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Notes by the Way.

In answer to a correspondent, we reply that lay delegates to the Triennial Council pay their own expenses.

WITH deep regret we learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Boydell, the wife of the incumbent of Bracebridge.

DON'T think that the lists of officers in the several missions, published in this issue, is not worth serious reading. It is evidence of life.

EXTRA copies of this issue will be sent to every clergyman in the diocese, in order that he may be able to distribute to his lay delegates and wardens.

NEVER before in the life of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS have the clergy so fully responded to our requests for "copy." This month we are deluged. Nevertheless, by an extra effort we hope to publish all.

LAY delegates to the Triennial Council, to the number of some twenty-four, have been elected. It is to be hoped that all of them will put in an appearance.

Such a number of elections betokens increasing vigour and a growing interest in the work of the Church.

THE Bishop's departure from England has been delayed for a fortnight. He contemplated doing much in the few days he had at his disposal, but, without doubt, most important matters in connection with the well-being of the Church in his diocese compel our Bishop to change his plans. A very hearty welcome awaits him in the diocese.

BRACEBRIDGE is to be congratulated. The decision of the Churchfolk there to build a new church is, we firmly believe, a wise one. The building which has served hitherto could not be repaired into anything but an old structure, and would have been a disappointment. Besides, repairs in such cases never end. We hope Rev. Mr. Boydell and his flock will receive every encouragement.

OUR English supplement to THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS for April duly reached our table. On account of the crowded state of our columns, we can only notice that the annual festival of the Algoma Association was to be held on April 26th, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, S.W. We hope to publish an extended report of this meeting at an early date.

FROM information now at hand, the Triennial Council is likely to be composed of the following clergy and lay delegates:

The Bishop—RT. REV. E. SULLIVAN, D.D.
Rev. A. H. Allman and Mr.
W. J. Kirkpatrick.....Uffington.
" H. C. Aylwin.....Manitowaning.
" J. Boydell, M.A., and
Mr. A. A. Mahaffy.....Bracebridge.
" W. C. Bradshaw, M.A.,
and Mr. J. G. King....Port Arthur.
" W. A. J. Burt.....Port Carling.
" A. W. H. Chowne, B.D.,
and Mr. Wm. Jenkins..Emsdale.
" A. J. Cobb and Messrs.
J. Bartlett and Vigrass..Broadbent.
" W. Evans and Mr. F.
Dowell.....Parry Sound.

Rev. W. J. Eccleston and
Messrs. B. Eddy, C.
Young, and B. Fuller. St. Joseph's Island.
" W. H. French and Mr.
J. Purvis.....Sudbury.
" G. Gillmor and Messrs.
J. P. Brown and A.
Briese.....Rosseau.
" G. Gander and Mr. W.
Ard.....South River.
" D. J. Johnston and Mr.
C. C. Farr.....Haileybury.
" M. C. Kirby.....Fort William.
" E. Lawlor, M.A.....Schreiber.
" T. Llwyd and Mr. G. S.
Wilgress.....Huntsville.
" C. J. Machin, Mus.Bac., Gravenhurst.
" J. H. McLeod.....Gore Bay.
" A. R. Mitchell.....Port Sydney.
" J. Pardo.....Novar.
" C. Piercy and Messrs. E.
Bazett and J. Edgar...Burk's Falls.
" R. Renison and Judge
Johnston.....Sault Ste. Marie.
" W. R. Seaborn.....Webbwood.
" A. J. Young and Mr.
John Hannen.....North Bay.

Other members will be the gentlemen ordained deacons on Trinity Sunday and lay delegates from vacant missions, of which we know of Mr. Leefe, Aspden; Mr. J. Simpson, Maganetawan; and Mr. H. Shaw, Warren.

The Triennial Council of 1895.

Before our next number is printed the Triennial Council of 1895 will, in all probability, be a thing of the past. Perhaps it will be the last Council. The writer hopes so; hopes that the next time the clergy and laity of Algoma assemble to take counsel it will be in a synod.

A pronouncement must be made. We believe that the notice of motion—(1)—which emanates from the Standing Committee will be carried, and that work on details will at once commence.

Though space is, this month, very limited, we would intimate that, if a synod should be agreed to, it would not follow, as a matter of course, that it should meet annually. In fact, expense would be avoided if it met biennially, having an executive committee, or committees, to do the necessary business in the meantime.

We have much reason to take courage in Algoma. Three Councils have met. At the two first no laity were present, and at the last there were four lay delegates, though several others were elected. The Council of 1895, allowing for absentees, will surely muster twenty laymen on its roll. "Advance" is on our banner.

The Council meets at Huntsville, where our brethren are doing all that in their power lies to get the newly-erected Church of All Saints far advanced towards completion, as well as to make arrangements to expedite business and to make pleasant the visit of all who meet there.

Some of our clergy will meet fellow-workers whose faces they have not seen since June, 1893, and laymen who have never met will meet and work together for the spread of Christ's Church, and go home inspired and invigorated, having ideas widened, sympathies extended, and friendships formed which will conduce to the spread of the faith "once for all delivered to the saints," as well as to its unwavering maintenance.

The Fourth Triennial Council of the Diocese of Algoma.

The fourth Triennial Council of the diocese of Algoma is summoned to assemble at Huntsville on Monday, June 10th, 1895. In accordance with the action of the Standing Committee the following notice has been mailed:

DIocese of ALGOMA.

Burk's Falls, Ont., May 1st, 1895.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The fourth Triennial Council will meet in Huntsville on Monday, June 10th, 1895. Clergy will arrive on Saturday, June 8th. Ordination on Trinity Sunday, June 9th. Please notify your lay delegates and give them credentials. All clergy will bring surplices.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES PIERCY,
Secretary Standing Committee.

P.S.—Full particulars in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS for May.

The business of the Council will be preceded by special services on the day previous—Trinity Sunday—particulars of which, together with those of each day of the session of the Council, will be found below:

TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH.

9 a.m.—Matins—Revs. A. J. Young and G. Gillmor.

9.30 a.m.—Confirmation.

11 a.m.—Ordination and Holy Communion—Celebrant, the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Rural Deans Llwyd, Chowne, Renison, and Bradshaw, and Rev. J. Boydell, ex-chaplain. Preacher—Rev. Rural Dean Bradshaw.

3 p.m.—Sunday School service—Brief addresses to the children by Revs. A. H. Allman, W. A. J. Burt, and D. G. Johnston.

7 p.m.—Evensong and sermon—Revs. C. Piercy and W. Evans. Preacher—The Bishop.

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH.

9 a.m.—Matins—Revs. M. C. Kirby, D. G. Johnston, and G. Gander.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH.

9 a.m.—Matins—Revs. A. J. Cobb, H. C. Aylwin, and W. J. Ecclestone.

8 p.m.—Missionary meeting—Chairman—The Bishop. Speakers—Revs. Rural Deans Bradshaw and Renison, and Revs. C. J. Machin and W. H. French.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH.

9 a.m.—Matins—Revs. J. H. McLeod, W. R. Seaborne, and J. Pardo.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH.

9 a.m.—Matins—Revs. E. Lawlor, H. C. Aylwin, and a deacon.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH.

9 a.m.—Matins—Revs. A. J. Young, A. R. Mitchell, and a deacon.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH.

9 a.m.—Matins—Revs. C. Piercy, W. A. J. Burt, and a deacon.

AGENDA.

The first session of the Triennial Council will be held at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall, Huntsville, on June 9th, when business will commence and continue in order following:

Organization—Prayers.
Appointment and report of Committee on Credentials.

Election of officers.

Minutes of last Council. (Copy of proceedings to be supplied.)

The Bishop's charge.

Notices of motion in order.

Reading of Reports—

Report of Standing Committee—(Advisory).

Report of Standing Committee—(Temperance).

Report of Delegates to Interdiocesan Conference.

Report of Rural Deans.

Report of Insurance Committee.

Report of Diocesan Librarian.

Report of Editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

Consideration of Reports.

Appointment of Committees.

Discussion of motions in order.

Election of Clerical Delegates to Provincial Synod.

Declaration of vote of Lay Delegates to Provincial Synod.

Appointment of Clerical and Lay Delegates to General Synod.

Election of Rural Deans.

Other business.

The sessions of the Council will, after the first day, be from 9.30 a.m. (immediately following Morning Prayer) to 12, noon, and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All delegates are requested to arrive on Saturday, June 8th, in order that they may attend the services next day.

The report of the Standing Committee is appended:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Triennial Council of the Diocese of Algoma:

This Standing Committee, appointed at the Triennial Council of 1892 "to advise and assist the Bishop in regulating the temporalities of the diocese," beg to report as follows:

(1) That Rev. G. H. Gaviller, having left the diocese in September, 1892, ceased to remain a member of the committee, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Rev. Charles Piercy, who has ever since acted as its secretary.

(2) That by the Bishop's suggestion Dr. Reid, of Sault Ste. Marie, one of the lay members of the committee, with his consent, has not been treated as an active member, owing to the fact that all the meetings of the committee have been held in the eastern portion of the diocese.

(3) Your committee has met at Burk's Falls, Emsdale, Huntsville, and Bracebridge, in all, fifteen meetings, some of which were required owing to emergencies arising from the absence of the Bishop.

(4) On several occasions your committee has arranged plans for the systematic supply of missions temporarily vacant.

(5) In November, 1892, with a view to emphasize the Bishop's letter to the public for financial help, your committee issued a special appeal to the same effect, which, they found, produced good results.

(6) Your committee made provision for giving standing instructions to catechists and students, and requiring monthly reports from them, for obtaining details of church properties, for making certain important additions (in *re* debts on church properties) to the ruridecanal reports, and for having the fire insurance on the buildings of the diocese annually reported on by the incumbents of the various missions to an officer appointed for the purpose.

(7) Your committee has made the following recommendations:

(a) That the Eastern Convocation, which was to have been called for August, 1894, should not be held.

(b) That the diocese requires the immediate organization of a synod.

(c) That the stipend agreements be altered so as to conform to the Quebec system.

(d) That the present Triennial Council discuss the questions of the diocesan library, the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and the Superannuation Fund.

(8) That your committee has tendered its advice to the Bishop and his Commissary in several cases of emergency.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES PIERCY, Secretary.

April 29th, 1895.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, seconded by Rev. J. Boydell—

That it is a matter of the first importance that the Diocese of Algoma receive synodical organization, and that such steps be taken at this Triennial Council as will immediately secure this end.

(2) By Rev. J. Boydell, M.A.—

That a committee be appointed (to report early in the session) upon the relations which subsist between the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in Algoma and the parochial organizations by law in force, with a view to harmonizing and methodizing their different functions.

(3) By Rev. J. Boydell, M.A.—

That hereafter no incumbency or mission receiving aid from the diocese shall be entitled to become self-supporting and assume the title and privileges of a rectory until the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum has been subscribed in the mission or parish and an agreement signed by the churchwardens binding themselves to pay that amount has been transmitted to the Bishop or proper authority, and also that the sole patronage shall, for the first year after such a mission declares its ability and willingness to become self-supporting, be vested in the Bishop.

(b) That should the incumbent of such a parish or mission deem it advisable he may demand that a list of the subscribers with the sums subscribed be transmitted to the Bishop as an evidence that such a wish is *bona fide* and not *ultra vires* on the part of the churchwardens.

(4) By Rev. C. Piercy—

That this Council recommends and hereby enjoins missionary meetings to be held annually in every station in every mission or parish within the diocese, and that the Bishop be requested to appoint deputations of at least two clergymen to attend such meetings, whose duty it shall be to diffuse missionary intelligence and encourage a more liberal response to the authorized appeals of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board. The proceeds of these meetings to be devoted to the Domestic Mission Fund of the above-mentioned board.

(5) By Rev. R. Renison—

That an annual diocesan examination be held for all the Sunday Schools in Algoma at certain central points, to which the Sunday Schools in the surrounding districts may assemble. That an examiner or examiners be appointed by the Bishop yearly. That printed diocesan certificates be awarded to those who answer a sufficient percentage of the questions. In addition to Old and New Testament History and Catechism that a course be taken in Prayer Book and Church History by the senior classes where possible.

(6) By Rev. R. Renison—

That a Standard Sunday School Leaflet embodying the subjects in the proposed examinations be prepared and printed for special use in all the Sunday Schools in the Diocese of Algoma. The subjects, whether from the Holy Scriptures or

from the Catechism, Prayer Book, and Church History, to be arranged in consecutive order. The papers to be made more thorough and helpful than those now in use.

(7) By Rev. A. J. Young—

That the members of this Council desire to congratulate the Bishop upon having so far recovered from his serious illness as to be able to preside on this occasion, and, whilst humbly thanking Almighty God for past mercies, earnestly pray that it may please Him so to replenish the Bishop with health and strength that he may be able to continue Bishop of Algoma for many years.

(8) By Rev. A. J. Young—

That the Council, being of opinion that the time has now come for diocesan organization, respectfully requests the Bishop to ascertain the views of the Provincial Synod on the subject, and with their concurrence to take such steps as may be necessary toward the formation of a synod.

(9) By Rev. A. J. Young—

That this Council being of opinion that the present deanery of Parry Sound and Nipissing, by reason of its extent, is unworkable, the Bishop is respectfully requested to divide the territory and form a new deanery, the deanery of Parry Sound to comprise the missions of Parry Sound, Rosseau, Novar, Maganetawan, Burk's Falls, Emsdale, and North Seguin; the new deanery to comprise the missions of South River, Powassan, North Bay, Haileybury, Warren, and Sudbury.

(10) By Rev. A. J. Young—

That this Council rejoices to know that, since it last met, a diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has been formed, with Mrs. Sullivan as president, and trusts that the clergy will urge upon the parochial secretaries the necessity of forwarding items of news to the diocesan secretary for publication in the monthly *Letter Leaflet*.

(11) By Rev. A. J. Young—

That this Council notices with regret the absence from THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS of any matter of interest connected with the Diocesan Indian Homes, and desires to impress upon the management the necessity of keeping the work and its needs constantly before the notice of the public through the official organ of the diocese.

(12) By Rev. A. J. Young—

That the Bishop is respectfully requested to appoint a committee to draw up a scheme for presentation and adoption by this Council providing for an annual written examination of the senior scholars in the Sunday Schools, in the Prayer Book, Catechism, Biblical knowledge and Church History.

(13) By Rev. A. J. Young—

That inasmuch as considerable uncertainty exists in the minds of some clergy as to the rights of women to vote at vestry meetings, the Bishop is respectfully requested to state the law on the subject for the future guidance of all concerned.

(14) By Rev. W. H. French—

That a house-to-house collection be made in every congregation of the diocese annually at such times as may be decided upon—the proceeds to be sent to the diocesan treasurer for the Diocesan Mission Fund.

(15) By Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, M.A.—

That one clerical and one lay delegate be elected by this Council (according to the provincial constitution, ss. 4 and 5) to represent the Diocese of Algoma at the next General Synod of the Church, to be held in Winnipeg in 1896; that the vote be taken by ballot by each order respectively; that the two persons having the next largest number of votes shall be declared substitutes; and that the Bishop and Secretary of this Council certify to the election of said delegates and substitutes in the manner provided.

Standing Committee Meeting.

This committee was summoned to meet at Bracebridge at 1.30 p.m. on Monday, April 29th, 1895. Those present were: Rev. T. Llwyd, R.D. (Commissary), in the chair; Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, Rev. J. Boydell, M.A., Rev. C. Piercy, Secretary, and Mr. G. S. Wilgress.

After prayers the minutes of the fourteenth meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that he had given notice to every clergyman in the diocese in the matter of "notices of motion."

The Chairman informed the committee that the Bishop was detained in England for two weeks longer than he had expected, and that the date of assembling of the Triennial Council must be postponed.

The Secretary also read a letter from the Bishop in reply to the communication he was instructed to write to the Bishop by this committee.

After carefully considering the best course to be pursued it was unanimously agreed to approve the following resolution:

Moved by Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, seconded by Mr. G. S. Wilgress, That in view of the fact of the Bishop having postponed his sailing until May 16th, it is advisable to fix the opening of the Triennial Council for June 10th, the Monday after Trinity Sunday, and that ordination take place on Trinity Sunday, candidates to be summoned to meet the chaplain at Bracebridge on Whitmonday, June 3rd, and clergy and delegates to arrive at Huntsville on Saturday, June 8th, 1895.

The report of the committee to the Triennial Council was completed and agreed to, the Secretary being requested to present said report.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Bishop, informing him of the arrangements made; also to adapt the list of services and officiating clergy therefor to the new arrangements; to advise clergy of date and place of meeting, requesting them to give the necessary credentials to their lay delegates and to bring with them their surplices, etc.

The report of the committee is to be found in another column connected with business of the coming Triennial Council, where can also be seen the notice of motion *in re* a synod for Algoma, emanating from this committee and standing in the name of Rev. Rural Dean Chowne.

Echoes from Abroad.—VI.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—It is not improbable that, as I sit down to send off another brief "echo," you are seated in your editorial sanctum, wondering whether your episcopal correspondent is going to fail you this time; and if he does, what you will do for "padding"! Well, I greatly regret that I am destined to fail you for this issue, but the pressure of my manifold duties must be my apology. What a pity that bishops (and presbyters, too, for that matter) cannot enjoy the privilege referred to by my countryman, Sir Boyle Roche, when he said that "a man couldn't be expected to be in two places at one time, unless he was a bird!" Otherwise I might have been more than once in my "den," inditing my customary epistle to THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, and at the same time ministering to the "distressed and afflicted in mind,

body, and estate," of whom Mentoné has had not a few this season, in search of recruited bodily health and recuperated mental energies, if I cannot say improved financial condition (this is not the place for that process), and who, like myself, thank God, have found it in walks among the encircling hills, and drives along the lovely low-lying valleys, and quiet, solitary saunterings "by the shore of the far-sounding sea," as Homer has it. Again and again, too, his "laughter of the sea" comes back to me, as I sit here listening, as I do now, near midnight, to its musical ripple, breaking gently on the beach, within a hundred feet of me, or watch the soft, white, fleecy foam playing to and fro, as the waves advance to the assault in mimic array, and then, met with a stern "thus far," fall back again, baffled and defeated, but amused withal at their own puny impotence. Dear me, to think that, ten days hence, I shall be turning my back on lovely Mentoné; to know its matchless beauty of both land and sea henceforth only as a memory! But it will be a fragrant, life-long memory, to be cherished for its own sake—still more for the physical and mental refreshment that, in God's goodness, my winter's sojourn has been the means of giving—most of all for the opportunities it has brought with it of sowing seed that, I trust, may "spring up to life eternal."

Since my last "echo" reached you, I have been endeavouring to enlighten the benighted Anglo-Mentonian mind on the subject of Algoma and its missionary work, and on the whole, with satisfactory results. The first occasion was in the pulpit of St. John's, in the West Bay, where Rev. Canon Sidebotham is chaplain, under the auspices of the S.P.G. It is a very pretty little building, far ahead of Christ Church, the style of architecture being of the early fourteenth century, the stone used being of the country, with Arles stone dressings. It accommodates about 300 persons. Quite recently Mr. Gladstone worshipped there for several successive Sundays, and visitors of all shades of religious and political opinions flocked there, as a matter of course, to worship devoutly at Mr. Gladstone's shrine. The chaplain has occupied his post in St. John's for eighteen or twenty years, and is most highly esteemed, while his wife is a living embodiment of parochial energy. St. John's has also a comfortable parsonage connected with it, while no small help to the church attendance is found in the fact that all the leading hotels land their guests, by their omnibuses, at the very door—so every way St. John's has the "whip hand" of poor Christ Church. But to return to Algoma. My first appeal in her behalf was in St. John's, as I have said; but it was a brief one, prefacing a week-day Lenten sermon, and specially, at the Canon's suggestion, for the benefit of any members of the congregation who might not be able to attend the public meeting next day. It resulted in a little over £7. Next day, fortunately for "poor Algoma," was an excep-

tionally lovely day—a rare event since January 1st—and everything else was in our favour—a capital meeting place in the handsome dining hall of the Hotel des Anglais (most kindly placed at our disposal by the proprietor), a prominent Church dignitary in the chair, in the person of the Dean of Lichfield, and, finally, an attendance far surpassing my most sanguine expectations. Our old friend, the diocesan map, once more did duty, displaying its proportions in a good light behind the platform, and was studied with great interest. Algoma and everything connected with it had evidently been a *terra incognita* to those present, but the information given dispelled not a little fog, and made it thoroughly clear, among other things, that our missionary diocese was *not* “in the heart of Africa.” A quantity of literature was distributed, ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, occasional papers, cards with name, etc., of our English Association, after which the benediction was pronounced, though not till eleven hundred francs (£44) had been contributed, of which £20 was given by one American lady who was present. Over and above this immediate result, many seed grains of interest have been, I think, deposited, which, I trust, may bear fruit in the future.

The following week I visited San Remo for a similar purpose. The meeting there was a smaller one, but representative, including the Baroness of Earncliffe, Sir David Macpherson, and others less known to fame. The contribution amounted to £8 3s., and by general consent was appropriated to our Indian Homes.

This brings me directly, and finally, to a letter I have just received from one of our Indians, of which I had better give you the benefit. It is a “far cry” from Negwenenang to Mentoné, but the sad lament which has reached me, the echo of which now goes back to you, will, I am sure, touch many hearts. The writer is our poor, old, long-trying friend, Oshkahbedeka, who, when the first Bishop of Algoma appealed to him to allow his boy to accompany him back to the Shingwauk, gave him up, but with much the same feeling, I can imagine, with which Abraham surrendered his only son. The boy came down, as we all know, was baptized, receiving the Bishop’s own name, Frederick, shortly after fell sick, and died, though not till he had given clear evidence of a simple, but all-sufficient, faith in Christ as his Saviour, and his dust now awaits the resurrection, side by side with that of the sainted spiritual father who first brought him to the knowledge of “the truth as it is in Jesus.” Ever since the old chief has stood fast in his allegiance, unshaken by the loss of the boy he loved so dearly. His letter is as follows, rendered into English by a friend:

MY DEAR KECHEMAHKUHDRAWEKOON-UHYA.—I wish you would send me the Ojibewa grammar you promised me last summer. It seems quite lonely up here this winter without a minister visiting us. This was not our intention, when we took Christianity, for the Church to leave us entirely.

We are at present under the insults of the Roman Catholics. There are some Pagans at Nepigon Post in summer and English Church Indians who were baptized on the other side of the height of land. One that sow seed and planted a garden does not forsake it; why should the Church leave us? It does not seem right that Protestantism should be abolished in this part of the country—let it help itself. When Mugwa lived, he read for us the Gospel, which was little enough—now we have no appointed reader even. There are no deaths occur this winter. Pedikogwem’s two daughters died who were at Red Rock. We raised more potatoes last fall than ever we did. If you should send any clothes to us from our Christian friends, I will be glad you should send them to me, and I would distribute them fairly and equally according to your directions. As it has been always, some do get more, and those who are really in need have none. As I am not ambitious in this line, I shall do well by O.W.

Best regards to you and Masquuhbhnoogua, from all the poor Indians of the mission.

H. H. OSHKAHBEKEDA.

In such a letter one hears the wail of a heart very sad and heavy for the loss of spiritual privileges. Observe how logical the poor red man is! Unconsciously he wields one of the strongest of all arguments for the continuance of missionary work, whether at home or abroad, in fields that for a time seem unfruitful, and on which the Church has already expended time, thought, prayer, labour, and perhaps life itself. “The Indian,” he says, “does not desert a garden in which he has planted seed. Why should the Church leave us?” No, dear old Oshkahbekeda, the Church will not leave you. The sun does not leave the earth when a cloud hides it from our sight. The gloom that now rests on your soul by the removal of your faithful teacher to another field will soon disperse, and your hearts will, ere long, rejoice, as they deserve to do for your loyal allegiance to “the Church of the great white mother,” in the advent of his successor, who will be none other than his son!

Time warns me to close. I am looking forward eagerly to my homeward journey, which begins (D.V.) on Easter Tuesday, continues from Liverpool, May 2nd, by the *Parisian*, and ends, I hope, through God’s safe keeping, in a face-to-face meeting with all my faithful co-workers on the 29th! And our work is cut out for us, is it not? E. A.

[A cablegram recently received from the Bishop says his departure is delayed for a fortnight—ED.]

Lake Temiscamingue Mission.

REV. D. G. JOHNSTON, INCUMBENT.

The first Easter vestry meeting of the Haileybury church took place in Mr. Johnston’s house at Haileybury on Easter Monday. The following were present: The Rev. D. G. Johnston, Messrs. C. C. Farr, S. Woodworth, W. Clifford, H. Taylor, A. Peterson, and P. A. Cobbold. The first business before the meeting was the appointment of churchwardens for

the ensuing year. Mr. Johnston appointed Mr. S. Woodworth clergyman’s warden, and, on the motion of Mr. Farr, seconded by Mr. Woodworth, Mr. Paul Cobbold was unanimously appointed people’s warden. On the motion of Mr. Cobbold, seconded by Mr. Woodworth, Mr. C. C. Farr was appointed lay delegate to attend the Triennial Council. A discussion then ensued upon registers and an offertory, and it was agreed that it was very desirable to establish an offertory, and it was moved that a service register should be obtained as soon as possible, and that a parish register should also be acquired shortly. With regard to the offertory, Mr. Farr proposed, and Mr. Woodworth seconded, that the wardens be authorized to apply any surplus towards increasing the stipend of the clergyman. This was carried unanimously. The meeting then closed.

Of course, actual building has been stopped since the fall, but we are ready to begin again as soon as we can get a mason up. The stone has been nearly all brought across the lake from the quarry. The Building Committee were aided very materially in this by the kindness of Mr. Charles MacDougall, who has a shanty on the lake, a few miles off, in that he lent the use of his teams, free of expense, for two days this spring, when the ice was glare, to haul stone. The windows and doors are ready on the ground, and the new sawmill at Haileybury will be ready to cut the rafters and boards for the roof before the end of May. Mr. Johnston has held services many times twice on a Sunday throughout the winter. On Palm Sunday he had a large congregation at the head of the lake, when Mr. Burwash’s little boy was baptized, and on Easter Sunday, after going in the morning to Wabicreek to hold service there, he held a nice service at Haileybury. Again there was a good congregation, which would have been still larger but for colds and very wet walking. Mrs. W. Clifford’s boy was christened at this service. P. A. COBBOLD.

Parry Sound Mission.

REV. W. EVANS, INCUMBENT.

The annual vestry meeting of Trinity Church, Parry Sound, was held on Easter Monday evening, when the officers were re-elected for the current year. A very satisfactory financial report was presented. These are the officers: Minister’s warden, Mr. G. G. Gladman; people’s warden, Mr. W. R. Foot; minister’s sidesmen, Messrs. Frank Dowell and William Taylor; people’s sidesmen, Messrs. T. A. Clark and John Gardiner; vestry clerk, Mr. H. W. Woolton. Mr. Frank Dowell was elected delegate to the Triennial Council, to be held at Huntsville in the beginning of June. In the event of Mr. Dowell being unable to attend, Mr. W. G. Jessop was appointed as a substitute. A vote of thanks to the Ladies’ Auxiliary, for substantial aid during the year, was passed.—*Parry Sound Canadian*.

Manitowaning Mission.

REV. H. C. AYLWIN, INCUMBENT.

LITTLE CURRENT.—During the last six months there have been three baptisms, two marriages, and one funeral. The church attendance has been fair, the morning congregation averaging forty-five, the evening just double, ninety. The Sunday School is slowly increasing. It has been a weak spot in the work here, but, if the present improvement continues, we shall soon take our rightful place in the care of our children. At present sixteen families send their children.

The Christmas entertainment was held in January. The night was very cold, but the small hall was crowded, and all seemed to heartily enjoy the programme of songs, etc. All the Sunday School children were given small presents.

HILLY GROVE.—The fortnightly Wednesday evening service has been well attended throughout, the congregation averaging thirty. On March 5th an entertainment was held in the schoolhouse. The workers at this point had gone to much trouble. The school was prettily decorated, the seats removed, benches made for the occasion, and an organ brought out from Manitowaning. The place was crowded, and the receipts in cash netted close on \$30.

MANITOWANING.—Here there have been eleven baptisms, one death, and one marriage. The church attendance averages forty. Though never late, the roads have frequently been so bad as to leave no time for rest, or, sometimes, even a cup of tea, until after service.

A week-day service has been held at both Sheguiandah and Sucker Creek for Rev. F. Frost, now, unfortunately, on sick leave. The drive of twenty-seven miles to Sucker Creek was a hard one—intense cold, facing a high wind with fine driving snow. Hardly had I left Manitowaning before a burning sensation warned me to remove my glasses, the steel frame of which burned the skin. The snow drifting against my face first melted, and then froze over the eyes and around my neck. Arrived at Sheguiandah I was half inclined to give it up, but finding that Mrs. Frost was just returned from a distant Indian reserve, whither she had gone in her husband's stead, he being too ill—the result of constant exposure to all kinds of weather—I plucked up courage to proceed. The Indians did not expect me, but soon gathered. Their little schoolhouse was well warmed (in case, as they said, I might get through) and clean, and the congregation attentive. The service was in English, and the responding good; the hymns were in the Indian language. All are most anxious that their pastor's health may soon permit his return to active work.

A parsonage is urgently required for this mission. Rent is high, and houses available poor. Both Little Current and Manitowaning offer sites, and either place could raise (in cash, material, and labour) about half the cost.

Uffington Mission.

REV. ARTHUR H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

Just two weeks before Easter the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd (Commissary) paid a visit to this mission. The reverend gentleman was met at Bracebridge by the Rev. A. H. Allman, incumbent, and there was just enough sleighing to get to and fro comfortably. The chief matter for consideration was the enlargement of St. Paul's, Uffington, by the addition of a chancel, and that and other things were placed on a satisfactory footing for future action. The evidences of harmony and progress in the mission were very gratifying to the Commissary.

The Easter vestries were most encouraging, and showed an increased measure of interest among the members. The incumbent was able to report the maintenance of divine service regularly, with but few exceptions, through weather or sickness, and also that the congregations were well sustained.

St. Paul's vestry was held on Easter Monday. The accounts showed a decided advance, so that the expenses of the year were covered by the income. The incumbent presided, and a good attendance of members was realized. Messrs. W. H. Tinkiss and W. T. Kirkpatrick were re-elected wardens, and Messrs. T. Fielding and James Kirkpatrick were elected sidesmen for the ensuing year. Mr. L. B. Smith was re-elected auditor, and later on received the unanimous nomination of the vestry for the office of lay reader. Three names were voted upon for the Provincial Synod, and Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick was elected delegate to the Triennial Council by a unanimous vote. The vestry resolved to proceed to the enlargement of the church, and, further, that the quota paid towards the stipend be increased to \$100. Wood was then promised for next winter, and, after the usual expressions of thanks, the meeting closed with the benediction.

The vestry of Christ Church, Purbrook, was held on Easter Tuesday. The incumbent presided, but the attendance of members was small. The accounts showed that the income had met the expenditure of the year, and that a balance in hand was still held towards a font. Messrs. J. T. Colson and A. Crozier were re-elected wardens. Three names were voted upon for the Provincial Synod, and it was ultimately decided to elect Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick to represent them at the Triennial Council. It was decided to clean up round the church, and further possible improvements were discussed. A desire for more regular attendance was expressed, the officers were thanked, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

At St. Stephen's, Vankoughnet, the members met at Easter vestry, on Wednesday, April 17th, in much larger numbers than in previous years. The incumbent presided. The wardens stated that the past year had been a bad one for getting in money, and the accounts showed

a deficit to the extent of a quarter's stipend. Messrs. A. Cooke and Keith Moffat were re-elected wardens, and Mr. F. W. Lambert was reappointed auditor for the ensuing year. Three names were voted upon for the Provincial Synod, and Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick was elected delegate to represent this station also at the Triennial Council. It was resolved to introduce the envelope system of offertory, and seven names were at once put down. It was also resolved to "make a bee" for pushing forward the driving-shed, on Monday, April 22nd. The vestry closed with the benediction. On the day named the shed was enclosed, and the sheeting completed, so that it now stands ready for shingling. As soon as the roads will allow of it shingles will be teamed up, and then another "bee" will complete the third driving-shed in this mission. The interest taken, and the money sent, by Miss F. E. Wigram, England, have made this work possible, and there will be a balance to be applied, as directed, towards a chancel for St. Paul's, Uffington. A. H. A.

Huntsville Mission.

REV. THOMAS LLWYD, R.D., INCUMBENT.

The annual vestry of All Saints' Church was held in the church hall on Monday evening, April 15th, 1895, the incumbent in the chair, and a good representative attendance. After approval of the minutes of the last Easter and two special vestry meetings, the wardens and other church officers submitted their annual financial statements, from which it was shown that the total efforts of the church were \$967.44 for the year. These were adopted. The general fund of the church is in a fairly prosperous state, and the Sunday School, the Church Women's Committee, the Burial Board, the Church Building Committee, and the Young People's Guild, all exhibited surpluses. The incumbent, for himself and the congregation, then tendered the thanks of all to the retiring wardens and their coadjutors for their diligent and harmonious administration of their respective functions and attendance at committee meetings during the period of their office. The new church is likely to be ready for opening about the 9th of June next. The officers for the current year are: Wardens, L. H. Ware and H. S. May; sidesmen, G. A. Clarke, E. J. Ecclestone, R. J. Hutcheson, A. J. Down, M. Kinton, and T. Teape; vestry clerk, G. S. Wilgress; lay reader, M. Kinton; organist, H. C. Llwyd; choirmaster, W. J. Morgan. All committees were reappointed. A delegate was elected to the approaching Triennial Council, and three names were selected for the ballot for delegates to the Provincial Synod. A pleasing feature was the presentation by the congregation of a musical box to the organist and a chair to the choirmaster, in recognition of their services. Both gentlemen made feeling and suitable replies. The vestry closed with the benediction.

Port Arthur.

REV. W. C. BRADSHAW, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—The different reports presented to the vestry of St. John's show that this western parish in Algoma is progressing most favourably. The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, the present incumbent, arrived here from Denver about the middle of August last, and took charge. Since then the parish has been steadily growing and prospering. The warden's report submitted to the Easter vestry shows that during the past year they have paid the running expenses of the church, amounting to \$1,532.46, for the year, and have laid out in repairs to church property \$1,022.50, paid off old liabilities of \$119.65, and contributed by way of special offertories for missions and Christmas \$92.05, making, in all, \$2,767.66. The present net debt of the parish, which is a floating one, amounts to \$1,051.96, the same being \$295 more than last year. Against this, however, \$60 was, subsequent to the production of the wardens' accounts, subscribed at the vestry meeting, and \$100 given by one firm, provided another \$200 is subscribed, which in due course will be done. The special repairs above mentioned have resulted in the placing of a good furnace in the parsonage and building a good cellar and basement under the same, and also having the interior painted, papered, and renovated, thereby making the parsonage, as has been found during the recent winter, very comfortable. The foundation to the church had to be taken out in many places and rebuilt, and a stone furnace erected underneath, and the necessary preliminary work for a room under the chancel has been done. The receipts of the church have been more during this year than they have been for very many years, which, of itself, must show the increase in the interest of the parishioners, particularly when it is remembered that this year has been one of great depression in this district. The report submitted to the vestry by the incumbent was very interesting, and shows the following official acts which have taken place during his short *régime* of eight months. He had held, during that period, 290 services and meetings, including Bible classes, Auxiliary meetings, guilds, etc., paid 453 visits, communicated 588 persons, baptized 46 children and adults, presented 43 persons for confirmations, married 6 couples, and officiated at the graves of 5 persons. These figures certainly show that the incumbent has not in any way been neglecting his duty. According to his report, the average morning attendance since his incumbency has been 96 and the evening 120, both of which are increasing. During Lent services were held daily, and the average attendance on the week-day services, including Ash Wednesday, harvest festival, and Holy Week, was 72. The other daily afternoon services during Lent averaged 24. This is the first time that

there have been daily services during Lent in the parish. The total number of communicants on Easter Day was 94. 50 new names have been added to the roll since August, which now numbers 121. The attendance at the Sunday School for the last few Sundays has been the highest ever yet attained, that of Easter being 140.

During the year several valuable gifts to the church have been made by individual members, one having presented the furnace for the parsonage, and also the funds for the re-decoration of the interior of the church, which now presents a very pleasing appearance. Another member presented a silver paten, which was supplemented by other members by subscriptions providing for the purchase of the solid silver chalice and a cruet. Other members have presented prayer books and hymn books for the use of strangers, so that there is sufficient on hand for all worshippers. Others have contributed towards placing bookshelves in the library and other improvements to the church property, to all of whom, at the vestry meeting, votes of thanks were passed acknowledging, on behalf of the congregation, the liberality of their gifts. There were different reports presented, which were found to be very interesting. The first one was that of the Woman's Auxiliary, which shows that the same had been organized on the 26th of March, 1894, the first membership being 18, which has since increased to 43. During the year they have had different entertainments and sales of work, which resulted, together with their fees, in a total of \$230.86, of which they have handed over to the wardens \$171, and retain a balance of \$18.66, the difference being expended for material for sales, etc. The Young People's Guild, through their president, also presented their report, which showed that they commenced the year with a balance of \$178.82, which amount they have paid over to the wardens for general Church purposes. During the last winter the sum of \$69.65 was made, of which amount they have \$58.10 on hand, having expended \$8.40 for lamps for the school-room, etc. The report of the Band of Hope organized in September, 1894, showed a membership of 30 girls and 32 boys. They have contributed towards the improvement of the schoolroom, and also have a balance of \$4 on hand. The St. John's circle of King's Daughters also submitted their report. They have a Chancel Committee duly appointed to look after the chancel, etc., and it was this society through whom the \$69.65 was raised for the purchase of the communion service to supplement the gift of the paten above mentioned. Their work consists in visiting the sick and relieving the distressed, and otherwise aiding the clergyman in his parochial work. The Junior Auxiliary, consisting of Mrs. Gibbs' Bible class of young women, reported a membership of twenty, their object being to stimulate missionary zeal. Their report showed \$24 to have been raised for such

purposes, all of which was duly expended for different missionary objects. In addition to the above, the Sunday School children on Easter Sunday, through their mission boxes, presented at their service \$21.73 for Indian Homes. There was no report from the St. Andrew's Brotherhood recently organized. The same wardens were unanimously elected, the delegate to the Triennial Council and Provincial Synod nominated, and a Finance Committee appointed.

From the above, any one can realize that St. John's Church, Port Arthur, is endeavouring to do its duty, not only in maintaining the Church in its own town, but also to aid in having the Gospel preached elsewhere. Surely such a parish should have a say in regard to the future of its diocese and Church government.

F.H.K.

Port Arthur, April 19th, 1895.

The following names of officers elected is clipped from extract from newspaper sent us: Churchwardens—Mr. R. Binnington was nominated by the incumbent, and Mr. J. G. King was elected by the people.

Messrs J. A. McMullen, C. H. Shera, H. A. McKibbin, G. T. Marks, H. K. Bray, and R. A. Hazelwood were elected sidesmen.

Messrs. H. A. McKibbin and W. H. Evanson were appointed auditors, and Mr. T. Ware vestry clerk.

Mr. J. G. King was elected lay delegate to the Triennial Council.

Emsdale Mission.

REV. A. W. H. CHOWNE, B.D., R.D., INCUMBENT.

At the annual vestry meeting held in St. Mark's vestry, Emsdale, on Easter Monday, the churchwardens presented a very satisfactory state of accounts, the stipend being paid up in full to date. The incumbent re-nominated Mr. W. E. Streatfeild as priest's warden, and Mr. Wm. Slorach was re-elected by the people; Mr. R. Burk was appointed priest's senior sidesman, and Mr. G. Streatfeild, priest's junior sidesman; Mr. F. Collinson was elected as senior sidesman by the people, and Mr. A. Collinson as junior sidesman; Mr. Wm. Jenkin was elected a lay delegate to the Triennial Council.

Two brass vases were presented to St. Mark's by W. E. Streatfeild, Esq., for which we thank him most heartily.

A new font, the gift of W. E. Streatfeild Esq., churchwarden, was placed in St. Mark's Church, Emsdale, on April 8th. The design is from England, and is very pretty. This, with new choir seats, is a great improvement to the church. The congregation is straining every nerve to get a bell, and, whilst all is being done amongst the members that can be done, we are compelled to ask aid from our fellow-churchmen outside. Contributions will be received by the incumbent or Mr. W. E. Streatfeild.

ALFRED W. H. CHOWNE.

Burk's Falls Mission.

REV. CHARLES PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

Our Holy Week and Easter services have been well attended this year. On Wednesday in Holy Week there was the usual Lenten service in All Saints', Burk's Falls, and the next evening the incumbent, though suffering from a protracted cold, managed to get over the roads—bad eight miles out of the fourteen—to reach Sundridge, where the service was of a most unique character. It consisted of the Litany and an address on the immediate events leading up to the crucifixion of our Lord, illustrated by pictures projected by a lantern on a sheet stretched across the body of the church. It proved a success, and the clergyman was asked to have a similar service as soon as convenient. It being Maundy Thursday, a suitable opportunity was presented of giving instruction concerning the Eucharist. Next morning, Good Friday, there was Morning Prayer, ante-Communion and sermon. Returning to Burk's Falls, the incumbent held service at 7 p.m. Rain, doubtless, kept some away, yet a very fair congregation was present in All Saints' Church. The service here comprised the Litany and a series of meditations on "The Seven Words," a brief space being given for silent prayer, and a short metrical litany sung after each "word." The offertories on Thursday evening and Friday morning at Sundridge (\$2.47), and on Friday evening at Burk's Falls (\$1.55), were for missions to the Jews.

Easter Day falling upon the second Sunday in the month compelled the incumbent to be at Sundridge for Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. The tone of remarks made to the clergyman by some of the communicants at Burk's Falls savoured of disappointment at their having no opportunity to receive the sacrament that day. As a result, he announced a celebration for 7 a.m., and was pleased and most thankful to meet at that early hour no less than nineteen communicants. After this first service the missionary rode to Sundridge—it being impossible to travel except on horseback—for the service above mentioned, and back again for Evening Prayer and sermon.

On Easter Monday the vestry of All Saints' Church, Burk's Falls, met at 8 p.m. There was a very small attendance. The incumbent was able to report that the debt on the parsonage was decreasing, and that if the congregation would exert themselves it would, with the help of friends beyond our borders, probably be fully paid by July 1st. The churchwardens' accounts were presented, but, not being audited, were laid over for two weeks. However, it seemed as though the congregation were not doing much to wipe out the debt on current account, which has existed since the present incumbent arrived in the mission. The women of the Church here have done laudable work in contributing towards the payment of the parson's

house. Mr. E. Bazett was reappointed minister's warden, and Mr. T. Buckerfield was re-elected people's warden. Rev. Mr. Piercy appointed Messrs. J. Hilliar and F. Capel as sidesmen, and the vestry elected R. Simpson. Mr. Bazett was elected delegate to the Triennial Council. Three names were also selected as those of delegates to the Provincial Synod, and the chairman marked the ballot paper accordingly. The vestry then adjourned for two weeks.

Next day, Easter Tuesday, the incumbent went to Sundridge to hold a vestry meeting, and was disappointed, the members of the vestry not putting in an appearance.

Further particulars held over until next issue. However, it should now be said that a vestry meeting was held at Sundridge on the evening of April 22nd, when Messrs. Joseph Edgar and Arnold Fisher were elected wardens. Mr. Joseph Edgar was also delegated to represent the vestry at the Triennial Council. P.

Sudbury Missions.

REV. W. H. FRENCH, INCUMBENT.

The incumbent having sent us a clipping from a local paper, we have adapted it for our columns:

The annual Easter vestry meeting was held in the Church of the Epiphany on Tuesday evening last, April 16th, an unusually large number of both sexes testifying by their presence the interest felt by the congregation in the work of the past year, and in the subjects likely to be discussed. The clergyman's report showed a strictly Church of England population of 285 souls, to whom quite a large number of merely nominal Church people are to be added. Services held during the ecclesiastical year, from Easter, 1884, to Easter, 1895, 300; attendances, 8,931; celebrations of Holy Communion, 36; communions made, 552.

Offertory (money given only during divine service for all purposes).....	\$ 722 49
Special for bell tower.....	229 90
Burial plots.....	19 00
For rent.....	35 00
	1,006 39
In addition to this the Churchwoman's Parochial Association had received...	146 28
Amount sent Diocesan Treasurer.....	14 76
Sunday School.....	32 75
	193 79
Total income for the year.....	1,200 18
The sum invested and bearing interest to credit of the Woman's Association is, with interest added to date.....	252 69
In addition there is in hands of Diocesan Treasurer.....	14 76
Total cash towards parsonage.....	267 45

The Sunday School report was most encouraging, as was the case with all departments of church work. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring warden, Mr. R. Dorsett, and also the sidesmen, vestry clerk, auditors, ladies of C.W.P.A. and superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School. The following were appointed to fill offices during the

ensuing year: People's warden, Dr. R. H. Arthur; clergyman's warden, Mr. James Purvis; sidesmen, Messrs. Arthur Evans, Harry Hardy, S. Johnson and C. Jessopp; vestry clerk, A. W. Wolter; auditors, Messrs. T. J. Ryan and A. W. Wolter. The ballot for lay delegates to Provincial Synod was marked in accordance with vote of communicants. The meeting dispersed after the benediction had been pronounced by the Rev. W. H. French. One feature occasioned no little regret, which was the retirement of Mr. Dorsett from office as people's warden, which office he has held for three years to the satisfaction of all concerned. However, as superintendent of the Sunday School his active interest will not be lost to the congregation.

The *Sudbury Journal* says that Mr. James Purvis was elected lay delegate to Triennial Council.

Bracebridge Mission.

REV. J. BOYDELL, M.A., INCUMBENT.

BRACEBRIDGE. — The annual vestry meeting of the Church of St. Thomas was held on Easter Monday, at eight p.m., the incumbent in the chair. The meeting was well attended by the Bracebridge branch of the W.A., as well as by the male members of the congregation. The accounts of the past year were then presented, and showed a satisfactory result. The incumbent's stipend had been paid in full. All debts were paid, and a clean balance sheet awaits the incoming churchwardens. The labours of the W.A., too, had been highly successful, a total sum of \$166.87 been having raised through their instrumentality since last Easter.

The one all-absorbing topic was, "What are we to do about a church? Shall we repair the old building, or build an entirely new structure?" However, when this question was reached a most agreeable surprise awaited us. The incumbent's warden rose and announced his intention of deeding to the church a very valuable and desirable site for a new church, provided his offer was accepted within one month. As an alternative offer he agreed to an exchange of lots, provided we only removed and repaired the old building. His first offer was, however, I am very glad to state, most enthusiastically accepted, and steps are now being taken, in collecting subscriptions, etc., towards this most desirable end.

The incumbent nominated Mr. Cochran as his churchwarden, and Mr. Geo. Sibbett was elected by the congregation. The incumbent then nominated Dr. Bridgland, Mr. R. M. Browning, and Mr. Hodgson as sidesmen, and the congregation elected three others on their behalf. Mr. A. A. Mahaffy was elected delegate to the Triennial Council.

It may be added that the W.A. have now, in the Bank of Toronto, \$734 towards the erection of the new church, and we hope shortly, with liberal subscriptions, to be in a position to carry our resolution of building a new church into effect.

The Easter services were well attended. We had an early celebration at St. Thomas' at 8.30 a.m., Morning Prayer at 10.30 a.m., followed by Holy Communion, and Evensong, with sermon. We had a difficulty in seating the congregation, both in the morning and evening, emphasizing the necessity of a new and more spacious church. Through the exertions of the W.A., the floral decorations, consisting of the choicest flowers from Orillia, Ottawa, and Toronto, were simply beautiful. I need hardly add that the music was appropriate, including a special anthem.

FALKENBURG.—A meeting of the vestry of Falkenburg church was held on Easter Monday. Owing to bad roads the meeting was not as fully attended as the incumbent would have wished, but the finances were satisfactory. Total offertory, \$47.90, in addition to which a well-built and commodious shed has been erected (value, \$75), making a total of \$122.90, all of which was raised by the people.

J. BOYDELL.

Warren Mission.

STURGEON FALLS.—Holy Communion was celebrated here in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, by Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, B.D., Rural Dean. The reverend gentleman arrived on the "Soo" train at 10 o'clock in the morning, and spent the day visiting members with the clergyman's warden, and held service at 7.30 p.m., which was well attended. After service a vestry meeting was held, at which were elected the following officers: Mr. H. Clark, people's warden; Mr. Henry Swan, clergyman's warden; Messrs. Chas. Britton and W. J. Harvey, sidesmen. Mr. Henry Swan was elected delegate to the Triennial Council. The Rural Dean was pleased to find the church in good standing financially. There is to be a concert on May 1st to raise money to repair the church, etc. The Rural Dean left for Warren at 12 o'clock, midnight. The members trust that the Bishop will see fit to place a clergyman in the mission in the near future.

Gravenhurst Mission.

REV. C. J. MACHIN, INCUMBENT.

In the absence of the incumbent, Rev. C. J. Machin, the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, Huntsville, went down and held the vestry meeting of St. James' Church on Friday evening, April 26th. The accounts, not being audited, were referred to auditors appointed by the vestry. The wardens and officers were requested to retain their several offices until the return of the incumbent from England. A lay delegate was elected to the Triennial Council, and the names of three nominees for lay delegates to the Provincial Synod were voted on according to canon. The Rural Dean then adjourned the vestry until May 22nd, in the event of Mr. Machin not having returned by that date.

Baysville Mission.

MR. A. W. HAZLEHURST, INCUMBENT.

For the first time in the history of the Church at Baysville has the holy season of Lent been made use of by special services. These services have been held every Friday evening during Lent, and consisted of litany and short addresses. During Holy Week service was held every evening, and consisted of litany and review of the chief events of the Saviour's life as they transpired during that week of our Blessed Lord's life upon earth. These services were well attended, and the addresses were listened to with particular attention, and, with God's blessing, will doubtless be productive of good results for the Church here in the future. There were special offertories made at these Lent week-night services, and the proceeds were devoted to the purchase of a powerful Rochester lamp, which has just come to hand, and will at once be made use of.

The Bishop's chaplain was here on the first Sunday after Easter, and administered Holy Communion to a large number of communicants.

A. W. H.

CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE, BAYSVILLE.—The vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. The officers for the current year are Messrs. H. A. Ellis and E. Deakin, churchwardens; Messrs. G. Piper and W. Tooke, sidesmen. After voting for lay delegates to the Provincial Synod and passing several votes of thanks, the meeting adjourned.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, DORSET.—The churchwardens for 1995-96 are Messrs. Raymond Fisher and William C. Sparkes, sen.; sidesmen, Messrs. R. S. Cole and W. C. Sparkes.

Thessalon Mission.

(VACANT.)

The following is sent to us by Rev. R. Renison, Rural Dean of Algoma:

BRUCE MINES.—At the annual vestry meeting held in St. George's Church, Bruce Mines, Mr. Weightman was appointed minister's warden, and Mr. Jackson, people's warden. The sidesmen are Messrs. Scott and Ingram. The congregation are going to raise \$100 towards the stipend of a divinity student from May till October. The church has been partly closed for some time, but the congregation are enthusiastic in their desire to secure the services of a resident clergyman as soon as a sufficient amount can be guaranteed toward his stipend.

OTTER TAIL.—At the annual vestry meeting held in the Church of the Redeemer, Otter Tail, Rev. R. Renison in the chair, Messrs. Brien and Hill were unanimously elected minister's and people's wardens respectively. The reports for the past year were read and adopted. The congregation will give \$50 toward the stipend of a divinity student from May till October.

Mission for Sault Ste. Marie.

REV. R. RENISON, R.D., INCUMBENT.

SAULT. STE. MARIE.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Luke's Church was held on Monday evening, Rev. R. Renison, incumbent, in the chair. There was a good attendance, and intense interest was manifested in the future improvement and development of church work. Mr. H. Plummer presented the reports for the past year, which were adopted. Judge Johnston, so indefatigable is his labours, was unanimously re-elected people's warden, and Mr. John K. Wilson was appointed minister's warden. The sidesmen are Messrs. Brown and Thompson. A vote of thanks to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was unanimously given for their gift of twelve new pews to the church, also for a lectern and other small improvements. Mayor Plummer and Judge Johnston ably advocated an increased effort on the part of the congregation to place the church on a more secure and permanent financial standing than it has ever hitherto enjoyed. The meeting was most successful, and the unity of feeling most conspicuous. His Honour Judge Johnston was elected delegate to the Triennial Council.

KORAH.—At the annual vestry meeting held in Christ Church, Korah, Rev. R. Renison in the chair, the following elections were made: Minister's warden, Mr. W. Everitt; people's warden, Mr. M. Allen. The sidesmen are Messrs. Coulter and Bovingdon. The reports for the past year were read and adopted. Fifty dollars was voted towards the purchase of a horse for the incumbent, who drives from the Sault every Sunday for service at 3.30 p.m. R. R.

Magagnetawan Mission.

MR. T. J. HAY, CATECHIST.

Service was held at St. Peter's, Midlothian, Good Friday morning. The roads were breaking up, so the attendance was not very large. Regret was expressed that it had not been decided to hold the vestry meeting on this day, too, as the roads would very likely be impassable before many days. As some were present who could not come again it was decided to hold it in the afternoon. The churchwardens rendered their accounts: Total receipts, \$35.50; expended, \$34.30; balance on hand, \$1.20. Messrs. Davison and Rowsell were appointed, respectively, clergyman's and people's churchwardens, and Messrs. Cockwill and Sawyer, sidesmen. The ballot was marked for lay delegates to Provincial Synod. It was regretted that nothing could be done to improve the inside of the church. The last harvest had been a failure, members of the vestry having lost their entire crops through grasshoppers.

ST. GEORGE'S, MAGANETAWAN.—The annual vestry meeting was held in St. George's Hall on Easter Monday. The minutes of last meeting were read and

confirmed. The churchwardens' accounts were rendered, audited, and passed. Total receipts from all sources, \$149.45; expended, \$141.25; balance on hand, \$8.20. Mr. J. Simpson was nominated clergyman's churchwarden, and Mr. J. Wheatley the people's warden. A vote of vestry was registered for the delegates to the Provincial Synod.

CHAPMAN VALLEY.—The vestry meeting was held Easter Tuesday at Mr. Boyce's house. The financial statement was rendered and passed as correct. Receipts, \$31.81; expended, \$23.31; balance in hand, \$7.50. Mr. F. Stewart was nominated clergyman's warden, and Mr. T. Hicks the people's warden. Mr. J. Simpson was elected delegate to Triennial Council.

ST. PAUL'S, SPENCE.—The roads were almost impassable, only the catechist and churchwardens being present. Total receipts for six months, \$27.09; expenditure, \$21; balance in hand, \$6. The meeting will be held later on.

The Sunday School here, though not started three months, is growing fast. It commenced with an attendance of eleven, and there are now thirty on the roll, and the attendance, considering the weather, has been good. The attendances at the services of late have been small, but will improve as the roads get better. A Sunday School has been started at St. Peter's, Midlothian, after considerable discouragement, and will, no doubt, do well. But as the catechist has to be in attendance on the Midlothian Sunday, it means leaving home at 7.30, holding Sunday School and service at St. Peter's, and, after partaking of Mrs. Guttridge's well-known hospitality, driving to Spence for Sunday School and service, and back to Maganetawan for evening service. The catechist broke down on Good Friday on his way home. His jumper—a box on wooden runners—came to grief in a water hole. He managed to get to Spence, one and a half miles distant, and rode home. It came on to rain leaving Spence, and the journey home took between three and four hours.

There is much to thank the Master for. The catechist has recovered his health, and, though there are some discouraging features, still the prospects are bright. The mission's apportionment to salary was nearly \$19 more than the amount pledged, though this might have been increased if all had done their duty. The mission is now composed of five stations, and covers five townships. T.J.H.

Aspdin Mission.

(VACANT.)

ST. MARY'S, ASPDIN.—Accounts showing a small deficit were accepted as presented. A gift from England since received—for which the congregation desire to express their hearty thanks—will allow the wardens to commence the new year with a clear sheet. Mr. W. B. Crompton was appointed clergyman's warden, and Mr. A. M. Leefe was elected people's warden.

ST. GEORGE'S, LANCELOT.—Accounts were balanced and accepted. Messrs. Mitchell and Martin, retiring wardens, were reappointed.

ST. MICHAEL'S, ALLANSVILLE.—Accounts showing a balance of \$24.72 in favour of the church were presented and accepted. The officials for the ensuing year are Messrs. W. Seymour, clergyman's warden; Mr. E. Harris, people's warden; and Mr. Armstrong, vestry clerk (re-elected). The vestry, by motion, empowered the churchwardens to buy all necessary materials for a driving-shed, and to call bees for its erection. A motion conveying thanks to Mrs. Roper for gifts to the Sunday School was unanimously passed.

ST. JOHN'S, STANLEYDALE.—Receipts and expenditures were found to be equal, and accepted. Mr. Henderson was elected churchwarden. The vestry expressed its regret at losing their incumbent, Rev. H. P. Lowe, M.A. The mission was unanimous in electing Mr. A. M. Leefe as lay delegate to the Triennial Council.

Ilfracombe Mission.

REV. J. PARDOE, INCUMBENT.

ILFRACOMBE.—The annual vestry was held at Christ Church on Easter Monday. The incumbent presided. Mr. John Malkin was reappointed clergyman's warden, and Mr. C. Smith was re-elected people's warden. Mrs. C. Crump was appointed organist. During the past year a bell tower has been erected at a cost of \$50, a stable built for the clergyman's horse, and other improvements made. The thanks of the vestry were tendered to Mrs. R. S. Mann, through whose efforts a carpet for the chancel was obtained; Mrs. S. Malkin, for kneeler for communion rail; Mr. H. T. Watkins, for a donation of \$5 towards kneelers for the body of the church, and \$3 towards cost of deed for burial ground; and to Mrs. J. Malkin for a bowl for use at baptisms (as there is no font at this church), and \$3 towards communion linen. It is hoped that during this summer the burial ground, which has just been deeded to the Bishop, will be cleared and fenced ready for consecration.

NOVAR.—The Easter vestry was held at St. Mary's Church, Novar, on April 16th, the incumbent in the chair. During the past year a new east window has been placed in the church, two large lamps have been purchased, a driving-shed (which includes a woodshed and private box-stall) erected, the vestry lined inside, and a cupboard and other conveniences provided. The church, Sunday School, and Women's Church Aid Society's funds all show a balance in hand. Attention was called to the fact that the church needs siding up, and the lot fencing. This work, it is hoped, will be undertaken at an early date. The incumbent, for himself and congregation, tendered thanks to the wardens, lay read-

er, members of the choir, and especially to the Women's Aid Society, through whose efforts much more has been accomplished than would otherwise have been possible. Mr. H. Paget was appointed clergyman's warden, and Mr. G. Harris re-elected people's warden. Mr. W. Paget and Mr. Henry Large were appointed sidesmen for the ensuing year, and Miss Pardoe organist.

RAVENSCLIFFE.—The annual vestry meeting was held at St. John the Baptist's Church on April 17th. There was a good representative attendance, the incumbent presiding. Thanks were tendered to all who had helped in the work of the church during the past year. Mr. I. Hopkins was re-elected warden, and Mr. G. W. Martin and Mr. W. Hopkins were appointed sidesmen. Mr. W. Martin and Mr. W. Armishaw were elected auditors for the ensuing year. The incumbent appointed Mr. Brook organist and Mrs. G. W. Tipper assistant organist. Mr. W. Clarke was re-elected vestry clerk. Three delegates were selected by ballot for Provincial Synod, which meets next September. The funds of the church are in a fairly prosperous condition. The Sunday School is doing well, and shows a balance in hand.

St. Joseph's Island Mission.

REV. W. J. ECCLESTONE, INCUMBENT.

Easter vestry meetings were held in the various stations in the mission.

ST. JOHN'S, MARKSVILLE.—The report of the churchwardens showed a deficit towards clergyman's stipend (\$30.58), which amount was made up by members of the vestry. The parsonage report presented showed a debt of only \$18. The following were elected wardens: Messrs. B. Eddy and D. Chappelle; delegate to the Triennial Council, Mr. B. Eddy.

HOLY TRINITY, JOCELYN.—The wardens for the current year are Messrs. F. Kent and S. Ferris. Mr. C. Young was elected delegate to the Triennial Council.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, RICHARD'S LANDING.—The wardens' report showed money given in offertories and subscriptions to the sum of \$87.34. The report of the Women's Guild stated that moneys raised by entertainments, sale of work, and weekly dues reached a total of \$171.90. Out of this amount they handed over to the building committee \$75 towards the stone work of the foundation of the church. With the balance they are furnishing the church, which we expect to open in June. The building committee have received \$215 by subscription from the congregation and friends on the island. We are owing the contractor \$300. Contributions towards the church building fund at Richard's Landing are solicited from the friends of Algoma, and may be sent to D. Kemp, Esq., Synod Office, Toronto, or to Rev. W. J. Ecclestone, Marksville, Ont. The following were elected: Churchwardens, Messrs. B. Fuller and W. Caufield; delegate to Triennial Council, Mr. B. Fuller.

North Bay Mission.

REV. A. J. YOUNG, INCUMBENT.

The Easter services in St. Michael and All Angels' Church commenced with a celebration of Holy Communion at eight o'clock, followed by morning prayer and second celebration at noon. The chancel, lectern, and organ were prettily decorated with flowers. The attendance at both services was better than ever before. There were more communicants and a larger offertory, better singing and more hearty responding than the writer has ever heard at North Bay. The Easter vestry, held on Easter Monday evening, was well attended. The churchwardens presented their accounts for the past year, which were accepted, and ordered to be printed and circulated amongst the members. The accounts showed that the sum of \$766.20 had been raised during the year for all purposes, and the clergyman's stipend paid in full, leaving a small balance in hand. The Woman's Auxiliary raised \$194.71 for parsonage and \$5.55 for diocesan Indian Homes. The special offertories for the year were: Foreign missions, \$6.76; domestic missions, \$7.63; Superannuation Fund, \$3.65; Jews, \$2.67; Christmas offertory for incumbent, \$10.40; Diocese of Athabasca, \$3.12; total, \$34.23. The Sunday School offerings amounted to \$27. The wardens for 1895-6 are: Mr. George Hannen for the people, and Mr. G. W. Liddle for the incumbent.

At a social gathering of the congregation held in March the incumbent urged upon the people the great need of a new church. A committee for furthering the object was formed in the room, and up to time of writing about \$800 has been promised towards the building fund.

A. J. YOUNG.

Mission of Gore Bay.

REV. J. H. M'LEOD, INCUMBENT.

GORE BAY.—The burial of a parishioner at a distance from home necessitated the holding of the annual vestry meeting in connection with All Saints' Church on Easter Tuesday, instead of on the day previous. The meeting was presided over by the incumbent. After prayers and approval of minutes of the previous meeting, the chairman read his report, from which we learn that during the year past he had held 169 services at various points. The number is thus made up: Kagawong, 28; Trinity Church, 27; Eighth Line, 23; No. 1 schoolhouse, 25; Meldrum Bay, 2; Silver Water, 2; Burpee, 4; All Saints' Church, 58. The number of baptisms was 42; marriages, 13; burials, 12.

Dr. Francis, the clergyman's warden, presented his report, which showed a small balance on hand. Dr. Francis, M.A., M.D., was reappointed by the incumbent, and Mr. Thos. R. Ferguson was elected people's warden. Sidesmen, Messrs. James Liddicoat and John Allen. Auditors, Messrs. D. R. Springer and J. Kinney.

J. H. McL.

South River Mission.

REV. G. GANDER, INCUMBENT.

TROUT CREEK.—The annual vestry was held on the evening of Easter Monday, the incumbent in the chair. Messrs. Sloman and Fox were re-elected churchwardens, and Messrs. Wm. Brown and Raeburn, sidesmen. Mr. Fox was elected lay delegate to the Triennial Council. The ballot paper for election of lay delegates to the Provincial Synod was duly marked. At this place the people are striving to complete their church building and would be most thankful for any help that would enable them to finish the building this summer.

EAGLE LAKE.—On the evening of Wednesday in Easter week, the annual vestry was held, at which Messrs. Arthur Smythe and John Ardiel were elected wardens. The financial report for the past year was considered satisfactory. The ballot paper was marked for lay delegates to the Provincial Synod. The worshippers at Eagle Lake are contemplating such improvements as the enclosure of the land surrounding the church.

SOUTH RIVER.—Though the night was wet we held our annual vestry meeting on the evening of Monday, April 22nd. The local quota to stipend was somewhat in arrears. The officers for 1895-96 are: Wardens, Messrs. Wm. Connolly and Wm. Ard; sidesmen, Messrs. Thos. Bottomley and Charles Wilson; delegate to Triennial Council, Mr. W. Ard. The ballot paper was marked, which was issued for the election of lay delegate to the Provincial Synod.

Rosseau Mission.

REV. G. GILLMOR, INCUMBENT.

At the Easter vestries in this mission the following office-bearers were appointed:

ROSSEAU.—Wardens, Messrs. John Percy Brown and Henry Coate; sidesmen, Messrs. Edward Clifford, Henry Ditchburn, David Davidge, Charles Biley, Arthur Baines, and George Monteith; delegate to Triennial Council, Mr. John Percy Brown.

ULLSWATER.—Wardens, Messrs. Alexander Anderson and Henry Creasor; sidesmen, Messrs. Wakeman Edwards and August Briese; vestry clerk, Mr. John Anderson; delegate to Triennial Council, Mr. August Briese.

NORTH CARDWELL.—Wardens, Messrs. Richard Holton and Henry Sirett; delegate to Council, Mr. Henry Sirett.

At these vestries the accounts showed a balance on hand, the clergyman's stipend paid, and no debts. The work in building during spring and summer will consist, God willing, of a stone foundation, siding, reshingling, and chancel for the Church of the Redeemer at Rosseau; stone foundation and siding for Church of St. Thomas at Ullswater; and a church to be built at Windermere. *Laus Deo.*

G. GILLMOR.

Port Carling.

REV. W. A. J. BURT, INCUMBENT.

The annual Easter vestry meetings of this mission passed off very pleasantly indeed. In nearly all the receipts met the expenditure, and in two stations there was a balance on hand.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PORT CARLING.—The wardens elected were Mr. Geo. Sutton and Mr. F. D. Stubbs; sidesmen, Messrs. Penson, Foreman, Lowe, Jones.

CHRIST CHURCH, JOSEPH RIVER.—Clergyman's warden, Mr. M. Woods; people's warden, Mr. E. Mivett.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, PORT SANDFIELD.—Clergyman's warden, Mr. Enoch Cox; people's warden, Mr. J. Rogers.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BEAUMARIS.—Clergyman's warden, Mr. W. Riley; people's warden, Mr. E. Broadley.

The Easter services were bright and hearty at St. James' and Christ Church. There was a good attendance at both these services, and a very good number communicated at the 11 o'clock celebration.

Broadbent Mission.

REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

At all the churches the past year has proved a successful one. The congregations have been true and faithful to divine service. Finances, according to the nature of the mission, are satisfactory, and the prospect looks bright and encouraging. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

ST. STEPHEN'S, BROADBENT.—Wardens, Messrs. William Bartlett and Edward Broadbent (re-elected); sidesmen, Messrs. Henry E. Broadbent and William Kottka; organist, Mrs. H. E. Broadbent. The delegate to the Diocesan Council is Mr. James Bartlett.

ST. JOHN'S, DUFFERIN BRIDGE.—Wardens, Messrs. James Vigrass and James Brownlee (re-elected); sidesmen, Messrs. Arthur Fry, Olen Mott, and William Hall; Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Cobb; delegate to Diocesan Council, Mr. James Vigrass.

ST. PAUL'S, SEGUIN FALLS.—Wardens, clergyman's warden not appointed; people's warden, Mr. Andrew Kerr (re-elected); Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Emes; organist, Mrs. Cobb.

Port Sydney Mission.

REV. A. R. MITCHELL, INCUMBENT.

CHRIST CHURCH, PORT SYDNEY.—The vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, and the churchwardens were able to report that the church was free from debt. During the year the sum of \$129.28 had been received through the offertories, and \$122.75 expended. The number of services held in this church during the year was 117; celebrations of Holy Communion, 4; baptisms, 4; and 9 persons were confirmed.

[The remainder of this article and our English Letter is held over for want of space.—ED.]