the *Evangeline*, for he has no pilot. On week-days holding services (three times daily) at different missions, and on Sundays preaching three times, administering the Holy Communion, confirming and baptizing, and driving sometimes twenty and thirty miles to the different churches. You will not wonder he has broken down. And lately he went 400 miles by train, preaching three times, taking the service, too, drove out six miles, baptized, drove in the six miles again, had a funeral, administered the Holy Communion twice, and all this in 44 hours. He says the work is there and must be done; and if there is no one else, he does it himself. We have telegraphed for Dr. Ross, from Montreal, and hope it may be God's will that he may again be strong and well; but I know he must have a thorough rest if spared to us. Pray for us, dear Mrs. Boomer, in our hour of need. This morning he asked me to write you and send you the three or four W.A. reports, and to ask you to represent us. I have not had time to look for them, but will send them as soon as possible.

Yours in great anxiety and trouble,

FRANCES M. SULLIVAN.

News of the Bishop's illness has probably reached you ere this, and he and Mrs. Sullivan will have already had not only your sincerest sympathy, but also your earnest and most heartfelt prayers for his recovery. Humanly speaking, one cannot imagine a greater calamity for Algoma than for it to be deprived, even for a while, of the guiding hand of its devoted Bishop. Let us unitedly pray that the Great Physician may bless the means used, and restore him once more to take up the grand work, for the sake of which he made so great a sacrifice ten years ago, and to the carrying on of which he has consecrated his every power of mind and body, enduring hardness as "a good soldier of Christ," but under the great stress of which even his magnificent physique has at last succumbed. How could we restrain our fears as to what the future may have in store for poor Algoma — which is as a labouring barque in troubled waters, with her captain laid low, and her crew, either worn out with toil or faint of heart, deserting her — if we did not know of a surety that God will never forsake His own; that the hand of the Great Pilot must be upon the helm, and whilst He is there neither wind nor storm can pre-

And now again in June, 1892, the Bishop says :

"There are two serious obstacles in our way in Algoma as to the W.A. : First, except in the small villages, our Church population is thinly scattered over a wide area, and it is all but impossible to bring them together during the week ; secondly, a central diocesan branch is out of the question. We cannot expect delegates to travel hundreds of miles at their own expense. They simply cannot afford it, and I would not urge it. Hence the five or six little branches that we do possess have to carry on their several little enterprises by themselves, without the encouragement that comes of contact with their co-workers outside."

In reply to a suggestion made by our central secretary, that perhaps it might help to place the Algoma Auxiliary on a firmer basis if it could have a more explicit diocesan organization, to promote which a visit from one or more workers from older branches might contribute, the Bishop wrote: "As for anyone coming up specially to visit them, etc., I really do not think the extent of the work would warrant the necessary labour and expense. I am going to urge the whole matter on the members of the council next week, and am hopeful of some little result."

Whether or not the council were able to make any response to the suggestion of their Bishop, I have not heard ; but unless in this great age of wonderful inventions there be some way discovered of bridging that inland sea of 300 miles' length, it seems to me that there are some almost insurmountable obstacles to be overcome before the women of the Algoma Auxiliary can have a tithe of the benefits we are privileged to enjoy in our many opportunities of meeting one another and acting in concert to promote the well-being of the organization to which we belong.

At the bottom of the last page of my notes I pencilled, "Here give the reports," hoping that they would arrive in time for me to present them to you.* The postman brought me, however, only a second letter from Mrs. Sullivan, which will, I am sure, be of deep interest to you, and which, with your permission, I will read to you, but so far none of the branch reports have reached me. (Letter read.) I cannot say how sorry I am thus to have literally nothing to offer you of actual facts in connection with the work ac-

*These reports came too late for me to give a synopsis of them, but I read extracts, etc.

complished for missions amongst the scattered branches of Algoma ; but that they do work, and can keep the spark of enthusiasm alive under their "big bushel" of home needs, is surely most honourable to them. Moreover, let us remember that while the various parochial organizations for women's work have naturally to devote the result of that work to the supply of their own necessities, yet in so doing they *are* doing "missionary work" in a yet greater degree than when we of the parent body (so to speak) take our diocesan missions, or visit the sick and suffering in our charity wards and hospitals. Dear friends, is it not an accepted axiom that it is those most desirous to help themselves who are most deserving of help from outside friends?

Let us apply that axiom to poor Algoma. Perhaps we have become so accustomed to hearing its Bishop plead for his diocese that we overlook *how* much it costs him to do so at all, and forget how it must paralyze the mental and spiritual powers of chief pastor and clergy alike that God's people cannot see the position for themselves and spare *them* the necessity of pleading as mendicants for a provision which in other dioceses, where there are no such hardships to be encountered, or self-denials daily endured, is deemed a matter of common justice and humanity. In the face of this sudden breakdown of the Bishop himself, and also that of one after another of his clergy, from overwork and anxiety, let us see if something may not be inaugurated *now*, some action taken *now*, that a small foundation stone may be laid *now by us*, the women of our Auxiliary, at this our triennial meeting of 1892, on behalf of the sorely needed Superannuation Fund of Algoma. Dr. Sullivan wrote of this matter, a couple of months ago, "as one *pressing very* heavily upon his heart." Asking for it an attentive and sympathetic hearing, he added: "Algoma alone of all the dioceses is unable to offer a dollar to assist her retired missionaries, after long years of faithful, patient, and self-denying toil for Christ and His Church." Think of it! A poverty-stricken, feeble old age, left to the care of the world's cold charity! Surely the Church's gratitude will not abandon her aged servants to such a fate as this? *But that is the prospect before them so far.* Is it any wonder that the Bishop finds it impossible to obtain clergymen to occupy the vacant missions and keep his people from drifting away from the Church of their forefathers? The

emergency is a grave one, and demands immediate action." A beginning has been made, the clergy paying a yearly sum into the little fund, and a few small contributions have been added to it; whilst a friend whose face I have never seen, but whose "liberal heart is ever devising liberal things," made me the happy medium of forwarding a gift of \$100 to the Bishop; as a "small beginning," she modestly says, "to encourage others to aid the fund."

Dear sisters, pardon me, bear with me, if I have (as I fear I have) overstepped my limits as to time, and gone beyond my privileges as the writer of a mere report; but the triennial comes but once in three years! Time is pressing; the need is growing, and the consequences of there being no steps taken to meet it are becoming daily more and more disastrous to poor Algoma. What of our thank-offerings during our meetings? May not Algoma's Superannuation Fund be remembered in them? And as we pray for its suffering, prostrate Bishop, to our prayers let us add our gifts, so that when on his recovery (which God grant) he learns how "the faithful women," not a few assembled together to-day, responded to his urgent plea on behalf of the hardworking clergy of his diocese, *he* will be strengthened and encouraged to take up his work again with renewed vigour, feeling that still growing and still increasing in our hearts is that current of loving sympathy of which he has so often spoken with the deepest gratitude as "lifting up hands that were weary, and cheering hearts that were sad."

I repeat, dear friends, let us take to our hearts and consciences to-day this crisis in Algoma's history, and let it be our opportunity, God blessing our efforts, to try at least to lay the foundation stone of a work which will be far-reaching in its scope, and incalculable in its benefits to the child of our Canadian Church, the missionary Diocese of Algoma.

Here followed the special message from the Bishop of Algoma to the members of the W.A., which was acknowledged with much feeling. The telegram of sympathy had already been sent.

H. A. BOOMER,
Algoma Delegate.

The Commutation Funds and Algoma.

[It is with satisfaction that we insert the following letter, taken from the columns of *The Evangelical Churchman* of Sept. 15th, 1892.—ED.]

THE CLAIMS OF ALGOMA.

SIR,—As you have always taken a great interest in the welfare of the Bishop of Algoma, that godly man who has been and is still warring and working hard with his small army of godly missionaries, with small means to sustain life and comfort, to man-

age temporarily and spiritually that large diocese—half a wilderness, with lakes and rivers to contend with, larger than the four Dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Ontario, and Niagara put together—I would ask for the space to say a few words in behalf of this diocese.

Why has not the Bishop of Algoma received his share of the commutation funds? One-seventh part of the clergy reserves lies in his diocese, and this land has been and is still being sold by the Ontario Government.

I will go back forty or fifty years ago and give you a short history of the Diocese of Toronto. In the year 1833 the late Right Rev. Bishop Mountain held the oversight of Upper and Lower Canada, now called the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. In the year 1839 the Diocese of Toronto was set off and called Upper Canada, which diocese comprised the whole of the Province of Ontario, and the late Right Rev. Bishop Strachan was appointed the first bishop, and claimed the seventh part of the lands granted by George III. for his diocese. In the year 1840 Church and State were separated, and the clergy reserves were ordered to be sold by Imperial Act of Parliament. The Government of Upper Canada purchased them, and the proceeds were divided between the Church of England, the Presbyterians, the Methodists, and the Roman Catholics. Our Church received nearly one and a half million dollars. In the year 1851 the clergy of the Diocese of Toronto, numbering eighty or ninety, met and divided the above-mentioned funds. The Diocese of Huron was set off and got her share of the commutation funds; the Diocese of Ontario was set off and got her share; the Diocese of Niagara was set off and got her share, \$250,000, including the clergy rectories funds. Now the Diocese of Algoma, much larger than the other four dioceses, with all her poor Indians to minister to, who owned the whole land at one time, gets no portion of this large fund, but merely depends upon the yearly promises of each diocese, which can be refused by the different dioceses in Synod at any time. Surely this is placing the poor diocese in a very discouraging position, and as the old mother Diocese of Toronto received the largest sum and has been dividing the land she is responsible to Algoma for her share, and I trust that the proper authority will see that Algoma gets fairly dealt with in proportion with the other dioceses, namely: The Diocese of Huron, \$700,000; Diocese of Ontario, \$660,000; Diocese of Toronto, \$700,000; Diocese of Niagara, \$350,000.

C. DONALDSON,

One of the oldest delegates in the first Synod of Toronto and Niagara for 45 years.

Acknowledgments.

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

FOR GENERAL FUND.

A Friend of Algoma, \$1; Blind River, \$3.69; Algoma, \$3.56; Cook's Mills, \$2.76; Walford, \$1.81; Webberwood, \$1.18; Tourists at Bala, per Rev. J. D. Herron, \$5.

FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES.

For Thessalon Parsonage Fund.—Per Rev. W. B. Magnan, \$20.

For Powassan Church Building Fund.—Deposit by Mr. Porter, treasurer, \$69.62.

For Port Carling Fund.—Mr. Goulding, additional, 50c.

FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

North Bay, \$6.31; Ullswater, \$1.67.

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

For Jews, London Society.—Shingwauk, Good Friday collection, \$35.24.

FOR SUPERANNUATION FUND.

A Churchman's wife, \$5.

ENGLISH REMITTANCES, OBJECTS NOT STATED.

Per Mrs. Tritton Gurney: Mrs. Fremlin, £2; Miss Wilkinson, £1 1s.; Mrs. B. Plumtre, 5s.; Rev. H. McGachan 5s.; Friends, 3s. 6d.; Miss M. A. Spiller, £3 4s. 6d.; per Mr. W. H. Kidson, £19 9s. 6d.

EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Colonial Bishops Fund, £100

ALGOMA SPECIAL FUND.

Colonial Bishops Fund, £13 10s.

FOR ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

Burk's Falls, \$9.16; Sundridge, \$3.10; Bracebridge, \$7.10; Sault Ste. Marie, \$30; Port Carling, \$10; Gregory, \$10 and \$10; Port Sandfield, \$10; Beaumaris, \$4.50; Blind River, \$2.18; Algoma, \$1.31; Cook's Mills, \$2.29; Walford, \$1.75; Webberwood, \$1.47; North Bay, \$25; Fort William, \$7; Emsdale, \$2; Gravenhurst, \$3.50; Sheguandah, \$3; Huntsville, \$9.30; Uffington, and Purbrook, \$1.30; Dufferin Bridge, \$1.60; Broadbent, \$1.70; Port Arthur, \$65.54; Eagle Lake, \$1; South River, \$2.50; Gravenhurst, \$12.26; Ravenscliffe, \$1.35; Hoodstown, \$1; Ilfracombe, \$2; Novar, \$2; Callander, \$5; Parry Sound, \$5.85; Allansville, \$4.18; Stanleydale, \$3; Aspdin, \$1.60; Katrine, \$2; Chapleau, \$10.12; Schreiber, \$7.30; Sturgeon Falls, \$2.45; Warren, \$2.55; Sand Lake, \$2.45.

D. KEMP, *Sec.-Treas.*

Receipts at Synod office, Toronto, for Diocese of Algoma for September, 1892:

For General Fund.—Toronto, Trinity, \$4.42; Cookstown Sunday-school, \$2.29; Toronto, St. Paul's, 75c.; Port Hope, St. John's, \$9.10; Holy Trinity, Toronto, 40c.; Collingwood, \$8.70; annual meeting, W.A., \$34.75; collection at annual meeting, W.A., \$30.25; Anon., donation, W.A., \$25; sale gold chain, \$10; Donation, "E.L.," Cobourg, \$10; Mrs. Cameron, W.A., \$6.

For Algoma Diocesan Fund.—Per Mrs. Tritton Gurney, £3 14s. 6d. (omitted in August list).

For Temiscaming Catechist.—From W.A., Port Hope, St. Mark's, \$5; Vaughan, \$2; Toronto, St. Philip's, \$3; All Saints', \$23.30; Peterboro, \$5; Port Hope, St. John's, \$4.30.

For Shingwauk.—Parkdale, Epiphany, for boy, \$24.21; Toronto, Holy Trinity Sunday-school, \$25; Collingwood, \$9.37; Etobicoke, for boy, \$7.76; Weston, \$2.62; Dr. Hodgkin, \$2.

For Wawanosh.—Toronto, St. Stephen's Sunday-school, for Lizzie Jacobs, \$25; Toronto, Holy Trinity, \$5.

For Shingwauk and Wawanosh.—Warsaw, 50c.

For Superannuation Fund.—Emsdale, \$3.61.

For Evangeline Fund.—"A.F.," New Brunswick, \$10.

For Widows and Orphans Fund.—Port Sydney, 80c.

For Newfoundland.—Gregory, \$6.25; Port Sydney, \$5; Gravenhurst Sunday-school, \$1.04.

D. KEMP,
Treasurer.

The Rev. A. W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the gift of a handsome sleigh robe from Mr. Partridge, Emsdale.