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### Notes by the Way.

"NORTH CHAPMAN" is the name of a new station in Maganetawan.

THE S.P.C.K. will contribute £80 towards the new church at Bracebridge.

THE snowdrifts have blocked the railways several times this year. Trains have been delayed twenty-four hours.

ALL that is required to solve the enigma at the close of the Bishop's letter is some acquaintance with the art of hierarchical caligraphy.

CONGREGATIONS at All Saints' Church, Huntsville, are small at present, owing to the prevalence of bronchial affections and head colds.

THERE are now six catechists in the field. Five are expected to go up for preliminary examination by the chaplain at an early date.

THE Librarian will be very glad, indeed, to receive applications for books to be borrowed, and also the subscriptions of those who have not yet paid.

THE Archdeacon of Algoma goes to Powassan and Trout Creek to administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, March 15th. He expects to visit Nipissing village on the 16th.

MRS. BOOMER writes to say that she sincerely appreciates the kind expressions of joyous sympathy, in which Algoma friends joined, that awaited her return to her home and work in London after a period of illness.

A LOCAL paper tells us that Trinity Church, Parry Sound, is now lighted by electricity. Twenty-one sixteen-candle-power lights have taken the place of the coal oil lamps. Both the congregation and Rev. W. Evans are to be congratulated on the improvement. Parry Sound has great expectations from the new railway.

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLWYD suffered for about a week with congestion of the kidneys, caused by long drives in severe weather. Rural Dean Chowne, we learned, too, was slightly indisposed with cold, and Rev. C. Piercy, of Burk's Falls, not well during the greater part of the month, was for a fortnight very poorly with the prevailing influenza.

IT is with deep regret that we chronicle the fact that the Bishop of Huron became so ill that he was compelled to abandon the last four appointments for Confirmation in Algoma. Bishop Baldwin, we believe, is now better, though not quite free from cold. We hope his taste of severe weather—and it was severe all over the country—will not prevent his visiting us at some future date.

OUR sincerest thanks are tendered to Mrs. Forest for the batch of old numbers of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS and *Canadian Missionary*, which has reached us within a few days. Of our own paper there were four numbers of the

year 1881, while of the last-mentioned periodical there were fourteen issues of different dates in 1884 to 1887. In them are a number of letters concerning Algoma from missionaries in the diocese. Altogether, it is an interesting parcel. Another paragraph tells of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS therein.

OUR Bishop has sent out from Belfast, Ireland, Mr. Joseph Hickland to be catechist in charge of the Aspden mission, under the superintendence of the incumbent of Huntsville. Mr. Hickland reached the latter place on Thursday, 27th ult., and was driven out to his mission on the following day by the Archdeacon. St. Mary's Church, Aspden, and St. Michael's, Allansville, will have a weekly service (alternately morning and evening); St. John's, Stanleydale, and St. George's, Lancelot, a fortnightly afternoon service. Week evening services when possible.

THE winter of 1896 will be remembered as one during which the weather was most changeable. Generally mild, so far, with its two weeks' rain at Christmastide, it has had two or three severe spells. Twice on Sundays (January 5th and February 16th) the thermometer has registered 40° below zero at night. On the last-mentioned date the feeling of cold was intensified by a wind from the north and east. And yet this cold weather conduces to good health, for the warmer days have brought us more sickness than we have experienced for several winters.

THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS for January, 1881, is our authority for saying that the first number of our journal was published in June, 1874. It was published then four times a year, and was known as *The Algoma Quarterly*. Its size was 5¾ in. by 3½ in.—a most unpretentious tract. In 1876, we are informed that the management invested in a printing press and "furniture," when a print-

ing establishment was born at the Shingwauk and the paper issued from the Indian Home. In July, 1877, appears our present title, when the paper was increased to 6 in. by 9 in., was published monthly, and was known as THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS AND SHINGWAUK JOURNAL.

THE dedication of the new English church, which took place here last Sunday, was largely attended, and was carried out in a becoming manner. A large number of people from other places and of other denominations attended. Arch-Deacon Lloyd was master of ceremonies, and acted his part in an able manner. It may be said that the English Church congregation of this place, although very small, deserves credit for the efforts which they have put forth during the last two years in bringing their church to the state in which it is now.

The above paragraph is taken from the Trout Creek correspondence of the *Sundridge Echo*—one of our backwoods papers. "Peter Lombard," in the *Church Times*, gives publicity to many funny things, lately, telling about the Bishop of "Ammonia," by whom this diocese is administered. We think there is something refreshing in "the dedication" being "carried out in a becoming manner," while the very thought of "Arch-Deacon Lloyd" as "master of ceremonies," etc., is sufficient to convulse both the Arch-deacon of Algoma as well as his friends. Then there is that popular blunder, "other denominations." How long will it be before the public learn that the Church is not a denomination?

### Temiscamingue Mission.

REV. D. A. JOHNSTONE, INCUMBENT.

This northern mission is still in existence, though not heard from for a long time. The fact is, I am so overburdened with work that I have to leave other pressing duties undone when I write for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. What with nine stations, several lumber camps, and countless outlying settlers to attend to, I have not much time to spend in my study.

Well, Mr. Editor, I am not going to give you a minute account of each special service, Christmas tree, and social, because it would take too much space, and then you would trim out the parts that I liked best; I simply say we had several of these gatherings, and they were like the others we read about in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, each and all "a great success."

When I am away to distant parts of the mission my home station is never a Sunday without a service, for I have there a

very faithful and competent lay reader in the person of Mr. P. A. Cobbold, M.A.

I have had seven baptisms, no marriages, and one funeral, in the last few weeks. This is the first burial to be marked in the mission register. Peter Giroux is the name; a new settler, only a few weeks in the district. He died suddenly, it is supposed of heart disease, and we were unprepared for the event. We had no undertaker, and, worse still, no burying-ground.

The first difficulty was soon overcome, for Mr. Dark, boat-builder, made a very neat coffin; but the latter trouble haunts us still, for there is a solitary grave in the thick bush about two miles from Haileybury, perhaps to be moved at some future time to a proper place.

We are building a stone church at Haileybury, which was begun in 1894. We hope to raise money enough this winter to complete it next summer.

I have my own horse and sleigh this winter, which enables me to better fulfil my part of the commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Truly I have been to some outlandish places. We hear of expeditions in search of the North Pole, none of which seem to be successful. I have advanced pretty far in that direction, and I think I am on the direct route, though I cannot say that I have seen any indications of it yet. The mystery is that, being so far north, the climate is so moderate. The winter here is far the best season for missionary work, for then I can drive far and near, over lakes and through bush roads, while during summer I cannot use a horse at all. But settlers are coming in steadily, and we hope soon to have roads from place to place.

D. A. JOHNSTON.

February 6, 1896.

### A Day in the Riviera.

The day was Monday, Jan. 29th, and a glorious day it was, one of many such this winter, bright and warm with the sunshine which flooded land and sea alike, creating at the same time that peculiarly hazy atmosphere in which Turner delighted. Our objective point, first of all, was the rock which runs out so prominently into the Mediterranean about eight miles from here, familiarly known as Monaco, on which stands the far-famed palace of the Prince of Monaco, three hundred feet above the sea level, with its spacious "place" or square in front of it, bristling

with cannon, while gaily caparisoned soldiers mount guard at the main entrance, sternly refusing admittance to any curious stranger while the Prince is "in residence." It is, indeed, historic ground, for its story can be traced back, it is said, as far as 590 B.C., and embraces both Greek and Roman periods, but our earliest reliable information carries us only to the middle ages, when this "geographical bijou," as someone has called it, was presented as a free gift to one Grimaldi, of Genoa, in return for his services in defending it against the assaults of the Saracens. From that time downward the story of Monaco is one long tale of bloodshed mingled with romance, and is so interwoven with legends that it is difficult to distinguish the true from the false. Passing over its intermediate history, suffice it to say that after experiencing many political changes Monaco now constitutes one of the smallest principalities in Europe, covering an area of only four or five square miles, and governed by a Prince, who, though independent of French authority, is practically ruled by a monster gambling company, that, viz., of Monte Carlo, the name of which is famous—indeed, I might prefix another syllable—all over Europe, and far beyond its limits, for the magnificence of its buildings, the beauty of its gardens, the vastness of its financial operations, and the extent and terribleness of the havoc wrought by the losses sustained by many of those who frequent it.

The 27th of January is the day set apart for the commemoration of the patron saint of Monaco, Ste. Devota, and thither accordingly we repaired for the purpose of witnessing the peculiar honours offered to her memory. The circumstances under which she was raised to the dignity are as follows:

In the days of Diocletian there lived on the island of Corsica a beautiful Christian maiden called Devota, who was put to death because of her refusal to sacrifice to the gods. It was part of her penalty that she should be buried on the shores of Africa, and a boat, containing her body, and manned by a few sailors, set off from the island. After a tempestuous voyage the little barque was borne northwards, and the sailors, with two exceptions, drowned. One stormy night one of these men dreamt that she, Devota, stood before him, and informed him that a dove should come out of her mouth and guide them to a place where they should bury her. The next day all happened

as in the dream, and, the dove flying before them to Monaco, the body of the saint at last found a resting place there. On the morning of the 27th, therefore, we were present at the grand Mass held in the new cathedral, built, though not yet completed, by the present Prince. Before the chancel rails sat this august personage, in a velvet chair, surrounded by an imposing array of officers, statesmen, and councillors, while the "army" (comprising about seventy men) formed a cordon outside the group. In the centre of the exquisitely carved marble chancel rails stood a gold casket, presumably studded with diamonds, and containing relics of the saint. A large body of priests in robes of purple, scarlet, white, and gold, was headed by the Bishop of Monaco, in magnificent vestments, embroidered with gold and ornamented with valuable old lace. On his head was a mitre of cloth of gold, while on his hands were red kid gloves. About twenty acolytes in scarlet muslin and lace brought up the rear with censer, candle, bell, and book. The whole service was most impressive, especially at the elevation of the Host, when the troops presented arms, and saluted kneeling. At two o'clock there was a "white procession" through the town and palace gardens. The streets were decorated with brilliant flags, and cannon from the fortress pealed out a reverberating accompaniment. There seems to be no fear that the pious Corsican maiden will soon be forgotten.

In the afternoon we returned to Monte Carlo, and taking the Funicular railway ascended the mountain to La Turbie, an elevated village where the invalid Tzarewitch is now staying. La Turbie boasts a genuine Roman tower, consisting of a solid mass of masonry, in which the original stones are still visible, despite the attempted renovations of the middle ages. From La Turbie, half an hour's walk brought us to the monastery of Notre Dame de Laghet, an immense building erected in 1500. It is beautifully situated on a rocky elevation in a valley. Over and above a picturesque exterior the inside of the monastery is most interesting. There are long, white, plastered corridors, whose walls are covered with hundreds of votive offerings—crutches, little toy ships, ropes, shoes, beads, stones, flowers, odds and ends of all descriptions. The pictures are most peculiar, and deserve more than a pass-

ing glance. Evidently executed by local artists, and in grateful commemoration of various deliverances, some of them were ludicrous. They represented men, women, and children in every conceivable attitude of peril; falling from housetops and windows, crushed by trees, engulfed by billows, trampled by runaway horses, struck by lightning, one woman with her hand crushed by a mangle, deathbed scenes by the score, but in each and every case on the top left-hand corner of the composition appear a figure of the Virgin, by whose interposition, it was believed, these dangers were escaped. We were disappointed at not being able to see the monks, who were cloistered, but consoled ourselves with the beautiful scenery which lies all round the quaint-looking Church and Monastery of Notre Dame DeLaghet. A brief half hour brought us back to the starting point of the "Funicular," from which we could see far below the smoke of the cannon still being fired at Monaco, and hear the thundering echoes that rolled to and fro among the surrounding mountains. Within half an hour we were quietly seated in our Mentoné hostelry, resting after the fatigues of a most enjoyable holiday.

The appended specimen of printers' proof from a local office is a marvellous example of the typographical art, and reproduced in the columns of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, just as it is, it ought to furnish a good enigma for interpretation!

#### THE RESPONSES.

Of the congregation are lamentably Gable, on by an inarticulate murmur, compared with "the sound as of many waters" said to have accompanied the wooshifr of the primitive church. Is it because nineteenth century Christians are len privileged or len dwotional?

"LET YOUR LIGHTSO SHINE".

Lutuot as that of a dimly burning taper. yet it is only this, jutging ly the response mate to this divine cominand. Doublen our numbers are not yet at their full strength, but taking them as they are, the oggerings of the wooshippers in Christ. Chureh are very deanty, uholly, disproportioned tostuir nurans, and inoadequate toste discharge of thiugur and righteons obligations; Details will be given in the west 'Monthly Leatlih'.

E. A.

#### Sheguiandah Mission.

REV. RURAL DEAN FROST, INCUMBENT.

I write a short paragraph or two for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS that will be a sort of continuation of my last contribution. You remember, I was not able, at the time I wrote, to visit the far-off parts of my mission, owing to the absence of ice, which, in winter, forms a

bridge across the intervening waters between this point and that. I have been there now, and am happy to be able to state that the Church is prospering in the regions beyond. I went right over to the Indian settlement on the banks of White Fish River, and held a service, which was attended by all the inhabitants of the settlement. I spoke to them very earnestly and plainly about the advisability of living a better life this year than in former years. They told me they would do so, by God's help. I stayed at our friend's, John Kezhegoopenas, who fed me and gave me a space in his room with his wife and children to sleep. Next day we held service, including Holy Communion, in the church at Ogahmeekunishing, when my friends from the river came over with their ponies and sleighs. The ice was not very good, and my friends from Manitoulin fully expected I should be drowned, and received me on my return as it were from the tomb.

I went over to see my Indian friends on the Spanish River, where Miss Morley is teaching school, and living over the schoolhouse with her sisters. Here we held a very hearty service, and I asked the Indians if really and truly they intended to serve God in earnest that they come to Holy Communion with me in the morning, and I would look upon the act as a proof that they were impressed by the Word, and that they meant to serve Christ. Quite a good number came, and I felt encouraged. I went down the river and stayed with a family living in a very lonely situation. We had holy Communion together, and spent a helpful, enjoyable service, just the family and a servant, who was also a member of the Church and a communicant. My return journey was a rather hard trip. However, it was all right.

I have been over to White Fish again since then, and out to the lumber woods, holding service with the men working in the woods and distributing Christian literature among them. Then, again, a renewal of ministrations among our Indian Church people, both going and returning. The work on the island goes on faithfully and perseveringly. I was out to Sucker Creek yesterday, and we held divine service in St. Peter's, here, last night, when there was a good and devout congregation, and a very helpful sermon. Our Indian lay reader officiated at St. Andrew's. The ice is not good this year. My horses were travelling in deep slush and water for miles. F.F. Sheguiandah, Feb. 10th.

### Our Illustrations.

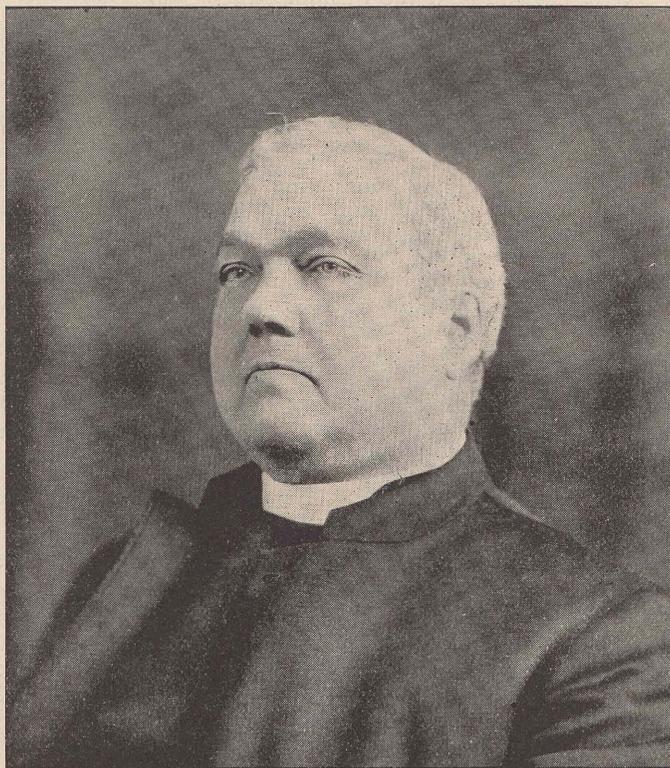
REV. C. J. MACHIN, M.B.

With this number we give a likeness of our senior clergyman, Rev. C. J. Machin, M.B., Incumbent of Gravenhurst and Rural Dean of Muskoka. Mr. Machin was born and educated in England. In early manhood he proceeded to the United States, several years before he entered the ministry. There he became known to many of the bishops and leading Churchmen. Bishop De Lancy and several influential clergymen strongly counselled him to take Holy Orders; the most urgent among them being that saintly man, Dr. James De Koven, one of the most scholarly and otherwise distinguished priests of the Church in the United States. Yielding to their advice, Mr. Machin resumed his theological studies, which he had laid aside when leaving England, and read privately, under the guidance and direction of Dr. De Koven, who presented him to that veritable apostle, Jackson Kemper, Bishop of Wisconsin, by whom he was ordained deacon.

But his indomitable national feeling made him averse to taking priest's orders there, notwithstanding the solicitations of more than one bishop. Therefore, sundering many pleasant ties and associations, he came to Canada, and was ordained priest by Dr. Bethune, Bishop of Toronto.

Mr. Machin has, however, crossed the line more than once. Besides Wisconsin, he has served in the Diocese of Maryland, where he was assistant to Rev. Dr. Leeds, successor to Bishop Coxe as rector of Grace Church, Baltimore, and made many friends among those genial Southerners, and was honoured with the friendship of their eminent diocesan, Bishop Whittingham, whose presents of books, as tokens of regard, Mr. Machin justly deems invaluable. Later, he was rector of Trinity Church, Rochester, in the Diocese of Western New York, under Bishop Coxe. At the convention (synod) of that diocese in 1873, a committee having reported that it was desirable to appoint a precentor for the diocese, to give advice to the clergy

and generally superintend the music of the Church, the Bishop appointed Mr. Machin, the convention unanimously approving. But on his parishioners expressing a fear that the duties of the office might conflict with parochial claims, he declined to act. Afterwards, invited by Bishop Feild to join the cathedral staff of St. John's, Newfoundland, Mr. Machin, in January, 1875, gave up his parish in Rochester, and served seven years in Newfoundland, part of the time under that heroic Bishop. Although attached to the cathedral, he nevertheless made a number of missionary journeys, some of them involving hardships and dangers both by land and sea. In Canada he served two years



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as curate of St. George's Church, Toronto, under Archdeacon Fuller, afterwards Bishop of Niagara. He was appointed in 1882, and served a short time as co-rector of Sorel; but Canon Norman (now Dean of Quebec), having resigned his position as assistant minister of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, the congregation elected Mr. Machin to succeed him. Being urged by the rector, Canon Ellegood, and advised by the Bishop, to accept the appointment, he did so. In the meantime Dr. Sullivan had become Bishop of Algoma; and Mr. Machin, partly from personal regard, and partly from admiration of Dr. Sullivan's great

abilities and unquestionable self-devotion, determined to cast in his lot finally with him in the Diocese of Algoma. In the spring of 1885, Bishop Sullivan offered him his choice of three vacant missions. He selected Bracebridge, in the hope of occasionally seeing former Toronto friends. But Port Arthur just then becoming vacant, the Bishop directed him to that place instead. There he worked for eight years and a half. But his record during those years belongs rather to the unwritten history of the Church in Thunder Bay, of which he was the first rural dean. It may, however, be mentioned that where he worked alone for hundreds of miles along the C. P. R., and in town, hamlets, bush, and mines, there are now five clergymen at work, and great changes in the aspect of the Church, to which Mr. Machin contributed at least a modest share. But family affliction and bereavement overtaking and unnerving him, he desired a change, and has been in his present position a little over two years.

During the last twenty years Mr. Machin has paid several visits to England, and travelled over a large portion of the kingdom, acting as a deputation for S.P.G., and, as a natural consequence, is known to many of the clergy at home, and has had the pleasure of meeting in England many devoted missionaries from all parts of the world.

For the sake of the younger clergy, and only in the hope of inducing them to remain

patiently at their severe work in the diocese, Mr. Machin reluctantly permits us to put on record a few facts. While at Port Arthur, he received a message informing him that a deputation from a city parish in the United States were ready to wait upon him with a formal offer of the rectorship of their parish, with a stipend of \$3,000 a year. His reply was, "Talk to my Bishop. If he is tired of me, I will then consider your offer." The priest who did accept has since been made a bishop. In 1877, Mr. Machin received the offer of a parish in Yorkshire; in 1878, one in Cheshire; in 1891, one in Hampshire; and last year, when at home, Pre-

boundary Tucker, Secretary of S.P.G., having been requested to find a suitable man for a certain parish, an hour's ride from London, offered it to him. Mr. Machin declined this offer also on the plea of duty to the diocese while the Bishop was not in good health, and also surrounded with difficulties. The Secretary, somewhat annoyed, said, "Well, after all, I think all the better of you for it."

So, unless the call elsewhere is a very strong one, and the duty exceedingly clear, Mr. Machin expects to finish his career and ministry in Algoma.

REV. JAMES BOYDELL, M.A.

Rev. James Boydell, M.A., the Bishop's Examining Chaplain, was born in Liverpool, England, but came to this country in his early years. He graduated from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec, in 1866, receiving his M.A. in 1874. He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Quebec on July 7th, 1867, and priest on September 27th, 1868. Mr. Boydell has laboured in Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba. From 1867 to 1868, he was curate of the Church of St. Matthew, Quebec, under Rev. Charles Hamilton, now the revered Bishop of Niagara. From 1868 to 1871, Mr. Boydell was incumbent of Bourg Louis, P.Q., whence he removed to Bury, in the same diocese, and stayed until 1875. The following six years were spent in the incumbency of Kingsey, P.Q., from which place, in 1881, he went to Manitoba, where, as rector of Brandon and Rural Dean, he lived until 1885. Leaving the diocese administered by His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land and Primate of Canada, the subject of our picture came to Algoma, where, as incumbent of Bracebridge, he has spent the last ten years of his life. On the departure from the diocese of Rev. J. Osborne, D.D., in 1888, the Bishop appointed Mr. Boydell his Examining Chaplain. He is a delegate to the General and Provincial Synods, a member of the Standing (advisory) and Synodical Organization Committees of the diocese, and convener of the Diocesan Committee on Religious Education in the Public Schools.

### North Bay Mission.

REV. RURAL DEAN YOUNG, INCUMBENT.

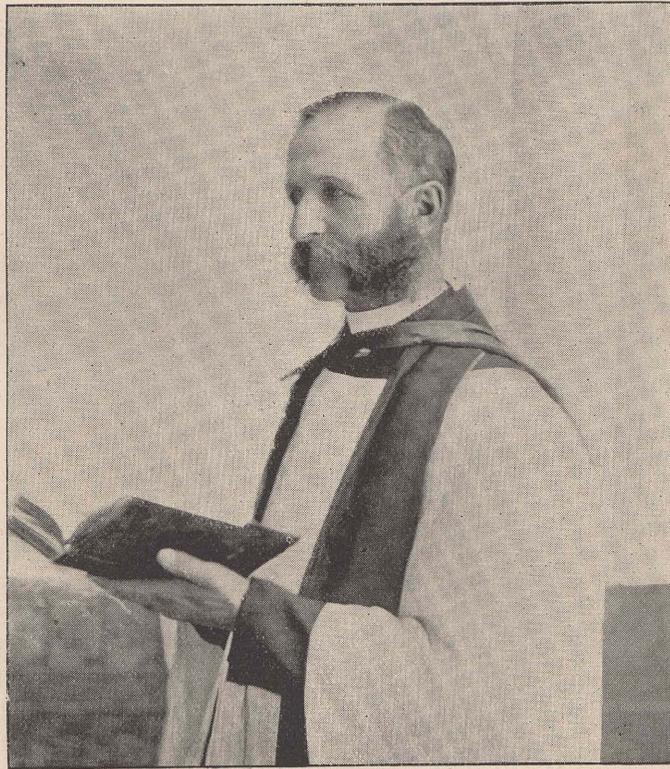
The Church of St. Michael and All Angels was, as usual, prettily decorated for the Christmas festival. The services during the day were bright, hearty, and fairly well attended. They consisted of a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., followed by Morning Prayer, sermon, and second celebration at 11 a.m. The annual entertainment in connection with the Sunday School was held on the evening of December 30th, and was pronounced by all to be a great success. The programme, which was heartily entered into, and well rendered by the young

exertions of the Woman's Auxiliary, are finished and in position, excepting those in the sanctuary, which we hope to have presented. The people have given to the best of their ability, and we are now hoping that our needs will reach the eyes of some of God's servants blessed abundantly with this world's goods, and that they will open their hearts and their purses and help us to finish our much-needed house of the Lord.

CALLANDER.—This is an outstation attached to the mission of North Bay. The people are mostly engaged in lumbering, which takes the men into the bush during winter, and renders the village somewhat dull. Services are held now every second Sunday at 2.30 p.m. The Sunday School is held regularly every Sunday, though in the winter months the attendance is less than during the summer, owing to the distance many of the little ones have to walk. This congregation is doing its very utmost; only lately, in response to the Epiphany Appeal, \$2.10 was given for foreign missions.

The annual Christmas entertainment was provided for the children on Friday evening, January 3rd. Tea was served in the Orange Hall by a few friends and the teachers, and then came the event of the evening. The diocesan magic lantern, lately given by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, made its first appearance in public. The "Oh's!" and "Oh, my's!" and "How beautiful!" that burst forth as picture after pic-

ture was exhibited showed how highly they were appreciated by young and old. The lantern, which is a very good one, does credit to the noble S.P.C.K., and is likely to have a very successful and, let us hope, useful career. A good tea, and a full hour's exhibition of beautiful pictures, supplemented by some comic ones from the clergyman's own store, would not be by any means a poor entertainment. But this was not all, for, through the great kindness of the Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary at Collingwood, we were able to give each child a Christmas gift, and, besides, to distribute some warm clothing amongst the poor. Need we say



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people, was enjoyed by every one. After paying for the special prizes, gifts to the children, and other expenses, \$20 was added to the Sunday School funds. Of this \$17.50 has since been contributed towards the debt upon the parsonage furnace.

Three "At Homes" at the parsonage during the winter have done much good in strengthening the bonds of unity between clergyman and people, and arousing fresh interest, besides adding \$15 to the building fund of the new church.

Work progresses slowly on the new church, and its completion seems far off. The windows, paid for mainly through the

that tongues went merrily and feet sped swiftly as the little ones went home with their gifts, which will be a source of gladness to them during the weary days of our long winter. St. Matthew, chapter xxv., verse 40. A. J. YOUNG.

### Port Arthur Mission.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—The first meeting of the Rural Deanery of Thunder Bay was held in this parish on Wednesday, February 5th; all of the clergy being present, with one exception. The proceedings commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 a.m.; Rev. M. C. Kirby, the Rural Dean, being the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Thursby. At 10 a.m. the business of the conference was introduced by the Rural Dean, with an interesting account of the past history of the deanery. "Education," "Services," "Churches," and "Missionary Work" were subjects which elicited much discussion; Rev. E. J. Harper pointing out the benefits of symbolic teaching in our Sunday Schools, followed by Rev. J. W. Thursby advocating systematic grading and teaching. Reports on the condition of outlying settlements along the line of the C.P.R. were noted. An application for the loan of the diocesan stereopticon, and the adoption of the following motion brought the conference to a close: That it is desirable that some united action be taken in this deanery towards the establishment in each parish and mission of a company of "The Boys' Brigade."

A missionary meeting was held during the evening in the schoolroom. Considerable interest was manifested, the addresses of both clergy and laymen being heard with attention.

The incumbent was much gratified at the arrival of Mrs. Thursby and family, on January 23rd, from England, and as soon as their effects arrive they will be comfortably settled in the parsonage.

The Sunday School is progressing favourably under the superintendence of Mr. G. M. Francis, though we need more teachers. H.B.

### Port Carling Mission.

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

Since November last there has been a great deal of sickness in this mission. Never before was the need of a resident physician so much felt as during the past

two or three months. If we even had a telegraph office we could then secure the services of a medical man in a reasonable time, at much less cost. But, as it is, we have to send twenty miles for a doctor, who has to get ready and drive that twenty miles, and often further, before the sick person can get any relief.

Then, again, very often the physician's services are needed several times during one illness, but as each visit means \$10, and often more, the sick have to go without the much-needed medical treatment. Since November last several of the sick succumbed to their illness, while others, with great difficulty, battled safely through. Of those who died, none will be more missed in the family, in the church, and in the neighbourhood, than Mrs. Wm. Foreman. She was ill only eleven days, but her malady being that dread "la grippe," contracted on a run-down constitution, she was not able to throw it off, and, besides, on account of distance from a doctor, she was not visited as often as her case required. Mrs. Foreman bore her pain very patiently, and felt quite at ease in her mind, having resigned her will to that of her Heavenly Father. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her departure, but in this their bereavement, I am glad to say, they do not sorrow without hope. The eldest child is a girl of sixteen years. She was confirmed last November by the Bishop of Niagara, after having undergone a very severe sickness. She is organist at St. James' Church, and, like her mother, is ready at all times to help in Church work.

The people's warden of St. James' Church, Mr. F. D. Stubbs, has been very ill also, but, thank God, he is recovering satisfactorily, though slowly. Mr. Stubbs had inflammation of the right lung, and at one time was very low indeed. He has been missed very much from church and Sunday School, at both of which, when in health, he is a most regular attendant. We shall all be much pleased to see him back again at Sunday School and divine service, and to have him join with us, as is his custom, in showing forth the Lord's death in offering up those sacred mysteries and pledges of His love.

Mr. Wm. Davidson is another of the sick and afflicted ones. He has been ill and low since the summer, and there is no hope whatever of recovery held out to him. He has what is termed "Hobson's disease," and the physician in attendance gave him up over two months ago; but he is still alive, though in a very weak state.

His death is looked for at any moment. Since the doctor gave him up he has been patiently waiting for the change. During his illness he has received the Holy Communion several times, and is quite prepared and satisfied to take his departure to Paradise when God so wills it.

Our annual concert, an account of which was promised for this month's issue, was indefinitely postponed on account of the death referred to above.

I wish just here to acknowledge receipt of \$5 from Mr. Labatt, of London, Ont., towards the Parsonage Fund. Many thanks for the same, and to Mr. Saunders, of Toronto, by whom it was forwarded. We would like twenty more \$5 subscriptions, and then we would be able to say the parsonage is out of debt.

W. A. J. B.

### Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

Again the Christmas season has come and gone. The echo of Christmas joyousness, however, was followed by merry shouts of children's glee, induced by the setting up of the Christmas tree, around which the young people were called to assemble. In this mission the settlers are reduced to such great straits that had not the Woman's Auxiliary again come to our aid, there could not possibly have been any Christmas presents distributed amongst our Sunday School children. Two disastrous years of scanty crops and low prices have placed even Church finances in a deficient condition, and the raising of twenty additional dollars for Church insurance is not going to be an easy matter. But, God helping us, all will be well.

In the matter of Sunday School rewards, Miss M. Halson came effectually to the fore, and as to the gifts in general St. James' Cathedral branch most generously supplied our wants. Two other branches—one in Niagara, and the other in Huron—sent clothing, and our most sincere gratitude has been tendered for the same.

St. Paul's (Uffington) Sunday School met on Friday, January 3rd, much to the surprise of all present, for during the earlier part of the day it was so wild and stormy outside that the general expectation was postponement. When, however, the wind went down, and the sky began to clear, both parents and children were to be seen making their way to the Church hall. An excellent tea was spread,

which was the more enjoyed because it had seemed so nearly out of reach, whilst gladness, good-natured chat, and cheery laughter made the scene bright and animating. Very shortly after tea the company retired to another and larger hall close by, where an imposing tree was disclosed to view, heavily laden with all manner of curious fruits. The incumbent occupied the chair, and the scholars carried out in a truly creditable manner quite a long programme of carols, songs, recitations, and dialogues. Then one of the wardens lighted up the candles on the tree, which were given by a female member of the congregation. Great, indeed, was the delight shown as the gifts were duly distributed. Many thanks were expressed and much glee shown over the bags of candies, after which the National Anthem was sung right heartily, and all went home. The incumbent and Mrs. Allman have recently had the very great pleasure of welcoming Miss Kirkpatrick's assistance in the Sunday School, for which they are thankful.

Christ Church (Purbrook) Sunday School responded cheerfully to the call to Christmas tree festivities. Mr. and Mrs. Colson kindly again opened their commodious house (since we have no hall here), and on Wednesday, January 8th, the largest company seen at such a gathering for many years was assembled. Miss Colson had trained the young folks in singing, and what with recitations and other performances a bright and happy time was experienced. The incumbent and Mrs. Allman joined the party at tea, and great credit was reflected upon all concerned in the spread. The teachers (Messrs. Colson and Trow) were complimented and encouraged by the incumbent, and the scholars were suitably addressed. Mr. and Mrs. Colson exerted themselves to add to the load upon the tree, and the entire company were delighted with the success of the evening's entertainment. The gifts and rewards having been distributed amongst the glad group, games prevailed, until the National Anthem was sung.

In Purbrook, however, as elsewhere, the fact was soon again demonstrated that "in the midst of life we are in death," and the Church family there has again suffered loss. Only eight months since Mrs. Robinson was laid to rest in Christ Church graveyard, and that time was spent by the aged widower in isolation and loneliness. On Thursday, the 24th ult., John Robinson was summoned to

the unseen world, not a soul being present to witness the end. Either in a fit, or from heart failure, he fell partly upon his lounge, and apparently never moved again. He was found on the morning of the 24th ult. by his kind and sorrowing neighbours, who grieved over the loss of the gentle and simple old gentleman. The incumbent was informed of the matter, and his relatives at Woodstock were communicated with, and on January 28th the remains were laid to rest by the side of his late wife. Esteem was manifest in a church full of people.

### Aspdin Mission.

On Friday, February 14th, the Bishop of Huron visited this mission for confirmations at Aspdin and Stanleydale. Rev. A. R. Mitchell drove his lordship from Port Sydney. Owing to storms of snow and wind they were forty-five minutes late. The Bishop was met at St. Mary's by the Archdeacon and Rev. F. C. H. Ulbricht, who had driven over from Huntsville. The service consisted of hymns and Confirmation and Communion services. Mr. Ulbricht led the musical part of the service. The Archdeacon, who was assisted by Mr. Mitchell, was requested by the Bishop to be the celebrant in the service for Holy Communion. Two males and three females were confirmed, the Bishop giving two earnest and soul-stirring addresses upon the necessity for personal consecration to Christ. Seventeen persons, including the newly-confirmed, partook of the Lord's Supper. The congregation was a large and attentive one. After service, the Bishop and clergy were hospitably entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Lakeman. After dinner the Bishop, accompanied by the Archdeacon and Mr. Ulbricht, drove to Stanleydale, the heavy roads and drifts making us an hour behind the time appointed (3 o'clock); but the congregation was patiently awaiting our arrival. The order was the same as at Aspdin—Confirmation and the Holy Communion—nine persons, six males and three females, receiving the apostolic rite. The Bishop gave a most practical address on conversion and consecration to Christ. The Archdeacon was again requested to act as celebrant, Mr. Ulbricht assisting. Sixteen persons communicated. The church was well filled by a devout congregation. A most welcome cup of tea was provided in the Orange Hall by Mrs. Armstrong. After refreshments, the Bishop, the Archdeacon

and Mr. Ulbricht were driven by Mr. Humphrey B. D. Llwyd, with most skilful engineering, through the heavy roads to Huntsville, which was reached by nine o'clock p.m.; and the welcome warmth, supper, and repose of the parsonage gave opportunity for a review of our perils and deliverances of the day spent in Church work in the Aspdin mission.

A welcome letter from our Bishop stated that the incoming missionary, Mr. Hickland, of Belfast, was on his way out, and might be expected shortly to arrive and take charge of this mission, which has been vacant for a year past.

The Bishop of Huron proceeded by evening train on the 15th to visit the mission of Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, Emsdale, for Confirmation on the Sunday.

THOMAS LLWYD.

### Broadbent Mission.

REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

For some time past the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of St. Paul's, Seguin Falls, assisted by ladies of other branches, have been devoting their energies towards erecting a driving shed at their church, and on Wednesday, January 29th, held a sale of work in the new hall. The result was most gratifying. An enjoyable evening was spent by those present, songs and recitations, interspersed with other amusements, making the time pass all too quickly. At the close of the sale the ladies were able to report a financial result of \$50. Besides this, demands for articles made by the members have been considerable during the winter. The members desire to thank their fellow Churchwomen for the generous assistance afforded, and also those from other parts of the mission who were present at the sale.

The annual Christmas tree in connection with St. Paul's Sunday School, held in the new hall, Seguin Falls, on Wednesday of last week, proved a capital success. The children were made happy from 2 p.m. until late at night. Games, recitations, songs—six in German by the Schmitkers—followed each other in rapid succession, keeping the clergyman, Rev. A. J. Cobb, severely taxed during the whole time. Immediately before tea was served the incumbent briefly catechized the scholars on scriptural subjects. Then came a sumptuous feast of good things, of which there was no lack, all of which was provided by the parents and friends of the children. During these proceedings

the scholars were directed to examine a fine Christmas tree mounted upon the stage, and laden with toys, candies, and other tempting articles, so that after supper, when the tree was stripped, each child, according as the names stood on the list of merit, could choose to suit his or her fancy, all being open for choice, except a few reserved for absent ones. It is pleasing to state that during the past year the Sunday School has trebled in numbers on its books, and the attendance as shown by the register was remarkably good. The parents of the scholars highly respect and praise the perseverance of Mrs. Eams, the worthy superintendent, whose interest in those under her charge could not be surpassed, she not having missed an appointment since taking charge. The gathering, after receiving their presents, gave three hearty cheers for the superintendent and others. There is a prospect of further additions to the roll during the coming year. In the early summer all the children will assemble at the parsonage, North Seguin, for a day's outdoor sport, when the scholars from all parts of the mission will be present.

A new, substantial, solid oak font has been placed in the Church of St. Stephen, Broadbent, the design being a hexagon throughout, ornamented by buttresses and brackets. The work reflects great credit upon the builder, Mr. Bartlett, the well-known member of St. Stephen's.

A. J. COBB.

### Huntsville Mission.

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, INCUMBENT.

The rite of confirmation was administered on Monday, February 17th, in All Saints' Church, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Huron. Thirteen persons were brought into full communion with the Church. The Bishop gave two earnest and helpful addresses—first to the candidates, and later to the congregation. A large number were present to witness the apostolic rite, and all paid close attention.

F. U.

### Powassan Mission.

C. H. BUCKLAND, CATECHIST.

During the month of February we have been very busy preparing for Confirmation, which was to have taken place on the 21st of the month, but, owing to the indisposition of Bishop Baldwin, it has been postponed indefinitely.

We have started in connection with this station (Powassan) a Young Women's Guild, and have chosen for its name "Guild of the Good Shepherd." Although only formed one month the ladies have not wasted any time, as will be seen by the amount of work completed, namely, an altar cloth, with a very pretty design in centre and end, and other requisites for Holy Communion; and also book-markers for prayer and reading desks. They are now working on a number of other articles, in order that we may in the near future have a sale of work and concert combined.

C. H. B.

### Bracebridge Mission.

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

The Bishop of Huron visited this parish on the 12th inst., holding a Confirmation in St. Thomas' Church, when ten candidates received the Apostolic Rite of Laying on of Hands. The church was filled with a large and attentive congregation, who took their appointed part in the service with evident heartiness, and were deeply impressed by the earnest words of affectionate exhortation, instruction, and counsel addressed by the Bishop to the confirmees. Unfortunately, the very severe snowstorm of the previous day prevented the attendance of the candidates from the points adjacent, who will have to await the return of our Bishop, which event we will all hail with joy and thankfulness, and the satisfactory reports of the Bishop's health warrant us in entertaining the hope that he will soon be (D.V.) with us again.

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D. KEMP,

Treasurer, Diocese of Algoma.

Rev. A. H. Allman has much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a grant of £10 from S.P.C.K. towards defraying cost of the new chancel of St. Paul's, Uffington.

Mr. C. H. Buckland desires to thank Rev. A. Brown, B.A., Paris, Ont., for his donation of seventy-five books, with which he will be able to start a library in his mission at Powassan.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks £3 from Miss Compson to buy books for St. Mary's Church, Sand Lake.

Rev. J. Boydell, of Bracebridge, desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following papers regularly received and highly appreciated: *The Guardian, The Church Times*, and various miscellaneous Sunday School papers; also a welcome box of articles for the Christmas tree at Falkenburg, which were duly distributed at the flourishing Sunday School at that station.