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Au Revoir.

To the Clergy of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—You are already aware that my official connection with the diocese has terminated, my resignation having been tendered to the Metropolitan, and, as required by our Provincial Canons, accepted by the House of Bishops.

This decision has been reached very reluctantly, and only after deep "searchings of heart," the consideration which finally determined my choice being that of the welfare of the diocese, on which my absence during three winters (in reluctant compliance with medical advice) has inflicted inevitable loss, mitigated, it is true, by the kind offices of my Right Reverend Brethren the Bishops of Toronto, Huron, and Niagara in supplying my lack of service.

I cannot, however, sever the sacred bond which has bound us together for more than fourteen years without thanking you cordially for the prompt and willing co-operation you have uniformly given me in my various plans for the development of the internal organization of the

diocese, now all but complete, and the deepening of its spiritual life in your several fields of labour. A bishop is powerless without the clergy beside him as his co-workers, and frequently his counsellors. You have aided me in both capacities, and the grateful remembrance of it will go with me into the future.

That my official acts should always have received your approval were too much to ask or expect. Yet with all the infirmities attaching to my administration—may He forgive them who covers all our shortcomings with the abounding merits of His blessed Son—I can truthfully say that my aim and desire have always been to hold the balances with an even hand, "without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality." In the practical application of this principle I have sometimes given offence, but my defence is that of the apostle, "Do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ."

One very bright spot, brethren, in my memories of the past will ever be the harmony that has prevailed in our midst. Our personal relations have been marked by mutual trust and confidence. During all these years the diocese has enjoyed the blessing of perfect peace, unbroken by a solitary note of discord. Opinions, "uses," methods of work, have differed widely, but the firmness with which convictions have been held, and the frankness with which they have been expressed, have not diminished the charity which has bound us together as brethren in "the household of faith." The evil spirit of partisanship has never once lifted its head among us. We have been too busy, and too brotherly, to strive about the "mint and anise and cummin," while "weightier matters" demanded our best energies and most vigilant attention. "Now, the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means."

My successor will be elected (D.V.) by

the Provincial Synod on the 11th of November. In view of the gravity of the issues depending on the Church's action on that day, may I suggest the use, meantime, of the following prayer in all your congregations, and also, should you see fit, in your family and private devotions:

"Almighty and Everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Councils of the blessed Apostles, preserving them from error, and guiding them into all truth; we beseech Thee mercifully to be with the Council of Thy Church about to assemble in Thy name to choose a Chief Pastor for this diocese, and to direct all their consultations for the welfare of the Body of Christ, and the glory of Thy holy Name. And to Thy servant who shall be called to the work and ministry of a Bishop grant such grace that he may evermore be ready to spread abroad Thy Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with Thee, and use the authority given him, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help; so that as a wise and faithful servant, giving to Thy family their portion in due season, he may at last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen."

A letter received from the Metropolitan of Canada, dated September 25th, empowers and commissions me to perform such Episcopal acts as I may deem necessary in the diocese until my successor is consecrated. Pending his consecration, I hereby reappoint the Venerable the Archdeacon of Algoma as my Commissary, and request that diocesan correspondence be addressed to him.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind—live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Yours faithfully in the Lord,

EDWARD SULLIVAN,

St. Luke's Day, 1896.

Bishop

The Diocese of Algoma at the Provincial Synod.

We are requested by His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario, Metropolitan, to inform you that a special session of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of "Canada" has been called by His Grace, and will be held in the city of Montreal on Wednesday, the 11th day of November next, at 10 a.m., for the election of a bishop for the missionary Diocese of Algoma, and for the transaction of such other business connected with such election and the Diocese of Algoma itself (such as financial arrangements; whether the diocese should continue to be a missionary jurisdiction or be formed into a regular diocese), and such other general affairs appertaining to that diocese as may be brought before such meeting.—*From the Circular addressed to the Delegates of the Provincial Synod.*

From the above extract our readers will at once perceive that the approaching special session of the Provincial Synod will deal not only with the election of a bishop to succeed Dr. Sullivan, but will so thoroughly take our case in hand that we may look for changes that will place us in a position to do more effective work than in the past. To our delegates, doubtless, other delegates will look for information concerning Algoma's needs and circumstances, and they will not be disappointed. Algoma's delegation is composed of gentlemen who have long served and lived in the diocese, and are able to make plain all matters concerning us. We believe that our brethren in other dioceses not only wish us Godspeed in our labours and are willing to extend the hand of support to their missionary daughter diocese, but we shall be surprised if they are not willing, yea, anxious, to help us to manage our internal concerns by means of a duly organized synod. To stand fully in line with other dioceses in the Province is not now our desire. It is not yet best for us. Because a missionary jurisdiction, we forego the election of our bishop and a representation to the Provincial Synod equal to theirs. Other matters we can manage better within ourselves. A step has been taken to this end. The committee appointed at our last Triennial Council (1895) to draft a constitution and canons and prepare necessary legislation has met seven times, and has carefully prepared and revised a constitution and such canons as they deem now necessary. For the better information of the Provincial Synod, we believe, their work will be printed and placed in the hands of the delegates. Since 1873, when Algoma was set apart, no Provincial Synod has been fraught with anything like the importance to us that the coming one will be.

Throughout Algoma, and, we are sure, elsewhere, the Church's prayers are offered on behalf of the synod which is to choose him who will be the third Bishop of Algoma. We believe that it will realize its sacred trust; that no personal considerations will be permitted to conflict with the interests of the Church. And yet, though the writer knows no man in this connection, but does in some degree know that the next Bishop of Algoma will have such burdens to carry and difficulties to face and overcome that nothing short of the complete sacrifice of himself will avail, he ventures to say that Algoma needs the best the Church affords—a strong, wise, deep Churchman.

This, we feel, we can say on behalf of the clergy and laity of Algoma: That the new bishop will find in them a body loyal to the Church, and, therefore, loyal to him; willing and anxious to co-operate with him in this missionary field.

May we suggest that wherever possible there be a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the churches in Algoma on the morning of November 11th. Some of our English friends and well-wishers may not know of the date when the choice of the bishop takes place, but will be glad of the suggestion that he be the special subject of their intercessions between his election and consecration.

Notes by the Way.

"THE world's a book, writ by th' eternal art
Of the great Author, printed in man's heart;
'Tis falsely printed, though divinely penned,
And all the errata will appear 't the end."

—*Quarles.*

IT is better to be nobly remembered than nobly born.—*Ruskin.*

THE Chapter of Parry Sound Deanery is summoned to meet on the 27th inst. at Parry Sound.

THE Diocese of Columbia has adopted the principle of what is now known as "The Quebec System."

WE promised in a former issue a description of the Bishop's visit to Nepigon. We regret that the report is not yet to hand.

A KIND friend sent to the editor last month *The Workmen's Messenger*. So much is it appreciated that he hopes last month's issue is but the first of many.

BISHOP SULLIVAN will return to the diocese to perform episcopal functions on the Manitoulin and St. Joseph's Islands, acting as the Commissary of the Metropolitan, the Archbishop of Ontario.

WE hope the S.P.G. will accept the invitation of the General Synod, and send a delegation to Canada to see what the Church is doing in the Dominion, her circumstances and urgent needs.

THE Diocese of Algoma was represented at the General Synod held last month in Winnipeg by Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd, Rev. James Boydell, M.A., and Messrs. A. A. Mahaffy and J. G. King.

WE ask all our readers to join their supplications with ours that the Provincial Synod may, by God the Holy Ghost, be guided in their choice of a priest to be consecrated the next Bishop of Algoma.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER says: "I am not sure but we shall have to go back to the old idea of considering the churches places for worship, and not opportunities for sewing societies and the cultivation of social equality."

THE Rural Deanery of Parry Sound was forced to forego its chapter meeting, because the date appointed unfortunately clashed with the date of a meeting of the Standing Committee, which latter made a demand on Revs. Rural Dean Chowne and Charles Piercy.

ASPDIN mission, which, since the regretted departure of Rev. H. P. Lowe, M.A., has been without an incumbent, after the 4th inst. will regularly have the Church services they so much love, Rev. Mr. French having removed from Sudbury to this mission.

AT the approaching meeting of the Provincial Synod Algoma will, we hope, be represented by the full clerical and lay delegation. The delegates are Rev. J. Boydell, Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd, Rev. Rural Dean Machin, and Messrs. G. S. Wilgress, A. S. Smith, and Dr. Bridgeland.

IT is understood that the new church at Bracebridge is fast approaching completion. In our next we hope to be able to congratulate Rev. Mr. Boydell and his loyal, energetic lay brethren on the possession of a house of worship second to none in the diocese in design, appointment, and comfort.

THE last day of September, 1896, was the last day that the Rt. Rev. Edward Sullivan, D.D., was the Bishop of Algoma. On October 1st he was instituted as rector of St. James', Toronto, and on Sunday, the 11th inst., preached therein the morning sermon, choosing as his text, St. John xii. 32.

OUR Schreiber correspondence tells us of the "doing away" of a "Union" Sunday School at Schreiber. We hope it is the last remnant of a policy that compromises, not to say betrays, the "distinctive principles" which the Church considers necessary to her "being," because necessary to her "well-being."

IN the removal from Sudbury of Rev. W. H. French, the Church people of the nickel town lose a faithful parish priest, who, amid much to discourage, has stood for truth and Church order, and gained the most sincere respect of all real Church people there. His successor, Rev. F. Ulbricht, will have in the mission full scope for all his energies.

FOR so important a gathering as the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, the press of Canada badly and inadequately reported it. If the newspapers of Canada have not enterprise enough to at least fairly and correctly epitomize the speeches and business, perhaps the Church could help in the achievement of so desirous a publication.

THE Provincial Synod of Canada is summoned to meet in Montreal on November 11th next, when the successor to Bishop Sullivan will be elected. It may be possible for his consecration to take place on St. Andrew's Day—a festival having a halo of missionary thought and suggestion, and prayer and energy. God willing, we look to the possession of another leader in the apostolic office before Christmas.

REV. W. H. FRENCH and family left for their future home at Aspdin, Parry Sound, this evening. He will remain in Huntsville over Sunday, having been invited by Archdeacon Llwyd to preach the harvest home festival sermon on that day. Before leaving Mr. French was presented with a large number of presents, including the very acceptable sum of \$60 from his numerous friends in town and neighbourhood, all of whom will miss a true pastor and friend.—Sudbury *Journal*, October, 1st.

"YOU are yourself; none of you are like your fellows. And you are what you are by God's arrangement—because you have a certain part to play in God's providence, in the history of the world, and the development of the Body of Christ. God the Holy Ghost is brooding over you as the Great Musician. He can bring out the music that is wanted. He can enable you to furnish some strain that would be lacking in the ears of God if you did not bring it, if you did not strike your string, nor strike your key."

WE are much pleased to notice an addition to our exchange list. *The Quebec Diocesan Gazette*, edited by Rev. E. A. Dunn, B.A., Quebec city, is a first-class monthly diocesan paper, and, we imagine, enjoys a large circulation within the Diocese of Quebec, and will be read with interest anywhere. Not only is it a record of diocesan happenings and news notes, but, what is of equal, if not greater value, devotes space to teaching on subjects which so many are expected to know all about, and concerning which so very few come up to the expectation.

WE give to nothing this month a more hearty welcome to a place in our columns than the "English Letter." We always valued the contributions of Algoma's English well-wishers and workers, and have longed to again receive with regularity an "English Letter." Moreover, our friend's article touches and finds an echo in our own heart. The principle advocated is truly Christian, and worthy of promoting at the cost of sacrifice, by which it can be best promoted. Let us pray for strength and wisdom to "stand up" for it, since if we faint not there can be in the "bright lexicon" of a disciple of Christ "no such word as fail."

I LOOK upon the simple and childish virtues of veracity and honesty as the root of all that is sublime in character. Speak as you think; be what you are; pay your debts of all kinds. I prefer to be owned as sound and solvent, and my word as good as my bond, and to be what cannot be skipped, or dissipated, or undermined, to all the *éclat* in the universe. This reality is the foundation of friendship, religion, poetry, and art. At the top or at the bottom of all illusions I set the cheat which still leads us to work and live for appearances, in spite of our conviction, in all sane hours, that it is only what we really are that avails with friends,

with strangers, and with fate or fortune.—
Emerson.

THE Standing Committee (Advisory) met in Huntsville (in the vestry of All Saints' Church) on the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. The strike of the despatchers and telegraph operators over the C.P.R. system caused some delay in the arrival of the Bishop. However, the committee was called to order about 3 p.m., and continued in session for a little over three hours. The lay members of the committee, Messrs. G. S. Wilgress and A. A. Mahaffy, were unable to be present in the afternoon, and after waiting during the morning were reluctantly compelled to absent themselves for important business elsewhere. Rev. Mr. Machin was also absent. Those present were: The Bishop, the Archdeacon of Algoma, the Rural Dean of Parry Sound, Rev. J. Boydell, and Rev. C. Piercy (secretary). Various matters of interest to the diocese, as a whole, and to individual missions, were discussed. Though unexpressed, because the Bishop evidently shrank from the expression, all were full of the thought that it was the last meeting at which the Bishop would be present as our diocesan.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The *Letter Leaflet* of the W.A. often has a loving reference to the Church in Algoma. October's number (Huron portion) refers to us in terms following:

The first of the subjects for reading and prayer for November will be Algoma, and before the November *Leaflet* is in the hands of our readers a meeting of the Provincial Synod will have been held in Montreal for the purpose of electing a successor to Bishop Sullivan, who is reluctantly compelled to recognize the fact that after his long and severe illness his health is not equal to the continued strain of mind and body to which a Bishop is subjected whose diocese is nearly as large as England. The resignation of Bishop Sullivan will take effect on the 30th of this month (September), after fourteen years of work as a missionary Bishop. He succeeds the Bishop of Niagara as rector of St. James' Church, Toronto, an arduous and important, and perhaps, from some points of view, a more discouraging and trying, field of labour than his missionary diocese, but a field where so eloquent a preacher has endless opportunities of influencing men for good, and

where he will have it in his power very effectually to help Algoma. May God's blessing rest on his efforts in the future as in the past. Our missionary bishopric of Algoma lies very near the hearts of our women of the Auxiliary; many an effort and many an act of self-denial, known only to the loving Father, has been made by our faithful members on its behalf, many of our bales have gone there, and our little missionary daughters are all Algoma children. Will not all our W.A. members, between the day their October *Leaflet* reaches them and the 11th of November, pray earnestly that to the Provincial Synod, as to the apostles of old, God will show whom He has chosen; that a wise choice may be made, and that the Bishop elected may be endowed with strength and wisdom from on high. It is by our prayers first that we are to help the great mission field; it is by our prayers that we can most effectually help it. God is waiting to give us abundantly all we need and desire, but He is waiting, too, till we ask in faith. And if in some respects the third missionary Bishop of Algoma will have physically a life less hard and bare than that of his predecessors, since the facilities for travelling are greater than in former years, the country improved and the organization of the diocese almost completed, still a heavy burden will, from the very outset, be laid on him, that of heavy financial anxiety, as, for a long time to come, the diocese must be largely dependent on outside aid. Bishop Sullivan has, on many occasions, expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the W.A. on behalf of Algoma in terms that has made us regret that we could not do more, and he asks us not to relax our efforts. Algoma is our Judea, shall we not do what we can to strengthen the hands of its missionary Bishop? Because we made one strong effort on behalf of Algoma's heavy debt three years ago, let us not think that we have done enough. Diocesan pledges have to be paid, and there are besides so many calls for help, but Algoma is our missionary diocese: could not every branch do a little to help? In the report of the annual meeting of 1893, published in the *Leaflet* (February issue), to which we would refer our readers to-day, we find the following: "Among the resolutions carried was one requesting the delegates to lay before their branches the obligation resting on them to send a yearly contribution to Algoma's Mission Fund, to avoid the recurrence of such a

crisis as the present." Thus the delegate from a branch which counts itself poor, and certainly cannot count in its ranks one "wealthy" member, did this. It was moved by a member, since entered into rest, that Algoma should be accepted as a branch pledge, and \$10 if possible, or at least \$5, contributed annually. "Oh," sighed the secretary, "where is the money to come from?" "We must have faith," someone sitting near her said quietly. The motion was carried, and the money for Algoma has never failed to "come."

English Letter.

On reading the August number of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, one could but rejoice that space had been found to reproduce the very admirable article in *The Guardian* of July 15th, on the subject of the Prime Minister's speech on modern charitable methods. The vigorous opinions expressed, and the condemnation of the bazaar system of raising money as a "caricature of Christian charity," were timely indeed. *The Spectator* also, of August 15th, in an article headed "Clerical Bazaars," gave Christian people cause to blush when it somewhat satirically observed that "to put down bazaars was like withholding a means of grace," and spoke of the collecting and arranging of useless articles and the holding of a stall as "the ideals of the modern Churchwoman." But when, at the close of a dispassionate consideration of the subject, the writer sums up by saying, "If the clergy could rise to the height of their vocation, and forego money rather than raise it by doubtful means, it might, in the long run, be better for the Church and better for religion," it is to be hoped that there yet remain a number of people who agree with him. And surely it behooves these, although a minority, to raise individual and combined protest against a system which is rapidly sapping the foundations of Christian almsgiving. There is no occasion to go into details and observe, e.g., how much more readily many people will spend half-a-crown or half-a-sovereign at a bazaar than they will give that sum at once, and without return in amusement or kind, to the object for which the bazaar is held. Nor need one dwell on what is generally known, viz., that raffling and lotteries are illegal, so that, in countenancing them, the Church sets the example of breaking the civil law, to say nothing of engendering, it may be, a love of gambling, against which sin

young men are warned from the pulpit.

The chief indictment, however, against these questionable commercial undertakings has not been brought, one would think, until the question has been asked and answered: Are bazaars, with all the well-known means of extorting money resorted to at most of them, conducive to that higher life the inculcation of which is the *sine qua non* of the pastoral office? Are they "for the greater glory of God"? Or, rather, do they not tend to lowered tone and aims and conformity to a worldly standard?

Must it not be confessed that, if these questions be pushed home, the result will be a verdict of (what F. D. Maurice called) "religion against God"? In other words, that clergy and laity are too often compassing religious ends by irreligious means; and can anything be more fatal than the employment of unspiritual methods in spiritual work?

It does not do to present a negative argument, and say that things are harmless, etc. What is wanted is the "increase of true religion," the quickening and deepening of spirituality.

A public declaration from the clergy, in accordance with the suggestion of *The Guardian*, would doubtless avail in great measure to stay the progress of a growing evil; but it should not be forgotten that this is also very largely a matter which calls loudly for the action of Christian women. Let these decline to work for or take part in bazaars; let these raise their voices, as opportunity offers, and the thing will be done, for even the clergy will be powerless without the co-operation of the lady and her friends who "undertake a stall."

And then, if the clergy will only constantly teach their people the *joy, as well as the duty*, of true almsgiving, we may feel sure that the day will come when it will be no longer needful to spend large sums in a mercantile venture; for the longing to make some sacrifice, some real return for "THE PRICELESS GIFT," would gradually and surely yield the *fruits* of thankfulness.

A.B.T.

Talking comes by nature, silence by understanding.

Worship without emotion is a harp with broken strings.

GIVE Action, Thought, Love, Wealth, and Time;
Work hand and brain, wield Press and Pen;
Believe me, 'tis a truth sublime,
God's world is worthy of better men.

—Gerald Massey.

Oliver Mission.

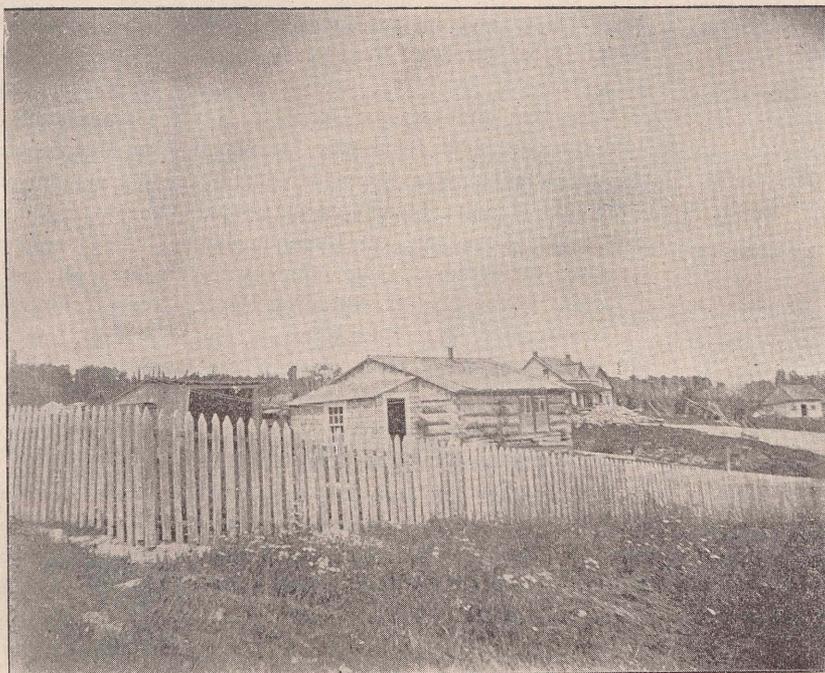
REV. M. C. KIRBY, R.D., INCUMBENT,
MURILLA P.O., ONT.

The Bishop of Algoma arrived at Murilla on Friday, September 18th, from Winnipeg, where he had been attending the General Synod. He was met at the station at 5 a.m. by the Rev. Rural Dean Kirby and driven to the farm at present rented by the latter. The Bishop spent a very busy day. At 10 a.m. he consecrated the cemetery at St. James' Church, Oliver, and then confirmed six persons, giving a most impressive address, after which the Sacrament of Holy Communion was ad-

Bishop was evidently pleased with all he saw, and said he would like a photograph of the mission room, as it was the smallest place he had ever officiated in.

As the Bishop had never seen the famous Kakkabeka Falls, it was arranged to make a detour in order to gratify his desire to see them. In crossing the railroad track an unfortunate little accident occurred. The double-tree broke, thus causing considerable delay, and the light was beginning to fade by the time the Falls were reached. However, the sight of the amber waters dashing over the immense height amidst volumes of spray, in the picturesque loneliness of the spot, was a grand sight. The Bishop said it

joyable concert was given by the choir of St. John's Church, Port Arthur; solos were also given by Mr. Reading and Mr. Sellars of Fort William. Short addresses were given by Rev. E. J. Harper, incumbent of St. Luke's, Fort William, and Rev. Mr. Wilson, Methodist minister of Murilla. Rev. Rural Dean Kirby was able to make the pleasant announcement that the Bishop had kindly sent a hundred dollars towards the parsonage fund. The hall was well filled. A great many people were enabled to attend the supper through the courtesy of Superintendent Cameron, of the C.P.R., who kindly had a car attached to a freight train to and from Fort William. Many more would have been



Residence of Missionary (Rev. Mr. Johnston) at Haileybury.

ministered. There was a good attendance at church. After a somewhat hurried dinner, the Bishop and Mr. Kirby, accompanied by Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Todd, and Miss Hiorns, were driven by Mr. Todd to Stanley, a new mission lately opened on the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway, and about eight miles from St. James'. It was a lovely day, and the drive was most enjoyable. Stanley was reached at two o'clock. A visit was first paid to Mrs. Neve, and then a harvest festival service was held in a small mission room built by Mr. Charles Neve upon his father's lot. The decorations were exceedingly pretty, being the work of Miss Neve, Mrs. G. Neve, and Mrs. Currie. The

was a sight well worth seeing. It was a very hungry and tired party that reached home about eight o'clock.

The morning of Saturday was quiet. Early in the afternoon Rev. J. W. Thursday drove out from Port Arthur, and the Bishop and Mr. Kirby returned with him. It was with very sincere regret that Mr. and Mrs. Kirby parted from the Bishop, knowing it to be his last visit to them as Bishop of the diocese, although they hope some day to have the pleasure of welcoming him in St. James' parsonage.

On September 25th a very successful harvest home was held in the town hall, Murilla. A capital supper was served by the ladies of the congregation, and an en-

present, but were prevented by the bush fires which raged round Fort William, at one time endangering the safety of the town. Two vehicles brought up the choir from Port Arthur. The proceeds of the entertainment (about \$30) were devoted to the parsonage fund. The harvest thanksgiving services will be held at the church on October 4th.

The congregation wish to thank the Bishop for the \$100; Mr. Gibbs, of Port Arthur, for \$5; and Mr. H. Sellars, of Fort William, for \$1 for the parsonage fund. Also Mr. W. H. Mackenrobe, of Fort William, for the carpet so kindly given to be placed within the altar rails.

K.

Sheguiandah Mission.

REV. F. FROST, R.D., INCUMBENT.

I regret that I have not been able to send my usual contribution of matter for the last month or so to THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. I have been laid up with typhoid fever since July, and am not yet able to resume my duties. In the early part of July I made a visit by sail boat to a distant part of my mission, and although we were caught in a thunder storm on the lake and waded through water while travelling in the bush, still I felt no evil effects, and began to congratulate myself that I was as tough as I used to be. However, on a subsequent journey I was stricken, and with less provocation, as it seemed to me. Our destination was an Indian village on the banks of a river, but the entrance to the river was blockaded; so we had to disembark and camp on the marshy shore of a small bay where some Indian boats were drawn up, whence we found a path through the woods leading to the village. When I returned late at night from my ministrations to the Indians I found my companion had the tent up and had gone to bed. I was too tired to make tea, so I took a drink of water from the bay instead. Next morning the water had gone down and the boat was in the mud. We had to go in the mud to push it off. It was an hour's work in the slime. When I reached home I went to bed and stayed there for six weeks.

F.F.

Dunchurch Mission.

MR. T. J. HAY, CATECHIST.

On Wednesday, September 16th, we were favoured with a visit from Rural Dean Chowne. Service was held in the evening, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered. There was a good congregation, and Mr. Chowne's sermon was very much appreciated, being delivered in simple words, which went straight home to the hearts of his hearers. At a business meeting held afterwards, the Rural Dean urged upon the people the necessity of a stone foundation being put to the church building. It was decided to do this. A "bee" will be called early in October to dig for the foundation and haul out stones, a competent workman, of course, being secured to build the wall.

Mr. Christie, of Pittsburg, Pa., U.S., who has a summer dwelling on Ahmic

Lake, some six miles from here, kindly consented, in conjunction with his friends visiting there, to give an entertainment on behalf of our Church Building Fund. It was held on the evening of September 11th. The steamer *Wenonah* was chartered to convey friends from Maganetawan and Ahmic Harbour. Everyone was delighted with the entertainment, the principal part of the programme being taken by Professor King, Mrs. King, and their young daughter. The Professor excelled in his various selections in elocution, ventriloquism, etc., and was admirably assisted by Mrs. King and their daughter. Should Mr. King ever give us another opportunity of hearing him, I am sure that a very large attendance will await him. The proceeds amounted to \$23. We thank Mr. Christie and his guests at "Rocky Reef" most sincerely for their valuable help.

A harvest thanksgiving service was held on the 23rd September, at which the attendance was seventy-five, fully two-thirds of these being Church people. Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Maganetawan, preached the sermon. The offertory was on behalf of the Church Building Fund. The decorations were very effective, and the arrangement of fruit, flowers, etc., good. Great credit is due the ladies for the appropriate decorations.

For so many years we have had such infrequent services that it is now most gratifying to have a resident catechist amongst us. Mr. Hay is an indefatigable worker, and is ably assisted by Mrs. Hay; in fact, by their united efforts a good sum of money has been collected for our church, and we hope that before very long we may be enabled to finish the church in such a manner that we may be able to worship therein.

W. J. M.

Port Arthur

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—The Rev. J. W. Thursby drove to Oliver on September 12 to meet the Bishop, who subsequently came into town, and on the day following (Sunday, Sept. 13) officiated at the morning services. At 11 a.m. the Bishop entered the church from the vestry, accompanied by the incumbent, Rev. J. W. Thursby, and the Rural Dean of Thunder Bay, Rev. M. C. Kirby, proceeding to the south door, where they were met by the churchwardens, who presented the petition for the consecration of the edifice. This having been read, and the Bishop having signified his assent,

and having recited the collect, "Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings," etc., the procession reformed, and, headed by the churchwardens, proceeded up the central aisle, repeating the words of the 24th Psalm. Upon reaching the sanctuary the deeds of the property were handed to the Bishop, and were signed by him, the rest of the prayers in the consecration service following, and closing with the reading of the sentence of consecration by the Bishop. Morning Prayer was then read, and after this the rite of confirmation was administered to seven candidates. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, the topic being "The Household of Faith." At the evening service the Rev. Rural Dean Kirby was the preacher.

On Monday, September 14, a vestry meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Bishop presiding. Various matters were discussed, some in regard to usages and ceremonies of the Church, and the Bishop's lucid explanations and rulings did much to enlighten parishioners and spread harmony in the parish.

The vestry met on September 21, principally for the purpose of nominating three clergymen for selection by the Bishop for the incumbency of this parish.

The harvest thanksgiving service was held on October 1, the anthem being Stainer's "Ye shall dwell in the land," the bass solo being sustained by Mr. Burrows. The offertory was in aid of the Sunday School Library Fund, and amounted to \$10.40.

The Woman's Auxiliary have recently purchased a safe for the purpose of protecting the parish books and for storing the communion plate.

The interior of the church has undergone a thorough cleaning, and this, with the neat appearance of parsonage and grounds, has called forth many words of praise from those parishioners who take an active interest in the church, material as well as spiritual.

H. B.

Schreiber Mission.

REV. E. LAWLOR, INCUMBENT.

On Sunday, July 5th, Rev. M. C. Kirby, Rural Dean of Thunder Bay, paid an official visit to the Mission of Schreiber and Nepigon. Mr. Kirby addressed the Sunday School in the afternoon, also assisted and preached at both services.

On Sunday, August 2nd, the Bishop,

who, for the past two weeks, had been visiting the Indian Mission on Lake Nepigon, arrived from Nepigon on the noon train. In the afternoon the Bishop addressed the Sunday School, and in the evening administered the rite of confirmation and celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. He delivered an address to the candidates and preached. There were seven confirmed, five males and two females. The Sunday School, which for a number of years has been a "Union" between the Church of England and the Presbyterians, was, by order of the Bishop, separated. The "Institute Leaflet" has taken the place of the "International Little Folks" papers, and cards are given to the children. The average attendance of the Union Sunday School was 28 scholars of our own; after the separation the average is 18.

On Sunday, August 30th, Mr. R. J. Renison, B.A., a student who during the summer has been labouring at the Indian Mission at Nepigon, preached at both services, and addressed the Sunday School. Mr. Renison is expected to remain over for Sunday, September 27th, while on his way to Wycliffe College.

A subscription list has been started in the mission for the purpose of raising money to pay off the debt on the parsonage. The total debt of the mission has been reduced since last Easter from \$400 to \$245, and we expect to reduce the whole debt within one year.

I wish that the branches of the W.A. which promised me bales of clothing would kindly furnish me with men's clothing chiefly. There are in our mission needing clothing eight men, eight women, and ten children. I wish to receive the bales as soon as possible, if convenient.

EDWARD LAWLOR.

Huntsville Mission.

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLYWD, INCUMBENT.

The following two items are clipped from the Huntsville *Enterprise*:

Rev. F. C. Ulbricht and bride left on Thursday last, October 1, for Sudbury, to which place he has been appointed incumbent. During his two years' stay in Huntsville as assistant to Archdeacon Llwyd, Mr. Ulbricht has been deservedly popular, and his departure, socially and otherwise, is very much regretted by hosts of friends.

All Saints' harvest home festival and concert in the English Church hall on

Wednesday of last week proved an unqualified success, both financially and otherwise. In the early part of the evening two long bountifully spread tables adorned each side of the hall, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with leaves and evergreens. At these tables all the delicacies of the season were supplied by the ladies of the church, after which an excellent programme was rendered. A pleasing and interesting diversion was caused when the chairman (Archdeacon Llwyd) called his popular assistant, Rev. F. C. Ulbricht, to the platform, and in an eloquent and touching address presented him and Mrs. Ulbricht, on behalf of All Saints' congregation, with a very handsome marble clock, as a slight token of remembrance to carry with them to their new home. Mr. Ulbricht briefly and appropriately replied, thanking the congregation on behalf of himself and Mrs. Ulbricht for the beautiful present, and saying he would long remember the happy days spent in Huntsville. Notwithstanding the very unfavourable weather and bad roads, the hall was filled to the doors with an audience who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment given, and the coffers of the church treasury were enriched by \$39 net proceeds.

Port Carling Mission.

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

During the tourist season, just ended, the following clergy assisted the Rev. W. A. J. Burt in maintaining special services:

Rev. F. H. Fatt, late of Merritton.

" John Gillespie, Toronto.

" Lenox J. Smith, Montreal.

" Canon Bland, Hamilton.

" T. C. DesBarres, Toronto.

" Canon Cayley, Toronto.

" Professor Huntingford, Toronto.

" A. W. H. Francis, Norval.

" H. P. Lowe, Toronto.

" J. D. Herron, Pittsburg, U.S.A.

" T. L. Aborn, Toronto.

This season saw a new bell for St. John's Church, Beaumaris, also one for St. George's Church, Port Sandfield, and a new wharf at Christ Church, Gregory.

We hope shortly to put a stone foundation under St. James' Church, Port Carling. We thought at one time that the cost of insurance would necessitate the moving of this church to a new site, but having been successful in getting the in-

surance reduced from 3 per cent. to 1 per cent., we have now determined to leave the church where it is and place a new foundation under it, as well as adding other most necessary repairs.

The debt on the parsonage is now reduced to \$62. Subscriptions to this fund will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by the incumbent. W.

All Saints' Day — Hymn of All Hallows.

"O love the Lord, all ye his saints."—Psalm xxxi. 23.
"Lo, a great multitude."—Rev. vii. 9.

All Hallows—by that voice Deep calls to Deep;
Altar to Altar; Word replies to Word;
They throng the plain and vale, and crown the steep;

Earth, Hades, Heaven—in each their sound is heard.

All tones therein of grace and glory blend,
God's love in purpose, and God's love in end.

All Hallows—evermore from age to age

The meek, majestic, loyal line goes on;
Their pictures front us on each holy page—

From primal Genesis to mystic John;
With myriads more on those blank leaves between,

By reverent angels marked, by men unseen.

All Hallows—Abel at his altar stands;

Noah, and Abraham, and Aaron there;
Each dimly gazing, Crosswards, to those Hands
Which all men's sins and all men's sorrows bear;

And to that Precious Stream from Calvary's height,

Wherein All Hallows wash their raiment white.

All Hallows—these are they redeemed by love;

Elect by God the Father to be won

By Him He gave; sealed by the mystic Dove

Who lit on them, as on the Incarnate Son,
To make them His—the pure, the kind, the true,
The brave to suffer and the strong to do.

Lord of All Hallows—of that multitude,

The stoled in white who sing before Thy Throne,

Where never pain may dull, nor pride delude

Those happy spirits evermore Thine own;
Grant us their faith and patience, and their love,
Their power below, in Thee, their bliss above.

[Many of our readers will, doubtless, be glad to possess this hymn, written for his present parish of All Hallows-on-the-Wall by the Rev. S. J. Stone, the poet-priest who was, for many years, Vicar of St. Paul's, Hagerston.]—*From the Family Churchman.*

In all cases be careful that you be not brought under the power of such things which otherwise are lawful enough in the use. To be perpetually longing for and impatiently desirous of anything, so that a man cannot abstain from it, is to lose a man's liberty.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

Form of Bequest to the Missionary Diocese of Algoma.

I give and bequeath unto the Right Reverend the Bishop of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, the sum of to be paid with all convenient speed after my decease, exclusively out of such part of my personal estate, not hereby specially disposed of, as I may by law bequeath to charitable purposes; and I hereby lawfully charge such part of my estate, with the said sum upon trust, to be applied toward the* and the receipt of the Right Reverend the Bishop of Algoma, or the Treasurer for the time being of the said diocese, shall be a sufficient discharge for the said legacy. (And I direct that the duty upon the said legacy be paid by my executors out of the said fund.)

The will, or codicil, giving the bequest, must be signed by the testator in the presence of two witnesses, who must subscribe their names in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

NOTE.—This testament must have been executed one year previous to the death of testator, to give it effect over Mortmain Acts.

*The object should be inserted here, and might be (1) The General Mission Fund; (2) The Widows' and Orphans' Fund; (3) The Superannuation Fund; (4) Sustentation Fund, etc.

Gems.

Prayer is the burthen of a sigh,
The falling of a tear;
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.

The only gate to honour is humility.

Zeal is thought set on fire by the heart.

The love of heaven makes one heavenly.

Faith is a daring dependence on divine control.

Little ideas and big successes never go together.

Those who know the least of others think the most of themselves.

Prayer is part of the free play of a healthy soul; it cannot be forced.

He who can suppress a moment's anger may prevent a day of sorrow.

To have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.

Up, brothers, and take heart. We belong to Christ. He is on the winning side.

We believe that God's power is without limit; why should we not believe the same of His mercy?

Every duty, even the least duty, involves the whole principle of obedience, and little duties make the will dutiful, that is, supple and prompt to obey. Little obediences lead into great.—*Manning.*

Death is the liberator of him whom freedom cannot release, the physician of him whom medicine cannot cure, and the comforter of him whom time cannot console.—*Colton.*

That the Holy Scriptures are one of the greatest blessings which God bestows upon the sons of men is generally acknowledged by all who know anything of the value and worth of them.—*Locke.*

Very beautiful it is to observe the facility with which our Lord yields Himself to the supply—not of the absolute wants merely—but of the superfluities of others. The gracious Lord has sympathy with all needs, with the finer as well as the commoner needs of our life. For all the grace, and beauty, and courtesy of life are taken account of in Christianity, as well as life's sterner realities, and the Spirit of Christ in Himself and in His disciples does not slight or despise those any more than these. Contrast His readiness to help others with His refusal to help His own needs. He who made wine out of water might have made bread out of stones. But He will do nothing at the suggestion of Satan, though all at the suggestion of love.—*Archbishop Trench.*

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\$3; R.B.S., \$2.50; Hamilton, Ascension \$37.50.

For Wawanosh.—R.B.S., \$2.50.

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For Rev. R. Renison's Church Building Fund.—Toronto, St. Margaret's, \$3.

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