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Notes by the Way.

THE Bishop hopes to hold an ordination at Huntsville on Trinity Sunday.

At the annual vestry meetings particulars of insurance policies should be stated. No oversight should cause delay in renewals.

G. S. WILGRESS, ESQ., one of the lay members of the Standing Committee, has gone to the Infantry School, Toronto, until July next.

THE Bishop has been advised by his physician to try the invigorating air of Colorado for a few weeks, in the hope that the change may benefit his lordship's health.

THE Rev. W. A. J. Burt, Port Carling, has been appointed honorary secretary for the Diocese of Algoma, to represent the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, England. We extend our congratulations.

A GLANCE at our columns will show the reader how few reports are to hand concerning the Easter vestry meetings. In a missionary diocese such as Algoma, it is often an advantage to officials to know who are the office-bearers in a certain station or mission.

MR. HAY, the catechist at work in the Maganetawan Mission, has, we are sorry to say, been obliged by ill-health to cease his labours for a time. He went to Toronto to consult physicians there. He hopes in a few weeks to be able to return to Maganetawan.

FROM the daily press it is learned that the Bishop has forwarded a letter to the Metropolitan of the province intimating that his prolonged ill-health may compel him to resign the oversight of the diocese. A meeting of the bishops has been summoned at Ottawa.

The News, published at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., says that Rev. Mr. Vesey declined a six months' leave of absence. Another paragraph announces the Bishop's nomination of Rev. Mr. Waller, of Montreal, as temporary incumbent during the summer months. The nomination was accepted at St. Luke's annual Easter vestry meeting. Rev. Mr. Waller is classical tutor in Montreal Theological College.

BEFORE the date of our next issue, the annual Ascensiontide Appeal for Domestic Missions will be made and responded to. Poor though Algoma be, let us who enjoy Church privileges therein and feel the need of more frequent ministrations and opportunities of assembling for worship show our gratitude by *doing much* for the sustaining of mission work in our own country. When the offertory for Domestic Missions is received, let us, each one, give, not what we think we can afford, but the utmost we can. "The household of faith" has a *real* claim upon us.

A HUNDRED years ago the statistics of slaving were as follows: The number of slaves bartered for in one year on the coast of Africa from Cape Blanco to the Congo was: Great Britain, 53,100; British Americans, 6,300; France, 23,256; Holland, 11,300; Portugal, 1,700; Denmark, 1,200; in all, 104,100. The average price was £15 a slave, bringing the total to £1,561,500. Great Britain heads the list. It took her many years after that date to master the true significance of this sort of commerce. But if ever a nation deserved absolution, she does. We do not need to be told how gloriously her children have redeemed the sins of their sires by the conversion of their flag into a symbol of the most perfect, the most true and complete, form of liberty the understanding of men has ever been able to arrive at and fashion.—*The Churchman, New York.*

M. EDOUARD NAVILLE gave before the Victoria Institute an account of his important discoveries at Bubastis, one of the ancient great cities of the Delta of Egypt, and principal seat of the worship of the cat-goddess, Pasht. The speaker said, at the beginning of his lecture, that it was remarkable that while one of the latest writers on the East had referred to the failure of the prophecies of Ezekiel regarding the cities of Egypt, he had himself found in the same prophecies the light by which he was guided in his search. Bubastis was found to have been a city of much more historical importance than had generally been supposed, the recovered monuments bearing dates all the way down from the fourth (or pyramid builders') to the thirtieth, or last Egyptian, dynasty. The most conspicuous relics were of the fourth, sixth, twelfth, shepherds', nineteenth, and twenty-second dynasties. Some very interesting relics of the shepherd-kings, hitherto rare except at Tanis, were found; and from the beauty of their statues, and other evidences, the author concludes that they must have been a highly cultivated people, and have come probably from Mesopotamia.

The Missionary at Work on the North Shore of Georgian Bay.

I have just been paying a visit to the scattered sheep in the far-away fence corners of the fold, so, perhaps, a few notes of the work will be interesting to your readers.

KILLARNEY.—This is a fishing village, and, as most of the people here are Roman Catholics, I could not hold a service very well; so I called upon the few people that were there, both going and returning, and had reading and prayer with the very few that had any sympathy with the Church. This is twenty-five miles from Sheguiandah, straight across the ice. It was a pleasant journey, the only difficulty being the cracks in the ice, several of which I was compelled to cross.

BEAVERSTONE.—This is a little river on the north shore, twenty-three miles from the former place. There is a depôt camp about three miles up the river, belonging to Burton Bros., of Barrie, where I held service. About thirty men came to church, among whom were some members of our own Church, who were glad of the opportunity of hearing God's Word. There was a young man not long out from England, in whom I was interested. He had met with a slight accident, and was laid up for a few days, so I had a good opportunity of conversing with him on spiritual things. Friends here were very kind to me, as I am pleased to say they were in all the places I went.

BAD RIVER.—This is a tributary of the French River, about ten miles journey through the thick woods from the last place. It was not an unpleasant journey, but, to my great disappointment, my friend whom I came chiefly to see was absent. However, the clerk in charge made every arrangement for my benefit. A place was found for me to hold service in, and a goodly number came to church, among them some of those who are not supposed to be friendly to us. A number of hymn books were produced, and the way the men sang proved that they were not unaccustomed to this religious exercise. The men here were at work getting out pulp wood and paving timber.

THE BEAVER MEADOW CAMP.—This is a camp where a number of men are getting out paving timber and pulp wood. I held service here, and I was pleased to meet some old friends whom I had met

years ago. One in particular, who hailed from the old country, was working in the capacity of cook. Next morning I went out in the woods to see the men at work. I noticed that several Indians were at work here, some coming from a distance. They were all present at the service. There were a good many Roman Catholics in the camp, yet all took an interest in the proceedings, and listened to the preaching of the Word of God.

MCDONALD'S CAMP.—This is situated in an opposite direction to the other places, so I had to retrace my steps. They gave me dinner at the Depôt, and towards evening I arrived at my destination. There I found a large colony of people from almost every white nation under heaven. I saw here the finest physical specimen of humanity I ever saw. Like Saul, he was head and shoulders taller than the rest. The work here was so encouraging that I was asked to stay another day with them. The big man begged me to stay till Sunday morning, and give them a Sunday sermon, which I did, as well as preaching on two consecutive evenings.

It was a treat to some of these men, who never hear the Word of God during the eight or nine months they are in the woods. Sunday is the same as the other days, except that they do not go out to work. Of course, I know that a good many are indifferent to religion; yet some are not so, and feel the want of religious services. The foreman, with his wife and family, came to church, and the men that had any Sunday clothes put them on in honour of the day and the event. We managed to sing some hymns, though not so vigorously as at the other place. After service I left for another service at the Depôt Camp. There they gave me dinner, which consisted of a huge trout, baked whole, prepared especially for my honour, I think; and when all was cleared away, we joined in worship. I preached on the epistle for the day. In the evening I went to the village of Collin's Inlet for service in the schoolhouse.

COLLIN'S INLET.—I was advised not to take my horse to this place, because the ice in the channel was weak; so two dogs were given me, and a boy to drive them. It will be remembered that this is the place where I met with an accident some years ago, when my beast was submerged, and with difficulty extricated, and was useless to me ever after. However, we met with no accident, though I cannot say I like to see dogs

pulling me along. My friends at the Inlet were glad to see me, and we had a very hearty service in the schoolhouse, which can boast of an organ—no little help to our praise and thanksgiving. These people keep up Sunday School every Sunday, though they do not see a minister all winter, except when I go.

POINT GRONTINE.—Next morning I returned to the Depôt for my mare. The water had so risen in the river that the dogs were just about swimming. We left them, and climbed the bank, and plunged through the snow for the rest of the way. My journey through the woods to the Indian village at the Point was not so unpleasant, and the Indians were glad to see me. I stayed with them two days, the rain preventing me from going further. We had service morning and evening. I was able to preach the Word of Life to them in their own tongue, and further instructed them in Scriptural knowledge with the aid of a magic lantern which I had with me. The women are intending to give me a handsome pair of moccasins, as an acknowledgment of my efforts in their spiritual behalf.

GRAY'S LAKE.—When I was at Collin's Inlet I was asked to bring my mare round by the big portage, where I should find the ice safe, and then I could go to Gray's Lake, where a good Churchman was working with a gang of men, who, I was told, would be glad to see me. One of my Indian friends accompanied me through the most difficult parts of the route, and I made my way alone through the woods beyond. The roads were very bad, because the thaw had raised the water in the creeks, and ravines, and marshes, making it very difficult to get through, the beast sometimes being almost submerged. Yet I arrived at my destination, and was well received. Most of the men hailed from Eastern Ontario, and were good, intelligent men, and the foreman was all and more than was told me.

LONG LAKE.—This was a most disastrous journey, though I am over it, and alive and well. Yet my horse was not so fortunate, for during the night I stayed there a slight frost had frozen the water in a marsh through which I had to pass, but not sufficient to carry her. She broke through at every step, and for over a mile the poor thing had to drag me through the ice and water. I was sorry that I could not walk. Had I my snowshoes with me, it would not have

been so bad, for the ice might possibly have carried me; but to sit and watch the poor beast was almost unbearable, and I knew I had a journey of sixty miles before me, and eighty before I reached home. Of course, no animal in the world could stand this, and she is sick in consequence. I am doing my best to make her well, for "conscience's sake."

MANITOWANING. — I called here on Saturday on my return, and administered the Holy Communion to a goodly number of communicants on the following day, the catechist in charge taking duty for me in Sheguiandah and Little Current.

F. FROST.

Sheguiandah, March 15th, 1894.

Gravenhurst Mission.

Our Lenten services consisted of a full service on Wednesday evenings, and the shortened form of Evening Prayer (without sermon) on Fridays. During the week before Easter, services, including the ante-communion office, were held every morning, and on each evening, after Evening Prayer had been said, a lecture was given, tracing the sayings and doings of our Lord from Palm Sunday onwards. On Good Friday the services, well attended, were the same as on Sundays. On Easter Day, the Holy Communion was administered at 8 a.m., and also after Morning Prayer. The number of communicants was not encouraging. The attendance at the other services presented a very different aspect. The music on Easter Day, if not brilliantly artistic, had the merit of heartiness, and was well supported by the congregation. On Easter Monday the annual vestry meeting was fairly attended, and very satisfactory. The wardens, Messrs. Oke and Brown, received the well-merited commendation of the vestry for their good work done during the past year. But that work had been so onerous (for it had included, to save expense, the varied functions of sexton, bell-ringer, and organ-blower also) that it required considerable persuasion, both clerical and lay, to induce them to continue, for another year, their duties as wardens, and wardens only. The sidesmen are: Messrs. E. H. Firman, G. A. Readshaw, F. Newton, and R. Johns, Mr. Johns' being the only new name. The parish is undergoing thorough repair in the way of plastering, papering, painting, shingling, etc., the Woman's Auxiliary being prominent in this as in other good works, *i.e.*, in raising the funds to pay for it.

NORTHWOOD. — The fifth Sunday in Lent was my usual day for going to Northwood for afternoon service, but the prevalence of a fierce gale, which had been blowing also during the previous night, brought me a warning from Gravenhurst folk that there would be considerable danger in travelling through the woods that day. Very reluctantly, therefore, I refrained from making the attempt. But, on Palm Sunday, having an expert driver, I forced my way through. I never had such an experience before, and hope never to have another like it. Sometimes, in open places, plunged into deep mud; in others, one wheel of the light buggy on a solid bed of ice, the other wheel sunk down into a bed of soft snow; sometimes contending with a chaos of ice, frozen clods of earth, and holes (!) where the ice had thawed out, leaving huge, rough lumps of soil, amidst which the good horse stumbled, sometimes almost to the point of falling. Well might my driver afterwards admit that frequently we had been nearly overturned. About a mile from the church the right shaft snapped! Leaving the driver to do his best, I walked, or rather stumbled, onwards, and reached the church thoroughly exhausted, the sun being very hot. As I was far behind time, the lay reader was reading the prayers. After resting, seated on a log outside, I collected myself in time to enter the church and give a sermon, and conclude the service. I then found that my Gravenhurst friends had been right. No one had ventured to church on the previous Sunday. And on this, Palm Sunday, I had not been expected at all! Not a single vehicle was out. Every one had walked to church. The lay reader, an English farmer, with three sons and four daughters, a most interesting family, had walked four and a half miles to church, and had the same distance to return. The congregation urged me to refrain from undertaking such a journey again, but to come to them as soon as the roads were fit for a carriage to travel on. My driver was assisted in the temporary patching up of the shaft; so, with something of nervousness as to what might possibly happen, I turned my face homewards, and was thankful to reach Gravenhurst again in safety, and in time for the evening service, although jaded beyond expression, and able to officiate only with great effort. My chief regret, however, lay in my inability to give the Northwood people their Easter communion. C. J. MACHIN.

Huntsville Mission.

The services in All Saints' Church on Easter Sunday were well attended, particularly in the evening. Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd officiated. An impetus in the heartiness of the services was given by the choir's united rendition of "Jackson's Te Deum," which it rendered in a most gratifying manner. The organist was Master H. C. Llwyd, the blind son of the incumbent, who most efficiently and musically maintained his important position. The Rural Dean preached in the morning on the "Facts of the Resurrection," and in the evening on the "Necessity of the Resurrection," and was listened to very attentively by the congregation, which, in the evening, was very large. The offertory for the Sunday was \$34.44.

There were fifty-five communicants at the celebration of Holy Communion in the morning.

Following is the account of the vestry meeting held in All Saints' on Easter Monday under the presidency of the incumbent, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd. There was a fair attendance of the membership. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The wardens submitted the financial statement, showing an income of \$998.14, expenditure of \$1,038.84, and a deficit of \$40.70. The incumbent made his annual statement of parochial work, which, among other items, mentioned 66 families in parish, 47 baptisms, 29 persons confirmed, 46 celebrations of Holy Communion, 122 communicants, and 1,180 parochial visits. Reports were also presented from the Sunday School, Church Woman's Committee, Young People's Communicants' Guild, and the Bureau Board, all of which were very satisfactory. The financial statements being accepted, the incumbent nominated his warden. Mr. C. A. Wattson was elected lay reader, after which followed the appointment of the usual officers, and filling of the several committees. An interesting discussion took place concerning the erection of the proposed church. The estimated cost is \$4,000, of which fully \$2,500 needs to be yet obtained.

The Young People's Communicants' Guild of Christian Endeavour is the name by which—at the annual meeting of the Guild on March 21st, under the presidency of the incumbent—the unmarried communicants of All Saints' were remodelled and expanded into what is aimed to

be a more spiritual and helpful movement for growth in the spiritual life and opportunity for practical church work. The meetings of the Guild of Christian Endeavour will be weekly for prayer and Bible research, and monthly for prayer, examination, and consecration. Business meetings will be held at the call of the president after any weekly meeting. The members will each take a solemn pledge to faithfully observe and carry out the objects of the Guild, and a Lookout Committee will be appointed to take up work to be specially assigned them. The officers will be a president (the clergyman), vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. The roll will be called at each meeting, and attendance tabulated. An alms-bag will enable each member to give weekly as they may be able.

Uffington Mission.

Missionary work has been attended with much difficulty during the past winter, but I am thankful to report that the incumbent of Uffington has only lost one Sunday during the wintry season. It is true that, for the most part, he drove a team, and thereby was enabled to keep his engagements when otherwise he might not have done so. Now comes the season when a trial of patience is imposed by reason of very bad roads and an abundance of mud. I am sorry to say, however, that many of the settlers are going to suffer to some considerable extent, in consequence of the sudden disappearance of sleighing, which left some thousands of logs in this vicinity still in the bush.

CLEAR LAKE.—Services have been conducted at this outpost at regular intervals, with both acceptance and success. A Sunday morning service has been given in the schoolhouse once a month, and Rev. A. H. Allman has been encouraged to persevere because of the appreciative and devout spirit shown. At Mr. J. Pyburn's camp very earnest and impressive services have been held. There was sometimes a gathering of over forty men.

ST. PAUL'S, UFFINGTON.—On Easter Monday the annual vestry was held here. The accounts showed improvement since last year, and it is satisfactory to record that by the time all Easter dues are paid there will be a small balance in hand. Rev. A. H. Allman presided, and the following officers were re-elected, viz.: Messrs. W. Tinkiss and W. T. Kirkpatrick, wardens; Messrs. J. Irving and T. Fielding, sidesmen; and Mr. L. Smith, auditor.

CHRIST CHURCH, PURBROOK.—On Easter Tuesday the annual vestry was held here, Rev. A. H. Allman presiding. The accounts showed a deficiency, which it is hoped will soon be made up. Messrs. J. T. Coulson and A. J. Crozier were re-elected wardens, and Mr. James Clark was elected auditor. It was proposed by Mr. Coulson to place a font in the church in memory of the late Miss Kirby, who had been such a constant friend to the congregation. It was also resolved to proceed with the collection of stone, in order to put a good foundation under the church, and also to effect other improvements.

ST. STEPHEN'S, VANKOUGHNET.—On Wednesday in Easter week the annual vestry was held here. Rev. A. H. Allman presided. The accounts showed a small deficit, but promises had been received that would wipe it out. The chairman having urged the retiring people's warden to accept re-election, Messrs. A. Cooke and Keith Moffatt were re-elected wardens, Mr. G. Richardson was re-elected sidesman, and Mr. F. Lambert was elected auditor. The vestry resolved to raise a driving-shed, and named Wednesday, April 4th, for the calling of members together. A.H.A.

Mission of Rosseau.

I have been so busy during the past four months that I have not had time to write, and even now do so in a hasty manner. I had three vestry meetings last week: At Cardwell, Messrs. Holton and Sirrett, churchwardens; at Ullswater, Messrs. Anderson and Creasor, wardens; and at Rosseau, Messrs. Coate and Brown, wardens. Incumbent's salary, as pledged, at Ullswater and Rosseau, fully and regularly paid. The Sunday Schools at Ullswater and Rosseau are in a very promising state, and also at Cardwell. The congregations at all services are good, and steadily increasing. A large number of candidates for confirmation will be ready at the visitation of our Bishop in the summer. Our new parsonage here is clear of all debt, and, so far, has cost about \$1,500. A committee has been appointed to superintend repairs and improvements for the Church of the Redeemer here, and they will soon commence a stone foundation and new brick chimney, having in view a chancel, and heating by furnace. The wardens are anxious that the enclosed balance sheet should appear in THE ALGOMA MISSION-

ARY NEWS. Altogether, I have to report much progress, and we thank God, and look forward with great courage and hope.

Our beloved brother, Frederick William Coate, entered into his rest on Easter Day, at the ripe age of seventy-four years, and his body lies in St. Thomas' churchyard, Ullswater, awaiting the resurrection to eternal life.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, ROSSEAU.—The following is the balance sheet from Easter, 1893, to Easter, 1894:

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance from last year.....	\$ 35 00
Woman's Auxiliary.....	144 00
Sale of old parsonage.....	300 00
Subscriptions.....	15 00
Offeratories.....	237 69
	\$731 69
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Incumbent's stipend.....	\$200 00
New parsonage.....	289 77
Expenses.....	45 85
Insurance.....	31 25
Collection for Rev. Mr. Frost.....	16 79
Christmas offertory.....	8 70
Balance.....	139 33
	\$731 69

G. GILLMOR.

Powassan Mission.

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion was celebrated on the evening of March 27th. Afterwards a vestry meeting was held, with Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, B.D., in the chair. The chairman, having thanked the wardens for past services, pointed out that their office was annual, and although they might be renominated and re-elected that it was better, after long and faithful service, to change the wardens in the interest of the church and its younger members. The books having been audited and found correct, the chairman renominated Mr. James Porter for the office of warden on behalf of the student. The vestry re-elected Mr. Richard Georgeson for the office of warden on behalf of the congregation. The other officers for the incoming year are: Senior sidesmen, Messrs. Scarlett and Drew; junior sidesmen, Messrs. Richardson and Wm. Porter; auditors, Messrs. Scarlett and Drew. Mr. Scarlett was thanked by the student in charge for having filled the position of superintendent of the Sunday School. The vestry expressed their sympathy with Mr. Drew and family in the death of their three little children. The meeting closed with prayer.

Bracebridge Mission.

BRACEBRIDGE.—Special Lenten services have been held in St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, which have been attended with marked interest and regularly by those who participated in the blessings thus provided for her children by the Church.

The Easter services were well attended, and the number of communicants large, but not as great as it should have been, while one remained away. There was an early celebration, and a celebration after Morning Prayer, according to the usual custom.

The usual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, when the incumbent nominated Mr. A. A. Mahaffy as his warden for the ensuing year, and Mr. W. R. M. Browning, the retiring warden, was re-elected on behalf of the congregation. The re-erection of the parsonage, destroyed by fire in December, formed the next subject for discussion, when a building committee was appointed, with instructions to advertise for tenders at the earliest opportunity, and to report to the congregation in due time. The finances of the church were highly satisfactory, a small balance being left on hand after all claims had been met, and several perfectly sound, but rather late, subscriptions remained to be collected.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary was very encouraging, showing a balance of \$611 to their credit in a chartered bank for the purpose of building a new church when sufficient funds on hand would warrant the investment. The male members of the congregation have only to follow the example of their sisters in Christ, and the work could be at once assured and begun.

FALKENBURG.—Five miles out of Bracebridge, at Falkenburg, the Church forms the centre of a very steady and encouraging congregation. The attendance is uniformly good, and an occasional storm or shower will not spoil our Evensong. The offertory showed a large increase over former years. We have an excellent Sunday School under the management of the ladies of the congregation, and I am enabled to give my personal supervision by publicly catechizing the children before or during divine service.

STONELEIGH.—Eight miles from Bracebridge, in another direction, is a little church at a place named Stoneleigh. I have to rely very largely on the able

assistance received from a zealous lay member of the Church, Mr. Gilmore, in keeping up the regular weekly services of the Church. My able lay assistant is organist as well as catechist, and instructs in music, and the Church's canticles and hymns, the children of the neighbourhood. At stated intervals I administer the Holy Communion and Holy Baptism, etc. A very efficient Sunday School is under his instruction.

BAYSVILLE.—Baysville is sixteen miles east from Bracebridge, and Colebridge or Dorset yet sixteen miles further, at the eastern extremity of the Lake of Bays. At Baysville we have a church 20 x 40 feet, which has lately been put in a thorough state of repair, and the interior made pleasant to look upon as the "House of Prayer." Mr. Dagg Scott, my catechist, continues the Church's services every Sunday in the morning and evening, alternately with Dorset. The congregations are regular in their attendance, and have ever been punctual in meeting their obligations to the Church.

DORSET.—Sixteen miles east from Baysville, and thirty-two miles from Bracebridge, we have a newly erected church building, the site having been given by a person liberally disposed towards the Church. The building is 20 x 40 feet, and sufficiently completed to allow of divine service being held in it. But much remains to be done, both in regard to the interior and exterior of the building. At present it is only rough boards on the outside, and very much remains to be completed in the interior. At least \$300 are urgently needed to complete the work and have it as a zealous churchman would like to look at it. The people, who are poor, have done much by their own personal efforts and donations, and are quite willing to do what they can. This place is the centre of very extensive lumber operations, and will be a very important point for Church work if we can only do what we ought to maintain efficiently the foothold we have obtained. Donations towards this object, the building fund for this church in the midst of territorial and moral wilderness, would be most thankfully received by the treasurer of the Dorset church building fund, per care of incumbent of Bracebridge and Dorset. The people take advantage of the Church's services, and are ready to do their best in promoting the interests of the Church.

J. BOYDELL.

Sudbury Mission.

The annual Easter vestry meeting of the Church of the Epiphany was held on March 27th, Rev. Mr. French, incumbent, in the chair. The meeting was well attended. The wardens submitted the financial report for the past year, which was considered highly satisfactory. There was not one cent of floating debt on the church, notwithstanding the fact that the mission had been without a minister for several months. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$383.90; expenditures, \$370.23; leaving a balance of \$13.67. The Rev. Mr. French then read his report, from which we glean that, during his six weeks' residence, he had made a visitation of the three congregations comprised in the mission, finding the Church population to be as follows:

	Families.	Souls.	Individual members.	Total souls.
Sudbury.....	31	130	27	157
Copper Cliff..	9	39	11	50
Murray Mine..	10	54	12	66
Totals....	50	223	50	273

Twenty-three Sunday services gave a total attendance of 1,051. Good Friday, two services, with attendance of 61, and twenty-four week-day services, with a total attendance of 384. Total Sunday and week-day services, 47. Celebrations of Holy Communion, 5; baptisms, 1; churching, 1; visits, 153.

Offertories.

Sudbury, \$65.68, less Good Friday, \$4.06, leaving.....	\$61 62
Copper Cliff.....	\$12 63
Murray Mine.....	13 07
	————— 25 70
	\$87 32
Easter offerings.....	11 50
Contributions by envelope, \$40, promising, per week, \$7.60.	
If to this we add Good Friday's offerings.....	4 06
Special collection taken outside the offertory.....	26 25

We have, in the mission, a total money contribution during six weeks of..... \$129 13

The report goes on to say: "Nor must it be overlooked that at Copper Cliff, through the generosity of Messrs. Frist & Shuler, two dozen prayer books and three dozen hymn books, with copy for organ use, and a chant book, have been provided for Copper Cliff. And at Murray Mine, Mr. Edwards has purchased, as a parting gift, four dozen prayer books and four dozen hymn books, with copy

and book of chants for organ, for use at Murray Mine. The services at both places are conducted in the same manner as in the church here.

"Passing now to another branch of Church work, we find our Sunday School demands attention. When I came here the teachers were four, and children nineteen in number. Now the teachers number five and children thirty-six, an increase of seventeen children and one teacher. Besides the teachers, there is the secretary-librarian. The finances of the school show receipts, \$23.37; expenditure, \$17.60; balance on hand, \$5.77. Too much praise cannot be given those friends who, in the time of the Church's lowest period here, have stood to the work and held the children together. It is my intention, next week, to start a teachers' Bible class.

"The woman's work has been fully organized as 'The Churchwoman's Parochial Association,' with a membership of twenty-one, and I am sure the work which lies before the congregation will meet with the same energetic zeal which it has received in the past. Two chief and important matters call for prompt attention—first, the bell; cannot we get this so as to call to worship on Whitsunday? A start has been made in the Easter offering. About \$120 will be required. The other matter is the parsonage. Here, again, a start must be made sooner or later. Appoint your building committee, with instructions to procure plans, estimates, etc., and let us see what we can do to help ourselves in adding to the nucleus of the parsonage fund already formed. We cannot expect to get the whole cost in hand before we begin. Some will have to be borrowed on mortgage.

"Another matter lies much on my mind—the founding of a branch of St. Andrew's Brotherhood. I have called three meetings, without result. I call upon you all not to let this evening close without the branch being formed."

The report closes with an expression of heartfelt thanks to the parishioners for kindnesses received at their hands by Rev. Mr. French.

From another source we learn that the following were elected as office-bearers during the current year: Minister's warden, Mr. James Purvis; people's warden, Mr. R. Dorsett; vestry clerk, Mr. A. W. Wolter; sidesmen, Messrs. S. Johnson, F. Lucas, Arthur Evans, and H. Hardy; auditors, Messrs. T. J. Ryan and A. W. Wolter.

Warren Mission.

On Feb. 20th, I arrived at Sturgeon Falls, and on the following Sunday conducted service in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. That week I visited the congregation, and on Saturday went to Warren, where the clergyman is obliged to reside. On Sunday evening I conducted service in the Orange Hall, there being no church there. At present we can only hold an evening service on Sunday, because the morning is taken by the Presbyterians; the Methodist meeting house is also occupied, and the schoolhouse at present is unsuitable to hold service in. In order to hold two services on Sunday, a service must be held at 9.30 a.m. A Church Sunday School must be started early on Sunday afternoons. It is a great misfortune that there is no church at Warren, because the want is a great impediment to the work. Union buildings are very disagreeable to work in. It is rather difficult to work in this parish because the same ground covered by a clergyman is gone over by four Protestant ministers. But during the time I have resided here, one hundred and fifty visits have been made. A confirmation class is being started, and bids fair to increase. All are anxiously waiting the visit of their Bishop, whom we hope to see amongst us soon.

I think that something will soon be done towards the building of a church at Warren. Any one wishing to aid us will kindly send their subscriptions to Mr. D. Kemp, Synod Office, Merchants' Bank Chambers, Toronto.

Mission of Ilfracombe.

RAVENSCLIFFE. — On Palm Sunday, Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd came from Huntsville for service and to administer the sacraments in St. John's Church. Owing to the break-up of the roads, preventing the children coming out, the baptisms had to be postponed. Mr. Pardoe, catechist, read the prayers. The Rural Dean preached from I. Cor. xi. 26, after which the Holy Communion was celebrated. A good congregation was present, and thirty-eight partook of the holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. Mr. Llwyd was accompanied by the members of his Sunday School Bible Class, ten in number, all of whom communicated with their fellow Church members of St. John's.

Our English Letter.

"From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?" was the question of the perplexed disciples in the days when our Lord Himself trod this earth, thronged by multitudes whom He regarded with the deepest pity and compassion. On this occasion our Lord Himself started the question in the minds of His disciples by pointing out to them that if, after a three days' fast, He sent the people to their homes they would faint by the way. The same question has been echoed and re-echoed for centuries through the Christian Church, and, perhaps, never more anxiously than now, in our own day. Is it not the uppermost thought in the minds of the clergy, secretaries, committees, collectors, etc., of the hundred and one societies that exist, and not the least so of the Bishop and associates of Algoma? "From whence" shall we satisfy these men with bread in the wilderness of this vast diocese, with its red Indians and backwoodsmen? And especially with regard to those who, having been baptized into the name of Christ and shepherded in the old country of their childhood, now experience what spiritual famine is, and what it is to be without a pastor, or church, or school, and, practically, without a Sunday.

Our Lord's reply to the early disciples still supplies the answer—that it is from our own resources these needs are to be met, be our resources many or few. God accepts according to that a man hath, not according to that he hath not; and, from the results recorded by St. Mark, may we not expect that if only the Lord sees that an individual *is* honestly and faithfully using what he has, the result will be as successful as when the Lord broke the seven loaves amongst the 4,000? Then let clergy, and settlers, and English helpers take courage so to act that the Lord may say of each, he or "she hath done what she could," remembering that He alone can judge of this, for He alone knows what resources are within our reach. For these only are we responsible.

But is it not our tendency rather to shirk looking our responsibility in the face? Yet it is a gift from God, and there must surely be a great blessing wrapped up in that responsibility for the one who shoulders it.

Shall we not, therefore, regard responsibility as our privilege rather than our burden?

W.C.T.W.

Emsdale Mission.

The Emsdale people lately had an entertainment in the Orange Hall, the proceeds of which were to be devoted towards repairs to parsonage. The attendance was not large, though the programme was a good one, being given largely by friends at Burk's Falls.

Port Carling Mission.

On Easter Monday, at 3 p.m., the annual Easter vestry meeting of St. James' Church, Port Carling, was held; the curate in charge in the chair. Nearly every vestryman was in his place. The wardens' accounts and auditors' report were very satisfactory—though the balance in hand was somewhat smaller than last year—the tourist offertories being less than in previous years. Everything passed off very pleasantly, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed by the vestry to Mrs. R. G. Penson for services rendered in the past so regularly and faithfully in teaching in St. James' Sunday School. Mrs. Penson has discontinued her services since last June. Messrs. Stubbs and Lowe consented, at the request of the vestry, to assist the superintendent and the other two teachers in teaching the Sunday School, whose average attendance is thirty, and when the warm weather comes will be fully forty. Messrs. Lowe and Stubbs were duly present on the first Sunday after Easter, and rendered assistance. The following were the officers elected for 1894-5: Wardens, A. T. Lowe, reappointed clergyman's warden, and F. D. Stubbs elected to fill the place of Mr. R. G. Penson, who has filled the office of people's warden for several years; sidesmen, Messrs. Sutton, Penson, Mahon, and Foreman; auditors, Messrs. Foreman and Sutton.

The Easter service was very hearty, and a fairly large congregation assembled. The number of communicants was somewhat below that of last year, as three regular communicants were ill, and others were otherwise detained from being present.

On Good Friday afternoon, at three o'clock, about sixty people assembled for Evensong and sermon. While several Church people were absent, several Methodists were noticed in the church. The service was hearty, reverent, and touching, becoming the subject-matter which was uppermost in the minds of most present. The incumbent spoke for half an hour on the Crucifixion. The offertory—for the Jews—amounted to one dollar and seventy-five cents. The Easter offerings—for foreign missions—were two dollars and forty-seven cents.

At Christ Church, Gregory, situated on the Joseph River, fairly good congregations assembled on Good Friday morning and again on Easter Sunday afternoon. At the former service twelve

partook of the Holy Communion. The services were hearty and well attended, considering the state of the roads and lakes. The offerings for the Jews amounted to one dollar, and on Easter the offerings for foreign missions were two dollars and sixty-seven cents.

On Easter Tuesday the annual Easter vestry meeting was held; as only two vestrymen were present, a regular legal meeting could not be held. The wardens' account was satisfactory, showing a balance in hand. The curate reappointed Mr. M. Woods to act for him during 1894-5. Mr. Gregory, the other vestryman present, did not express a desire for office, so the chairman appointed Mr. E. Minett, who is qualified to act in all except his age (he not being twenty-one years of age until September next), as acting warden until September next.

On Easter Thursday the annual Easter vestry meeting in connection with St. John's Church, Beaumaris, was held. The wardens for 1894-5 are Messrs. Willmott and Riley.

The annual meeting of St. George's Church, Port Sandfield, will not be held until Mr. E. Cox returns from Toronto, his winter residence.

W. A. J. BURT.

Burk's Falls Mission.

The villages of Burk's Falls and Sundridge, places of equal size and importance, shall on this occasion be referred to separately.

SUNDRIDGE.—The attendance on the evening of Good Friday at the Church of St. Paul was fully equal to the average Sunday evening gathering. The service was Evensong, followed by meditations on "The Seven Words," in all occupying a little more than two and a half hours. At its conclusion the missionary was gratified by the general expression of appreciation of so devotional a service. On Easter morning, however, he was as much depressed by the fact that several communicants were absent from the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on the evening of April 2nd. It was really the only vestry meeting held during the two years past. Other meetings have been summoned. Sometimes one person attended, sometimes two, but this year there were eight members present. The incumbent, Rev. C. Piercy, in his statement drew attention to the valuable assistance always cheerfully rendered by

Mr. Joseph Edgar, who was churchwarden and Sunday School superintendent, and who had almost wholly defrayed the cost of erecting the fence around the lot on which the church stands, besides supplying wood and oil and lighting fires. Officers elected for current year are: Clergyman's warden, Mr. Joseph Edgar; people's warden, Mr. C. Tripp; auditor, Mr. J. Fleming; vestry clerk, Mr. A. Fisher. A deficit of \$45.26 in local quota to stipend the vestry are making an effort to clear off before the adjourned meeting on the 30th.

On Easter Day a new and substantial holy table, with handsome cover and frontal, replaced the shaky and shabby apology so long in use. For the altar cover and frontal we are indebted to the Church Extension Association. Further improvements in the interior of the Church of St. Paul are contemplated. In few churches is a chancel so much needed for the due and orderly conduct of divine worship, yet for a while it must be foregone, but what is done will undoubtedly tend to aid the devotions of those who worship there. The incumbent solicits subscriptions towards a prayer desk and lectern.

BURK'S FALLS.—Good Friday morning saw an average morning congregation assembled in the Church of All Saints. The service was Matins, Ante-Communion, with sermon. For the first time for several years there was no service in the church on Easter morn, and communions were made on Sunday following. On the evening of Easter Day there was, for so small a place, a grand service. The fact of special music having been in preparation was generally known in the village, with the result that Christians separate from the Church were present in large numbers. Our little church was filled to its utmost capacity. The floral decorations might be described as meagre, perhaps, but they were the best the village could afford, and better than the best could not be offered. The organist was unwell, but her place was well filled by Mr. Burnham, without whose assistance the musical portion of the service would have been very tame. The choir was augmented for the occasion, and besides the little organ was supported by a cornet and a violin. The Psalms and Canticles were chanted, and for an anthem the *Te Deum* (Hopkins in G) was sung. The hymns and offertory were all seasonable. The whole service was an enthusiastic and impressive expression of the truth celebrated:

Jesus Christ is risen to-day,
Alleluia!

On Easter Monday at the vestry meeting very little business was done, owing to the absence of the auditors' statement. This was caused by the delay of the wardens in handing books and vouchers to the auditors. The incumbent thought it inadvisable to transact any business until these matters were settled, and, after an informal talk about the debt on the parsonage, the meeting was adjourned for two weeks.

The treasurer of the diocese sent us \$100 towards our Parsonage Fund—the grant made some time since. In this connection it is just that the work of the women of the congregation should be made known. In this little place, since October, 1892, our Guild has handed to the churchwardens the sum of \$140 to be placed to the credit of the parsonage. They have had sales of work, a concert and a garden party, and on Shrove Tuesday last held a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bazett, at which was provided a choice programme of recitations, songs, etc., and sandwiches and coffee and the like. Not the least attraction were the admirably rendered recitations of Mrs. Burnham, who, though now before the public as a professional, gave her services on this occasion.

A Wedding Trip.

Perhaps the account of a wedding trip which the incumbent of Gore Bay had last week to Meldrum Bay, a distance of sixty-five miles from Gore Bay, may not be uninteresting to some of your readers. We left home on Monday morning with our team of ponies, and after driving ten miles over very bad roads (bare ground) we took the ice, which was not much better, for when about a mile out from shore we got into water about a foot deep on the ice, and as there was quite a gale blowing at the time our situation did not appear to be any too safe; but as we had always heard that the ice was safe as long as the water remained on top we had no fear. We crossed the ice safely after twenty miles of a drive, and having got over three nasty, bad-looking cracks. Three miles more on land brought us to our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Duncanson, who gave us a very warm reception, and enquired kindly about our beloved Bishop. After partaking of refreshments, to which we did ample justice, and accompanied by a son of Mr. Duncanson, we set out on foot for Mr. Armstrong's, a distance of three miles. Here were bap-

tized two children for Mr. Armstrong. We had expected to hold a service in this neighbourhood, but the roads were simply impassable. Several other children were baptized into Christ's Church. After tea we turned our steps towards Mr. Duncanson's, and when we reached there we thought that we had walked ten or twelve miles instead of three. The night was very dark, the track narrow, and the snow soft, so that our progress was slow. Next morning we had to rise early, as we had a long drive before us. The snow, which was soft before, was made a great deal softer by an all-night's downpour of rain. After breakfast, however, we made a start, although the rain was coming down pretty fast; but, you know, it would not do to disappoint young people when there is a wedding in the case! Well, to say that the roads were bad is putting it mildly. We have travelled over some pretty bad roads in the Muskoka District, and in the Rocky Mountains, but we can safely say that for thirteen miles after we left Mr. Duncanson's until we reached the ice at Sheshewaness Bay we have never experienced anything like it, and do not want to again. We had decided to go all the way by the road, but when we found the roads in such a state we changed our mind, and decided to risk the twenty miles drive on the ice to Meldrum Bay. Once having struck the ice again we had pretty fair going, with the exception of a few airholes and small cracks. Shortly after we rounded the last point going into Meldrum Bay, some five miles distant, we were sighted by some of the expectant and anxious-looking people, who soon announced, to the great delight of all, and especially the young people about to be married, that the minister was coming. A little over half an hour after we rounded the point we landed on *terra firma*, thankful to our Heavenly Father for our safe journey. There was not as much as a scratch on one of the ponies. We met with a very warm reception by the people of the village, and the ponies were taken to a good, comfortable stable, and well taken care of, as they richly deserved. At five o'clock in the evening the marriage ceremony was performed. Afterwards about eighty people sat down to a sumptuous dinner, to which ample justice was done. Next, the tables were cleared away, and the young people enjoyed a dance. Next day, Wednesday, the clergyman visited in the village and immediate neighbourhood, and baptized one child. At five o'clock p.m., he joined in holy wedlock another young couple. Another evening's amusement, kept up until a late hour, brought the good time to a close. On Thursday morning we

got an early start for Gore Bay, deciding to run the risk of the ice all of the way down, forty-five miles, rather than attempt the roads. We reached home shortly after one o'clock. We did not let the grass grow under the ponies' feet, for we only made one short stop at Cape Robert's lighthouse for about five minutes. When we reached home we met with a warm reception from all the people, no matter what denomination they belonged to. Some of them said they would not take fifty dollars and take that journey, and others said they would not take it on any consideration. It was certainly a risky trip. I have heard, since I sat down to write this, of a team of horses, a single horse, and a team of four dogs, being drowned on the same route.

J. H. McLEOD.

Aspdin Mission.

(From the Aspdin Church News.)

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1894.

Incumbent.....Rev. H. P. Lowe, M.A.

ASPDIN.

Churchwardens.....W. B. Crompton and A. M. Lefe.
Sidesmen.....E. B. Steward and P. A. Steward.
Treasurer.....W. B. Crompton.
Sunday School superintendent.....Miss Lowe.

LANCELOT.

Churchwardens.....A. Mitchell and J. Marting.
Sidesmen.....J. Hall, sen., and J. Hall jr.
Sunday School superintendent.....A. Mitchell.

ALLANSVILLE.

Churchwardens.....W. H. Seymour and E. H. Hares.
Vestry clerk.....M. Armstrong.
Sunday School superintendent.....J. H. Coldwell.

STANLEYDALE.

Churchwarden.....W. H. Tyrer.
Sunday School superintendent.....W. H. Tyrer.

From statistics given we gather that from Easter, 1893, to Easter, 1894, there were twelve baptisms, two marriages, and two burials.

Attendances and offerings:

Church.	Services.	People.	Offerings.
St. Mary's	147	2789	\$85 23
St. George's	54	1910	35 49
St. John's	22	945	29 24
St. Michael's	21	684	13 12
	244	6228	\$163 08

Celebrations:

Church.	Number.	Communicants.
St. Mary's	37	346
St. George's	11	76
St. John's	10	48
St. Michael's	10	129
	68	699

A new oak reredos has been erected in the church at Lancelot.

Married.

ALLAN—DAWSON—On Wednesday, Mar. 21st, 1894, at Uffington, Muskoka, by Rev. A. H. Allman, incumbent, Alexander Allan to Margaret Dawson.

SIMS—FLOYD—On March 28th, by Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, B.D., at Nipissing village, Francis Sims to Mary Ann Floyd.

Acknowledgments.

Rev. W. H. French begs to acknowledge the receipt of \$5 from anonymous donor, Georgetown, "for use in the mission," and to heartily thank the generous, though unknown, friend for the same. The amount has been handed to the wardens for the bell fund.