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### Notes by the Way.

#### ON THE DAY OF ASCENSION.

He is risen higher, not set ;  
Indeed a cloud  
Did with His leave make bold to shroud  
The Sun of Glory from Mount Olivet.  
At Pentecost He'll show Himself again,  
When every ray shall be a tongue  
To speak all comforts and inspire  
Our souls with their celestial fire ;  
That we the saints among  
May sing, and love, and reign. Amen.  
—Jeremy Taylor.

OUR news of Easter meetings this year is rather meagre.

WE missed the April number of the "Quarterly Supplement."

THE Bishop will hold an ordination in the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, on St. Barnabas' Day.

PRAY for your clergy instead of criticizing them. If we had faithfully used Ember Days, what deficiencies might have been filled up !

A HEARTY welcome awaits the Bishop on his return to his diocese. All information is to the effect that his winter abroad has resulted in great benefit to his health.

IT is probable that after the ordination at Sudbury the Bishop will make a visitation tour through the deaneries of Muskoka and Parry Sound.

REV. H. BEER, at one time the missionary on St. Joseph's Island, in this diocese, has accompanied the Bishop of Alaska to his new missionary diocese. Mr. Beer received Holy Orders in Algoma.

THE Bishop leaves Britain for home per the steamship *Laurentian* on May 14th, and desires that the prayers of the Church be offered in his behalf while crossing "the boundless wave."

THE Huntsville Church people are to be congratulated on the splendid financial showing made at the Easter vestry meeting. Before long we hope to congratulate them on the attainment of the position of a self-supporting mission.

NO festival of our blessed Lord has suffered so much from neglect as that which commemorates His ascension into heaven. All the greater, therefore, is the need of emphasizing it by services and celebrations of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in every mission.

A MAGNIFICENT reception was tendered to the Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, D.D., on his arrival at Ottawa on the 30th ult. On the next day (St. Philip's and St. James'), the anniversary of his consecration to the Diocese of Niagara, he was enthroned as Bishop of Ottawa. The Church of England in Canada has now a Bishop's see in the capital of the Dominion.

ON Sunday, May 10th, the Bishops of the Province of Canada have commanded the reading of the Ascensiontide Appeal

on behalf of domestic missions, and that the offerings of the people on the following Sunday be devoted thereto. Slowly in this diocese the offertories for missions have year by year increased. In 1896 we venture, nay, bespeak, the hope that the increase be continued.

THE Committee on Synodical Organization met twice during the month of April, and have nearly completed the first draft of a constitution and canons for the future synod of the missionary Diocese of Algoma. As a rule, the committee held three sessions daily. After the first draft is completed, the whole will be carefully reviewed, when it will be printed (probably in our columns) for the information of all concerned.

IN a village in the diocese, which shall be nameless in this connection, a woman lately arrived and gave out that, being the seventh daughter of the seventh daughter, she could read the future for any person who would contribute a fifty-cent shekel to her bag. And she reaped a good harvest. The incumbent of the mission in which the village is situate was lately visiting a house in which a person was ill with quinsy. The good woman of the house gravely said that since the resident disciple of Æsculapius had not succeeded by his methods in effecting the desired cure, she had sought a neighbour, who, being a seventh son, was said to possess the power of curing by rubbing. But he had not altogether succeeded, since the affection was at a standstill—neither better nor worse. Shortly after, the priest, in the course of his visitations, was in the house of the "rubber," and by his wife was assured that since marriage she had never had any throat trouble ; one generally, and two rubbings always, by Mr.— was sufficient to cure. "But, then, sir, perhaps we had faith," was an observation made in a tone that tendered forgiveness to all the unfaithful. Superstitions die hard.

## Letter to the Editor.

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THE VERY FIRST.

To the Editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS :

SIR,—Your Port Arthur correspondent, H.B., whose devotion to the Church I am well aware of, is in error in stating in your March issue that the *first* ruridecanal meeting in Thunder Bay had been recently held. If he had said the first under the present worthy rural dean, well and good; but the first ruridecanal meeting was held on Ascension Day, 1888, after a full service in the morning, at which the present Rural Dean of Thunder Bay preached the sermon. (See Port Arthur and Thunder Bay *Church of England Magazine* for May, 1888.) And before the ruridecanal system had been adopted in the diocese meetings had been held in Thunder Bay, and attended by elected lay delegates to consult together for the welfare of the Church. That was the day of small things, and feeble. But no one will be more glad than I to read of robust strength and solid progress in that part of the diocese.

C. J. MACHIN.

Gravenhurst, April, 1896.

## Broadbent Mission.

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REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

At each of the stations of this mission progress has been made during the past year, and finances are more satisfactory than in any former year since formation in 1889. St. Stephen's, Broadbent, is to have a stone foundation and other improvements next June. The officers are: Wardens, Messrs. Wm. Bartlett and E. Broadbent; sidesmen, Messrs. H. E. Broadbent and Wm. Kottka.

The members of St. Paul's, Seguin Falls, are to be congratulated upon the work of the past year, being the most successful in its history. The branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has worked well; the contribution promised to clergyman's stipend has been doubled; the Sunday School attendance has been remarkable, but much regret is shown at the loss, soon to be felt, owing to Mrs. Eames, the untiring and faithful superintendent, leaving the neighbourhood. She will carry with her the gratitude and good will of all members of the mission. Timber for a driving shed is being prepared for erection next month. The wardens elected are Messrs. Andrew Kerr and S. Fry. The vestry this year was well attended.

Arrangements for improvements at St. John's, Dufferin Bridge, have been made, the members promising to work and con-

tribute liberally. The wardens for 1896-97 are Messrs. James Vigrass and J. Brownlee; sidesmen, Messrs. Orlen Mott and J. Hall. At all stations an increase of contributions to clergyman's stipend is promised.

## Mission of St. Joseph's Island.

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REV. W. J. ECCLESTON, INCUMBENT.

Vestry meetings were duly held in this mission at Eastertide. The following are a few particulars:

St. John's Church, Marksville, has as wardens for the current year Messrs. W. Whybourne and W. D. Fremlin, with Messrs. B. Chappelle and B. Eddy as sidesmen. The report of finances showed an income of \$132.11. The interior of the church has been much improved.

At Jocelyn, the vestry of the Church of the Holy Trinity elected Messrs. S. Ferris and H. Young churchwardens; W. Kent and J. Campbell, sidesmen. As the result of a discussion at the meeting, it is not improbable that a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be formed at this station.

The people at Richard's Landing rejoice this Easter in the possession of a new church—opened in June last, and known as Emmanuel Church. The officers here elected are Messrs. W. Canfield and B. Fuller, churchwardens; J. E. Brownlee and A. Cheer, sidesmen.

## Burk's Falls Mission.

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REV. CHARLES PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

When at Eastertide we review the events of the year past—so far as they are known to us—like all other missionaries there is much that disappoints, much that encourages and cheers, withal much that humbles. As a whole it presents a face of encouragement, the anxieties of the hour such only that we believe will be used by the Head of the Church to His glory.

Our Lenten services and Easter rejoicings and vestry meetings, which last are seldom unalloyed joy, always find us with bad roads and decreased congregations.

Our daily services during Holy Week at All Saints', Burk's Falls, were comparatively well attended. On the evening of Maundy Thursday there was a lantern service, a large number of young people being present. On Good Friday, at 10.30

a.m., the service was Morning Prayer and sermon, the incumbent leaving soon after its close for his long drive to Sundridge. On Saturday afternoon the hour of prayer was devoted to preparation for Holy Communion.

Easter morning saw, in All Saints' Church, the largest congregation that ever gathered there in the forenoon, and the best of it was that, with some six or seven exceptions, the ninety persons were Church people. Of course some extra pains had been taken by the little choir to give more than ordinary brightness to the music for the day, but the more inspiring element was the large congregation of worshippers. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated after Morning Prayer.

At Sundridge—the Church of St. Paul—the service on Good Friday evening was composed of Evening Prayer, and an address on "The Seven Last Words," interspersed by verses of a metrical litany on the same subject. So well was this service appreciated by the Church people in Sundridge in 1894 that they urgently desired its repetition this year.

On Easter Day there was but an evening service, the Easter Communion being made on the morning of the Sunday following. By this time, April 12th, the roads were in such a state of break-up—dangerous for man or beast—that the clergyman left home at 3 a.m. and travelled by rail from Burk's Falls to Sundridge. To return for the evening service he walked back on the railroad track. It was a long day of eighteen hours.

On Easter Tuesday an entertainment was held in the Orange Hall, Sundridge, to secure funds to pay for the carpet and matting recently placed in the Church there. It is only bare justice to say that the work in connection therewith was almost wholly borne by Miss Alice Short, a teacher in the public school, whose departure from the Church family at Sundridge at an early date is a source of great regret. It is not the intention to itemize the programme, but to say simply that the way in which Miss Short had trained and afterwards conducted the children—to the number of sixty—in the rendition of a children's cantata was most praiseworthy. And our admiration is increased by the fact that the chief end in view of the lady mentioned and the accompanist, Miss J. Carter, was the making of the House of God more beautiful.

A few words about the vestry meetings. At Burk's Falls the annual meeting was

held on the evening of Easter Monday. The attendance was an average one, though the outgoing Churchwardens were both absent. In place of an auditor, who had left the mission, the incumbent appointed Mr. R. Briggs to fill the post, and after the appointment of officers the meeting was adjourned to receive the statement of accounts on April 27th. The incumbent appointed Mr. Arthur Laxton churchwarden, and Messrs. Moore and Briggs sidesmen; the vestry then elected Mr. J. Hilliar churchwarden, and Messrs. T. Buckerfield and Arch. Fournier sidesmen. Messrs. Moore and Briggs were elected auditors, and Mr. W. A. Kelsey re-elected vestry clerk.

On the Friday following, April 10th, the annual meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's, Sundridge, was held. The attendance was far above the average. Mr. Joseph Edgar, who for a number of years has acted in the capacity of churchwarden for the clergyman, was desirous this year to retire from that office, though, as in the past, occupying the post of superintendent of the Sunday School. The clergyman selected Mr. Hays as his warden, and the people elected Mr. A. E. French. The statement of the finances for the past year was encouraging, all debts being met except a small balance due the clergyman. It is now thought possible to clear up all past deficits on this score. The new wardens have taken their duties in hand with much zest, determined to give the envelope system a good trial. Already they have subscribed an amount equal to the local quota of stipend. It is pleasing to notice, among some of the congregation, a desire to do what they can for themselves in the way of providing for the ministrations of the Church.

On Monday evening, the 27th of April, the adjourned vestry of All Saints' Church was held. A full statement of financial matters for the past year was submitted by the auditors. The amount of liabilities in excess of assets—good assets—was stated to be \$53, and to meet this a subscription list was opened. About \$20 was then subscribed. The wardens also received new and increased subscriptions for the expenses of the current year. The principal creditor is the parson. In the near future the incumbent will leave this mission, having signified some months ago to the Bishop his desire to do so. However, it may be said that the standing of the congregation here is in every respect much in advance of the past.

Our Sunday Schools.

This month we publish the following report of the Diocesan Sunday School Committee—(Rev. W. H. French, Rural Deans Renison and Young).

Clergymen.	Mission.	No. of Church Sunday Schools.	Scholars			No. of Teachers.	No. of Schools having Libraries.	No. of Volumes.
			On the Roll.	Average Attendance.	Offeritory.			
Rev. A. H. Allman....	Uffington.....	2	56	42	\$ 10	4	2	350
" H. C. Aylwin....	Little Current...	4	113	60	25	9	2	26
" W. A. J. Burt...	Port Carling....	4	120	94	7	9	1	60
" James Boydell....	Bracebridge....	2	140	100	40	13	2	120
" A. W. H. Chowne	Emsdale.....	2	88	46	18	6	1	100
" A. J. Cobb.....	Broadbent.....	3	60	33	30	7	2	143
" W. J. Eccleston..	St. Joseph's Is'd..	2	32	22	12	6	2	75
" Wm. Evans.....	Parry Sound....	3	135	97	60	13	2	180
" W. H. French....	Sudbury.....	1	41	28	38	6	1	70
" F. Frost.....	Sheguiandah*...	4	79	63	..	5	..	..
" G. Gander.....	South River....	2	63	39	35	6	2	90
" G. Gillmor.....	Rosseau.....	2	86	53	15	7	2	210
" E. J. Harper....	Fort William....	2	102	83	90	12	2	290
" A. W. Hazlehurst.	Baysville.....	3	44	38	5	5	3	31
" D. A. Johnston..	Haileybury....	1	9	6	..	2	..	..
" M. C. Kirby....	Oliver.....	1	15	12	..	1	..	..
" E. Lawlor.....	Schreiber†....	2	32	28	..	5	..	..
" Thos. Llwyd....	Huntsville....	2	195	102	28	16	2	303
" C. J. Machin....	Gravenhurst... 2	2	100	..	..	12	2	350
" J. H. McLeod....	Gore Bay.....	1	118	80	30	9	1	150
" A. R. Mitchell..	Port Sydney....	4	195	102	25	16	3	549
" J. Pardoe.....	Novar.....	2	59	40	14	9	1	54
" Charles Piercy....	Burk's Falls... 2	2	96	66	35	9	2	250
" R. Renison.....	Sault Ste. Marie.	3	175	125	77	12	2	115
" do	Garden River and Shingwauk ... 2	2	115	90	..	5	1	60
" W. M. R. Seaborne	Thessalon..... 3	3	66	49	36	7	2	63
" J. W. Thursby...	Port Arthur.... 1	1	121	89	1 58	12	1	400
" A. J. Young.....	North Bay..... 2	2	103	70	49	10	2	261
Mr. F. R. Godolphin	Sturgeon Falls.. 1	1	33	25	30	4	1	20
" T. J. Hay.....	Maganetawan... 2	2	33	24	8	3	1	450
Vacant.....	Aspdin.....	4	98	62	5	7	4	922
Vacant.....	Powassan..... 1	1	50	35	10	4	..	..
Vacant.....	Bruce Mines.... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....	.....	72	2772	1803	\$ 8 95	239	49	5694

In presenting the foregoing figures for the information of the diocese, the committee desires to thank their brethren for the readiness with which their request for statistics has been complied with. Other items relating to the work were asked for and supplied; but being intended only as aids in enabling the committee to form a better judgment as to what recommendations to make towards advancing the efficiency of our Sunday Schools, they have not considered them of sufficient public interest to include in this report.

From want of necessary accommodation the committee find that: Sixty-two Sunday Schools are held in the church; five in public school houses; three in halls owned by the parishes wherein they are situated; and in two places the parsonage is the only building available.

Catechizing is the rule. When, through lack of time, the clergyman is unable to perform this office, the superintendent takes it in hand. In a few instances this

important duty is done "in the congregation." The committee would suggest that catechizing, followed by a short, appropriate address, might well at stated intervals take the place of the sermon.

The lesson sheets used are "various," and the committee would impress upon their brethren the desirability of uniformity in this respect, especially in view of the recommendations they propose making at some future time. In the majority of schools, the committee find the "Institute Leaflet" is used.

From the returns received the committee are glad to report that very few of our Church children appear as attending the "Union" Sunday School, and where they do so it is because the "Union" was first on the ground, absorbing all the teaching element, or because through family connections the parents "love to have it so."

Plans are under consideration, and will shortly be made public, tending both to consolidating and (it is hoped) creating more interest in Sunday School work.

On behalf of the committee,  
W. H. FRENCH.

Sudbury, February, 1896.

\* All Indian. † Union.

### Our Portrait.

REV. RURAL DEAN KIRBY.

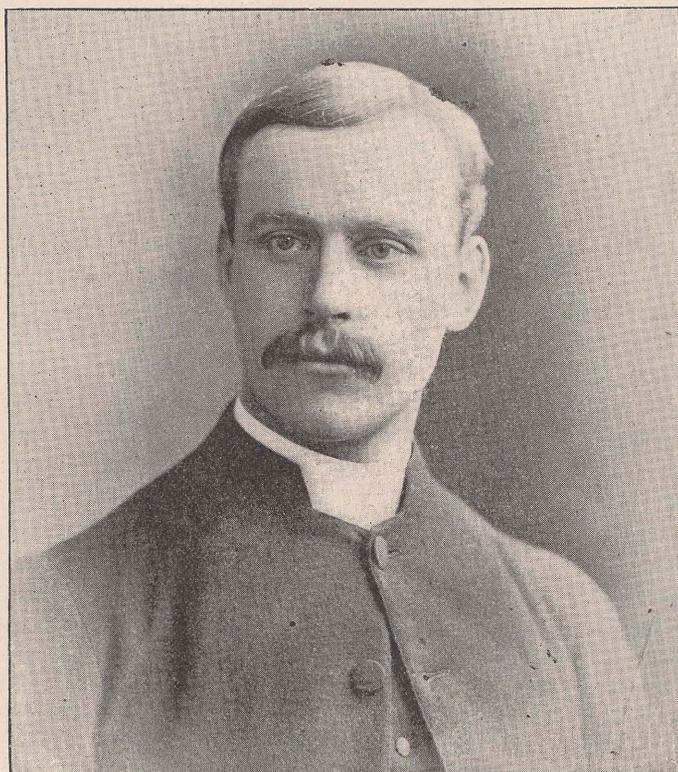
The Rev. M. C. Kirby is the fourth son of the Rev. H. T. N. Kirby, who last year celebrated his jubilee year as Vicar of Mayfield, Sussex, England. The subject of our illustration was born in 1861, and educated in England. In the year 1882 he came to Canada with an idea of farming, and purchased a farm in the Township of Draper, District of Muskoka, the year following. In 1884 he was licensed as a lay reader to Christ Church, Purbrook. Shortly after, feeling himself called to the ministry of the Church, he entered the Diocesan Theological College, Montreal. Having completed his studies there he was ordained to the diaconate by the Bishop of Algoma at Holy Trinity Church, Parry Sound, on August 7th, 1887. This was during the first Triennial Council of this missionary diocese. He was licensed as "missionary deacon and assistant minister in the mission of Port Arthur," with residence at Fort William. When the second Council met in 1889, Mr. Kirby was one of the three deacons advanced to the priesthood, the others being Rev. Eustace A. Vesey now in the Diocese of Niagara, and Rev. Charles Piercy, of Burk's Falls. As priest Mr. Kirby was licensed to the mission of Fort William and Oliver, until such time as other means were found to provide Oliver Township with the ministrations of the Church. On June 1st of last year (1895) he resigned the mission of Fort William, which became self-supporting, so that the grant it was receiving could be applied to the new mission of Oliver, which field of labour he then entered upon. During Mr. Kirby's incumbency of Fort William were erected two churches and a parsonage; and we have no doubt but that his zeal and energy will before long be evidenced by similar work in Oliver. On November 25th last he was by the Bishop appointed the Rural Dean of Thunder Bay.

WITH a childlike heart of love,  
At Thy bidding may I move;  
Prompt to serve and follow Thee,  
Loving Him who first loved me.

### Schreiber Mission.

REV. E. LAWLOR, INCUMBENT.

During the severe cold which we have had during the past winter, the congregations have been rather small, and on several occasions it was utterly impossible to heat the church for service on Sunday mornings. The Lenten services suffered also. The snow storm, during the first few days of April, just cleared off in time to allow us to hold a Good Friday evening service. There were four feet of snow on the level on Easter Day, and now, on April 30th, there is no snow to be seen. On Easter Day the service was held at Schreiber in the evening.



Rev. M. C. Kirby, Rural Dean of Thunder Bay.

At the Easter vestry meeting Mr. A. C. Patch and Mr. T. Newman were elected wardens. Other officers were also elected. It may be noted that the pulpit has been placed upon a stand, a reading desk been made in the choir, a credence shelf placed in the chancel, and a font has been made and presented by Mr. Wm. Sparks. The latter stands near the door.

I beg to acknowledge for the Indians a bale of clothing from the Shanty Bay W.A., through Miss G. Vaikes; for the bazaar, a number of articles from friends in Dartmouth. A strawberry festival will take place in June, and bazaar in August. For both all the ladies are working very hard.

EDWARD LAWLOR.

### Shingwauk Notes.

A sure sign of spring—the appearance of bows and arrows at Shingwauk.

James Fox, the boy who passed the public school entrance examination last year, is now teaching school on the Muncy Reserve at a salary of \$200 per annum. St. Paul's Cathedral Sunday School, London, will be glad to hear of their old protégé's appointment, and that he is doing so well.

A splendid bale of clothing has just arrived at Shingwauk from the St. James' W.A., London, per Mrs. Hutchinson, containing a complete outfit for their charge, Mitchell Adams.

The Principal would be glad to receive the names of any friends or missionary associations willing to undertake the clothing of individual boys. Full information as to clothing required, measurements, etc., and cut showing style of uniform, gladly furnished.

Satisfactory progress has been made in all class work during the past quarter. The results of the last examination show that pupils and teachers alike have worked hard. Robert White, the boy supported by St. Matthew's Sunday-school, Quebec, came out ahead of the whole school, obtaining 718 marks out of a possible 900.

A little Indian boy's original definition of a bird's nest: "An apple cut in half with the inside scooped out."

G. L. K.

### Gravenhurst Mission.

REV. C. J. MACHIN, R.D., INCUMBENT.

At Easter, 1894, the present incumbent, having been resident but a few weeks, expressed the opinion that the then wardens should be requested to continue in office another year. This was done. Last year one of them declined to hold office any longer; but the other continued to serve for a third term. The incumbent, however, for prudential reasons, declined, as before, to appoint either warden or sidesman. All these officers were elected at the vestry meetings in 1894 and 1895. But in this present year the incumbent,

lest he should seem to imperil the rights of his successors by establishing a precedent, decided to exercise his right of appointment; and Mr. Marter, at his request, has consented to be one of the wardens. The parishioners have elected Mr. Readshaw as the other warden, with the cordial and very decided approval of the incumbent. Dr. Shaw and Mr. Barnfield were elected as sidesmen to assist Mr. Readshaw; the incumbent has appointed Mr. Ardagh and Mr. William Leigh to assist Mr. Marter. The three first named are recent additions to the Church population of Gravenhurst, although Dr. Shaw was a resident here some years ago. Much good is expected from their co-operation. Mr. Readshaw's unanimous call to the office of warden is the result of his efficient help as sidesman for the past two years. At the vestry meeting the retiring parochial officers received a unanimous vote of thanks, with a special mention of Mr. Brown's name, he having served three years as warden, and part of the time under difficult and trying circumstances. It is no secret, and, therefore, no reflection on anyone to admit that in former years this congregation has been afflicted with dissensions and troubles of various kinds. The present incumbent has had "the blessing of peace." But he looks for more than peace; thinks that the time has come for harmony in progressive church work; and hopes that the absence of all real cause for strife, together with the infusion of "new blood" into the parochial body, will enable parson and people to do the work for which the parish exists. If he is too sanguine, and if his hopes are not well founded, his priestly staff will soon pass into other hands.

Northwood church and Sunday School are again open, after the long and dreary blocking up of roads by snow.

C. J. MACHIN.

### Huntsville Mission.

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, INCUMBENT.

The two following paragraphs are from the Huntsville *Forester*:

The adjourned Easter vestry meeting of All Saints' Church was held in the church hall on Monday evening last, April 20th, commencing punctually at 8 o'clock, the Ven. the Archdeacon in the chair. The minutes of the last Easter and succeeding vestries were read and approved. Mr. H. S. May, people's warden, pre-

sented the financial statement, which, being adopted, the Archdeacon declared all offices vacant. The incumbent, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the retiring officers for the hearty and genial support given him throughout the past year's administration, and expressed his gratitude for the sympathy of the congregation during his illness of last summer, also thanking the members of the various committees and the Sunday School teachers and officers for their hearty and helpful co-operation in the work of the parish, and emphasized his personal obligation to his assistant, the Rev. F. C. H. Ulbricht, for the tact and energy with which he had attended to the various duties devolving upon him. The chairman then presented the annual statements of the Sunday School and of the various committees, all of which showed a marked improvement on previous records. The incumbent nominated Mr. E. J. Ecclestone as his warden, with Messrs R. J. Hutcheson, G. Clarke, and T. Teepe as sidesmen. The vestry selected Mr. H. S. May as people's warden, and Messrs. M. Kinton, A. Doan and J. D. Thomas as sidesmen for the people. Mr. G. S. Wilgress was re-elected vestry clerk; Mr. Kinton, lay reader; H. C. Llwyd, organist; and Mr. W. J. Morgan, choirmaster. Messrs. G. Norton, F. Francis, J. Down, and G. S. Wilgress were re-elected the Burial Board. Messrs. J. T. Burke and E. Flaxman were elected auditors. The Ladies' Special Finance Committee are Mrs. H. S. May, Mrs. R. J. Hutcheson, and Mrs. Trimmer. The total receipts of the parish for the year (outside the Church Building Fund) was \$1,053.99. A pleasing feature of the vestry was a showing of the detailed statement of the Church Building Fund by the Secretary of the committee, revealing a most satisfactory condition of affairs. Great satisfaction was expressed at the good attendance. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

The Church Women's Committee of All Saints' Church gave a very successful "birthday party" on the evening of Friday, April 10th. The hall was tastefully decorated and arranged as a drawing room. Coffee and light refreshments were served during the evening. A goodly number were present and entered with great heartiness into the social character of the evening's enjoyment, listening appreciatively to the singing and recitations that interspersed the games and social chat of a very enjoyable evening. Over \$30 were the net results. All praise is

due to the ladies for the zeal and efficiency with which they carried out the evening's programme.

Died, on April 25th, Richard Godolphin, aged 68 years. The deceased had been a resident of this place for about twenty years, and during the twelve years' incumbency of the writer had been an attendant at All Saints' Church. In the fire of April 18th, 1894, he, with his aged wife, practically suffered the loss of all things, but with that indomitable energy which ever characterized him he at once set about rebuilding, taking possession of the new stone building, combining office and home, in the fall of the same year. Without doubt, the experience passed through brought Mr. Godolphin's feelings upon the subject of personal religion into full play, and, after many interviews on the part of the incumbent, he was confirmed and became a regular communicant in 1895. On only two Sundays, and then through illness, was his place in church vacant. His religious life was characterized by the deepest humility and the most simple, childlike faith in the saving power of Christ. The Sunday before his death he and his wife communicated at the Lord's Table, attending both morning and evening services. Shortly after reaching home he was seized with neuralgia of the heart, and was bravely patient under the most acute suffering, but rallied, and all thought him on a fair way to recovery when, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, he suddenly died from heart failure. Mr. Godolphin in early life had travelled much, visiting most countries on the globe. He was a man of high principle and most genial temperament, and will be a distinct loss to the church membership here. He leaves behind him a wife and only son, who, with his family and many friends, deeply mourn his loss.

THOMAS LLWYD.

### Goulais Bay Mission.

REV. J. P. SMITHEMAN, INCUMBENT.

Easter Sunday, April 5th, is a day to be remembered at Goulais Bay, for on that day the English church was first used for divine service. Although the church is not quite finished, it was thought advisable to rush matters in order to make the church habitable for Easter Sunday, the queen of festivals. The formal opening will not take place until June, when the Bishop visits us.

All the people worked well for the erection of the church, but the man who

has collected the most money is Mr. Andrew McCauley, and for his efforts much praise is due. The building has a total length of 41 feet, including a chancel 11x14. The interior is handsome, the most noticeable feature being the octagonal ceiling. The people and the Bishop supplied the materials, and Mr. James Taylor and Mr. Thomas Symonds contracted for the labour, and they have performed their work in a very creditable manner. Mr. Daniel James made a neat job of the clinking and plastering, and the ladies had a whitewashing bee and beautified the church generally.

The Easter service was glorious and the Holy Communion was a true Eucharist—a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

The incumbent, Rev. J. P. Smitheman, preached an appropriate sermon from the text, "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." He reminded his hearers that the primary idea of going to church is to worship God, and not simply to hear a man preach. "We assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at God's hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most Holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul." The musical part of the service was very much brightened by the organ which Mr. John McSorley kindly lent, and to him and Miss Sadie McSorley, who played the organ, hearty thanks were given. When we have an organ of our own, our friend, Miss Ethel McCauley, will be the organist.

The English church is the first church of any kind in the settlement, and the whole settlement is to be congratulated on the possession of such a pretty building erected for God's honour and glory.

The Rev. J. P. Smitheman intends holding service every Sunday, alternately in the morning and evening. The Bishop has also given into his charge Korah, so that Goulais Bay and Korah now form one parish. At the first Easter vestry meeting the Goulais Bay wardens were elected—Mr. John Whalen, minister's warden, and Andrew McCauley, people's warden.

J.P.S.

### Sturgeon Falls and Warren Mission.

MR. F. R. GODOLPHIN, CATECHIST.

The Easter vestries in this mission showed a very promising state of affairs.

During the last nine months, and in spite of the general depression which has been severely felt here, a total sum of \$217 has been raised for Church ministrations, the improving of Church property, purchase of books, etc., and a balance remains on hand after all accounts have been paid. An encouraging incident is the action of the vestries in promising to increase the local quota to stipend by \$100, thus relieving somewhat the strain on the Mission Fund. Eighty-eight services have been held, with a total attendance of 4,046; seven celebrations of Holy Communion, ten baptisms, and four burials. The mission at present has a church only at Sturgeon Falls, but it is hoped this summer will see the erection of a church in Warren.

F.R.G.

### Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

Winter is gone. How thankful many of my people are! The long winter season imposed many hardships and trials, not the least being the anxiety as to how they should bring their horses and cattle through alive. Easter came, and with it bad roads, rendering travelling both horrible and hazardous. Indeed, Good Friday services, and Easter services and vestries, are usually below what they might be on that account. However, I thankfully record the fact that here the attendances were never better than during the season just past. But now spring has come, and gladness warms the hearts of the people as they view the goodness of God in the rapidly growing grass. How palpably are the Saviour's words verified before the eyes of men, "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

On Easter Monday the annual vestry was held at St. Paul's, Uffington, when a fair proportion of members attended. The incumbent presided. The retiring wardens presented their accounts, which showed a balance against the vestry, but it was stated that the dues of envelope holders would cover it. The chancel fund had an adverse balance of \$60, and \$20 were also required for fire insurance. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the church officers of the past year. Messrs. W. H. Tinkiss and W. T. Kirkpatrick were reappointed wardens; Messrs. T. Fielding and W. J. Irving, auditor; and the election

of Mr. L. B. Smith, at the previous Easter vestry, as lay reader was confirmed. It was decided to arrange for another bazaar near the Queen's birthday. The incumbent having congratulated the vestry upon the fact that the church had been able to hold its own during the past very trying year, the meeting was brought to a close with the benediction.

On Easter Tuesday the annual vestry was held at Christ Church, Purbrook, and the usual faithful few were in attendance. The incumbent occupied the chair. The statement of the retiring wardens showed that the past year had been prosperous, as the average attendance had steadily increased, and the receipts exceeded expenditure by about \$12. The incumbent warmly thanked the wardens for their devotion to their duties, and complimented Messrs. Colson and Frow upon their successful attempt at reviving the Sunday School. Messrs. J. T. Colson and A. Crozier were reappointed wardens for the ensuing year. The laying out of the burial ground, the erection of a small woodshed, the improvement of the church edifice, and the alteration of the seats were discussed and decided upon. After a few words by the incumbent upon the cheering condition of Church matters, the vestry closed with the benediction.

The annual Easter vestry was held at St. Stephen's, Vankoughnet, on Saturday, April 11th, at two o'clock, but the attendance was smaller than usual. The incumbent presided. The accounts of the retiring wardens showed a balance against the vestry of \$15, which would be partly covered by dues on envelope offertory. There was also a further sum due upon the driving-shed, which was supposed to be met by promised subscriptions. Messrs. A. Cooke and K. Moffat were heartily thanked for the manner in which they had held on to and discharged the duties of office, and were good enough to allow themselves to be reappointed. The improvement of the burial ground, and completion of the driving-shed, were discussed and decided upon. After a few words of needed encouragement had been given, the vestry was closed with the benediction.

### Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Services were held daily throughout Lent in the parish, the attendances being very satisfactory.

On Palm Sunday the offertories were devoted to "The Armenian Relief Fund," and \$10 has been forwarded to the Diocesan Treasurer on this account. During Holy Week special addresses were delivered by the incumbent upon the "Seven Words from the Cross." On Good Friday the usual offertories in aid of the Jews were taken up, amounting to \$9.

Four services were held on Easter Sunday, the first being at 8 a.m., the Holy Communion being administered to forty persons. The service at 11 a.m. opened with hymn 134 A. & M.; the Psalms were sung to chants by Cooke, Rimbault, and Humphreys; Te Deum to three chants by Grosvenor, Norris, and Mornington; Benedictus to Goss. The anthem, "Blessed be the God and Father" (Wesley), was very well rendered, and elicited much favourable criticism from the congregation. The Holy Communion was again celebrated after the morning service, thirty-one persons partaking. A children's service was held at 3 p.m., the incumbent catechizing the Sunday School scholars in the church. The missionary boxes issued by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society were handed in by the scholars, the amount of the contributions being nearly \$10.

The evening service was fully choral, the Rev. J. W. Thursby intoning the prayers, and the choir chanting the responses.

The incumbent appealed to the congregation at both morning and evening services for funds to extinguish the debt due by the parish, amounting to about \$750. This was met with a ready response, and at the close of the day the gratifying announcement was made that \$477.78 had been subscribed. It is thought that the balance can be secured during the next few months, as the desire seems to be general to have the entire debt wiped out.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, April 6th, at 8 p.m. After disposing of some routine business an adjournment was made for a fortnight, when the various reports will be read, the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, and such other business as may be brought up will be transacted.

On Thursday, April 9th, the marriage of Mr. W. J. Rapsey to Miss A. M. Fisher, A.L.C.M., attracted a concourse of about 600 people. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. Thursby. The bride, who was attired in white velvet, was given away by her brother, Mr. T. H.

Fisher. The bridesmaids were Miss E. Bray and the Misses Rapsey and Fisher. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. John Fisher. The inspiring strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" brought the proceedings to a close. H. B.

### Maganetawan Mission.

MR. T. J. HAY, CATECHIST.

The Easter vestry meetings, in spite of hard times, all passed off satisfactorily at the various stations of the mission, Maganetawan, Chapman Valley, Spence, and Midlothian. The salary was paid with a small surplus, and the various expenses met. The meeting at St. Peter's, Midlothian, deserves more than passing mention. There was a good attendance. The offertories were the largest in the history of this station. The expenses incurred in finishing the inside of the church have been paid off, all but a few dollars, which amount was promised. The total amount raised was \$73.61, which includes gifts to the amount of \$16 towards fixing the church. The congregation have done remarkably well. A stone foundation for the church is needed, and the building is badly in need of paint inside and out. Besides, the ground should be fenced. There have been, in all, three marriages, four burials, nineteen baptisms, and three persons confirmed during the year. There have been 137 services in the mission, 365 visits paid, and 3,688 miles travelled.

The station at North Chapman has only been recently opened, and as a business meeting had been held a few weeks ago it was not thought necessary to hold another so soon. An empty house has been placed at the disposal of the congregation for the services. T. J. H.

### Voluntary Schools and the Rates.

CONFERENCE PAPER, BY THE REV. J. T. F. FARQUHAR.

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But now let us turn to voluntary schools. They, too, receive the imperial and fee grants, but that is all. That is, they receive 29s. per child less than what experience has shown to be the cost price of educating him, according to the government standard.

To meet this deficit they may have here and there a few endowments inalienable for education—theirs, however, none the less; and there may be also one or two other things that might tend slightly

to lessen it. But there are only two sources worth considering on which a voluntary school may draw: the first, private offerings; the second, savings off the salaries of the teachers and the scope and efficiency of the schools. It is a melancholy and instructive fact that our children are educated at about two-thirds the cost of those at the Board schools. Besides which, the grisly folly of the 17s. 6d. limit robs us even of our nominal earnings. Is this state of things fair? Is it right that opportunity should be taken of our religious ideas to exploit our pockets and to injure our children to this extent?

Emphatically, no! Even on the simple ground that our schools have a right to recognition in supplying the educational requirements of the nation, and that our children have a right to a Christian education, the injustice is glaring. And how much more when we remember compulsion!

Let me say that I began this investigation with a strong idea that the disadvantages laid upon us was some slight thing such as a minority might well endure; for laws at best can only approximate to justice, and principles need not be impatient of the tonic spur of a gentle adversity. But here there is real need for change. There may be more than one way of remedying matters, but one very simple and straightforward method would be to allow us not only to pay the rates, but also to benefit by them, without being called on to take the test of the school board religion, and to abjure our own.

But someone unreflectingly might say, would not this sharing in the rates carry with it an obligation to share in local popular control?

The fallacy is manifest. Let the true position of the school board be remembered; it is the trustee of a public fund for supplying certain educational results to government, it is not a body empowered to impose its own religious ideas upon all the children in its district. It would retain the sole right of fixing the amount of rate to be levied, and it would not pay a penny to any school that had not been declared by H.M. Inspector to be contributing efficiently to the necessary result. His warrant would amply satisfy the conditions of the trust.

Consider: the minority contribute to the rates, in some cases largely in excess of their numerical proportion; they have a right to their own system of education, the principle of religious liberty gives it to them; they would never ask for more than the deficit on the cost price of the share they took in satisfying the government demands, and in any practical

working scheme they would certainly receive a great deal less and so continue to save the pockets of the ratepayers; their district, in fact, has been divided into two, with every precaution taken that the majority shall not suffer from the division; on what grounds would that majority ignore the inspector's guarantee and meddle with the education of the minority's children? On the other hand, if it were found to further the working of a definite scheme, there would be no objection to allowing the school board certain powers of direct cognizance.

If, then, we note that a ratepayer does not cease to be so when he becomes connected with a voluntary school, and that his fellow-ratepayers have still a perfect right to be represented by him if they please, and, finally, that any other ratepayer has the right, if he pleases, to start a voluntary school of his own, of course under the same reasonable conditions which apply to the recognition of the one actually existing, we shall not, if we remember also the fundamental principles of the matter, allow any logical strength to the specious contention that a voluntary management must, without ceasing to pay rates, either give up all voice in the Board or else submit to its control. But, alas! logic is not expediency—this latter, however, I do not now propose to consider.

Let us now suggest the main outlines of a practical scheme in accordance with the principles above established.

As regards maintenance, let the school board fix the rate in this manner: first let them calculate how much per child in average attendance at their own schools they require to make up the deficit after the imperial and fee grants; then, if there are no special circumstances to take into account, let them simply rate the district so as to yield the required amount per child in average attendance in all the schools in that district: certified by H.M. Inspector to be efficient, and let the money be divided proportionally.

Special circumstances, such as endowments on the one side or on the other, would require to be allowed for, as also tangible differences in the scope of the various schools. Men also would have to remember that no general law can produce the best result in every particular case. The school board also, as trustee of the rates, would have the primary decision in all such matters, a carefully limited power of appeal to the central department being allowed to the voluntary schools. As regards special outlays on existing schools, or the building of new ones, the board at its own discretion might help or not. For while the strict justice would give larger rights to minorities, the cases where they might justly demand help in building their schools could not easily be provided for without opening the door to grave abuses, and it would therefore be well to trust to the fairness of the board's decision. It would still be open to the minority to build their own school at their own expense, and prove by accomplished

facts their right to participate in the rates for maintenance.

Other schemes there are by which the present injustice might be mitigated or removed, but one developed on these lines would certainly be the most straightforward and the most closely moulded on the underlying principles of liberty and equality. One objection certainly would have to be considered, namely, that there might thereby be a ready handle offered to ignorant and intolerant men continually to harass the church by local agitations—men who, greedily taking our money for their own schools, would gladly starve ours to death, and then under warrants of compulsion seize upon our children to educate according to their own sweet fancy. But whether it be this or that remedy that is to be adopted, I trust something will be done, and that speedily, for we are being reduced to evil case. Nor let it be too dignified to point to justice distinctly and firmly. I am proof to myself how ignorant men may be who ought to know better; and many are they who would tolerate nothing in this land but their own system, even in such a sacred matter as the education of the young. Let us, then, be not noisy, but firm and zealous.

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