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The Bishop.

We regret much that the appended extract of a letter from the Bishop to Mrs. Sullivan did not reach us in time for the January issue. We rejoice to say that the Bishop continues to gain strength, that he is looking brighter, and seems to be more like himself again. So thoroughly does he appear to be enjoying the holiday that the hope grows stronger that it is God's will that he return to work for years yet in this missionary field of the Church:

“Christmas Day, 1892.

“Here I am sitting at an open window in A——'s room, while I have only to lift my eyes to get one of the loveliest views you have ever seen or could imagine. The hotel stands on a street close to the sea, and from my room window the Mediterranean stretches away to the horizon, as blue as indigo. From where I am sitting the view is in the opposite direction—to the north—and bounded on all sides by towering peaks, of which I have

counted fourteen. They are all thickly covered with foliage; far up the bases fig and olive trees, while towards the summits they are very bare and rugged, looking as if they had been thrown up in some volcanic upheaval. Here and there you see the chalets, villas, and castles, of white and yellow stone, roofed with red tiles, dotting the mass of green, and making a lovely contrast. Below our windows are lemon and orange trees, covered with fruit in all the different stages of growth, from the size of a marble to that of perfect maturity. Roses, red and white, geraniums, etc., are in full flower; Madame Held had a lovely bouquet on my table when I arrived. Everything is as perfect as can be imagined; indeed we have been so favoured every way since we left home, not a hindrance or accident of any kind, and the kindest of friends to make us welcome everywhere. This morning I was only too glad to go to the vestry and to ask the clergyman to return thanks for God's mercies to two travellers, which he did. We have just come from a lovely walk of three miles towards Monte Carlo, and back through olive groves.”

In another letter from Mentone, dated the 30th of December, 1892, and addressed to Rev. Mr. Llwyd, Commissary, the Bishop says:

“I am glad to be able to report that, in God's great goodness, I have improved wonderfully, and feel myself equal to pedestrian excursions which are an astonishment even to myself. I take walks of four or five miles daily, and some of them are pretty stiff ones, involving the climbing of stiff hills, which before would have appalled me. But the fact is one cannot help walking here. Alike, the air and the scenery tempt you. As to the former, it is soft and warm and balmy. To-day both my windows were open while I wrote, the southern sun pouring in at me in all his strength. We arrived here this day week, and only two days have been short of

perfect. These were fine, though cloudy. The climate is wonderful. You are by this time, I suppose, shivering and shaking with cold, standing on the verge of a bleak and dreary winter—all vegetation gone, snow deep, cold winds whistling about your ears. Here we go about without overcoats, and even then are too warm, while the gardens are full of orange and lemon trees, laden with fruit, in all possible stages of growth, from the earliest green nut to perfect maturity, and all these on the same tree simultaneously. Coming down a mountain yesterday, I picked a ripe orange on the way. Then, as to the scenery, I wish my powers of description are better than they are, but you can imagine it all—the town, about 10,000 inhabitants, built on a slope stretching down to the sea, the Mediterranean.

‘The sea, the deep blue sea,’

as the song says, and, oh, what a perfect blue! reflecting the cloudless blue above. Then in the opposite direction, to the north, a semi-circular chain of mountains ranging from 1,000 to 4,500 feet in height, the lower slopes covered with dense groves of olives, and terraced for vine-growing and gardening purposes, while the higher ranges are bare and rugged, as if thrown up by some tremendous volcanic upheaval. Between, deep, winding valleys, each intersected by its road, which winds in and out in a most serpentine way, every turn and standpoint revealing some new beauty. Roses, heliotropes, geraniums, etc., abound everywhere. Hence flowers are almost a drug in the market. After all this, you will not wonder that I am delighted with the place, and find myself improving rapidly and gaining new strength in the enjoyment of it. There are two English churches—one connected with the S.P.G., the other with the C.C.C.S.—the chaplains of both being licensed by the Bishop of Gibraltar. As might be expected, I have had several offers of pulpit and platform hospitalities, but have conscientiously declined them all for the

present, and so am able to enjoy in perfection, for the first time, I think, in my ministerial life, the *otium cum dignitate*. As to the probable period of my return, it is too soon yet to indulge in any prognostications, but this much I may say, that should I continue to improve, by God's blessing, as I have already done, I shall hope to be at my post of duty again, and with renewed energy, long before the expiration of the year's leave of absence so kindly granted me by the Provincial Synod. I ought to add that much of the benefit I have received is due to the good care which my son has taken of me, in relieving me of all care and responsibility as to arrangement for railway journeys, seeing to the stringent execution of my doctor's orders, and attending to my comforts generally. . . . Possibly by this time you have a voluminous budget of diocesan news already on the way to me. I hope so sincerely, as I now feel strong enough, both in mind and body, to attend to any questions you may have to ask me, if they are not attended with too much worry. I hope you have not had any further resignations since I left, for we really cannot spare one out of our present staff of missionaries. . . . Please remember me most kindly to all enquiring clergy.

Algoma Mission Fund.

The following important letter has been received from Mr. Kemp, the Treasurer of the Diocese of Algoma :

To the Editor of The Algoma Missionary News:

SIR,—Owing to a telephone message from the Synod office having been misunderstood, a statement has appeared in one or two of the city papers to the effect that the Algoma Mission Fund debt has been paid off.

May I be allowed to submit the following statement, showing that there is still a large amount at the wrong side of the account.

Overdrawn account at date of the Bishop's departure for Europe	\$4,690
Additional expended to date for stipends to missionaries, and for working expenses	6,830
	\$11,520

RECEIPTS TO DATE.

Two quarters' grants from S.P.G.	\$1,695
Two quarters' grants from Colonial and Continental Church Society	691

Voluntary contributions and interest from reserve fund	3,983	\$6,369
Present deficit		\$5,151

An amount which it is hoped the friends of the diocese will speedily liquidate.

D. KEMP, *Treasurer.*

Toronto, January 27th.

Notes by the Way.

THE Association for Prayer and Work in union with the Missionary Diocese of Algoma, composed of friends in England, published last month the first number of the *English Quarterly Supplement to The Algoma Missionary News*. The object and aim of this quarterly publication is intended to be a means of communication between associates which shall direct and stimulate their efforts on behalf of Algoma, keeping them in touch with the work and with each other. Its need is felt in England on account of the spread of the association in various directions over England. It will doubtless largely assist organized effort for our diocese. It is gratifying to know that our old country friends feel the need of such a medium of communication. We hail its advent with pleasure and good wishes, and trust that it may live long to work with us for the spread and maintenance of the faith of our fathers in this diocese.

THE substance of a request published in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS is repeated by the Bishop in the *Quarterly* above mentioned, viz., that all who give donations or subscribe to special appeals made by individual missionaries should forward their contributions to him (at the present time to the Bishop's Commissary, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, Huntsville), or to the treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod office, Toronto. "Only in this way can such contributions pass through the diocesan books and receive special acknowledgment by means of the recognized channel." Notice could, of course, be forwarded to the missionary by card or otherwise that assistance had been forwarded to the treasurer for purposes specified in his appeal.

WE had hoped ere this to have been in a position to say that the overdrawn account—rather, our debt—had been met or nearly met. From information at hand at this writing, some \$5,000 yet remains

to be paid. To the W.A. of the Church in the Dominion is chiefly due the credit of lessening it, though not a few others have generously helped. It is not a pleasing reflection that the livelihood of our missionaries is in jeopardy—humanly speaking—while there are many individuals in Canada, as well as in England, men and women, who could send a cheque for \$5,000 and wipe it out, and not deny themselves a single pleasure, let alone comfort or luxury.

WILL correspondents please bear in mind : (1) That one side only of their MS. should be written upon ; (2) that communications for current issue should arrive by the 1st of the month ; and (3) that the name of the writer *must in all cases* be known to the editor (though not necessarily for publication) ?

By some mistake, a Toronto daily paper recently said that the diocesan debt was paid in full. But the sensational garnishing with which the statement was served cannot, by any stretch of charity, be attributed to a mistake. Perhaps the writer possesses an abnormal imaginative faculty. The statement was denied the next day. The letter from Mr. Kemp, which appears on this page, explains the true state of affairs.

OUR information anent the recovery of Rev. A. J. Young is very scanty. Such as we have is of a favourable character. The reverend gentleman is apparently recovering slowly, and has hopes that returning strength may dissipate all functional derangements consequent upon extreme weakness.

It is with sorrow that we announce the illness of Rev. Rural Dean Chowne. In consequence of premonitory symptoms of paralysis, his medical advisor has enjoined complete cessation from all work for the next two months.

THE interesting letter in another column signed E.A.S. is from Mr. Alan Sullivan, who is accompanying the Bishop in his voyage in search of health.

OUR thanks are due to those who have forwarded the editor back numbers, thus enabling him to make his file more complete.

Mr. Franz C. H. Ulbricht has gone to Powassan as catechist in that mission.

Mr. R. J. Renison, a son of Rev R. Renison, will probably be the student at work in Magnettawan Mission during the summer months.

Broadbent Mission.

ST. PAUL'S, SEGUIN FALLS. — This church, formerly a most backward congregation of the mission, now takes the lead, both in members and in energy. The enthusiastic spirit now developing among both senior and junior members promises well to produce considerable good throughout the locality. The divine services held at St. Paul's on Christmas Eve and New Year's Day were certainly the most hearty for many years. The church on each occasion was filled by a truly devoted people, all eager to offer up their praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed during the past year. Would that our city friends could witness the honest zeal of these poor people—their earnest prayers, full-hearted responses and hymns. The church was beautifully decorated by many willing hands with evergreens, almost entirely changing the internal appearance of the building. Mr. Fry, the ever-active churchwarden, contributed much towards the success of the services by the interest he displayed in the welfare of this church, following a like zeal of many years' labour. By the generous loan of his organ, brought two and a half miles for the occasion, the musical portion of the services was highly increased, the organist being Miss Annie Bartlett (now the wife of the Incumbent). In view of the approaching marriage of Rev. Arthur J. Cobb, the special offertory on Christmas eve amounted to \$20.43, a noble amount from so poor a congregation. This was over and above the guaranteed amount of \$25 due from that portion of the mission.

In the Sunday-school a large increase of membership has taken place during the past year, due, no doubt, to the kindly and winning manner of the worthy superintendent, Mrs. Fry, whose many years' interest on behalf of the young people of the locality proves still untiring, and is highly appreciated by all.

The Rev. Arthur J. and Mrs. Cobb desire to thank the many friends, both near and far, for their expressions of good will and useful gifts contributed towards the comfort of their new home.

Emsdale Mission.

Jan. 5th, the Christmastreat for the Emsdale Sunday-school children was held in the Orange Hall, when they with their parents partook of a hearty tea; after which they recited pieces which they had been

learning for the occasion, and were highly complimented by the Rev. Rural Dean of Muskoka, and Commissary of the diocese, who gave, as usual, a soul-stirring address, and advised the congregation to build a stone foundation under the house, and also to erect a hall of their own for the purpose of holding entertainments in. A sale of useful articles was held the same afternoon and evening. When all was over a sound of distant sleigh bells was heard, and in walked Santa Claus, white from head to foot after his long journey from distant countries. The whole thing was a grand success.

On Thursday, Jan. 12th, at Sprucedale, the children were invited to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Malkin's house, where he and Mrs. Malkin made them very happy. Santa Claus also came there, but had to hasten away very shortly, as it was getting so near the close of the season—and he is supposed soon to be back in his own country—and he had yet one place more to visit in the Emsdale mission before his return. The children were most kindly entertained in the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Malkin who know well how to make each and every one happy.

At Ebberston, on Jan. 14th, a most enjoyable time was spent, and the children ate, drank, and sang heartily. The report of the Sunday-school was read by Mr. Worsley on behalf of the superintendent, Mr. Pascoe, who, we regret to say, is going to join his son in the Northwest in the spring. This was the grandest affair of all. The number of marks, attendance, and conduct would have done any one good to hear, when suddenly Santa Claus stepped out so white, so very white, and showered his bounty on all, for all had been good children. The singing here was grand and hearty, indeed. This station is ten miles at least from Emsdale, and three years ago was a very small affair, but is now quite a good Sunday-school, thanks very largely to Mr. Pascoe, superintendent, Mr. G. Worsley and Mrs. Rowe, teachers, who have trained the children to respond and sing heartily. Several persons drove up from Emsdale to be present on the occasion, and were highly delighted.

Mr. Editor, I cannot close this little account of our happiness without thanking the ladies of the various branches of the W.A. who have done so much to help the children of the Sunday-schools of this needy and poor mission of Emsdale to enjoy themselves, as well as sending good and useful articles to

clothe both old and young. May God's hand ever uphold them in their good work!

ALFRED W. H. CHOWNE.

Chapleau.

Rev. W. Evans, late pastor of St. John's Church, passed through here on Tuesday last, *en route* to Parry Sound. He was met at the station here by a deputation representing the Episcopal congregation, who presented him with a purse containing the handsome sum of one hundred dollars.—*Correspondent of Sudbury Journal.*

Uffington Mission.

In these days an almost necessary adjunct of missionary work is the Christmas tree, which is expected to be set up in every station within the mission. Fortunately, each clergyman is supplied with the materials for such work from some branch or branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, and I am specially indebted to Miss Paterson, who kindly sent me a supply from the Central Room, Toronto. Toys are always pleasing to children, but it is gratifying to us when some useful article can be added for each child, at least, in a country mission; and such was the kind of distribution which Mrs. Allmar and myself were enabled to make. Scarfs, mits, toques, stockings, and woolen goods of every description, cannot fail to be of use to children who have to wade through snow, and also endure a temperature often ranging below zero in midwinter.

UFFINGTON.—On Wednesday, January 25th, the scholars of St. Paul's were called together to enjoy a Christmas tree party, and only a few were absent, through colds. The parents were also invited to join the gathering, and many of them readily responded, bringing with them well-filled baskets of provisions, so that an abundant tea was enjoyed by all present. The Rev. W. H. French came up from Gravenhurst, and was heartily welcomed by the company. About seventy, in all, sat down to tea, and, after the table was cleared, the hall was thrown open to the public, with a small admission fee. The Incumbent gave a short address, and then some of the children gave recitations. Musical selections were also given upon the organ, and, just before lighting up the tree, the Rev. W. H. French gave a suitable and practical address, which was

attentively listened to. The gifts were distributed according to the names they bore, and candies were given to almost all the company, which seemed a sort of crowning pleasure that everybody looked for. It was estimated that one hundred persons, in all, had come in; and when they had partaken of the eatables again served round, the national anthem was sung.

PURBROOK. — On Thursday, January 26th, the scholars of Christ Church met together in Mr. Adam Crozier's house. The Incumbent and the Rev. W. H. French also proceeded to the same place, that they might be ready to take their part in the afternoon's programme. Shortly after two o'clock the company began to assemble, and again plenty of provisions, and an abundance of gifts, were visible. All honour to the wardens, Messrs. Crozier and Colson, for their kindness on this occasion, and many thanks to Mrs. Boddy and Miss Paterson, both of Toronto, for the articles sent for distribution. Mr. Colson is superintendent, and himself and wife take the lion's share of the work on all such occasions, and right well and creditably is it done. Between thirty and forty, in all, were present, and, after enjoying a hearty tea, were addressed by the Incumbent. Singing and recitations came next, after which the Rev. W. H. French addressed a few timely and cheery words to the happy little party. The superintendent then unveiled the tree, and very soon there was a manifest delight as the gifts were received, with the addition of beautifully-illuminated cards, sent out from England by Miss Bessie Kirby.

ARTHUR H. ALLMAN, *Incumbent.*

Burk's Falls Mission.

On January 25th, the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, a special service was held in St. Paul's Church, Sundridge. The Incumbent brought with him half a dozen singers from Burk's Falls, who assisted the local choir to mark the occasion by a service more than ordinarily hearty. The singing was very good indeed. The evening was intensely cold, so cold that our driver had one hand slightly frozen. After Evensong the Incumbent preached from the first verse of the epistle for the day. The congregation was not a large one, nor was the offertory, but such as it was it was devoted towards the purchase of two decent almsplates. Exit the tin plates so long in use. The Burk's Falls party were kindly entertained by the

Church people at the other end of the mission, and started homewards at midnight. After a two hours' drive all arrived home, pleased with the trip. It is hoped, notwithstanding the long distance between these places, that a reciprocity of the above character on special occasions may be productive of good to the mission at large.

The intensely cold weather has stayed work on the parsonage. As soon as it moderates, however, operations will be resumed. Funds are sorely needed to erect a kitchen and stable, and unless they are forthcoming the churchwardens will not be able to complete the work absolutely necessary to make it habitable.

Mission of Rosseau.

MY DEAR EDITOR,—The fourth of January last was a specially joyous day to us here in our pretty little hamlet of Rosseau, for at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon it was my privilege to unite in holy matrimony in the Church of the Redeemer our well-beloved brother, the Rev. Arthur James Cobb, deacon in charge of the Broadbent mission, and Miss Annie Bartlett, of Dufferin Bridge. After the solemnization of matrimony, there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in which the newly-married couple found in fullest measure that strength which alone is able to defend them against the assaults of the evil one, and bring them in safety through the trials and sorrows of this life. We have in this young couple a power for good for Christ and His Church, and the hearts of all will open to them in wishes for their happiness as they toil on together, man and wife. A few days afterwards we had the pleasure of the company of the Rev. H. C. Aylwin and his bride, from Ilfracombe. We exchanged duty for Sunday, January 15th. Again, on the 18th of the same month, we had the pleasure of the company of the Rev. William Evans and Mrs. Evans, *en route* to his new field of work at Parry Sound, having left behind him his old C. P. Railway mission, with headquarters at Schreiber, on the north shore of Lake Superior. Right glad was I to see my former fellow-worker, and to have him and his good wife (and only a short time ago a bride, too) so near again, our missions adjoining. We had a quiet but happy Christmas and New Year in this mission, and I was helped in my efforts to cheer and comfort by Woman's Aux-

iliaries in Ottawa and Toronto, and the Guild of St. Agatha of St. Thomas Church, Toronto, and by Miss Day, of Sussex, England. Their noble work for the poorer and less highly-favoured disciples of our Lord cannot be valued too highly, and will never be forgotten by us.

Now, my dear Editor, I find that my parishioners are trying to make me too happy and comfortable, and one of them, Mr. Beley, of Ferncliffe, is in the act of putting up a magnificent furnace of the latest pattern in the cellar, whereby this house will be heated throughout, and winter turned into summer for us. This is a very great change for me, who, in former years, dwelt, a clerical tramp, in shanties, camps, the bush, and so forth, on the Georgian Bay, the Spanish River, the C. P. Railway construction, and Lakes Nipissing and Temiscamingue. I do not, however, expect that I can be long in any comparative comfort, for we must face and, step by step, contend against the difficulties and besetting dangers growing apace in the world. I feel so strongly that it is for God's servants now not only to be earnest and active, even to the utmost agony of spirit, in the saving of souls, but also to be watchfully guarding and making ready against that day, surely near at hand, of bitter strife and turmoil.

Hoping to write soon again, and with more details of my work,

GOWAN GILLMOR.

Thessalon Mission.

The Rev. W. B. Magnan desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following: Two bales of clothing, books, and Sunday-school gifts, from the W.A. of Strathroy, one from the senior, the other from the junior branch; a bale of clothing, books, etc., from St. Jude's Church, Brantford; and a box of toys for Sunday-school Christmas tree from St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. Also, for personal use, \$10, sent anonymously through Rural Dean Llwyd, Commissary. Church matters are progressing favourably in the mission. The Churchwomen's Committee, of Thessalon, is to be highly commended for the work it is doing towards providing funds for the erection of our *much-needed* parsonage. The ladies held a very successful supper and bazaar in Foresters' Hall on the evening of Dec. 20th, when they realized \$45. Since the committee was organized in July, up to the present time, the ladies have raised

over \$100 towards the Parsonage Fund. As the price of building lots in the town is likely to go up before long, we have secured a very good lot on the bank of the river, for which we have to pay \$63. Again, I appeal to the well-wishers of Algoma to assist us with funds for the erection of our parsonage. As I have already stated, the members of the church here are doing their level best—doing it nobly—in this direction; but without considerable aid from friends outside the diocese, the end at which we aim cannot be accomplished for some years yet. Our thanks are again tendered to Mrs. Thomas, of Toronto, for a regular supply of Sunday-school leaflets.

The Mission of Gore Bay.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment in connection with All Saints' Church Sunday-school was held on Christmas eve. The large music hall was packed to the doors, many having to go away without gaining admittance. The lengthy programme, consisting of readings, recitations, dialogues, vocal and instrumental music, etc., was excellently rendered throughout. Several of the pieces deserve special mention, such as the solo by Mrs. E. L. Brazenor, who was heartily encored; also the recitation by Miss White. The duet by Miss Minnie and Master Arthur Kinney, on the violin and the piano, was loudly encored, and the comic songs by Mr. John Sutherland fairly brought the house down. The chief attraction of the literary programme was a piece entitled, "Squire Fullerton's Hired Help," by three young ladies and three young gentlemen, who acquitted themselves very creditably, and received loud applause. After the literary portion of the programme had been disposed of, Santa Claus was ushered in amidst the blowing of horns and whistles and jingling of bells, to the great delight of all, both small and great, and commenced in right good earnest to distribute the presents from the beautifully decorated and well-laden tree to the anxious recipients. Every teacher and scholar received a present, notwithstanding there were considerably over one hundred in all. Amongst the many recipients were the Incumbent and Mrs. McLeod, who received a very handsome present in the shape of a fine oak rocking-chair with scarlet plush seat.

After all had joined in singing the national anthem, one of the largest, happiest, and most successful gatherings ever held

in Gore Bay dispersed for home. The proceeds, which amounted to \$65, were for the benefit of the Sunday-school, to procure papers, magazines, Sunday-school leaflets, etc.

On Christmas Day, at 11 a.m., there was divine service with Holy Communion in All Saints' Church; at No. 1 school-house at 3 p.m., and at Kagawong at 7 p.m.

Parry Sound Mission.

The new Incumbent of Parry Sound, the Rev. W. Evans, late of Schreiber and Chapleau, with Mrs. Evans, arrived here by stage on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, and on the Sunday following held divine service and preached morning and evening to a large and attentive congregation. If these services can be taken as an index, we bespeak for the reverend gentleman both success and usefulness in our church.

On Friday, the 20th January, Trinity Church Sunday-school celebrated their anniversary. Readings, recitations, songs, duets, quartettes, and choruses were given by the children, and speeches by the Incumbent and others. The gathering was successful both in attendance of the scholars and parents and friends.

Aspdin Mission.

The *Aspdin Church News* for December is statistical. We quote a few of its figures: Baptisms during the year, 11; confirmed, 12; marriage, 1; burials, 6; donations, \$191.24; on magazine account the expenditures, \$66.88, exceeded the receipts by \$16.81, a somewhat better position than previous December. No less than 2,460 papers were received during the year. Doubtless the statement of attendances and offerings for 1892 will interest some readers:

Church.	Services.	People.	Offerings.
St. Mary's...	97	2819	\$100 03
St. George's.	57	1900	23 63
St. Michael's	29	806	16 21
St. John's...	36	842	23 65
	219	6367	163 52

Celebrations of Holy Communion:

Church.	Number.	Communicants.
St. Mary's..	44	427
St. George's.	12	82
St. Michael's	10	115
St. John's...	9	90
	75	714

Acknowledgment is made of Christmas gifts from branches of the Woman's

Auxiliary of Canada: Two barrels of clothing, etc., per Mrs. Pettit, Grimsby, Ont.; three barrels of clothing, groceries, etc., per Rev. C. H. Shutt, M.A., St. Barnabas', St. Catharines, Ont.; one bale of clothing, etc., per Mrs. Holland, St. Luke's, Toronto; two bales of clothing, etc., per Mrs. Ellerby, St. Philip's, Toronto; one bale of clothing, etc., per Mrs. Osler, York Mills, Ont.; one bale of clothing, etc., per Mrs. Raikes, Shanty Bay, Ont. Our warmest acknowledgments and thanks are due to the many ladies who have spent so much time and trouble in working for this mission for months past. The gifts of warm clothing, pretty articles for the Sunday-school children, etc., are most fully appreciated, and have helped to gladden many a poor home. Space forbids our enlarging on this subject. Thanks, one and all.

Bracebridge Mission.

To the Editor of the Algoma Missionary News:

SIR,—I enclose the following, which I think will help to fill a column of THE NEWS and answer certain questions in a public way, and which will perhaps satisfy the reasonable demands of many of our benefactors who are members of the Woman's Auxiliary:

It is but a reasonable request which several members of the Woman's Auxiliary make when they write asking for information concerning the many useful and valuable contributions to the necessities of various poor parishes in the missionary Diocese of Algoma. I have therefore determined to use the columns of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS to express, as well as I am able, the uses to which the several donations of clothes, literature, Christmas presents, etc., have been put, and the way in which their several bounties, so heartily contributed, have been received and appreciated. I may say, in general terms, that they have been most acceptable, both to the clergyman, as enabling him to relieve the distress of many of his parishioners (as well as ministering to their comfort and pleasure), and to the people, as evidencing the real interest which the Church takes in all that concerns their welfare—temporal as well as spiritual.

In regard to the method of their distribution, it has been my custom during the summer to ascertain the names of those who, in my opinion, upon careful enquiry, would be likely to need some

assistance in the coming winter, as well as the particular direction this aid would take. This information, together with the ages, size, names of children or others needing such assistance, I carefully note in a book kept for that purpose. Upon the arrival of the bales or boxes, a selection is made (with the assistance of my wife) from the things sent, and the goods for each household is put up ready for distribution—some goods being held over for any emergency cases likely to arise. One of my first calls this year happened to come on behalf of a poor family who were burnt out of house and home in the very cold weather which we have had this month. The family consisted of seven children, most of whom were young, with the father and mother. The father was working some distance from home, and the poor wife made heroic efforts to put out the fire, but in vain; the time taken in this attempt made it impossible to save anything but the poor everyday clothes which they were wearing, and so the whole family were at once thrown upon the hospitality of their neighbours, who took them in and did their best to help them.

In this emergency a messenger was despatched to Bracebridge to procure what assistance could be rendered in the shape of clothes and food. The thermometer was about 25° below zero at the time. One of the first persons he met was your missionary, who was not a little glad to be able to come to the rescue with the good warm clothing and quilts which had fortunately been so bountifully provided by many branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, whose donations I acknowledge in this current number of THE ALGOMA NEWS.

Two years ago a similar case arose in my mission, nor are such cases exceptional. But the ordinary needs of our rural population supply a wide field for well-directed help. One farmer with a family of ten made this remark this winter: "Well, sir, I don't know what we would have done if it were not for the clothes you gave us. I have not the means to buy them." He was a very hard-working, prudent man who made the remark. As a consequence, I have his children at the Sunday-school, where, without assistance, they are not fitly clad to come. I can only quote an instance or two in illustration of the cases to which the gifts of the Woman's Auxiliary are applied. I would add one more in token of the appreciation of gifts for the Sunday-school Christ-

mas trees evidenced by both teachers and scholars in country parts. One bale of most elaborately dressed dolls, toys, books, etc., deserve special mention, as no pains were spared in making the gifts such as any children might be glad to receive; in fact, the principle upon which such gifts are bestowed is in strict accordance with the second great commandment of doing unto others as we would they should do unto us. If the donors could have seen the evident and genuine surprise and delight depicted in the faces of those poor children gathered about the Christmas trees as these gifts were awarded in reference to marks obtained in the Sunday-school, they would have felt themselves rewarded for the painstaking trouble and expense they had incurred. Yes, good women of the Auxiliary, your efforts are appreciated, and your gifts do work their way not only into the homes, but also into the hearts of our poor people, binding more closely in the bond of charity rich and poor as they meet together, and reminding both that God is indeed their Creator and their Father.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following donations and gifts for Bracebridge and parts adjacent: From two sisters of the Church the sum of \$200, paid as salary to catechist for the year 1891-92; also for the year 1893, the sum of \$150 is being paid in regular instalments for the same object, viz., salary in part for catechist at Baysville and Lake of Bays; from Miss M. Boulbee, secretary W.A., Milton, Ont., two cases of clothes, literature, etc., one rag carpet in bale; from Mrs. Alice Grindlay, diocesan treasurer, the sum of \$14.50 for church building at Dorset, Lake of Bays; from Miss Alice Tanner, Wisbeach, Ont., one box of clothes and literature, etc.; from Miss M. Reed, London South, Ont., one bale of clothing; from senior and junior branches of W.A., Diocese of Huron, per Miss Jennie Holmes, two bales of clothing, containing also several very acceptable offerings to clergyman's family, from Clinton, Ont.; from Miss F. B. Innes, secretary W.A., Beachville, Ont., one bale of clothing, etc.; from St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, per Mrs. Alice Grindlay, one barrel of presents for Sunday-school, handsome dolls, boxes, bricks, toys, etc.

JAMES BOYDELL.

The Diocesan Library.

The Librarian would earnestly remind clergy who have not yet responded to the postal circular for January 1st to kindly

send in their subscriptions as per resolution of Triennial Council of 1889. It is only by the clergy doing this that the Librarian can keep up the insurance on the library, and add new and important works as they are published.

Our English Letter.

III.

If only we could picture to ourselves some of the scenes which are described in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, *i.e.*, really try to realize facts that are mentioned connected with the Diocese of Algoma, and, indeed, with missions in general, there would be little need for the earnest pleadings for money and men that we hear on all sides. When our Lord "saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad," Matt. ix. 36. Shall not we, then, who are fellow-disciples of the same Lord, feel for our brethren who are fighting the Lord's battle among the heathen? What is sympathy but placing ourselves in the place of another; rejoicing with them that do rejoice; weeping with them that weep. Yes, rejoicing when fresh souls are won, through the instrumentality of earnest missionaries, to the Saviour's crown, and feeling with them and therefore helping them in their brave fight against cold and hardships that we in England know but little of. Think of the loneliness of a missionary travelling for miles and miles from one mission station to another, over roads almost impassable, and often through drenching rain or cutting winds, and snow and ice! Then when he returns home, weary and worn, he may have to go out and chop up firewood for his family. And yet great is his reward, for he can say with the apostle, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you." Let us feel that he is our proxy, taking the message of salvation to the heathen—"ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech" them by us, and is there not encouragement and cause for thankfulness? Bring before your minds the scene which occurred only last year, when two hundred Christianized Indians gathered at Birch Island to meet the Bishop. Picture the line of canvassed tents and birch-barked wigwams pitched along the shore, and the fleet of fishing boats moored close at hand. How solemn was the scene as the ambassadors of God met the swarthy denizens of the forest, once ignorant worshippers of the great "Mani-

tu," now believers in Christ, and devout and reverent in their demeanour! The groves rang with the well-known hymns, "Jesus, lover of my soul," and "There is a happy land," and all joined in the beautiful services of our Prayer Book. A specially interesting feature in this service was the confirmation of Chief Shoobekishik and his wife. The next morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, when upwards of fifty were present and partook of the outward and visible sign of the Saviour's dying love. With these encouraging facts before us, shall we not help the good Bishop in his hour of need?

There is a story told of a famous painter who painted a picture of the Last Supper. When his friends saw it, they all admired the beautiful finish of the cups and vessels, and nobody noticed the central figure, as the artist had hoped they would do. So he eradicated these minor details, and then all eyes were centred on the figure of the Lord. May we not learn a lesson from this? Does it not show us that if we try to take in the scenes with our mind's eye in which the missionaries are engaged, we shall more and more identify ourselves with the work? Let us try to see through it all the one Lord, the great Head of all missions. "Forasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Yes, if we see the Lord Christ alone, we shall feel more and more that while sympathizing with and helping all missionary work, we are allowed to share in the glorious privilege of helping on the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

J. C. S. GURNEY.

The Fete of Ste. Agnes.

On Saturday we went with a party up to the village of Ste. Agnes, a queer old place on the top of a mountain about three and a half miles from here. There were eleven in all. We got a large donkey for the Bishop, and a good saddle; but he walked all the way up—2,800 feet above the sea level. The start was very funny; all except four were on donkeys, with a donkey-woman to look after each. The road ran along a lovely hill, called the Arbutus Ridge, with valleys full of olive trees on either side. The rise was gradual till about a mile from the village, and then the way got steep. About half way up we saw Corsica to the south, with tremendous mountains and miles of snow

fields. The day was one dedicated to the patron saint of the village, and the annual fete was being held. We got up to the village "Place" just in time to see the procession coming out of the church. First, girls in white and blue—the Saint's colours; then banners carried by old men, men in surplices, who were singing chants; then tapers, and then the priest with the "Host." They marched through streets six feet wide to a little chapel at the head of the town, and there the priest pronounced absolution, and they all went back to the church. We then had lunch "al fresco," which we had brought with us, and climbed to the old castle on top of the hill, 400 feet above the town. This had been built by the Saracens, and commanded an immense stretch of country. A bit of the Italian coast and a point of Bordighera were visible to the south, and Mentone lay flat at our feet. When we came down to the village, the dancing had begun in the "Place." They used the bare ground, which was a trifle gravelly. A band was in attendance. Each dance was in two parts, and between every part a plate went round. Every man who danced was supposed to put in ten centimes. The country people dance very well indeed—waltzes, polkas, and a sort of schottische. I danced with the donkey-woman and the village belles, to the great edification of the bystanders. There must have been 200 people there, and the merriment was great. We started back about 2.45. The Bishop walked half way and then mounted his charger, which I led, as the path is a little treacherous in places. The donkey's name was Victoria, and she went like a bird! The Bishop was a fine sight! He rode till nearly in town, about a mile from it, and then dismounted and walked the rest of the way. Today he is as active as ever, and not a bit tired. This is a walk he never could have accomplished before he was ill. All reached home in good order at 4.15, after the pleasantest day we had spent since we left home. The Bishop enjoyed every minute of it thoroughly. So ended the Fete of St. Agnes.

E.A.S.

Hotel de Londres, Mentone, January 22nd, 1893.

Generous Giving.

The sum of £3 was recently forwarded to the Central African Mission, being a harvest thanksgiving from Barbadoes. The chaplain, in sending it, says: "It is not a

large sum, but when you know that my congregation, with the exception of three people, is composed of black people whose weekly wage averages 4s. 2d. (\$1), I think you will be pleased. Altogether this year, they have given rather over £12 to mission work."

Notes of a Commissarial Journey.

The Rev. T. Llwyd, Commissary, visited Sudbury for service on January 15th. The mission, which, unfortunately, is yet without a missionary, gave him a very grateful welcome. Mr. Llwyd held divine service and administered the Holy Communion at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Epiphany. At 3 p.m., the Sunday-school was visited and an address given. At 7 o'clock evening service was held, and at its close a meeting was held to confer with the Commissary *re* the appointment of a clergyman. A request was preferred by the congregation that the Rev. T. A. Teitlebaum, of Sumner, Assiniboia, be asked to take the mission.

The congregation offered to provide a free house for the missionary; the local quota to stipend to be, as heretofore, \$350 for the whole mission. The Commissary undertook to write to Mr. Teitlebaum, and, failing him, to insert an advertisement in the Church papers asking for a clergyman in full orders.

The next morning Mr. Llwyd left for the Sault Ste. Marie to meet the committee of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes *re* the retirement of the Rev. E. F. Wilson, missionary, and the appointment of a successor. On Friday the Commissary returned to Huntsville for Sunday work, and on the Monday arrived in Toronto to discharge sundry diocesan duties and to arrange with the Rev. Robert Renison, late missionary to the Indians at Negwenanang, important matters of detail *re* his acceptance of the position of missionary at the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes. This done, Mr. Llwyd left by 11 p.m. train for home, to await Mr. Renison's decision by telegraph on the Friday following.

LATER.—Rev. Mr. Renison replied declining the post above mentioned.

GRASP all, lose all.

GO forward, not back.

HE gives twice that gives in a trice.

GOOD intentions will not justify evil.

HASTY resolutions seldom speed well.

THERE is no feeling perhaps, except the extremes of fear and grief, that does not find relief in music.

If.

If any little word of mine
 May make a life the brighter ;
 If any little song of mine
 May make a heart the lighter,
 God help me speak the little word ;
 And take my bit of singing,
 And drop it in some lonely vale,
 To set the echoes ringing !

If any little love of mine
 May make a life the sweeter ;
 If any little care of mine
 May make a friend's the fleetier ;
 If any lift of mine may ease
 The burden of another,
 God give me love, and care, and strength,
 To help my toiling brother !

—Selected.

WE have heard a great deal lately about the Bishop of London and the cabby who asked if "Paul would have lived at Fulham Palace if he had been with us now," says the *Anglican Church Magazine*; but bishops, clever as their training and experience apparently makes them at repartee, do not always come off best. There is a certain street in Peterborough, so narrow that two vehicles cannot pass one another in it. The late Archbishop of York, then Bishop of Peterborough, happened one day to encounter a sweep with his barrow in this narrow way, and, contrary to the usual "rule of the road" obtaining in Peterborough, the latter refused to back. On putting his head out of the window to see what was the matter, his lordship was much surprised to see his course blocked by a sweep, above all people in the world. The sweep, when requested, refused to budge an inch, remarking: "Well, if you don't move, I'll serve you the same as I served the other party yesterday." The only alternative was for the Bishop to back, which he told his coachman to do. The sweep went triumphantly on, much to the amusement of the passers by. "Now," said the Bishop, "how did you serve the party that refused to let you pass yesterday?" "Oh," replied the sweep, laughing, "they wouldn't make way and so I had to."

If you wish your neighbours to see what Jesus Christ is like, let them see what He can make you like. If you wish them to know how God's love is ready to save them from their sins, let them see His love save you from your sins. If you wish them to see God's tender care in every blessing and sorrow they have, why,

let them see you thanking God for every sorrow and every blessing you have. Example is everything.—*Kingsley*.

The Thought of Immortality.

If we must wholly perish, then is obedience to the laws but an insensate servitude; rulers and magistrates are but the phantoms which popular imbecility has raised up; justice is an unwarrantable infringement upon the liberty of men—an imposition, a usurpation; the law of marriage is a vain scruple; modesty, a prejudice; honor and probity, such stuff as dreams are made of; and incests, murders, parricides are but the legitimate sports of man's irresponsible nature. Here is the issue to which the vaunted philosophy of unbelievers must inevitably lead. Here is that social felicity, that sway of reason, that emancipation from error, of which they eternally prate, as the fruit of their doctrines. Accept their maxims, and the whole world falls back into a frightful chaos; and all the relations of life are confounded; and all ideas of vice and virtue are reversed; and the most inviolable laws of society vanish; and all moral discipline perishes; and the government of states and nations has no longer any cement to uphold it; and the human race is no more than an assemblage of reckless barbarians, shameless, remorseless, brutal, denaturalized, with no other law than force, no other check than passion, no other bond than irreligion, no other God than self! Such a world impiety would make. Such would be this world, were a belief in God and immortality to die out of the human heart.—*Massillon*.

Acknowledgments.

Receipts at Synod Office, Toronto, for the Diocese of Algoma from 7th January to 6th February, 1893.

For *General Fund*.—From Toronto Diocese Woman's Auxiliary: Toronto, All Saints', \$203.40; St. James', \$20; Redeemer, \$5; St. Luke's, \$25; Trinity, \$13.50; St. Mark's, \$2.50; St. Bartholomew's, \$4; St. Stephen's, \$22.50; Sutton West, \$8.85; Uxbridge, \$16; Port Hope, St. John's, \$25; Brooklin, \$2.25; Colborne, \$13; Dixie, \$25; sale of gold chain, \$5; Mrs. E. F. Blake, \$15; Anon., per Mrs. Williamson, \$40; invalid chair, per Mrs. Moffat, \$5; Central Branch Ministerial Children's League, \$52; Miss Lynch, \$2; Toronto, Ascension, \$25.60; Redeemer, \$73.25; St. Luke's, \$4; St. Margaret's, \$30; St. James' Cathedral, \$100; Stayner, \$7; Peterboro, \$5; Shanty Bay, \$4; J. Paterson, Esq., \$5; Oleander, \$2; Mrs. A. Macdougall, \$1; Mrs. Spooner, 50c.; "C.M.," \$10; total, \$780.07.

From sundry parishes and persons: Per Miss A. B. Tucker, \$2 12s.; Rev. W. T. Noble, Quebec, \$10; per Miss Mary Eyre, \$58 15s. 6d.; Rev. Dr. Beaumont, \$5; H. J. Mudge, Esq., \$25; A. H. Campbell, Esq., \$50; Rev. V. Clemarti, \$5; per Miss S.

Wigram, treasurer, "The Net," £5 17s. 10d.; Mr. G. H. Timbury, \$2; Mrs. J. A. Jamieson, \$2; from one who received comfort in sorrow, \$5; T. Haslam, Esq., per Rev. A. W. Daniel, \$5; E. M. Wilgress, \$25; Quebec W.A., per Mrs. Irvine, \$2; Lewis Branch W.A., per do., \$5; E.R.R., \$5; Stratford, St. James', special appeal, \$23.33; Sussex Secretary, £7 18s.; Trinity, \$10.13; St. Paul's, 25c.; St. Anne's, 90c.; All Saints, \$144.85; St. Peter's, \$55; Port Hope, St. John's, \$16.52; H. Pellatt, Esq., \$50; Rev. W. E. Carroll, \$1; W. H. Eakins, Esq., \$5; collected by Mrs. Cook, \$33.25; Mrs. J. Macpherson, \$5; thank-offering box, Quebec Triennial W.A., \$3.55 and \$2; Toronto, Trinity P.M.A., \$3.55; St. Matthias' Church, Cote St. Antoine, \$19.33; Thamesford, St. John's, a member, 50c.; Ottawa, St. George's, \$32.17; C. McCaffrey, Esq., Toronto, \$10; Toronto, St. Stephen's, \$5.57; Lady Macpherson, \$100; Horace Thorne, Esq., \$50; Mrs. D. Sawbridge, £1 10s.; S. Scott, Esq., £50; T. Williams, Esq., \$5.

For *Shingwauk Home*.—Boscobel Sunday School, \$1.50; J. D. Noble, Esq., for boy, \$25; Toronto, St. Mary Magdalene, \$5.08; Holy Trinity, for boy, \$25; Ascension, for John Weipo, \$37.52; Parkdale, Epiphany, Mrs. Noverre's school, \$2; Orillia, \$1; Collingwood, \$9.37; Lindsay, \$1.66; T. Millman, \$5; Parkdale, Epiphany, for boy, \$13.81; Humber Mission School, \$1.

For *Wawanosh*.—Boscobel Sunday School, \$1.50; Messrs. Kirkman's Sunday School class, St. Jude's, Montreal, for Elvin Yanot, \$4; Y. W. Bible class, for do., \$6.25; Toronto, St. George's, \$37.50; Holy Trinity, for girl, \$5; Parkdale, Epiphany, Mrs. Noverre's school, \$2; Lindsay, \$1.66; T. Millman, Esq., \$5; Humber Mission School, \$1.

For *Temiscaming Catechist*.—From W.A.: Toronto, St. Mary Magdalene, \$1; St. Philip's, \$3; St. Stephen's, \$2 and 75c.; Churchville, \$10; Lakefield, \$2.50; Toronto, St. James', \$25; Miss Cosens, \$1.

For *Marksville Parsonage Fund*.—W.A. Extra-cent-a-day Fund, \$32; Rev. E. A. Vesey, \$5.

For *Huntsville Church Building Fund*.—Per Miss A. B. Tucker, 8s. 6d.

For *Aspdin Vestry*.—Per Miss A. B. Tucker, £3.

For *Indian Missions*.—Sussex Secretary, England, 10s.

For *Wycliffe College Missionary to Algoma*.—Toronto, St. Paul's, \$200.

For *Superannuation Fund*.—Per Miss A. B. Tucker, 5s.; thank-offering box, Quebec W.A., \$9; Miss Shortiss, W.A., \$6.

For *Foreign Missions*.—Epiphany collection: Fort William West, \$3; Novar, 45c.; South River, \$2.65; Powassan, \$2.26; Trout Creek, \$1.30; Nipissing, \$1; Eagle Lake, 79c.; Huntsville, \$1.07; Emsdale, \$1.26; Eberston, 52c.; Burk's Falls, \$3.28; Sundridge, \$2.15; Port Carling, \$1; Gregory, 75c.; Gravenhurst, \$4.20; Sheguiandah, \$3; Aspdin, \$2.58; Allensville, \$1.69; Stanleydale, 94c.; Lancelot, 52c.

For *Domestic Missions*.—Fort William West, \$10.35.

For *Episcopal Endowment Fund*.—Per Miss A. B. Tucker, £5.

For *Widows and Orphans' Fund*.—Thank-offering box, Quebec W.A., 45c.

D. KEMP, Sec.-Treas.

Rev. T. Llwyd begs to acknowledge the receipt of \$1. from "A Friend, Midford," to the General Fund.

Rev. C. Piercy desires to acknowledge the receipt of \$5 from Mr. J. Catto, Toronto, for Burk's Falls Parsonage Fund.