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## Notes by the Way.

To our correspondents: Write on one side of the paper only. Don't use post-cards for copy.

WE confidently believe that our readers thoroughly appreciate such descriptive communications as those recently published in our columns from the pen of Rev. W. A. J. Burt.

THE Bishop has appointed His Honour Judge Johnston, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Mr. J. G. King, of Port Arthur, lay delegates to the General Synod to be held at Winnipeg next year.

THERE is one rule from which no exception is allowed, viz., all writers of communications to the editor must make themselves known to him—by name, at least—if they expect their news or letters to appear in our columns.

THE weather towards the end of October was unusually cold. The fall of snow, now melted away, made our poor farmers look grave, because the supply of hay is short, and their cattle were unable to pick a living outdoors.

On subjects of diocesan interest laymen in Algoma might with advantage speak through THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. As a beginning we direct attention to Mr. Wilgress' account of the Provincial Synod in another column.

IT is a long time since an "English Letter" occupied any space in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. Amid all the absorbing work of our friends in the motherland, we hope the "English Letter" is not altogether thrust out of view.

THE Bishop's Commissary, Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd, was at Powassan on Sunday, October 27th. Besides the duties belonging to the services of that day, we learn that on the following day he gave some time to consultation with the people on matters affecting the interests of the Church there.

REFERENCE to other columns tells the reader of the work done in Algoma for our Bishop by the zealous and energetic Bishop of Niagara. By the way, it may be mentioned that the Bishop of Niagara, with the Bishop of Toronto and Mr. A. H. Campbell, are the trustees of the Algoma Episcopal Endowment Fund.

IT affords us unfeigned pleasure to record the fact that Rev. W. Evans, of Parry Sound, is again at his post and in better health than for years past. A tumor in his back was recently successfully removed by the medical men in Toronto hospital, whither he went for treatment. In a letter to a friend, Mr. E. sings loudly the praises of friends of Algoma in the capital city of the province. During his absence from home, Mr. Weaver, a Wycliffe divinity student, read the services on Sundays.

"RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG" was the subject of a paper read at the only Canadian Church Congress (1883) by Rev. R. H. Starr, M.A., B.D. At that date the paper is evidence that a step or

two had been taken in the direction of the "sacred principle of the union of secular and religious knowledge." In the twelve years that have flown, not as much has been done in bringing the matter before the Canadian public as, in our opinion, might have been accomplished if, in addition to the other means used, the subject had been frequently discussed at other Church Congresses in this land. Mr. Starr's contribution can be read to-day with profit.

THE Church folk at Bracebridge are looking about them for plans of a new church suitable to their needs, architecturally and financially. We have been favoured with opportunities of inspecting the designs of two Toronto architects. It would not do, perhaps, to mention names now, but it may be said that, requirements of cost being equal, one is much to be preferred because the interior and exterior exhibits in nearly every line the devout traditions of Anglicanism without surrendering a single point from a utilitarian view. We shall watch the decision of the committee in charge with no little interest.

NOT only Church papers in England, but secular papers, too, are devoting much space to the recent Church Congress at Norwich. Many and various were the subjects discussed; for the most part they were those in which the people as a whole were interested. Would not a similar gathering in Canada, or in each province (the Dominion being so great a territory) be of value to Church life here? It cannot be that the first and only congress in Canada, held in Hamilton 1883, was so conspicuous a failure that another should not be ventured. That kind of success is most valuable which has triumphed over many difficulties and obstacles.

A SUGGESTION made by a recent donor is one which is well worth noting for imitation. He writes:

"Enclosed I send you a P.O.O. for £2 1s., being £1 1s., my subscription to the parent society, and £1 pro memorial wreath (Mrs. L—).

"My object is to try to induce friends to devote to some missionary or benevolent society the sum which they would otherwise expend in costly memorial wreaths which perish in the course of a few days. It is no uncommon thing to see on a single grave from fifty to eighty of such floral memorials, varying in value from 10s. to 30s. each. I cannot think we should be considered wanting in respect to the memory of our dear friends in handing over to some useful purpose that tribute of our esteem which we were disposed to dedicate to them, intimating such purpose and object on our card of inquiry after sorrowing relatives and friends."—*The Mission Field for October.*

MINGLED congratulations and prayers are called forth by the selection of a one-time Algoma missionary for the duties pertaining to the office of a bishop in the Church of Christ in the missionary Territory of Alaska. At the recent Convention in St. Paul of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, the Rev. Peter Trimble Rowe, M.A., of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (the narrow stream of St. Mary River only dividing his parish from that of Rev. Rural Dean Renison), was chosen to be the first bishop in the north land of Alaska. Mr. Rowe is by birth a Canadian, and a graduate of the University of Trinity College, Toronto. The Bishop-elect has many warm friends in this diocese, especially in the neighbourhoods of the Sault, Garden River, and St. Joseph's Island, whose best wishes and earnest prayers testify both to their love of the Church of Christ and interest in the work and welfare of their friend. We presume nothing when, in the name of the missionaries of Algoma, we pray:

Upon him pour the Holy Ghost,  
With all the flame of Pentecost;  
With Peter's faith, vouchsafe him all  
The love of John, the zeal of Paul.  
And when at last, O gracious Lord,  
Thou shalt bestow his full reward,  
Let those whom he hath led aright  
Be jewels in his crown of light.

#### Letters to the Editor.

#### A SPECIMEN BRICK.

To the Editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS:

SIR,—On the 2nd of September, one of our little boys, Henry Peters, met with an accident when playing football and broke a small bone in his right foot. Erysipelas developed in the foot, and on the 5th of September, on the advice of our doctor, the boy was placed in the Shingwauk Hospital, and in spite of all medical skill and good nursing the ankle joint became so diseased that in

order to save the boy's life it was necessary to amputate the foot. The operation was successfully performed on the 24th September, and I am happy to say that our little patient has not suffered much since. He is bright and cheerful, and the hopes of a good recovery are now pretty well assured. I could not help often thinking when sitting by his bedside how many white boys or men would have been so patient and plucky, under similar circumstances as this little Indian boy has been. He is only eleven years of age, a Delaware of Moraviantown, a clever, bright boy, and one of many, alas! in the Shingwauk entirely unsupported, and I have ventured to make his sad case public in the hope that perhaps some kind friend or Sunday School might see their way to adopt this lad as their special charge or contribute partially towards his support in our homes.

GEORGE LEY KING,  
Principal.

#### A TRIBUTE TO LOYALTY.

To the Editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS:

SIR,—I hasten to pay a tardy tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Andrew Slemont, of Baysville, which the pressing call of serious illness in my family alone hindered me from expressing long ere this. The late Mr. Slemont had been for the past ten years my right-hand man in all work and effort, connected with the Church in Baysville. The Sunday School has lost a warm friend, a diligent teacher, a staunch and intelligent Churchman, and, above all, a man whose whole heart and life was in his work and for the Church. He was never afraid or ashamed to vindicate her cause. In season or out of season he would exhort to churchmanship, explain her changeless principles, defend her doctrine, and promote by all legitimate means her interests, spiritual and temporal. Recognizing the fact that the Church of the children is the Church of the future, he bent his energies to the establishing of a sound system of instruction for the young, and to this end the Sunday School was the scene of his constant and unwearied efforts. He counted all loss but gain if he only succeeded in influencing the young for good, and by the children, one and all, he was respected and beloved. He has been taken from us. My prayer is that others, emulating his zeal and fired by a like enthusiasm, may be found to fill his place in promoting the glory of God and the welfare of His Church.

JAMES BOYDELL.

#### "MEN'S HELP SOCIETY."

To the Editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS:

SIR,—Permit me to ask you to make it known through the medium of THE MISSIONARY NEWS that I have accepted the office of Diocesan Secretary of the "Men's Help Society" for the Diocese of Algoma, and to state that I shall be pleased to forward to any of the clergy of the diocese

every information in my power pertaining to the above-named society, which has for its aim the getting hold of men and enlisting them in the real live work of the Church. The Bishop, in reference to my appointment as diocesan secretary, was kind enough to state to a member of the Executive Committee in England, "Your selection of Rev. Edward J. Harper, of Fort William, meets with my entire approval." I quote this to show that the society has the Bishop's sanction and good will, and to bespeak on its behalf the hearty co-operation of the clergy of the diocese.

Yours faithfully,  
EDWARD J. HARPER,  
Secretary "Men's Help Society."

P.S.—In seeking information persons will kindly send stamps for reply. E.J.H.

St. Luke's Parsonage,  
Fort William, Ont., Canada,  
October 30th, 1895.

#### A DISCLAIMER.

To the Editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS:

SIR,—I am annoyed at the report in this month's ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS of my remarks at the Provincial Synod. I talk nonsense as well as other people in private, and in times of recreation; but when I have to speak before such an audience as that at Montreal, and am charged with a message from the diocese so important as that committed to me by our Triennial Council, I have no inclination for nonsense; and, therefore, I decline responsibility for such an atrocious muddle as the reporters thought fit to saddle upon me.

That the Church press should simply copy from the secular press is not creditable to its enterprise or its discrimination. I have sent a protest to the *Canadian Churchman* acquitting you of blame in the matter.

C. J. MACHIN.

October, 1895.

#### Our Own Report.

We gladly give space to the following from the pen of our lay delegate (Mr. G. S. Wilgress) at the Provincial Synod. It came to hand too late for last month's number:

The Provincial Synod, at its sixteenth session held in Montreal last month, gave careful consideration to Algoma, and from the measures passed it will be seen that the diocese has been most kindly and liberally treated.

Provision was made for a superannuation allowance of \$2,500 a year to the Bishop in case of his resignation; this sum to be reduced, in the event of his accepting any other position or charge, by the amount of the emolument attached to it.

A canon was passed providing for the establishment of synods in missionary dioceses situated within the limits of this ecclesiastical province, and the prayer of the memorial of the Diocesan Triennial Council was granted, with the conditions that the synodical constitution, which it now devolves upon the Standing Committee to prepare, is to be submitted to the Provincial Synod for approval. In the discussion which followed on the presentation of the memorial, little or no opposition was made, but, on the contrary, the kindest good will and sympathy was displayed, the attitude of the Synod towards Algoma resembling that of a mother to her firstborn son on the occasion of his first seeking the rights of manhood. All felt glad that Algoma is willing, as far as in her lies, to undertake the duties and responsibilities of self-government, and recognized the memorial, supported as it was by the forcible and convincing speeches of the Bishop, Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd, Rev. Rural Dean Machin, and Rev. Rural Dean Renison, as a sign of the progress and development of the diocese, and they unanimously wished us Godspeed.

In the course of the proceedings of the Synod, many interesting and instructive debates took place, notably that on religious education in schools, from which it appeared that the preponderance of feeling is in favour of the Church operating her own schools where possible, and also that on the use of the Revised Version of Holy Scriptures in churches, which was decidedly rejected.

It was a pleasure to see the large number of learned and earnest laymen who took part, and a most useful part, in the proceedings. Discussion of the questions of the further utilization of lay help, and a permanent diaconate, had unfortunately to be postponed for lack of time; but it appears that not only in Canada, but also in the United States, laymen and women are getting up and doing more in the active work of the Church.

Movements have been made towards the establishment of new dioceses in Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton, Cornwall, and parts of Huron and Toronto, and it appears that before long there will be a separate diocese of Ottawa.

The proceedings were closed, after a session of eight days, by the acting Metropolitan, Bishop Bond, in the presence of both Houses.

October 9, 1895.

### Read It.

"MANITOULIN; or Five Years of Church Work among Ojibway Indians and Lumbermen, Resident upon that Island or in its Vicinity." By H.N.B., author of "Life in Algoma." London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Ltd., 1895. 164 pp., illustrated.

This little volume, by a former missionary in Algoma, and dedicated to our Bishop, is a compilation, from various sources, of facts and records of the work of the missionaries of the Church on the great Manitoulin Island (in Lake Huron) in the Diocese of Algoma. Without attempting a word about the earliest missionary work of the Jesuits 200 years ago, and which has now so little results, the author, true to his object of interesting Church people in our work, starts with the advent of the Church in this region in the person of Mr. (afterwards Archdeacon) McMurray in 1832. After a brief introduction he plunges into a recital of the happenings of to-day, telling much about the self-denying labours of the missionaries now on the island, and giving to Mr. Frost a larger share of space, as he deserves. The source of almost every page is known to us, and we are able to say that it is an unpretentious story of unpretentious labour in the cause of Christ's Church. We hope its circulation will be a large one, and that, not only because will be better known the difficulties and desirings of our missionaries, but because it is a book that will aid in stimulating the spirit of missions generally. An idea of the work which the Bishop is enabled to do with his yacht, the *Evangeline*, is also to be gleaned from its pages. We hope it will find a place on many shelves, from which it will come forth from time to time to give point to appeals in aid of missions. The author retains a lively regard for the diocese in which he was permitted at first to work.

### Emsdale Mission.

REV. A. W. H. CHOWNE, INCUMBENT.

The church at Sand Lake was first used for Morning Prayer on Sunday, October 20th, when a nice congregation assembled; but, owing to the fact being generally known that the church was unfinished, and no stove in it, and the day a most severe one, there were not so many as otherwise would have been.

The incumbent begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the gift of \$1 from—Quail, Esq., Chicago; also \$1 from Mrs. Bazett, Burk's Falls.

ALFRED W. H. CHOWNE.

### The Diocesan Sunday School Committee.

At the council held last August the above committee was appointed to further the work of Sunday Schools in the diocese. The members of the committee, the Rev. W. H. French, of Sudbury; Rev. R. Renison, of Sault Ste. Marie; and Rev. A. J. Young, of North Bay, have begun their work by issuing a form for obtaining full statistics from every Sunday School in the diocese. These returns are to be sent in to the Rev. W. H. French, Sudbury, by 16th Nov. It is hoped that the clergy and catechists will kindly co-operate and give as full and complete information as possible. With those returns before them the committee will better be enabled to decide what further steps shall be taken to help forward this very important work.

### Bracebridge Mission.

REV. JAMES BOYDELL, INCUMBENT.

We have just been favoured with a visit from the Bishop of Niagara, who is assisting in discharging the episcopal duties of the Bishop of Algoma, now *en route* for Europe to recuperate his health. On Thursday, October 17th, I enjoyed the pleasure of driving the Bishop to Baysville to hold a confirmation at 11 a.m. on the same day. As the distance is sixteen miles, over a very hilly road, we arrived just in time for the service, which began with the office for the Holy Communion, followed by the apostolic rite of the laying on of hands. His lordship said the appointed prayers, assuming the office of consecrating priest, and delivering two addresses to the new confirmees, one before and one after confirmation, both of which were listened to with manifest and deep attention by the large congregation who had assembled to participate in this solemn act of worship. Leaving Baysville at 3 p.m., we arrived, after a drive of sixteen miles over an exceedingly rough and hilly road, at Uffington at dusk, congratulating ourselves at our escape from darkness, now actually setting in. On the following morning the same solemn service was again repeated, and eighteen persons were admitted into the full enjoyment and possession of the richest heritage of the Church—the Holy Communion. Leaving Uffington at 4 p.m., we arrived the same evening at Bracebridge, and at Evensong his lordship preached to a large congregation in St. Thomas' Church, the incumbent

regretfully being unable to present his candidates for confirmation for lack of sufficient preparation on their part. On Saturday the Bishop proceeded by steamer to Port Carling, an account of which visit will, doubtless, be forthcoming from the pen of the incumbent.

The usual harvest festival was celebrated in St. Thomas' Church on the 3rd of October, the congregation having very unanimously and heartily devoted themselves to decorating the church with the fruits, grain, and vegetables offered for that purpose. The effect was very pleasant.

were devoted to the Superannuation Fund of the diocese.

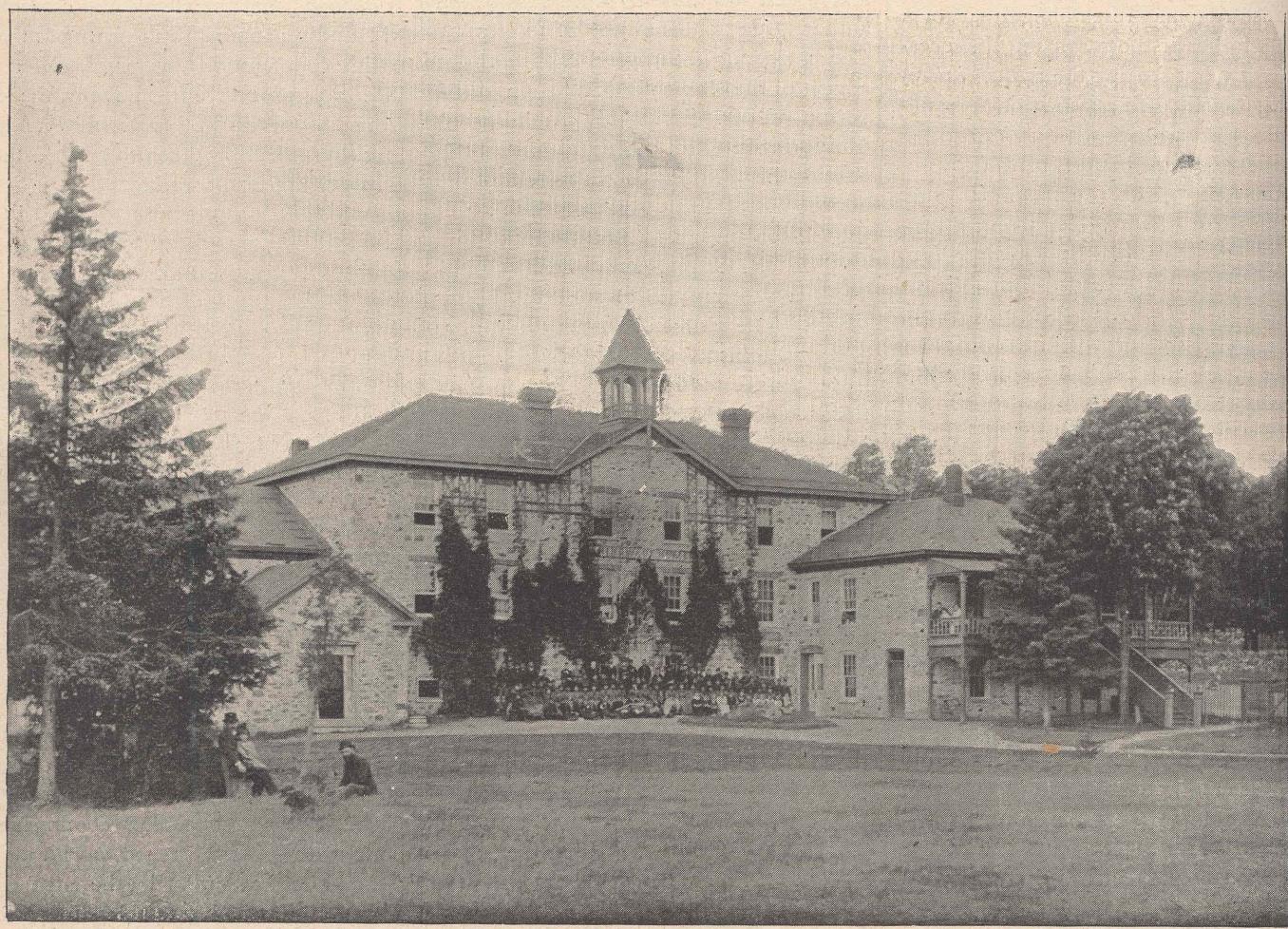
JAMES BOYDELL.

### Our Indian Work.

Our columns for some years past have not contained as much information as formerly concerning the work of the Church among the Indians, partly, no doubt, because the originator and first editor was himself an enthusiastic labourer in this department, and was filled with fact and incident about it, and also because

Shingwauk Home and of the Chapel built in connection therewith as a memorial to Algoma's first bishop, Right Rev. F. D. Fauquier.

On the table before us lies the twentieth annual report of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, containing appeals full of interesting facts from the Bishop of the diocese, and from the principal, Mr. Geo. Ley King. There are also some letters from the pens of the Indian boy pupils, giving abundant evidence that they have received and are receiving a training that will enable the writers to take places side



Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

ing to the eye, and harmonizing as these types do with the special and appropriate prayers, thanksgiving, and hymns, I trust both eye and ear lent themselves to the service of the heart in ascribing to God the honour due unto His name. Upon the following day a similar service was repeated in the little church at Falkenburg, three miles distant, where a large congregation awaited the arrival of the incumbent and choir from St. Thomas', the latter having consented to assist in rendering the musical portion of the service. The offertories at both churches

the Church has increased her labourers among the white settlers, who have largely increased in numbers. Another reason may, perhaps, be discovered in the not too bountiful supply of material for our columns from the hard-working missionaries at Indian posts, our good friend, Rev. Rural Dean Frost, excepted. We have hopes now that in the future THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS will give a better proportion of its space to this subject.

This month we endeavour to interest our readers by the two illustrations of the

by side with many white children. When it is added that, with the Bishop as president, there is a strong committee of loyal Churchmen, our readers are assured that the spiritual welfare of the pupils is well looked after.

The report also contains a general statement of receipts and expenditures—amounting to \$10,620.31—for the past year, together with a list of subscriptions received in England and Canada, and a list of pupils in residence during 1894.

The immediate needs are a new Wawanosh Home for the girls, and funds for re-

pairs and improvements at the Shingwauk. It is hoped that the sum necessary for both these objects, \$4,500, will soon be at the disposal of the Bishop, and that all fears he may have regarding the sacrifice of any portion of the Church's work among our Indian fellow-countrymen may be dispelled.

If we owed nothing to the Indian whose country we have taken possession of and are improving in so many ways, we dare not, if we could, forget that God is no

1874, the foundation stone being laid by the then Governor-General, the Earl of Dufferin.

The Memorial Chapel was erected in 1883, and was consecrated by our present Bishop on Wednesday, Aug. 29th, 1883. In the cemetery near by rest the remains of Bishop Fauquier and his wife.

THERE is no use in asking God to bless the world unless we are willing to bear some part of the expense ourselves.

throughout Christendom. In obedience to his Bishop, the incumbent of Port Carling extended the invitation to his congregations, and requested that parents and children assemble themselves together at the Church of St. James', Port Carling, on Sunday morning at ten o'clock. This request was complied with, and resulted in one hundred and twenty people, adults and children, coming together to join in intercession, praises, and thanksgiving to Almighty God, and also to listen to the



Memorial Chapel, Shingwauk Home.

#### Port Carling Mission.

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

This mission was honoured recently by a visit from the Bishop of Niagara. Fortunately, the Archdeacon chose Sunday, October 20th, as the day for his lordship's visit, on which date the Archbishop and bishops of this ecclesiastical province had invited the various congregations to meet with their respective pastors and join in a general intercession for Sunday Schools

respecter of persons; that our Master's command to preach the Gospel to every creature is clear enough. Surely our faith is sufficient to obey it, using the best methods of which we have knowledge and improving them in directions when our experience tells us we can do so. We cannot all be teachers of Indians—but few are fitted for the work—but we can each and all hold up the hands of those engaged in so good a cause.

The Shingwauk Home was erected in

fatherly advice and counsel of the Bishop of Niagara. But this service was not all that the incumbent had prepared for his people. At eleven o'clock on the same day the above number was augmented and joined in the offices of Confirmation and Holy Communion. The Bishop addressed the congregation (particularly the candidates for Confirmation) on the subject of Confirmation, or apostolic rite of laying on of hands. Then, in addition to the above-mentioned services, it had been

arranged that the presence of Niagara's Bishop would be taken advantage of by holding in the evening a harvest thanksgiving service, at which the distinguished prelate delivered a soul-stirring thanksgiving sermon. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion, and gave evidence of the taste and skill of the members of the congregation. Our thanks are due to those who contributed so willingly fruit, vegetables, flowers, and grain, to those who set them in order, and to the Methodists of Port Carling, who, unsolicited, closed their place of worship that they might join with us in all the services of the day. In the afternoon of the same day the Bishop and Mr. Burt visited Christ Church, Gregory, where Evensong was said and the Bishop addressed the congregation, basing his words on the text, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, by which ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." The trip to this church was made in the steam yacht *Fontteroy*, owned by Mr. J. H. McDermott, who very kindly put it at the service of the Bishop, incumbent, and others who availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting Christ Church. Thus the Bishop delivered four addresses, conferred the apostolic rite of Confirmation, and celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. His kindness is the more appreciated when we consider that the work he is doing in this diocese is voluntary and without renumeration, and done in addition to arduous labours in his own diocese. We hope he may visit this mission again in the near future. B.

### Burk's Falls Mission.

REV. C. PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

In the forefront of our news this month we express our joy at the fact that the debt that was hanging over the parsonage—not yet complete—is a thing of the past. The mortgage and interest has been paid, and it is hoped that every energy will now be bent to settle the outstanding debts for the maintaining of Church ministrations here. As it is, we rejoice and are thankful to know that in the future no incumbent of this mission will be homeless.

At All Saints' Church, Burk's Falls, the harvest thanksgiving service was held on the evening of Tuesday, October 10th. The church was decorated with the fruits of the earth, and the music on the occasion was well sung by the little choir, the specially appointed Psalms being

chanted, and an anthem, "Ye shall Dwell in the Land," being extras. The incumbent preached, making a plea for the Superannuation Fund of the diocese. The offertory was \$2.15.

On All Saints' Day there was another special service. Since the advent of the present incumbent this festival of the church has been regularly marked. A very fair congregation assembled at 7.30 p.m. The prayers were read by Rev. C. Piercy, and the lessons by Rev. J. Boydell, of Bracebridge, who was also the preacher. We sincerely appreciate Mr. Boydell's kindness in travelling so far to aid us in keeping the feast.

At Sundridge, on the evening of October 30th, a social gathering was held at the residence of Mr. Joseph Edgar, which was in every particular a success. The congregation of St. Paul's recognize the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, and the young women whose efforts contributed to their enjoyment of a pleasant evening.

### Maganetawan Mission.

MR. T. J. HAY, CATECHIST.

On the second day of October the incumbent of Burk's Falls took a long drive to marry a couple of persons in this mission. The clergyman drove fifty-two miles for the purpose. The principal parties are residents of the unorganized township of Spence, the bride and her parents having resided for twenty years on the same land. Before the dawn, almost before the dream of railways in this section, they pushed their way through the bush from the town of Parry Sound. Now they are twenty-five miles from a railway and nearly half that distance from a church. As is the case of some others of the first settlers who came into the dense, trackless forest, the total absence of the regular ministrations of religion for years has seemed to produce a doubt as to their value now when nearer at hand. They seldom, very seldom, see the inside of a place of public worship, but yet, when this marriage was decided upon, a preference was expressed for the presence of a missionary of the Church.

After the wedding the visiting priest repaired to the house of the bride's parents, where the mother is very infirm, and at their urgent request celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. A brief address preceded the administration. It is devoutly hoped that the words uttered to those fast going down life's hill to the grave, and to the younger—if middle-

aged—people present will result in a blessing to the house and the neighbourhood. On the return journey a stop was made to baptize a young girl at the home of another old settler. In conversation with the mother, who some eighteen years ago came into this section of country, and who with her family has endured many hardships and suffered from many illnesses, the visiting clergyman said he wondered how they ever managed to find the right place, *i.e.*, the place they had located. The reply was, "I often wish we never had, sir!" uttered in tones that expressed the disappointments and hardships of years.

On October 18th (St. Luke's Day), the incumbent of Burk's Falls was again in this mission. The congregation of St. Peter's, Midlothian, made a bold venture for so small a band. Besides the harvest thanksgiving services on Sunday, the 13th, they determined to have a tea and an evening's entertainment. The inspiration for the last named was probably due to the teacher of the little schoolhouse in which the affair took place. However, it turned out to be the "grandest we ever knew." The Rev. C. Piercy, as supervising priest, took the chair and was an admirable chairman. Never was there so well pleased and well conducted an audience within our school walls. And Mr. P. did not come alone. He brought with him from Burk's Falls the organist (Mr. Carradus) and some members of his village choir. We cannot go into details about the programme—which had some twenty-five numbers—though we can say that the tea, programme, and tea again, altogether captured those present, who would be delighted to know that 1896 would see the Midlothian harvest feast repeated. The Burk's Falls people had a fourteen mile drive home, which sweet place they reached about 3.30 next morning. To Mr. Hay, the catechist, is due much credit for the increasing interest in church work at Midlothian and Spence.

(From another correspondent.)

St. Peter's Church, Midlothian, though built eighteen or twenty years, has never been completed. It needed lining and the roof properly sheeted, only part of the walls having been done, and the seats were only rough boards—no backs. The people are very loyal and staunch to their Church, but are badly off. The harvests for the past few years have been bad, grasshoppers having eaten up almost everything. In the face of these troubles, it seemed hard to ask them to unite and

have a harvest festival, also a harvest social, to raise money towards making St. Peter's more comfortable. A new school teacher, Mr. Scott, a young Churchman, turned out to be a *rara avis*, full of enthusiasm. When spoken to about the harvest festival and social, the people declared their willingness; Mr. Scott, it seems, had been talking to them in the same strain. The harvest festival was held on Sunday afternoon, October 13th, at 3 o'clock. The church had been simply, but tastily, decorated with grain, and there was a plentiful supply of vegetables. There was a good attendance at the service. The social was held at Midlothian schoolhouse on October 18th. Rev. C. Piercy, of Burk's Falls, and some members of All Saints' choir drove out fourteen miles to assist in the good cause. Mr. Markham, of Maple Island, came a long way to help. The closing service of the harvest festival was held at St. Peter's on Sunday, October 20th. On this occasion, Mr. Rousell, one of the churchwardens, kindly lent his organ, at which Mr. Markham presided, and it was the first time an organ had been used in the services of the church. A good congregation were present and joined heartily in returning thanks to Almighty God. The vegetables were given to the catechist. The total amount raised by the social and the offertory was something over \$20, and there is now some hope St. Peter's will be made more comfortable.

### Sudbury Mission.

#### REV. W. H. FRENCH, INCUMBENT.

Not having anything out of the common to report has been the reason for absence of news from this mission. The mines, with two exceptions, have been closed all the summer, and now winter is at hand there will be no revival in this neighbourhood until spring once more comes round. This section of Algoma depends so much upon the mining industry that any relaxation or stoppage is at once felt by all, and more especially in every effort pertaining to church work; not a few who were residents, and comparatively generous supporters of our funds, have, through the above cause, had to betake themselves to other parts of the country, and we, in consequence, have suffered both financially and numerically. Notwithstanding this, we hold our own and trust to be able to make a good report at the proper time. One thing worth recording is the increased attendance at Holy Communion and at our week night services.

We have just organized a branch of the Daughters of the King, with a membership of ten and a prospect of more.

All our energies are now bent on an early solution of the parsonage difficulty. To pay rent is wasteful and a heavy drain on our resources. Are there no generous

Churchfolk who read this who will help us in sums large and small to accomplish our ambition? A lady has just called, Mrs. A. E. French, of Coppercliff, in this mission, who desires acknowledgment through these columns of \$5 received by her from Messrs. Northrup & Lyman, of \$2 from Mr. Ryan, and \$1 from Mr. R. Thompson, all of Toronto, all of whom have the best thanks of our people here. We do hope to be able to send you a much larger list next month. Building material here is very dear, as indeed are most things needed by the average man, and therefore, to successfully accomplish our object, we need the generous help of our more fortunate brethren. This mission has hitherto been so self-helpful, and refrained from appeals for aid to the church at large, that (if one might so say without offence) it *deserves* every assistance in the present undertaking. All donations will be thankfully acknowledged by the incumbent in this paper.

W. H. F.

### Huntsville Mission.

#### VEN. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, INCUMBENT.

The annual harvest festival of All Saints' Church, Huntsville, was held on October 15th and 16th. The "harvest home" commenced with a special thanksgiving service in the church on Tuesday evening. Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd read the prayers, assisted by Rev. F. C. H. Ulbricht. The sermon, as preached by Rev. C. J. Machin, Mus. Bac., Rural Dean of Muskoka, from the text, "And what profit shall this birthright do to me?" (Gen. xxv. 32), was eloquently descriptive of the privileges enjoyed by the congregation (*a*) as citizens of our great Dominion, (*b*) as also an integral part of the Empire of Great Britain, (*c*) and, last, but not least, as members of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. The preacher warmly exhorted his hearers to a just appreciation of their privilege and birthright in these three particulars. The offertory, \$5.10, was devoted to the Superannuation Fund of the diocese. The harvest supper was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening. A wet day made the attendance smaller than on previous occasions, but every one went in for hearty enjoyment.

F.C.H.U.

### Uffington Mission.

#### THE REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

Yet again this corner of the mission field has been remembered on high, and is permitted to yield proofs of active service, notes of progress, and tokens of God's blessing.

ST. PAUL'S, UFFINGTON.—On Thursday, October 3rd, the congregation here was called together to join in thanksgiving for the harvest. A very good proportion responded, and a most reverent and hearty service was celebrated to the praise of God. The church was decorated in a very attractive manner, and the

incumbent was the preacher. The attendance numbered forty-two, and the offertory for the Superannuation Fund amounted to \$1.12. Some goodly offerings were also made.

On Thursday, October 17th, Uffington parsonage was favoured with the presence of the Bishop of Niagara, who was accompanied by the Rev. J. Boydell, incumbent of Bracebridge. On Friday, 18th ult., Morning Prayer was read by Rev. J. Boydell and the incumbent at 9.30 a.m. Punctually at 11 a.m. divine service again commenced with an adult baptism by the Bishop of Niagara. The ante-Communion service was then read, after which the incumbent presented to the Bishop seventeen candidates for confirmation, six of whom came over from Purbrook, and it may safely be said that the earnest, telling, and scriptural address to which they listened so intently will not soon fade from their memories. After coming forward separately for the laying on of hands, they were again addressed by the Bishop, most impressively, and then the Communion service was proceeded with. The congregation numbered one hundred, and twenty-eight persons communicated.

On Monday, October 21st, St. Paul's graveyard was made the last resting place of the remains of Mr. Richard Ketching. The church was crowded, and the incumbent read the burial service, also addressing the congregation briefly. The deceased came here from Scotland about twenty-five years ago, had been married fifty-six years, and was much respected. His health had steadily declined during the last four years. The son of deceased (Mr. William Ketching), also deservedly respected, was confirmed on the 18th ult., and in the evening of the same day his father entered the Church above.

CHRIST CHURCH, PURBROOK.—On Tuesday, October 1st, a small congregation assembled to take part in the annual harvest thanksgiving service. Members of Mr. Colson's family, assisted by Mrs. Frow, had very neatly and tastefully decorated the church, and a few substantial offerings were made. The service was bright and hearty, the incumbent officiating. Twenty-six persons were in attendance, and the offertory amounted to \$1.10, which was devoted to the Superannuation Fund.

On Thursday, October 24th, another old settler was carried to his last earthly resting place in the graveyard of Christ Church. Mr. George Childs had been declining for some long time prior to the 22nd ult., when he died, but for some few months before his death he suffered acutely. The deceased was well known and respected, and a large crowd of persons witnessed the funeral ceremonies, which were duly carried out by the incumbent. A family of two daughters and one son mourn their loss, and the widow feels her bereavement keenly, having known her late husband since he was ten years of age. He was approaching seventy when called away.

ST. STEPHEN'S, VANKOUGHNET.—On Tuesday, October 15th, the harvest thanksgiving service was held here. It was a little too late, the men having gone to camp chiefly, and the majority present were women and children. Some very excellent firstfruits were offered. The service was bright and reverent, and the incumbent was again the preacher. About forty persons were present, and the offering for the Superannuation Fund amounted to thirty-seven cents. After the service all repaired to the schoolhouse, where a social time was enjoyed in conversation, etc., whilst the mothers and others unpacked their baskets and prepared a substantial tea. Grace was sung and a hearty meal enjoyed, but darkness coming on made the happy time spent all too brief.

A.H.A.

### Notes of a Ruridecanal Tour in Muskoka.

#### ILFRACOMBE MISSION.

On Monday, the 7th inst., I left home and proceeded by train to Novar, forty-four miles north on the Grand Trunk railway, arriving there in the evening. I was met by the incumbent, the Rev. J. Pardoe, who conducted me to his dwelling place; and after a refreshing cup of tea, etc., we spent the remainder of the evening in discussing the condition and prospects of the Ilfracombe mission; I requesting, and he imparting, much necessary information. On Tuesday morning, starting very early, Mr. Pardoe drove me to Ravenscliffe, twelve miles distant, over terrible roads, a service having been announced for ten o'clock. I had expected to see a small village, but found only a neat frame church on a hill in the midst of a fairly well-settled farming community. The congregation was rather small, but all communicants, save one. The incumbent read Morning Prayer, the sermon falling to my lot, as also the Communion service, at the incumbent's request. After service all stayed while I made inquiries of the churchwardens, and took notes of matters in general for my report to the Bishop. Several things here are worthy of commendation, but there is room for considerable improvement. As usual, there are a few faithful ones who take an earnest interest in church matters, but I must not mention names, at least only one name, that of Miss Tiffer, because she is a subscriber to THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, the only one in the locality. After a tedious investigation, borne patiently by the people, we all adjourned to the house of Mr. John (?) Tiffer near by, and, joined by others who had been too late for the service, found a very hospitable "spread." Mr. Pardoe and I were, however, reluctantly compelled to cut short our participation in an exceedingly pleasant gathering, as we had an appointment at Hoodstown, about six miles in another direction. I will not attempt to describe the road. I was de-

voutly thankful to arrive with unbroken bones and whole skin. This Hoodstown is simply a deserted settlement. An attempt to make a "town" here some years ago was a complete failure. Four men, very respectable persons indeed, met us for consultation. The church is disused for want of a congregation. What was to be done with it? These men had had their feelings wounded and irritated by foolish and unkind remarks made in other localities respecting the probable disposal of the church property. They had, in times gone by, made commendable efforts, and assisted in the building of this church (very pretty inside), and had got a good stove, an excellent organ, very nice seats, and other furniture. It was natural for them to deprecate any action on the part of the Bishop, or the rural dean as his representative, which would seem harsh and unfeeling. They pointed out the probability of some of the deserted farms in that vicinity being reoccupied (there was no hope of the "town"), and that a congregation might yet be gathered together sufficient to warrant the resumption of the public services. There was, however, one present difficulty of a very pressing nature. The loneliness of the situation of the church had caused its desecration by lawless persons in passing to and fro; and the presence of a stove (with unlimited fuel at hand) and an organ had proved too great an attraction for such persons to resist. Moreover, windows had been broken, and, unless prompt and decisive action were taken, total ruin was certain. Two hours spent in soothing and reasoning (for when one's feelings are sore there is danger of being unreasonable) produced the following result. These men having promised to board up the windows and secure the building from further desecration, I, as rural dean, promised them that no action should be taken respecting the church (as to its removal) for another year at least; and that the temptation to intruders should be removed by the loan of the organ and stove to another station in the mission (where they will be a great boon), but distinctly pledging my word that the stove and organ shall be returned whenever it becomes possible to resume the services at Hoodstown. I may add that the Bishop, previous to his departure, fully endorsed my decision, and distinctly supported the pledge I had given respecting the organ and stove. So bidding a cheery good-bye to our four friends, we left for Novar by another road, risky enough in some parts, and, after a sixteen miles' drive, arrived safely after dark, very tired but thankful.

[Want of space compels the holding over of balance until next month.]

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D. KEMP, Treas.

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The Rev. J. Pardoe wishes to acknowledge with many thanks, on behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Novar, the sum of \$10 from Miss L. Hoare, London, Ont., towards the siding up of the church, and takes this opportunity of stating that funds are urgently needed for the above purpose, so that, if possible, the work may be undertaken before the winter sets in. Subscriptions may be sent to D. Kemp, Esq., Synod Office, Toronto, or to the Rev. J. Pardoe, Novar. All sums received will be acknowledged in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. He also desires to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt from Miss Arkwright, Broughton, Astley, England (and acknowledged direct), of a Communion cloth, which will supply a long-felt want. Thanks are tendered to the donors for a number of tracts, pamphlets, Church papers, magazines, etc., also articles of clothing for distribution in the mission forwarded from Sault Ste. Marie.