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Notes by the Way.

MAKE a little fence of trust

About to-day ;

Fill the space with loving work,

And therein stay ;

Look not through the sheltering bars

Upon to-morrow ;

God will help thee—bear what comes

Of joy or sorrow.

A CONCERT was given at Haileybury on the 2nd of January in aid of the church building fund. It is described as a decided success.

THE Bishop was present at St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, on the 21st ult. The services are reported to have been bright and cheering. Probably we shall be able to add to this note in our next number.

THE Bishop had an opportunity of addressing the Synod of Montreal while in session last month. He bespoke the aid necessary for successful and continued work in the missionary Diocese of Algoma.

WANT of space this month prevents our giving a report of the presentation to the Bishop of an address by the St. Francis District Association of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec at its meeting recently held at Sherbrooke.

THE readers of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS will pardon the delay in publication of January number. It was a little more than anticipated, but unavoidable. In the first issue for 1897 is published a complete report of the proceedings of the consecration of the Bishop at Quebec.

WE recently received copies of *The Anglican Church Chronicle* (Honolulu) and of the *Honolulu Diocesan Magazine*. From the latter we learned that Rev. V. H. Kitcat, whom we met on his journey to England last summer, had returned to his duty at the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.

WITH regret we chronicle the fact that Miss Johnston, the sister of the missionary at Maganetawan, has become so poorly that she had to leave her brother to "bach" it and go home for a rest. We hope that the change and home surroundings will expedite a return to good health. Miss Johnston has worked very hard during the past few months.

OUR correspondent at Manitowaning in his letter (found elsewhere) says he was dismayed at a certain fact discovered by himself. A similar discovery in some quarters would be blessed by us if the result were a live communication. In this connection our friend Rural Dean Renison moved a resolution at the last Triennial Council. And the motion was carried.

THE Fort William Sunday-school entertainment at Christmastide seems to have eclipsed everything of the kind in the diocese. From a lengthy account before us we note the fact that children and

adults joined heartily, and, what is more, successfully, too, in the production of a cantata—"The Birth of Christ" (Brewster). Our friends of St. Luke's Church will kindly accept our congratulations.

1896—A Memorable Year.

The year 1896 saw in this missionary Diocese of Algoma happenings weighted with greater import than any since the jurisdiction was set apart as a separate see. Doubtless, in some instances, the event was but the culmination of step-by-step progress, such as the bursting of the bud of a desire for more independence. All, thank Almighty God, are signs of life.

The first place is here given to the resignation of Bishop Sullivan, who, after fourteen years' of work with and for us, was reluctantly compelled to give up. We rejoice in the fact that his splendid talents and great influence are not lost to the Church in Canada, but will find abundant scope as the rector of St. James', Toronto, the most important parochial post in the Dominion. That he may be so fully restored to health and long continue his labours for God and His Church we all devoutly hope.

Next in order we direct attention to the special synod of the province held in November, at which was elected the present Bishop of the diocese, and which discussed freely matters regarding the future prospects and welfare of this missionary diocese. Our Bishop enters upon a work of self-sacrifice with, we believe, a courage inspired by the Holy Spirit, Who separated him to the work. The ties formed in the past will not be altogether snapped, though happy associations be severed. With sincere respect we assure him, and thus make known to all, that he will find a loyal welcome from both clergy and laity. He will work with us, and we will work with him, and for each

other we will pray, believing that what we ask faithfully we shall obtain effectually, not seeking our own, but those things which will extend the kingdom of Christ.

There have been no clerical losses during the year past. Once again we are able to say that death has not taken from us a single priest. But there has been an increase, for Messrs. Morgan, McConnell, Buckland, and Hunter were admitted to the diaconate, and Revs. F. C. H. Ulbricht and A. H. Hazlehurst advanced to the priesthood. There are now thirty-three ordained missionaries serving as many mission fields. There were, however, changes of fields: Rev. D. A. Johnston removed from Haileybury to Maganetawan; Rev. F. Ulbricht, for some two years assistant to the Archdeacon of Algoma (Huntsville), took the charge of Sudbury; Rev. W. J. Eccleston, from St. Joseph's Island to Little Current (Manitoulin Island); Rev. Mr. Atkinson, removing from Garden River to take the position vacated by the last named gentleman; Rev. W. H. French left Sudbury for the mission of Aspdin.

A mark of progress is to be noted in the erection of substantial church edifices at North Bay and Bracebridge, both of brick, the opening of the latter being reported in another column. The Pro-Cathedral of St. Luke, at Sault Ste. Marie, has been enlarged and otherwise improved, its consecration being the last official act of our late diocesan. The opening of St. George's Church, Trout Creek, early in the year, also deserves mention.

The work of the Church among our Indians is reported from time to time by facts forwarded by Mr. G. L. King, principal of the Shingwauk Home, and by the interesting letters of the veteran missionary, Rev. F. Frost, of Sheguiandah. Mr. Frost has suffered from serious illness during the year, being brought to the verge of the grave, but is now recovered and moving about among his dusky friends. A son of the incumbent of Sault Ste. Marie spent his summer vacation in his father's old field, Nepigon, ministering to a band of aborigines, decreasing in numbers, perhaps, but not decreasing in their loyalty to the Church, which does not maintain regular ministrations among them. Here is one need.

As for years past the Church in Algoma has been blessed by the benefactions of

the S.P.G., how much the Church in Canada owes that venerable society! When we can give to work abroad gratitude would tell us to aid the society to extend its work, because not only Algoma, but the Church in Canada, especially in this Eastern part, owes so much to it. And this leads to mention that the S.P.G. proposes to withdraw gradually the money for years past contributed to Algoma in common with other dioceses in Canada. Must this be? We do not ask when we can do without. But we cannot maintain the work of the missionary diocese if we suffer the loss of all by the year 1900. Will the society send to Canada delegates to see how needy we are? We hope so.

No summary would be complete without the statement that the committee appointed at the Triennial Council of 1895 to draw up constitution, canons, etc., so far completed their work that they printed a draft of the same in time for the recent Provincial Synod. Yet a little more has to be done in the way of revision if the committee are influenced by the almost eager desire of the Provincial Synod that Algoma should be independent. Let no one suppose that independence spoken of is synonymous with self-sustenance. Besides, there is yet to be completed proposed legislation in this connection. During this year, and the beginning of next, some steps might wisely be devised for the thorough discussion of these matters in every mission. None can do it so well as members of the committee, and if they can divide up the territory and reach it all no doubt they would be willing to do all in their power to convince Church people that the proposed measures are wise and practical and suited to our peculiar surroundings.

In conclusion, it is but duty to say that thankful acknowledgment is made to the Algoma workers in England, and to the W.A. of Canada amongst others, for much that cheers and encourages the missionary and his people.

The Bishop's Farewell at Sherbrooke, Que.

The Montreal *Star* says: Last Sunday (Jan. 16) Bishop Thorneloe preached his farewell sermon in the forenoon to his congregation of St. Peter's, and in the evening in the Church of the Advent, East Sherbrooke. Both meetings were crowded, and the Bishop spoke with

great warmth and much depth of feeling.

On Monday evening an informal reception was given by the Bishop and Mrs. Thorneloe, and all those who could availed themselves of this last opportunity to show their esteem for their beloved pastor, and bid him farewell. The Church Hall, where the reception was held, was completely filled, and standing room was at a premium. Among those present on the platform were the Rev. Dr. Williams, pastor of the Methodist Church; Rev. W. Shearer, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; Rev. Frank Day, of the Congregational Church; and a large number of the Church of England clergy from this district. The Bishop was presented with a purse containing \$400 from the congregation of St. Peter's Church, accompanied by a grand engrossed address, which was read by Dr. Henneker, Chancellor of the University of Bishop's College, as follows:

Address of the vestry and congregation of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, Que., January, 1897:

To the Right Reverend George Thorneloe, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Algoma:

May it please Your Lordship,—The vestry and congregation of St. Peter's, in this city, desire to offer you their warm congratulations on your elevation to the episcopate and your consecration, on the sixth instant, the Feast of the Epiphany, after election by the two Houses of this Ecclesiastical Province. Your former parishioners, as well as many friends, both clerical and lay, in this section of the Eastern Townships, though suffering from the loss of your active personal sympathy and friendship, and your zeal and devotion to the welfare of the Church, yet believe that separation does not necessarily imply forgetfulness. They will ever hold you in affectionate remembrance for your many virtues and your successful ministrations amongst them; and they venture to hope that you will, on your part, bear them in mind, and continue to maintain that interest in the spiritual welfare of the Eastern Townships, which must be strong in you from the fact that you yourself were trained in Bishop's College for your work in the Church; that your entire ministerial life has been passed in these townships, firstly in the parish of Stanstead, and afterwards in this parish of St. Peter's, Sherbrooke; and that your ministrations have proved eminently successful, alike honourable to yourself as well as beneficial to the people. Your former parishioners have also good reason to believe that your work in Sherbrooke has been appreciated by other Christian bodies who, though not members of the Church of England, are full of Christian zeal and piety. That you may have a successful career in your new and arduous field of labour is the earnest desire, hope, and expectation of your old friends here; and many a prayer will be offered up on your behalf and on that of your diocese that the blessed Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ may come home to the people, to the extension of the Church's influence and the glory of God's name. The work and zealous devotion of Mrs. Thorneloe and her sister, Miss Fuller, will also remain as a bright shining lamp amongst the people of this parish; and many an earnest prayer will continue to be offered up for the welfare of your entire family. Your kind acceptance of the small offering of your

friends which accompanies this address will greatly gratify them; and while leaving the use of the money to your own discretion, they very respectfully suggest that the funds may be employed in the purchase of such insignia of your high office as, *e.g.*, "the proper Episcopal vestments" and an "Episcopal ring." The surplus, if any, may be expended in the purchase of such standard theological works as you may desire to add to your library.

That you may long be spared and have strength to carry on the great work to which your future life will be devoted is the sincere hope and heartfelt prayer of your lordship's most sincere and affectionate friends.

On behalf of the congregation,

H. R. FRASER, } Wardens.
J. A. READY, }

Bishop Thorneloe was deeply moved by this grand token of esteem and affection, and in reply spoke very slowly and tenderly. He reviewed all the marks of esteem he had witnessed since his elevation to the high office he had been called upon in the providence of God to fill. He would never forget the many happy years spent among his old parishioners of St. Peter's. He had ministered to them in the days of their sorrow, and he had had the happiness to participate in their joys. The numerous ties of true friendship that brought them closer together during all these years he could not enumerate, and would ever look back upon Sherbrooke as a place where a host of faithful friends took an interest in his welfare. He paid a tribute to Dr. Henneker, who presented the address, and he did not like to say in his presence how much he revered and respected him. He thanked his brethren of the clergy who had been for so many years his faithful co-labourers, and who were present in such large numbers, for their kindness in coming to say farewell, and he would especially mention his faithful friend Archdeacon Roe, as well as Prof. Scarth and Rev. G. H. Parker, of whom he said that he owed them debts of gratitude for all their kindnesses to him. He was rejoiced to see present members of the great Roman Catholic Church, as well as large numbers from the various denominations outside of his own Church. This gave him much pleasure, for while he had ever firmly upheld and taught the doctrine of the English branch of the Church he was happy to find that he had done so in such a manner as not to alienate or hurt the feelings of those who differed from him, and he would welcome with joy the day when they all would be one—which must eventually come. He welcomed with pleasure the clerical gentlemen of other denominations, and thanked one and all for the kind wishes expressed in the address. He expressed the hope that they would continue to show their regard for him by taking a deeper interest in the Diocese of Algoma, and told of a workingman in the parish who had given him five dollars to be used in his new field of labour. The Bishop closed what many are pleased to call his

most eloquent address with a hearty wish for the welfare and happiness of all present, assuring all that he never would forget, in his new home, the many kind and true friends he had left behind, not only in the city of Sherbrooke, but in the whole District of Saint Francis.

Burk's Falls Mission.

REV. CHARLES PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

In November last the incumbent commenced what he called a Bible class, held weekly in the vestry. In point of numbers it has been a successful move. There is no reading in turn for obvious reasons, and the teacher asks questions only to answer them himself. The evening is not devoted to one subject, but to three: (1) The Church Catechism; (2) the Sunday School Bible lesson—this more especially for those who teach the pupils on Sunday; (3) Church History.

For the first time in the history of the mission there were celebrations of Holy Communion on Christmas Day both at Sundridge and Burk's Falls. Christmas Eve was very cold and the mission priest did not get from home to Sundridge without the frost catching his nose. But he was soon comfortable under the hospitable roof of Mr. Joseph Edgar. Next morning he wended his way at 7.30 to the Church of St. Paul, which he found locked, and consequently without a fire. The door was soon open, but it was not so easy to drive out the cold. When he, with the aid of a penknife, had just succeeded in getting a fire help arrived. But it was not at 8 o'clock, but a good half-hour later, that the service of the day began. The congregation numbered fourteen, with eleven communicants, a very good start indeed. It was at Sundridge, the first early service and the weather cold. Breakfast over, a quick drive to Burk's Falls was made—the roads were simply beautiful for their slipperiness. At 11 a.m. at Burk's Falls there was a good congregation, some persons present belonging to Christian bodies who do not at Christmas keep the feast. The church, too, was nicely decorated. The service was Morning Prayer, Holy Communion, with sermon. At its conclusion the clergyman was notified of the fact that two young people had driven in some ten miles in order that their firstborn might be baptized. Arrangements were made and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered at 3.30 p.m.

The Christmas trees which year after year are laden with presents for the children of the Church always deserve notice. Before another word is said about them the incumbent desires, in his own name and on behalf of the Church people in the mission, to thank those who so kindly contributed the bulk of the good things; we mean St. Stephen's Church W.A., Toronto, and the Junior W.A. of St. Mark's, Orangeville. May the givers' joy exceed that of the receivers! At the

children's festival, on New Year's Eve, at Sundridge the clergyman regrets to say that he could not be present, a serious cold having seized him and almost laid him up for fully four weeks. Mr. Edgar, therefore, presided, and did so with credit to himself and to the pleasure of those present who know him so well. At Burk's Falls the children had their Christmas tree on the Eve of the Epiphany. It was preceded by a bountiful tea which, at this end of the mission, has now become the traditional opening. Some prizes were given for lessons learned, *viz.*, Bibles, Books of Common Prayer, and a few hymn books (A. and M.). The incumbent hopes in time to be able to give to each Sunday School pupil one each of the above books—to be the child's *own* and earned. He asks those who can help him in this feature of his work to send to him books for prizes, and trusts he will not be misunderstood when he says he desires books not of small print, but books that can easily be read. Then he can reasonably hope that Bible and Prayer Book will be used at home and in God's House.

Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Christmas morning was bright and fair, and a large number of communicants came to the early celebration at 8 a.m. The attendance was also very good at the 11 o'clock service, the musical portion of which was particularly joyous and cheerful. The Psalms were chanted, and the anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings" (Goss), was well rendered. The offertory amounted to \$86, a substantial token of the cordial relations between pastor and people. The church was tastefully decorated, and I hope to be able, with your approval, to exhibit in an early issue a view showing the work of some of our parishioners, directed by Mr. and Mrs. Thursby, towards beautifying the interior of the edifice.

Our first patronal festival was held on St. John's Day, December 27th—the sermon in the morning being preached by the Rural Dean.

The Sunday School children were entertained on Tuesday, December 29th, and subsequently a programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, followed by a visit from "Santa Claus" and the distribution of prizes earned during the past year. The children have during the past ten months raised a sum of \$26 towards a new set of books for the library.

A watch-night service was held on New Year's Eve, and those who were present listened to an eloquent sermon preached by the incumbent, and then knelt in silent prayer till the tolling of bells and others sounds announced the arrival of a new year. H. B.

A TALENT may be perfected in solitude, a character only in the world.—Goethe.

Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

Notwithstanding dull times and low prices the Christmas season brought some brightness, hopefulness, and activity amongst us here. The Christmas Day services were well attended, and the entire locality was quiet and well ordered.

On Christmas morning prayers were read at St. Paul's, Uffington, at 10.30, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion. There was a cheerful reverence pervading the entire service, and the singing was earnest and hearty. The sermon was preached by the incumbent from Luke ii., and the offerings, both in kind and money, indicated good feeling and gratitude generally. The church was tastefully decorated.

CHRIST CHURCH, PURBROOK.—The Christmas services commenced here at 2.30 p.m. The congregation was the largest seen on this day in five years. The service was bright, earnest, and devout. The incumbent preached from Luke ii., and offerings both in kind and money demonstrated the fact that harmony, peace, and gratitude prevailed. Another element of brightness and hope is found in the action of the various branches of the W.A., and this must be acknowledged with both appreciation and thankfulness. Every Christmastide is marked by generous sales containing new and second-hand clothing; barrels also arrive, packed with that varied assortment of articles which Christmas trees call for, upon which young eyes love to feast with eager anticipations. Public thanks are hereby tendered to the following branches: St. Andrew's, Grimsby; South Ward, Peterboro; Church of the Ascension, Hamilton; and Chatham.

St. Paul's Christmas tree entertainment on New Year's Day was a great success. Happily the rain, which fell heavily, did not prevail, and parents, children, and friends gathered until there were over one hundred to tea. That being over, the entire company adjourned to the Orange Hall, where the Christmas tree was manifest in all its beauty. After a lengthy and well-executed programme, the tree was divested of its fruits, much to the delight of the young people, and the party broke up with many expressions of gratification.

Schreiber Mission.

REV. E. LAWLOR, INCUMBENT.

Rev. M. C. Kirby, R.D., assisted at the services and preached Sunday, Oct. 11th.

A sale, tea, and entertainment was held on Dec. 16th, and the sum of \$70 was cleared after all expenses were paid.

The church has been neatly decorated for Christmas. On the second Sunday the choir expected to sing carols, but owing to a fearful storm at the time very few were able to go to the service; and it was impossible to have them. We hope to place five new pews and a new pulpit in the church some day in the near future.

The parsonage will be repaired next May or June. The local W.A. is working splendidly, having paid off \$171 within the last six months.

I beg to acknowledge from Bishop Sullivan books for the Sunday School; from Mrs. Sullivan, and friends in Dartmouth, fancy articles for the benefit of our sale; friends of Schreiber in Port Arthur books for Sunday School; from W. A., Barrie, a bale of clothing for the Indians.

EDWARD LAWLOR.

Sudbury Mission.

REV. F. C. H. ULBRICHT, INCUMBENT.

The seventh annual bazaar of the Church Women's Parochial Aid Association of the Church of the Epiphany was held in Warren's Hall on December 17th. For several weeks previous to this date the ladies had been preparing the articles for sale; and with the energy and "push" they are noted for spared no pains to make the affair a thorough success. "We are bound to have a parsonage" came from feminine lips; and Sudbury Churchmen know that when our ladies say anything—well, they mean exactly what they say. Nothing could surpass the energy and amiability displayed by the workers.

A supper and a concert were given in connection with the sale, and were voted by all to be thoroughly successful. The kindly good-nature shown by our guests, at the tables, and afterwards towards the performers, made the work of the entertainers a very pleasant duty. Proceeds amounted to \$110. This brings our fund up to \$450. The C.W.P.A. intend to give a series of "At Homes" between New Year and the Lenten season, in aid of the same fund.

A few days' rest, and then the Christmas decorations demanded our attention. Again the members of our congregation entered heartily into work and succeeded in making the interior of our Church look very pretty.

The Sunday School children's Christmas treat was given on the 29th. A hearty supper, a Christmas tree, and a "romp" filled the programme, and gave the children three hours of solid enjoyment.

The incumbent has every cause for thankfulness in the present condition of the mission.

FRANZ C. H. ULBRICHT.

A Narrow Escape.

Our lay missionary at Temiscamingue—Mr. James Hickland—had a narrow escape from drowning on the last day of the year. In a letter to the editor, written on the evening of the day mentioned, Mr. H. says: "I have just returned from Liskeard. . . . I left home this morning shortly after 8 o'clock. When about two and a half miles up the lake—following a sleigh track as best I could—I stepped on a covered patch of ice which proved an air-hole. I went down as low

as my arms, and after struggling for about five minutes in the water I escaped, thank Almighty God! I was about half a mile from land and I rushed to the first house, where a man named Moore removed my frozen clothes, and after about three hours I was able to proceed. It was a marvellous escape from the jaws of death. . . . There is a chilling sensation over my whole frame. I cannot write much now, but hasten to give you these few words that I am saved." We hope our friend's cold dip will have no worse result than to make so careful a man more careful as he journeys about his vast mission.

Port Carling Mission.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Allen are about to have placed on the roof of Christ Church, Gregory, a turret to receive the new bell, of which mention was made in the last issue of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. The children of the above have presented to the same church a stove and pipes, so that up to the time of writing we are able to use the church for worship. We wish to publicly thank Mr. and Mrs. Allen and their children for the aforementioned gifts, which are much appreciated.

The debt on the parsonage is now reduced to \$50. This should be paid now—in fact, it should have been paid a year ago; but Mr. Woods, to whom it is owed, has been very lenient with us, and has given his consent to wait until next August for this last payment.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment in connection with the Sunday School at Gregory took place on Tuesday, December 29th. Tea was served at six o'clock for the children and parents. This was followed by a lengthy but side-splitting programme, and the distribution of the gifts from the tree. The incumbent occupied the chair. The report presented by Superintendent Woods was most satisfactory. Everything passed off very pleasantly indeed, and all went home highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The Christmas tree and concert of St. James' Sunday School, Port Carling, was far ahead of other years. Tea was served in Victoria Hall at 5 o'clock for the children, parents, and friends. The doors were open to the public at 7 o'clock, and at 7.30 a very pleasing programme was rendered by the children of the school. This was followed by the "Entering of Santa," who was welcomed by Mr. Burt and the chairman, Mr. Foreman. "Santa" then addressed the children, causing much laughter and merriment. His speech ended, he proceeded to distribute the gifts from the tree. These had been arranged with excellent taste, so that the tree looked charming with December fruit; and we feel sure proved most gratifying and satisfying to the happy recipients.

There are fifty-four children on the roll, and the number of children in the congregation who received gifts from the tree was nearly 100.

We wish to publicly thank the kind friends in Toronto who sent us such very nice and suitable presents.

There is still another treat of a similar nature to come off in another part of this mission.

A. W.

Bracebridge Mission.

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

The Second Sunday in Advent (Dec. 6), 1896, was a red-letter day to the Anglican Church people of Bracebridge, for on that day they, for the first time, worshipped in their new church. Like the old building, the new bears the name of St.

Algoma. We note the fact, also, that the site is a new one—one of the best available—on the southeast corner of Manitoba and Mary streets. In style and architecture we should say it is a mixture of gothic and classic, and has dimensions as follows: Nave, 48 feet long by 30 feet wide; chancel, 27 feet by 20 feet. There is a vestibule, constructed with the intention of continuing the walls for a tower. Vestry rooms for clergy and choir and a good basement for a furnace are other features worthy of notice. The interior of the building is marked by those distinctions peculiarly Anglican—the Holy Table, raised at the east end, choir stalls for antiphonal singing, lectern for the Holy Bible, etc. We doubt not that the furnishings will at some futur_e

viz., three violins, flute, clarinet, 'cello, cornet, and trombone. Some of the hymns simply seized the congregation, and, as it were, compelled every voice to join the song of praise. The first service was a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, at 8.30 a.m., at which Bishop Sullivan, the late diocesan, was the celebrant, assisted by the incumbent, Rev. J. Boydell. At 11 o'clock Morning Prayer and Litany were said, and a sermon on the subject of the rebuilding of the Temple by Nehemiah, preached by Dr. Sullivan. In the afternoon Rev. W. A. J. Burt, of Port Carling, was the preacher, and at the seven o'clock service the Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan again preached, and held his hearers spellbound for an hour. In the evening the service was full choral.



The Newly Erected Church of St. Thomas', Bracebridge—Interior.

Thomas, thus keeping alive and connected all the memories and associations that have marked the history of the Church of England in Bracebridge. Before saying a word about the services it would be better to describe the church henceforth to be the regular place of worship of our friends in Bracebridge. It was erected in accordance with designs prepared by Mr. Charles J. Gibson, architect, Toronto, by Mr. T. A. Ouderkirk, of the same place. These gentlemen have, we believe, performed their work to the complete satisfaction of those immediately interested, and have given to the town of Bracebridge an ecclesiastical building second to none in the District of Muskoka, or, for that matter, the whole Diocese of

day be added to. There is one more feature we feel bound to notice, viz., the "dim, religious light," the subdued, softening effect of the colour of the red brick walls, which gives or rather adds to the reverence that is noticeable in Anglican churches everywhere. The seating capacity of the new building is about 250. When it is said that another 110 were within its walls at the evening service, our readers will have a conception of the crowd that squeezed in. Aisles and vestry were filled, but were not enough, as some seventy or eighty persons had to turn away. The services were brighter and more hearty by reason of the efforts of a choir of twenty-seven voices, augmented by an orchestra of eight pieces,

Other clergy present: Rev. Messrs. A. H. Allman, A. W. Hazlehurst, and A. R. Mitchell. Our heartiest congratulations are tendered to Rev. J. Boydell, and all those who have so successfully carried out the erection of so handsome a building as the new Church of St. Thomas, which is a credit not only to the Anglicans of Bracebridge, but, as a local paper says, "to our town." Nor will we end before giving voice to a word of praise to the choir which so admirably led the congregations in common prayer and praise. It is generally invidious to mention names in these matters, but Choirmaster Kirk and Miss Boydell (organist) may be named as an exception proving the rule.

P.

St. Joseph's Island.

REV. R. ATKINSON, INCUMBENT.

The Christmas services in this mission were very bright. All the churches were nicely decorated, and the congregations said to be the largest for some years past. It is specially pleasing to note that the number of communicants (especially at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn) was beyond any previous record. The Holy Eucharist at the latter place was chorally rendered, and a leading layman stated that it was the best service ever held there. It is also worthy of notice that a similar statement was made by the churchwardens at St. John's, Hilton. The missionary-in-charge received many substantial tokens of appreciation, and the offertories of the three services reached a very liberal sum.

A pleasant feature of this festive season was the presentation of a beautiful beaver storm collar to Miss Williamson, who has long served as organist of Holy Trinity Church, Jocelyn.

The Sunday School children of this mission were well remembered. A successful cantata was rendered at Richard's Landing. At Hilton the Sunday School children were entertained at the parsonage, where a Christmas tree was held on New Year's night. Mrs. Atkinson treated the young people and their friends to a good tea, and a delightful time was spent.

It may be mentioned in connection with the general work here that very much interest and enthusiasm are being shown by the young people in the work of the Church, and the large and regular number of communicants who present themselves at the Holy Table on the days appointed for Holy Communion is a true sign of spiritual life in this parish.

R.A.

Powassan Mission.

REV. C. H. BUCKLAND, DEACON-IN-CHARGE.

The service held in St. Mary's Church Powassan, on Christmas Day was well attended, and a liberal offertory was presented to the clergyman. Although there has been such a general financial depression throughout Canada, yet the congregation at Powassan returned thanks to God for the mercies bestowed upon them by the Giver of all good things. To-day we as a congregation worship in a church free from all debt, which is in a great measure due to the never-failing interest displayed by the Guild of the Good Shepherd organized in this place on January 21st, 1896, with a membership of seven, and which has increased to twenty-five active members. At the annual meeting of the Guild held for the election of officers for the ensuing year a very satisfactory and encouraging report of the work done was received. The total receipts are \$157.77, the expenditures, \$47.03, leaving a net gain of \$110.74. Of this amount \$65 was paid to clear the debt on

the church organ, and \$10 was given as a Christmas box to the Rev. C. H. Buckland. The balance is in the Post-office Savings' Bank as the nucleus of a parsonage fund. The church at Powassan is greatly in need of a bell. If some generous person would open his or her heart and give a donation toward getting a bell, the members of the congregation would doubtless help toward making up the necessary amount. At the annual meeting of the Guild, the following were elected officers for the year 1897: President, Mrs. Scarlett (re-elected); Vice-President, Mrs. Smith; Secretary, Miss J. Richardson; Treasurer, Miss K. Porter (re-elected).

The members of St. George's Church, Trout Creek, are working hard towards the completion of their church. The congregation is steadily increasing in numbers, owing, in a great measure, to the regularity of the services held there every Sunday at 3 p.m. The wardens have recently purchased a new organ at \$110, paying on it \$60 and leaving a balance of \$50. This church is sorely in need of books for the prayer desk and holy table.

This mission is prospering wonderfully under the charge of the Rev. C. H. Buckland, who holds two services at Powassan and one at Trout Creek every Sunday. In addition he gives a Sunday service at Nipissing every other Sunday, and a weekday service every other Tuesday at Topp's, Chisholm Township. T. S.

Dunchurch Mission.

MR. T. J. HAY, CATECHIST.

At last our church—the Church of St. Andrew, A. and M.—was fit for use. A stone foundation had been put under it, the outside walls tar-papered, and sided, rough boarded and felt-papered inside, a hardwood floor laid, the walls braced together, and the windows put in. It was a revelation to most of us, for we were going to have a pretty church. The ladies had been busy preparing a white canton-flannel dossal, with a red St. Andrew's Cross on it, lectern and reading-desk hangings of white, and a white and red altar-cloth; and as the church was to be used for the first time on Christmas morning it was decided not to attempt any other decoration. There was a congregation of fifty, nearly all Church people, on that bright and glorious Christmas morn. The service was hearty and the singing good. What a pleasure it must have been to that loyal little band who for years had had no services and no House of God of their own. They had worked to the best of their ability, doing what they could, in fact, more than they were able, in these hard times, in teaming and preparing for the stonemasons and carpenters.

Since September nearly \$450 has been spent on the church. About \$75 was the value of labour given, and \$250 in cash has been expended. This amount came to us from friends, from a grant of \$96

from S.P.C.K., \$43.86 from Toronto W. A., etc., but we are now \$75 in debt. The old debt on the building has been paid off besides. As the workmen only left the building on the 23rd, there was a lot to do. We had a sale of work on the 22nd, and our Christmas tree on the 23rd, and obtained enough money to pay for the stove. The night of our Christmas tree was a cold one, and a large load of people and children came from one of the out-stations, Whitestone, a drive of twelve miles. We have to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who kindly helped us, to the Shigawake, St. Paul's, Toronto, Scarboro', and Collingwood branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, for their bales, for their kind and generous gifts to the missionary and family, and to the Barrie W.A. for a surplice for use in St. Andrew's Church. All the work done has been of the best, and great credit is due to the chairman of the building committee, Dr. O'Gorman, to the churchwardens, Messrs. Sagar and Gibson, to all concerned—and last, but not least, to the ladies, who, as usual, worked faithfully and well for the good cause and for "Jesus" sake." T. J. H.

Christmas at Sheguiandah.

Our Christmas festivities are over and I write a short account at once for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, so that it may be inserted before the season is past, gone, and forgotten—while yet the music of the angels is vibrating in the Christian mind. The Indian church at Sheguiandah was decorated with accustomed taste and splendour, but some new features were added. The bright and morning star still sheds its beams from above the chancel arch with more than its usual brilliancy. It has been relighted, as it were, and recoloured, and the wreaths and chain work that hang around it are festooned in slightly different patterns. The result is very pretty.

I was unable to attend the usual midnight service on Christmas Eve. However, I was there bright and early on the morning of Christmas Day, when we had a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Morning Prayer was also said and a Christmas sermon preached. The services altogether lasted about three hours. The chanting in the service was excellent and hearty (I have been drilling the children myself lately), but I did not think the singing of the Christmas hymns was as good as usual. We should have had some special practice, which I neglected. However, it was a grand Christmas Day. Then in the evening I drove down again to the Indian festival, where the entire population of the village was assembled to eat their Christmas dinner or supper. The best place at the head of the table was given to the missionary and household, then the chief and wife, then the eldest were seated according to age. I was sorry to see so few aged ones; they have nearly

all died since I have been here. After supper came singing and speeches. About twenty speeches in all were delivered—all good ones and some long ones. The utmost good humour prevailed; all seemed to enjoy themselves, the children especially. We left at midnight, when the affair seemed to be only in the middle stage.

On Tuesday evening there was the annual distribution of garments made or collected by different branches of the W.A. The children were chiefly favoured, though several old people received gifts of quilts and other warm things. As soon as the little ones received their garment they withdrew to put it on and then returned clothed and rejoicing. The chief made a speech acknowledging the favours received on behalf of the little ones and desiring thanks to be conveyed to the W.A. workers. Rev. Mr. Eccleston, from Little Current, who was there with his wife, made a speech telling of God's gift to men.

The service at St. Peter's was well attended, and the church prettily decorated with very long festoons wreathed around the church.

I shall visit the other reserves on the mainland as soon as the ice is fit to travel on with a horse. F.F.

Manitowaning Mission.

REV. H. C. AYLWIN, INCUMBENT.

The editor received the following letter from Mr. Aylwin, the missionary having charge of the above-named mission on the Manitoulin Island:

SIR,—On receipt of your postal card, I was dismayed to find how long a time had elapsed since my last communication. To tell you the truth, I am very much afraid of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. What would be of interest to its readers is my frequent question; but, alas, Mr. Editor, the answer is too often shelved. However, I am sure all interested in Algoma work would have admired the Christmas decorations in St. Paul's Church—the only church building in the mission. Yards upon yards of evergreen wreathing covered the windows, the chancel arch, the railings, and, in fact, impressed the stamp of Christmas on every part of the sacred building. The Christmas hymns were well sung, and the incumbent received a very substantial Christmas offering. I have no Christmas entertainments to record. Santa Claus was poor this year, or, perhaps, his reindeer were disabled by the bad roads, or worse ice. Anyway he did not pay his usual attention to the island.

The monotony of a snowless January was broken by the advent of a poor man who very much wanted to be married. It is true he was poor, of no religious denomination in particular, and that he lived over twenty miles away. He had no horse wherewith to bring his fair one

to the clergyman, and so the clergyman must come to him. Accordingly, for six hours and twenty minutes I jolted over the worst roads the island has ever known. When the ruts failed, deep pools covered with ice prevailed. Of course, it was a two days' journey, and equally, of course, both horse and man required several days' rest to recover them of their bruises.

I might tell you the story of a breakdown in the bad roads of December, and of my efforts to bring horse and the remains of my rig safely home. But I think it better to close by acknowledging, with many thanks, the receipt of a bale of quilts for distribution, sent by the Rosemont Branch W.A., and a box from the Church of the Messiah W.A., Toronto, sent by Mrs. Macarthur, president of the branch. Also several *Home Words* almanacks from Mrs. Gurney. The contents of the box were distributed by several members of the local branch W.A., to whose exertions in this and at other times the church work owes much of its strength.

Broadbent Mission.

REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

The annual Christmas tree for this entire mission was held this year at St. John's parsonage on January 1st, fifty-six partaking of tea. None but regular attendants at church or Sunday School received gifts. The recitations and carols were well prepared. A verbal examination by the incumbent on the office of Morning Prayer, for which three special prizes were given, was most satisfactory. The office of the Holy Communion was given as the special subject for the Easter examination. Three ringing cheers were given by the children for the branches of the W.A., who supplied the presents. All thoroughly enjoyed the treat.

A.J.C.

Temiscamingue Mission.

MR. JAMES HICKLAND, RESIDENT CATECHIST.

One correspondent writes: The Haileybury Christmas tree was a decided success this year. The tree was placed in the schoolhouse and looked exceedingly pretty, the balsam boughs well covered with the bright colours of the gifts. Mr. James Hickland opened the proceedings with prayer, and the little children, mostly shy, did their little best (with satisfaction to themselves, and I may say to their elders) with songs and recitations. Of course a tea was given, and it was very good, the cakes and pies could not be beaten, and the sweets were very succulent; so were the sandwiches. Mrs. Williamson, of the Toronto W.A., kindly sent a large box of presents for the tree, which were thankfully received, and gave the required stimulus to make the event a substantial as well as a social success. The clothing especially proved useful.

Another resident—one of the first—writes:

Thanks to the kind offices of the Woman's Auxiliary, our church has flourished like a green bay tree. It is some years since the first Church missionary arrived on Temiscamingue, and I know that when he first beheld this wondrous lake he little recked of the developments that time would bring. He was energetic, and did his best; but he came before the time. He merely planted the first flag, and left to other hands the task of consummating the conquest. Others followed him, with varied success, but it has been left to Mr. Hickland to firmly establish and consolidate the influence of the Church in these Northern wilds—a term, by-the-bye, that will soon be no longer applicable, for Temiscamingue is attaining civilization and cultivation with a rapidity that is almost unprecedented. Haileybury, which in the days of Mr. Marsh consisted of one house and one man, is now a growing village of many houses. We have, as a rule, three services in a week, which is somewhat of a change from about nine services in a year. We have a Sunday School and occasionally a Bible class.

Our church, though not yet completed, is sure to be ready to consecrate by August, as we now have all the stone on the ground, ready dressed. We have the windows, the doors, and the rafters, and a few available dollars to pay the mechanics to complete it. So far, this church has not cost the diocese one cent, and it is our ambition and hope that we can finish it without their aid. We hold concerts and other entertainments with the view of raising funds. We even entreat our friends and cheerfully receive all contributions. So, all being favourable, next August will see the consecration of this building, which, according to the general opinion of the public, will be the prettiest and most striking of its kind in Canada; a beautiful stone building, set on a hill, overlooking our magnificent lake, a fitting emblem of the beauty and stability of our glorious faith.

Mission of Korah and Goulais Bay.

REV. J. P. SMITHEMAN, INCUMBENT.

The little parsonage at Korah was recently the scene of a happy gathering, when Rev. J. P. Smitheman, with his family, took possession. The local branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. Smitheman, has worked hard to build the parsonage. It has cost about \$500, and half that sum remains to be raised. We are hoping for \$100 from Bishop Sullivan, who has been very kind to us. During the fifteen months that Mr. Smitheman has been in Algoma not only has Korah parsonage been built, but a church at Goulais Bay, and he hopes soon to build another at Tarentorus.

Christmas tree festivals were held at Goulais Bay on December 28th, and at Korah on the 30th. Gifts were received

from Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, and Pembroke, and are acknowledged with many thanks.

Subscriptions are solicited towards the payments due on the parsonage at Korah. The poor people of the mission have done all they can do for some time, and look with hope to their brethren in the faith in Canada and in England to help them. Moneys sent to the incumbent, or to D. Kemp, Esq., Diocesan Treasurer, Synod office, Toronto, will be duly acknowledged.

A NOBLE purpose never leaves a man languid and inert. Its inspiration continues; it quickens the desires and strengthens the powers for new efforts.

NEVER bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.—*E. E. Hale.*

Optimists weld the great moral forces of the world; doubt is as disease, and trials but blessings in disguise. The highest blessing is a joyous spirit, which with the lips and lives shows forth its praise in God's service.—*Temple.*

How passing strange the misery of suffering is, and how questionable the right which two-thirds of the world assume to themselves of filling their ears with cotton, that the moans may not break in upon their silken repose, and that the cry of the toiling thousands may float by on the blast unheard! But suppose that cry goes up to the ears of God, and He asks, "Whom did you relieve; whom did you clothe; whom did you feed with your tens, hundreds, or thousands?" Assuredly, protest against Kingsley who will, he stood on a deep, awful truth, "God will yet take account of the selfishness of wealth, and His quarrel has yet to be fought out."—*F. W. Robertson.*

Acknowledgments.

The Rev. A. R. Mitchell begs thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of two bales from St. Peter's, Toronto—one containing blinds for St. Mary's Church Hall, Beatrice; also surplice, fair white cloth and napkin for the holy table, together with clothing, toys, books, etc., for the Sunday School; the second contained most useful and valuable articles for the poor of Brunel.

A box of articles from the central rooms for Brunel Sunday School, consisting of toys, etc., were much appreciated.

St. John's, Ufford, enjoyed a bale from Burlington. The children highly appreciated it, as they had had no Christmas tree for two years.

A box of toys from St. James' Sunday School, Dundas, was distributed in various parts of the mission.

Rev. D. A. Johnston, Maganetawan, begs to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of a bale of Christmas gifts from the junior branch of the W.A., Church of the Redeemer, Toronto; a similar bale from the

junior branch of the W.A., St. George's Toronto; and a bale of clothing and household goods from the senior branch of the W.A., St. George's, Toronto.

Mr. Hay, catechist, Dunchurch, desires to acknowledge with many thanks the following gifts for the Church of St. Andrew: Dunchurch, Christ Church Cathedral Sunday School, Hamilton, through Rev. Canon Bland, \$11.25; and Miss Overman, 10 shillings.

Rev. A. J. Cobb desires to thank the various branches of the W.A. that have so generously contributed towards his own comfort, and also those of his mission. The noble work of the W.A. has proved a great blessing during this, our hardest winter, known for years; also, to thank R. B. Street, Esq., Toronto, for a contribution of \$2 towards the mission funds.

The Rev. A. H. Allman gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$10 from Treasurer of Niagara W.A., \$1 from Miss Withers, and 60 cents from Miss Pavey towards chancel (debt) fund of St. Paul's, Uffington.

The Rev. A. H. Allman begs also to make acknowledgment of the Church papers regularly sent by the following persons: Rev. Canon T. A. Nash and A. G. Helliear; Mrs. J. Gurney and Mr. J. G. Walton, England; Rev. Canon Richardson, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Newman, and Mrs. Farrel.

Mr. F. R. Godolphin, catechist at Warren, acknowledges with many thanks a bale from Newboro', and a bale and a barrel from Christ Church, Ottawa.

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