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### Notes by the Way.

REV. A. J. YOUNG, of North Bay, has been appointed Rural Dean of Nipissing.

THE foundation for a new church building was laid at North Bay. The structure to be raised thereon is to be of brick.

WOLVES have been shot in Parry Sound district this fall in sections where they have not been seen for years. Yet a few years and they will all be gone.

BEFORE our next issue, we expect that the Journal of Proceedings of the Fourth Triennial Council of the Diocese of Algoma will be out of the printer's hands.

THE Standing Committee met at Huntsville on Monday, September 30th, to draft a letter of thanks to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

WE are gratified to be able to tell our readers that a synod for the Diocese of Algoma is to be organized. Not at once, truly, but as soon as possible after the next meeting of the Provincial Synod.

THERE is no little pleasure in being able to say that the anxiety of our highly esteemed brother, Rev. J. Boydell, regarding the health of his son is passing away. The young man was dangerously ill with typhoid.

REV. F. C. H. ULBRICHT is still at Huntsville assisting the Ven. the Archdeacon of Algoma, whose health is slowly improving. It is not likely that Mr. Ulbricht will go to Aspdin as resident missionary.

THE *Standard* (London, Eng.) of September 24th says: "The Bishop of Algoma has again been appointed by the committee of the Colonial and Continental Church Society to the chaplaincy of Christ Church, Mentoné, for the coming winter season."

DURING the absence of our Bishop, confirmation will be administered in this diocese in October and November by the Bishop of Niagara, in December and January by the Bishop of Toronto, in February and March by the Bishop of Huron, in April by the Bishop of Niagara.

EVIDENCE is given in our illustrations of a desire to make our columns attractive as well as instructive. We ask our friends to do their utmost to extend our circulation. It is only reasonable to expect at once an increase of support sufficient to meet any extra cost.

THE request is made of members of the W.A. in the province that, instead of entering into any communications with lay readers, catechists, etc., in connection with the work or needs of any mission, they will write the Rural Dean or the priest-in-charge, who is generally the nearest resident to the vacant mission.

By the erection of the District of Nipissing into a separate rural deanery, Callander (on the Grand Trunk Railway), now

attached to North Bay mission, is in another deanery to that of the home station. The dividing line between the civil districts of Parry Sound and Nipissing is just north of Callander. However, there will be no difficulty, since the rule, we believe, is that all outstations are considered to belong to the same deanery as the home or centre station.

THE daily press of the Province of Ontario, of which that of Toronto is justly entitled to a general good character for excellence and enterprise exceeding that of any city in the Dominion, failed most decidedly to give its readers anything worth calling a daily epitome of the proceedings of the Provincial Synod of Canada held in Montreal last month. The reports were disappointing—meagre and irregular. It reflects no credit on the press or on the people of whom it is a leader and a mirror that while the sporting editor can have column after column—even to the whole page daily—the ecclesiastical reporter, if there be such a member of staff, is limited to lines at uncertain times.

### Algoma at Montreal.

At the recent meeting of the Provincial Synod at Montreal we were much interested (1) in the provision made for our Bishop, and (2) in the granting of our prayer for a diocesan synod. Montreal papers say that on the second day (Sept. 12th) the following message was sent by the House of Bishops to the Lower House:

That the Upper House, having heard with much pleasure and gratitude of the improvement in the health of the Bishop of Algoma, do request his lordship to refrain, at least for the present, if at all within his power to refrain, from tendering his resignation of his diocese; and that, as there is reason to believe that, in the good providence of God, his health may yet be permanently restored, permission be given him to absent himself during the coming winter months, that, by removing to some temperate climate, his health may more completely be restored;

and that a joint committee be appointed to consider how such an arrangement can best be carried out. The Bishops of Montreal, Niagara, and Quebec have been appointed to act on the joint committee.

The Lower House had, as representatives on the committee, Rev. Canons DuMoulin and Spencer, Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, Mr. R. T. Walkem, Dr. Heneker, and Dr. Weldon.

Next day the Joint Committee on the present condition of the Diocese of Algoma presented its report. It recommended that no change be made in the arrangement for the episcopal stipend, and granted leave of absence to the Bishop during the winter months. It was pointed out that, should the Bishop's health not be restored, it would be necessary to make provision for his receiving a retiring stipend of at least \$2,500 a year, and also a stipend for his successor.

On the fourth day the report of the Joint Committee on the Diocese of Algoma, presented on the previous day, and which had already been concurred in by the Upper House, came up for consideration. It recommended that no change be made in the arrangement for the episcopal stipend, and granted leave of absence to the Bishop during the winter months. It was pointed out that, should the Bishop's health not be restored, it would be necessary to make provision for his receiving a retiring stipend of at least \$2,500 a year, and also a stipend for his successor.

Mr. A. H. Dymond suggested that the report might be amended by striking out the amount of the retiring allowance.

Dr. L. H. Davidson considered that, so long as the Bishop was in the enjoyment of the see, that synod should in no way consider the question of a successor and his stipend. He moved the following:

"That the report be referred back to the Joint Committee, in order to provide that the several dioceses do continue their present contributions to the episcopal stipend for another three years, provided his lordship of Algoma be able to continue the exercise of his episcopal duties; but should he, in the providence of God, be unable to continue and be forced to resign, the sum of \$2,500 be raised from the said several dioceses as the \$4,000 now is, and be paid to the Bishop of Algoma so long as he may not be engaged in other episcopal or permanent work; and that the question of the stipend of a successor be left to the determination of the synod which may be called to elect such successor."

This was seconded by Rev. Dr. Langtry.

As Dr. Davidson's motion at first read, the words "or permanent" after "episcopal" were omitted.

Rev. Rural Dean Armitage wanted to know whether, in case the motion carried, the Bishop would be debarred from accepting a chaplaincy on the Continent during his absence or not.

Dr. Davidson, in view of the point raised by Mr. Armitage, consented to incorporate in his motion these words. He did not wish to prohibit the Bishop from engaging in any temporary work, for which the latter would receive remuneration, but he certainly did not think the synod should pay a salary to the Bishop should the latter accept another episcopal see, or a permanent position of any kind, whether as a professor in a college, or as an incumbent in a parish.

Dr. Davidson's amendment was adopted, and was ordered to be communicated to the Upper House.

#### A SYNOD.

The memorial from the Diocese of Algoma praying to be allowed to take the necessary steps for the organization of a synod for the diocese was considered.

In bringing the matter before the synod, Archdeacon Llwyd referred to the gratitude which was felt throughout the diocese for what the synod had done in the way of practical sympathy and legislation for the benefit of Algoma. He spoke of the great growth of the Church in the Diocese of Algoma, and said that by granting the prayer of the memorial they hoped to gain the power of self-government and development, so that they would not only consolidate the work which had been begun, and take hold of work that was awaiting them, but they would be able to invite the co-operation of the laity in financial matters, and so getting their support, which could not now be done. He moved to the effect that the House consent to the formation of a diocesan synod for Algoma, the constitution for which should be submitted for approval to the Provincial Synod at its next session.

Rev. C. J. Machin seconded the motion, and spoke of the growth and extent of the work in the diocese. Their clergy felt that they were only licensed curates of the Bishop, and they felt that they would like a little more standing, and he was sure they would get it. If their prayer was not granted, it was possible that some of their clergy, as well as the laity, would refuse to go to the Triennial

Council, and then what would become of the Bishop? The people wanted a clergyman of their own, and, as they were earning good wages, they were willing to pay his stipend. They wanted to be self-supporting.

Archdeacon Llwyd's motion was carried unanimously.

The memorial was also favourably received by the Bishops.

### The Fourth Lambeth Conference.

Lambeth Palace, London, S.E.,

August, 1895.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER,  
—You will already have received notice that it is proposed to hold the next Lambeth Conference of Bishops of the Anglican communion in 1897, being the thirtieth centenary year since the coming of St. Augustine.

I have accordingly decided (following the precedents of former years) to issue next year an invitation to such a conference, which would assemble according to our present plan in July, 1897.

It will be of material assistance to myself and to those who are good enough to co-operate with me in making the necessary arrangements if you can, at your earliest convenience, inform me whether it seems to you probable that you will be able to take part in our deliberations, and whether there are any subjects of general importance which appear to you specially appropriate for discussion in the conference.

I am in hopes that the suggestions which may reach me in answer to this circular letter will enable me to issue, next spring, the formal invitations to the conference, together with an intimation as to the definite subjects which will, in the following year, come before us for discussion.

I have made these preliminary arrangements in conjunction with the Archbishop of York and the English Bishops, and I am glad to be able to inform you that the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, whose aid as Hon. Episcopal Secretary in 1867, 1878, and 1888 will be gratefully remembered, has accepted the office of Hon. Registrar to the Lambeth Conference. The Bishop of Winchester, who in 1888, when Dean of Windsor, was good enough to act as Hon. Assistant-Secretary, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells, have kindly consented to act as Hon. Episcopal Secretaries.

It is scarcely necessary that I should assure you of our earnest desire that you will unite with us in humble prayer to Almighty God that His guidance and blessing may be vouchsafed in rich measure both to our ultimate deliberations and to the arrangements necessary to secure their efficiency.

I remain,

Your faithful brother and servant  
in Christ,

EDW. CANTUAR.

### The Tourist Season on the Muskoka Lakes.

BY THE REV. W. A. J. BURT.

(Continued from last issue.)

We might speak of the tourist season in this mission as our financial harvest time, a season of ingathering, when the settlers' extremity proves to be the tourists' opportunity, and very generously they (the latter) respond to the various needs of the mission. Many of the tourists have been visiting these lakes for ten, twelve, and fifteen years; accordingly they begin to look upon this mission as one which deserves their assistance for the spiritual food therein received by them. Others who have lately come hear how poor most of the settlers are, see how rough the land is from which they endeavour to gain a livelihood, and also see how bare the churches are of furniture, and naturally respond freely to the various appeals of the incumbent and churchwardens. And on account of their generosity in the past these appeals will soon, I feel sure, become a thing of the past also, for now we can say with all confidence that one more good "harvest season" will see this mission well equipped, and, perhaps, second to none when compared with any other country mission with as many stations. One hundred dollars would put St. John's Church, Beaumaris, in a position to compare favourably with many a town church. The same amount would greatly add to the comfort and beauty of Christ Church, Gregory. St. James' Church, Port Carling, stands most in need of immediate assistance; I wish I could get \$200 to spend on it at once. St. George's Church, Port Sandfield, is in need of repairs, but one more good "harvest," with the material and money now in hand, will make it respectable. The Church of the Holy Cross would be improved greatly if only \$50 were spent on it. The parsonage has but one hundred dollars owing on it, and an effort is

being made to wipe out this debt by next spring, so that it need not be so much as named to the tourists next summer, unless it be that they be publicly thanked for their kindness and generosity in the past towards the Parsonage Fund.

This last season is supposed to have been the best tourist season on record. More people visited Muskoka than on any previous year. But with many of the more delicate it proved to be the shortest season of any, the weather was so very cold at times. There is one thing I am very glad to see, it is this: More people remain through September (and some few until the end of October) than was the case two or three years back. They are beginning to learn that the nice weather does not cease when the large boats are taken off. Those who do remain are more than pleased with Muskoka's autumnal appearance, the various shades of foliage contrasted with the permanent green of the pine tree, and added to this the bright clear sky and beautiful sunsets, making one wish that he possessed the taste and skill of an artist. Since I last wrote many a boat load of tourists has gone homewards, having waited to get a glimpse of what I have just described. The tourist season is, indeed, a very pleasant but busy time; a time when the clergyman—who otherwise would be shut in very much to himself—has a grand opportunity of talking with his brother clergy, and of hearing them preach; a time when he and his family can meet and talk with those whose lots are cast in better circumstances than that of those to whom he ministers the other eight months of the year. Thus, instead of taking a holiday for a change, the change comes to him, so that, in a sense, he takes a holiday in his own mission. Then, too, the people of the mission are not only benefited financially, but socially, by the advent of the tourists, and, while some "take no stock," as they say, in the tourists, very many appreciate their company in so far as the tourists condescend to permit them. And when I think of the way the Church is benefited by the tourist season, I often wonder if the tourists think that we depend entirely upon them, and that the settlers do nothing but enjoy the assistance rendered. Well, let me say that such is not the case, taking the settlers as a whole; some few do act in this way, but the majority give time, money, and money's worth, and many of them do all that they can to help the Church to which they are so much attached, and

which ministers to their spiritual needs. And more than this, both minister and people are most grateful for all assistance rendered by tourists and others.

Before closing my letter, I am very pleased to state that while we did not raise so much money this last season, yet what we did raise was got by means of a subscription list and in the offertory, and not by entertainments. I trust all moneys raised in the future for the mission will be obtained from free-will offerings.

W. A. J. BURT.

St. James' Parsonage,  
Port Carling, September, 1895.

### Rosseau Mission.

REV. G. GILLMOR, INCUMBENT.

SIR,—I read with great pleasure in your last issue the communication of co-worker on these lakes, the Rev. W. A. J. Burt, of Port Carling. He says nothing, however, about the assistance he rendered me at Windermere, in the absence of Dr. Mockridge, and my heart dictates to me to mention the benefit I receive at all times, winter and summer, from having, working alongside me, one so happy and successful in his efforts for souls and Christ's Church. I had, during this summer vacation, some clergy to cheer me up, and help in services—Rev. Canon Sheraton, Archdeacon Boddy, Rev. Mr. DesBarres, and Rev. Canon Mockridge and his sons, all from Toronto, and Rev. Dr. Roy, from Niagara Falls, U.S.A. The former three were stopping with Mrs. Lawrason, at the Beach, which is hardly two miles from Rosseau by water, and, with their wives, made a very enjoyable party. Mrs. Lawrason is secretary of our branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and a most energetic and successful member in a branch which I really consider one of the very ablest and best in Ontario. The amount of work and good they accomplish year after year is something surprising; but after being present at a few of their meetings, and seeing them all together, I can realize what a power they are. In looking back on this last summer holiday season, and on former ones since I came, four years ago, to Rosseau, there is nothing which touches my heart so closely, and fills me with greater gladness, than the truly splendid work done for the Church here by Mr. Charles Coate and his wife and brothers, and all the members of that large family. Every summer, on his arrival for his

holidays from Memphis, he has relieved Mr. William Ditchburn, our own honoured lay reader, and taken the services in the absence of any clergy. He has always assumed the directorship of the choir, and, with the members of his family, cultured and able, has imparted to those services a beauty and heart-lifting, which otherwise they must have sadly lacked. It was not the matter alone of the generous giving of their money, but it was the giving of their very selves. At choir practices, at services, morning and evening, wet or dry, stormy or calm, dark or light, they were there, bright, hearty, happy. It was their holiday work for God; and I know they have made angels also glad. My two churchwardens are Mr. Harry Coate and Mr. Percy Browne, and I just wish to say that my salary as incumbent (\$200 a year) is paid punctually; indeed, for the last quarter before it was due. I feel, sir, very happy as I write this letter to you, and I pray God all my dear brethren may be very happy at all times. But I regret to say many farmers through my mission will be sorely pressed for hay for their horses and cattle this winter. It grieves me very much, for these men have the best of hearts, and entertain me at their houses with such generous hospitality.

G. GILLMOR.

### Our Bishop's Pastoral.

To the Clergy of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—  
As an alternative to the resignation of my diocese, seriously contemplated but a short time since, and with the consent of the House of Bishops, recently assembled in Montréal, I propose (D.V.) spending another winter in the south of France, with the hope of returning next spring for the resumption of my missionary work.

During my absence my Commissary, the Venerable Archdeacon Llwyd, will once more assume charge of the diocese, and I request that, as before, all correspondence connected with your several missions be addressed to him. Except in matters of a private and personal nature, he will also be my channel of communication with the clergy.

THE EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION of the diocese, during my absence, has been most kindly undertaken by three

with the Archdeacon, who will group them at such centres as will best suit their convenience, and that of the candidates.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I have received notice from the Metropolitan that the Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed Sunday and Monday, the 20th and 21st of October, as days of earnest and united intercession to Almighty God in behalf of the Sunday Schools of the Church, and a request that, in common with the other dioceses of this ecclesiastical province, we will unite with our brethren in England and set these days apart for this purpose. To this request I gladly accede, realizing more and more deeply, as the years go by, the manifold and enduring issues involved in the sound religious education of the young. May I ask you, therefore, in your several mission fields, to give the subject a prominent place in your services and sermons on those days, so far as practicable, using, in the absence of any form prescribed by the Metropolitan, such prayers as may already be furnished in your Sunday School manuals, and, for the special lesson for the day, reading, for the morning, I. Sam. iii. and St. Matt. xviii. 1-14, and, for the evening, Eccles. xii. and I. Tim. iii. 14-17?

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

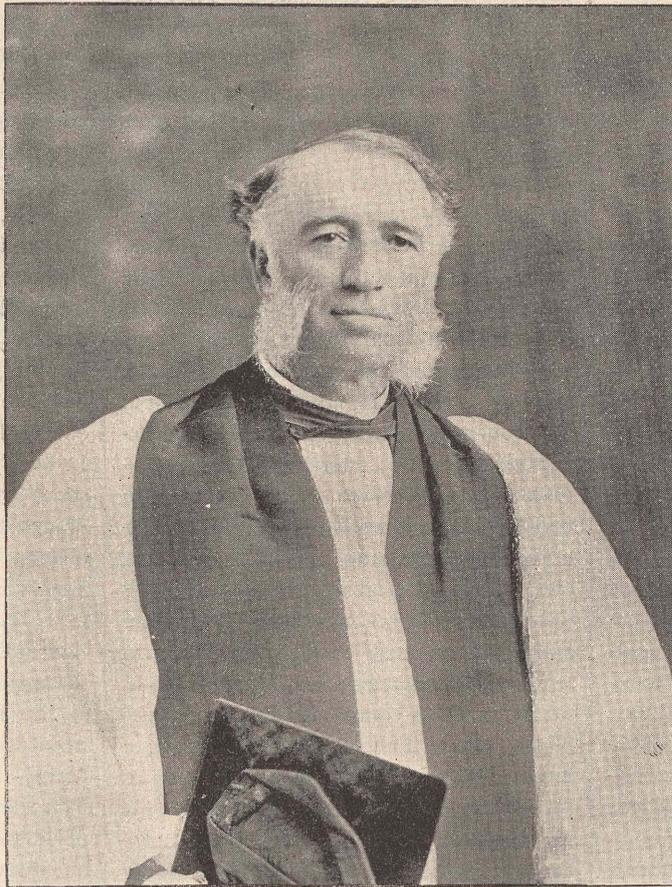
will be held as usual in your respective missions, either on the day

appointed by the civil authorities, or on such other day as local circumstances may suggest as most convenient. All offertories are to be remitted to the Diocesan Treasurer for the benefit of our Superannuation Fund.

The Christmas Pastoral will be issued, as usual, in due time.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Epiphanytide Appeal for Foreign Missions will reach you, as in former years, clothed with the authority of the



The Right Rev. E. Sullivan, D.D., Second Bishop of Algoma.

members of the House of Bishops, the Bishop of Niagara having consented to take charge during the months of October and November, the Bishop of Toronto during those of December and January, while the Bishop of Huron will have the oversight in February and March. Should I not return for April, the Bishop of Niagara will be responsible for that month also. These bishops being already overburdened with letter-writing, all arrangements for confirmations must be made

imprimatur of all the bishops of this ecclesiastical province. I trust that it will receive at your hands the attention due to this fact, and will be read by you, and enforced in the hearing of all your congregations. The offertories given in response are to be sent, *not later than the following week*, to the Diocesan Treasurer, to be by him transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board. In case of omission to comply with this instruction, the cause is to be recorded carefully in the margin of the ruridecanal returns for Easter, 1896, under the heading of "Remarks."

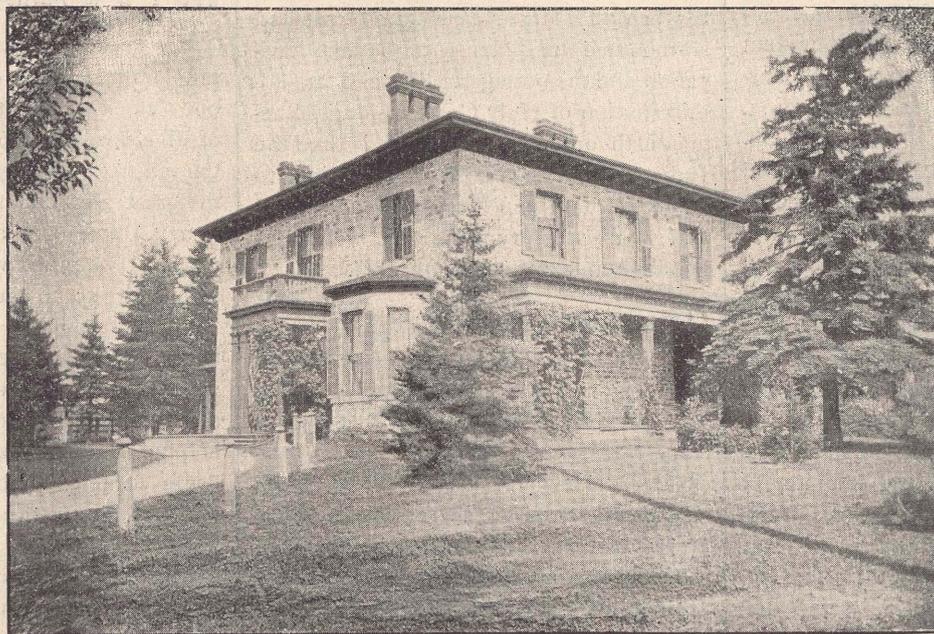
you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." "Pray for us: but I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Yours faithfully in the Lord,

E. ALGOMA.

October, 1895.

for our Indian children not quite such a struggle as it is. The withdrawal of many supporters of our school in times past to schools in the Northwest, which are newer, better outfitted, and which receive from the Dominion Government nearly twice as much *per capita* grant as this institution, has been sadly felt at Shingwauk. Indeed, I fear very few, save those intimately associated with its management, can realize the hard struggle it has been of late to keep our doors open. Thank God, prospects are brightening up a little, and many friends from different parts of Canada have visited us



Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario—Algoma's See House.

#### RURIDECANAL REPORTS

will be furnished at the usual time. For the sake of greater uniformity, I would suggest that the blanks be filled with the necessary statistics *from Easter to Easter*, and that they may be *all* filled, the *total being given at the foot of the page*. Hitherto many of the returns have been in these respects very unsatisfactory. They should reach the Commissary not later than the close of Easter week.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give

#### Our Homes for Indian Children.

DEAR MR. EDITOR, — In glancing through the September *Leaflet* my attention was directed to an allusion to the Shingwauk in a letter of acknowledgment to the W.A. from the Rev. E. F. Wilson, Salt Spring Island, B.C., who says: "I really think a bale of that kind is almost more acceptable here than it was at the Shingwauk; there we had so many," etc., and I could not help heartily wishing that such was the case now, and the providing of food and clothing

during the summer, and have been able to see and judge for themselves our great need of help, and have kindly promised to assist us. I feel sure there are brighter days in store for our homes; an old institution like the Shingwauk, which has, amidst so many obstacles and difficulties, held its own for upwards of twenty-one years, depending almost entirely on general contribution, will never be permitted to lack the necessary means for the continuance of its work.

G. L. K.

Shingwauk, Sept. 12th, 1895.

### Sheguiandah Mission.

REV. RURAL DEAN FROST, INCUMBENT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I must try to send you some news of this mission. I regret very much that I have been unable to contribute so regularly lately, or, indeed, for some months past, owing to my absence on account of poor health and my subsequent troubles. Even now I cannot chronicle such vigorous efforts in missionary work as in the past, because our beloved Bishop has prohibited me from extra exertion and definitely curtailed my work. I am only allowed to preach, twice each Sunday, giving slight help in the Sunday School as well. Our friend, Chief Manitowassing, is appointed lay reader, and assists me, not only in the home station, but also at outstations, riding over every second Sunday. I am glad to be able to state that he is most faithful in the discharge of his duties, and most consistent in his own life and character. The missions on the Manitoulin are prospering, and particularly here at Sheguiandah. We have good congregations and good services. I am drilling the Indian children in the Church services, chants, responses, confessions, etc., so that they can take part in the service with their elders.

Your readers will be glad to know that our Bishop visited us this year at Sheguiandah, and that the Indians congregated there from all the reservations in the neighbourhood to meet his lordship. Service was conducted and Holy Communion administered under a grove of trees in the woods, which had been cleared out and decorated for the occasion. After this the Bishop arranged for some sports and distributed prizes to winners. His lordship also preached in Sheguiandah white church on the following evening.

Notwithstanding my poor health, I have been able to visit the outstations on the mainland at Spanish River, LaCloche, Whitefish River, and Ogahmeekuning. I returned from a visit to the latter places last week. Some Indians were absent, but we had good services. I camped on the bank of the river at Whitefish, the Indians bringing me corn and potatoes and other vegetables to provision me during my stay. At the other place rain came on, so we stayed in a shed till next day. I held two services there. The journey to Spanish River, LaCloche, etc., is more difficult. The last visit I made was a week ago. We borrowed an old sail boat to make the journey across the inland lake, and as it was not properly rigged, and the

wind ahead, we did not get along very well. On the next lake we found a large log canoe, which did us good service.

The Indians at this mission have had a great deal of sickness lately. The chief and wife and son were carried off, to the unutterable grief and fear of the rest. The Indians had some superstitious ideas with reference to the visitation, but I tried to put the matter before them in a Christian light, and I am glad to say they were helped to more sensible ideas in consequence of the instruction given. Miss Morley is teaching school here still; conducting Sunday School, visiting and comforting the sick, and doing good work generally. I must not forget to state that at my last visit the Indians were all in good health, and a better moral and spiritual tone was apparent. On our return journey, we were favoured with a tow behind a large steam tug, after we had surmounted the difficulty of the lake navigation and the portages. We had an administration of Holy Communion in Sheguiandah on Sunday. I had invited the Indians from Whitefish Reservation to come over and join with us, but the wind and weather prevented; still, we had a goodly number of communicants.

F. F.

Sheguiandah, Sept. 3rd, 1895.

### Maganetawan Mission.

MR. T. J. HAY, CATECHIST.

Richard Irwin, an old settler of Parry Sound district, died on August 12th, at his place, Kamp Kentucky, Ahmic Lake. He had lived in the district over thirty years, having kept an hotel at Ashdown, which was burnt down. Then he removed to Dufferin Bridge, where he kept the Irwin House. The Bishop and clergy were welcome guests at his house. He assisted in building the church at Dufferin Bridge, and was churchwarden during the Rev. W. Crompton's time, who wrote: "I have always received the greatest assistance from Richard Irwin." He was in bad health in the summer of 1894, but he recovered somewhat, and this spring seemed to have taken a fresh lease of life. He had lived in and around Maganetawan for nine or ten years, and during the summer had acted as guide to a large party of Kentuckians, who generally spent six weeks or two months at his place on Ahmic Lake. Last June he caught a severe cold, and never recovered. For a while he was staying at one of the

hotels in the village, to be near the doctor, but returned home to see his wife, who was paralyzed, and has been so for nearly eleven years. He became so ill that he could not return, and took to his bed and died of consumption. He was buried at St. John's, Dufferin Bridge, the burial service being taken by Mr. Hay, of Maganetawan. He was a faithful and devoted husband and nurse to his afflicted wife. She is aunt to Mrs. W. Fry, of Seguin Falls, who is so well known in connection with Church and Sunday School work there, and she has been taken home by Mrs. Fry, who will pay her every attention; but Mrs. Irwin is in better health than she has been for many years.

### Emsdale Mission.

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

On Tuesday, September 3rd, the Sunday scholars met in the church for prayers at one o'clock; then they commenced games of all kinds, e.g., football, races, attaching the tail to a donkey which had none, to the great amusement of all, some getting it in an awkward and all in the wrong place. The prizes were not valuable, but sufficiently so to cause great excitement. Forty-eight children sat down to a good tea. The superintendent, Mr. Hamlin, with the teachers, enjoyed themselves to the full, and all went home benefited by helping to make the children happy.

On September the 7th, the children who were engaged in the sewing class last winter, under the supervision of Mrs. Chowne, met in an informal manner at the parsonage for tea and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This little band of workers met each Saturday afternoon during last winter, by invitation of Mrs. Chowne, and worked a quilt, which was sold for \$3 to augment the bell fund.

On Monday, September 23rd, the Rev. C. J. Machin, Rural Dean of Muskoka, arrived in the evening for the purpose of inspecting the work and property of the mission, as no rural dean can report his own mission. He very kindly consented to preach the harvest thanksgiving sermon during his visit thereto. Arriving on Monday evening, the harvest thanksgiving services commenced on Tuesday, the 24th, at 3 p.m., the church having been beautifully decorated with grain and the fruits of the earth. The service was bright. The incumbent was also assisted by Rev. J. Pardoe, of Novar, who kindly drove over for the afternoon. The Rev.

C. J. Machin delivered an excellent sermon, which filled all hearts with joy for their native land, and explained how much gratitude was due to Almighty God for all His gifts to man, both temporal and spiritual, through His Church. After service a vestry meeting was held, at which the rural dean expressed his pleasure at what was done and being done.

On the day following the next station was taken (Ebberston), where the church was nicely decorated with leaves, grain, and various products, showing the interest taken by the congregation to make the church look well at that season. One of the richest gifts given was from the school children (whose treat was held the same day), viz., two chairs for the sanctuary, for which the incumbent thanked them on behalf of the church. After dinner the rural dean and incumbent walked round the land to see that the stakes were in their places.

On the 26th Sand Lake was the point visited, at which place a new log church is being built; but as it was not ready to hold service in, we were compelled to go again into the barn of Mr. John Wilkin, where we have been holding services for the last three years. This we found beautifully decorated with texts, brought by a lady from England (the daughter of a clergyman) who had come out to visit her brother, a member of the congregation. Here, again, after service, the Rev. C. J. Machin gave words of encouragement to the people to continue in the good work they had so nobly begun. We hope to be able to use the church before the wet weather sets in, but we are short of money to do that part which requires skilled labour. The school children had an opportunity of enjoying themselves during the afternoon through the kindness of Mrs. Wilkin, who teaches them every Sunday after service.

### St. Joseph's Island.

REV. W. J. ECCLESTONE, INCUMBENT.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in Emmanuel Church, Richard's Landing, on Sunday, September 22nd, when two sermons were preached by the Rev. P. T. Rowe, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, taking for his text in the morning, Matt. vi. 11: "Give us this day our daily bread," and, in the evening, John i. 46: "Come and see." The preacher spoke of the past and present, and referred to the days in which he often travelled in winter on snowshoes from Garden River,

a distance of thirty miles, to give them a week-night service, and said there was great cause for thankfulness. Those services were held in their homes, but now in a church, although it is yet an unfinished building. An effort is being made to complete the building before the winter comes. The Ladies' Guild gave a harvest festival on the 23rd, the proceeds of which were handed over to the Treasurer of the Building Committee towards the veneering of the church with brick, in order that we may continue to use it through the winter. We need \$175 to complete the work. The congregation have raised in the last year over \$300, but cannot do any more at present. Help for this object is earnestly solicited from the friends of Algoma. Contributions may be sent to D. Kemp, Esq., Synod Office, Toronto, or to the Rev. W. J. Ecclestone, Marksville, Algoma, and will be acknowledged in these columns.

W. J. E.

### Gravenhurst Mission.

REV. C. J. MACHIN, INCUMBENT.

The church in this town has suffered a great loss by the death of Mrs. Newton, widow of the late Richard Newton, who entered into rest on the 19th ult. Although she had been ailing for some time past, the end came with unlooked-for suddenness. A few days previous to her death she received the Holy Communion at the hands of her clergyman, cheering him with the assurance of her continued and comforting reliance upon Him who loved her and bought her with His own blood. Mrs. Newton was a devout and consistent Churchwoman, a regular communicant, always in her place in church, unless lawfully hindered, loving and attending the services on Saints' Days as well as on Sundays. She was decided and firm in her views, looking neither to the right hand nor to the left, but regarding the Church as *the* Church of her race and nation. Would that England, when sending other daughters to our shores, would send us many more like Mrs. Newton! She assisted in all good works in the parish while strength permitted, and contributed liberally according to her means. Her last work for the Church was an effort to increase the circulation of the *Canadian Churchman* and THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

C. J. MACHIN.

Gravenhurst, Sept. 28th, 1895.

### Port Arthur.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—The Rev. J. W. Thursby, who has charge of the parish, pending the selection of an incumbent, arrived on September 1st, and, while no formal reception was tendered him, the members of the Church have individually welcomed him, and are endeavouring to make his new sphere of work as attractive as possible. The various organizations are forming for the winter, and will, I hope, be in a flourishing condition, ready and willing to give their support to the Church, spiritually and temporally. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, September 29th. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m., of which a number availed themselves, followed at 11 by a hearty service, the music being particularly suitable for the occasion. The Rev. Mr. Harper, incumbent of Fort William, preached the sermon, his text being from the sixty-fifth Psalm. A children's service was held at 3 p.m., which was well attended, and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to four infants. Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. brought to a close a day which will, no doubt, be well remembered by the parishioners, and a repetition of which will be looked forward to at another season. The church was nicely decorated by the ladies of the congregation. The corporation installed the electric light for the occasion, and several members of the Alpha Orchestra kindly assisted the organ at the evening service. The offertories amounted to \$31.70, and will prove an acceptable addition to the church funds. H.B.

### Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

ST. PAUL'S, UFFINGTON.—On Friday, September 6th, another token of advance and blessing was realized when the new chancel and vestry, which have been erected during the summer, were opened with a special service. The day was beautifully fine, and at 10.30 a.m. quite a good congregation was assembled. The Rev. Rural Dean Machin and the Rev. A. R. Mitchell assisted the incumbent in the service, the Rural Dean preaching an excellent and instructive sermon. About one hundred persons were present, and the offertory was given to the building fund. The chancel has been made to match the nave, its dimensions being 15 ft. by 12 ft., and the Rural Dean expressed his entire satisfaction

with the work. The walls are plastered, the floor is stained, and the open roof is stained also. On the north and south sides have been placed memorial windows, that on the south by Mrs. Cooke, in memory of the late Mr. Michael Cooke, and that on the north by Miss Kirkpatrick, in memory of her father, the late Mr. James Kirkpatrick. The noble east window is the same as formerly found a place in the east end of the nave. Another and larger memorial window is to be seen where formerly was the vestry door, and was placed there by the father of the congregation, Mr. Henry Newsome, in memory of his late wife. Yet another new window has a place in the north wall of the vestry, and that is a gift subscribed for by the scholars of the Sunday School. The sum total received towards the work is \$129, and another \$100 is needed to discharge all obligations. Contributions are urgently required, and the incumbent will be thankful for immediate aid. Mr. W. Barrett, formerly of Toronto, carried out the alterations. Divine service having ended, preparations were at once made by the female members of the congregation for luncheon, and most inviting, heavily-laden tables were the result. Both adults and children enjoyed a very hearty meal, and the afternoon was spent in a sociable and happy manner, diversified by the taking of photographs, wherein were grouped the Sunday School scholars and the adult congregation, respectively. Then the young folks repaired to Mr. Kirkpatrick's grove, and enjoyed a round of various games until shortly after five o'clock, when the entire company assembled for tea. All present seemed to enjoy themselves, harmony and good feeling prevailed, and the proceedings of the day passed off without a hitch of any kind. This description will be very fittingly concluded by the words of the Psalmist: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give the praise: for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake."

A. H. A.

### Ilfracombe Mission.

REV. J. PARDOE, INCUMBENT.

The harvest service was held at Christ Church, Ilfracombe, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 29th. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens, fruit, grain, etc. In the congregation were noticed several well-wishers who had walked seven or eight

miles to be present at this service, and we trust the harvest lessons brought before the congregation in the special portions of Holy Scripture, Psalms, etc., will long be remembered.

A most successful social gathering in connection with Christ Church, Ilfracombe, was held on Monday evening, September 30th. The night turned out to be wet and cold, varied by snow and hail. However, notwithstanding the unpleasant weather and the long distances many of the people had to come, a large company assembled at Ilfracombe, and listened attentively to what had been provided for their entertainment in the way of songs, readings, etc. As is usual at these gatherings, the women had not forgotten to bring a liberal supply of good things, which were much appreciated. Great praise is due, not only to the promoters of this gathering, but to all who, by their efforts and presence, helped to make this a most enjoyable time. The results of the efforts put forth were twofold: (1) A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent; (2) about \$9 was handed over to the wardens towards the funds of the church.

RAVENSCLIFFE.—A large congregation attended the harvest festival at St. John the Baptist's Church, Ravenscliffe, on Thursday, September 26th. The day's proceedings commenced with a service in the church, at 10 a.m., followed by a harvest home and social gathering, and a very enjoyable time was spent by both old and young. The offertory at this service, as is customary, was devoted to the Superannuation Fund. Willing workers had given much time and thought in decorating the church for the harvest service, and great taste was displayed in the arrangement of the fruit, flowers, grain, roots, and other produce, of which there was a liberal supply. One gratifying feature of the "harvest home" was Mr. Richards' gift of a lamb, which, when disposed of, resulted in \$3 being handed over to the wardens towards the funds of the church. A beautiful communion rail presented to the church through Mrs. Allan, of Ravenscliffe, in memory of her late husband, was used for the first time at the harvest festival service. This generous gift has met a long-felt want, and adds much to the beauty of the chancel, as well as being a great convenience to the worshippers at the celebration of the Holy Communion.

NOVAR.—Notwithstanding inclement weather, a good congregation assembled

in St. Mary's Church, Novar, on the occasion of the harvest festival, which was held on Sunday, September 29th, at 7 p.m. The church was prettily decorated with evergreens, moss, autumn leaves, fruits, flowers, etc.

A successful bee, in connection with St. Mary's Church, Novar, on Saturday, September 28th, resulted in the completion of the fence around the church, two new gates, and other necessary work. No little praise is due to the five members who came, at much personal inconvenience, to finish the work, which had been commenced some months ago.

### Broadbent Mission.

REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

BROADBENT.—The annual harvest thanksgiving service at St. Stephen's was attended by a large congregation, the church being full. The customary offering of fruit, grain, etc., by the churchwardens, on behalf of the congregation, was made during the singing of the doxology; and so a like tribute of thanksgiving, as established under the Jewish canonical law and approved of by the Divine Master, found echo in our midst.

SEGUIN FALLS.—The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity was an important one for those attending St. Paul's Sunday School, when, as previously announced, Rev. Arthur Cobb held a special service for the young folks, and catechized them on the work of the past six months. Judging from the answers given, the parents present must have appreciated the teaching given by the staff of teachers. The attendance and standard of lessons for the last three months have been remarkably high, having more than doubled those of the previous quarter, sound doctrinal teaching, as set forth by the Church of England S.S. Leaflet, being inculcated. All the friends of the Sunday School look upon it as a power for good in their midst, and future support of the Church.

A branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has recently been formed in connection with St. Paul's Church. The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. Cobb; Vice-President, Mrs. Eames; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McKinnon; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Kathleen Bartlett; Treasurer, Mrs. Kerr. Their object is to supply the local needs of their church, principally by a driving-shed, which they hope to see erected this autumn. A concert and sale of work will be held about Christmastide to further this object. The members of the Auxiliary would be pleased to receive any help that can be afforded by the branches in the older dioceses, either in articles or money, and, as this is the first public appeal for help for the past six years, a hearty response is hoped for. Assistance and donations will be gladly acknowledged by Miss K. Bartlett, "The Parsonage," North Seguin.