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## Pastoral.

To the Reverend the Clergy and to the Laity of the Diocese of Algoma:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN—I arrived at Sault Ste. Marie on the 27th of January last, and immediately entered upon my duties as Bishop of Algoma. Since then I have made visitation tours in the districts of Algoma, Nipissing, Parry Sound, and Muskoka, and on the Manitoulin and St. Joseph's Islands. I have visited in all twenty-one missions out of the thirty-three under my charge, and have met twenty-four clergy and two catechists out of the thirty-three at work in the Diocese. In arranging these visitations I felt it my duty, since I could not visit all, to give the preference to those missions which needed and asked for my presence.

My aim was not only to perform such duties as were immediately pressing, but to get over as much of the Diocese as possible in a short time that I might obtain, from actual observation, some idea of the condition and needs of our work. I wished to do this quickly for two reasons, (1) because the condition of the Mission Fund made it imperative that an appeal should be made immediately to the whole Canadian Church, and I did not wish to speak without knowledge; and (2) because I realized the necessity of preparing myself that, when visiting England to attend the Lambeth Conference, I

might speak to the friends of our Diocese in the old land not merely of what I have heard, but of what I have seen and know.

Having then obtained in this manner much first hand information respecting my great charge, I felt it to be my next duty to make an urgent appeal to you all to do your best towards the relief of our present necessity. It seemed to me—and I feel sure you would agree with me in this—that we had no right to ask others for help until we had done our very best to help ourselves. And I most earnestly hope that my appeal will bear much fruit both in special contributions to the Mission Fund, and, in a few cases, in the permanent increase of the annual assessments paid toward the clergyman's stipend. Still it is only too evident that our needs cannot be supplied from our own resources; and I have accordingly (1) prepared an appeal to the whole Church of Canada, which in due course will be published far and wide; and (2) have made arrangements to sail by the *Parisian* on May 15th, that I may have time before the Lambeth conference meets to urge our claims upon our English friends.

I am very reluctant to leave the diocese at this early stage of my episcopate and before I have become acquainted with every mission and clergyman within my jurisdiction. But necessity is laid upon me, and I am the more ready to yield to it since the Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd, whose experience and familiarity with the work, coupled with his personal gifts, eminently fit him for the position, has consented to act as my commissary during my absence.

From May 15th to August 15th, therefore, all correspondence upon diocesan affairs should be sent to the Archdeacon at Huntsville. And in making this announcement I beg to remind all concerned that, since the administration of the diocese will be a very heavy addition to the Archdeacon's ordinary parochial

duties, they must be careful to approach him only upon business of real and immediate importance, and never needlessly to summon him away from his parish.

Those wishing to reach me before my departure may address me until May 1st at Bishopsthorpe, Quebec, Que., and after that date until May 10th, at Lachine, Que.

I believe it is a rule of the diocese that private appeals for aid must be endorsed by the Bishop, or in his absence, by the commissary. The importance of keeping strictly to this rule will be evident to all at the present time.

One other matter I wish to mention. I am anxious that our clergy and people should encourage THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS (1) by extending its circulation and (2) by supplying the editor, Rev. Charles Piercy, Burk's Falls, with brief parochial items. They who contribute to our funds have a right to know what we are doing. With a little more support this magazine would pay its own way and would thus give all needful information to our benefactors without laying any burden upon the Mission Fund. I know that missionaries naturally shrink from chronicling their own doings. But they might, without violence to their feelings, or serious drain upon their energies, send a memorandum announcing the date, character, object, results, etc., of any Church event occurring in their midst, and if they did that they would be doing much to further what I am commending. Of course, if they would add comments throwing light upon their work for the benefit of those who live far away; or would send brief accounts of such incidents of missionary work or travel as would interest outsiders they would be doing far more. I have approved of Mr. Piercy's proposal to visit such missions as are accessible to him for the purpose of giving information and stimulating interest in regard to his work. I bespeak for him a warm reception.

In conclusion I extend my warmest thanks to both clergy and laity for their cordial welcome of me and mine, and I beg them to pray for me during my absence, that "God's fatherly hand may be over me" and that His Holy Spirit may guide me in all I do and say, enabling me to seek, and to accomplish, only what will tend to the good of His Church and the glory of His Holy Name. "May the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

GEORGE ALGOMA.

Bishophurst,  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,  
April 20th, 1897.

### Notes by the Way.

OUR Port Arthur correspondent sends us this month a good batch of notes.

The first church consecrated by the third Bishop of Algoma was that of St. James, Goulais Bay.

The first confirmation at Tarentorus (Korah Mission) took place on Sunday, the 21st of March last.

The incumbent of Korah lectured in Christ Church, Korah, on the Thursdays in Lent on the "History of the Prayer Book."

REV. F. FROST, who for a number of years has had charge of the Indian work at Sheguiandah, will soon remove to Garden River to minister there to our dusky Canadian brethren.

OUR sincere sympathy is tendered to our brother priest, Rev. Rural Dean Kirby, in his grief at the death of his father, and in so doing we certainly voice the feelings of both clergy and laity in the diocese.

IT would be a source of pleasure and of profit if some of our friends in England would sometimes write us a letter—looking at us through their spectacles; describing methods of work and workers that would stimulate us to further effort.

WHEN the Bishop visited St. Joseph's Island he was the guest of the incumbent

at Marksville, of Mr. T. J. Foster, of Richard's Landing, as well as of Mr. C. Young, of Jocelyn. His driver from one point to another on "St. Joe." was Mr. B. Fuller.

MR. W. RENISON, a son of Rev. Rural Dean Renison, and a young man who learned to speak the Ojibway tongue when he was a boy at home in his father's mission at Negwenenang, will for the summer minister to the Indian families in and around Sheguiandah, on the Manitoulin Island.

INFORMATION to hand is to the effect that Rev. C. H. Mockridge, D.D., Toronto, has retired from the editorial chair of the *Canadian Church Magazine*. The paper owes much to Mr. Mockridge, who maintained a lively interest in the magazine born under his direction. He is succeeded by L. H. Davidson, Q.C., Montreal, a zealous Churchman, who does not for the first time occupy such a post. We sincerely wish our contemporary success in every direction.

THE mission of the Church to the Indians within this jurisdiction includes the training of young men and lads at the Shingwauk Home, near Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Ley-King has proved to be an excellent principal. He has been successful in making many improvements in the institution. In this connection we should note that the Bishop has recently appointed Mr. Dowler—a gentleman with no small experience in our provincial system of education—to the post of superintendent.

Other places besides those mentioned in our last issue have contributed towards the relief of our famished brethren in India. Rev. Mr. Renison, of Sault Ste. Marie, acknowledges an additional \$6 from Haileybury. Rev. J. Pardoe, of Novar, writes us that the mission of Ilfracombe sent \$4.40 to the Montreal *Star*. It is a pity that the offerings were not sent to our Diocesan Fund. A correspondent on St. Joseph's Island says that mission contributed twenty-five dollars. To whom was this forwarded? It is a generous contribution. Mr. Wilkins, of Sand Lake, says he sent \$1.31 to the Sault for relief of the famine. In due time we are sure the treasurer for the fund will acknowledge all late receipts.

ONE of our missionaries was recently making a tour in a scattered settlement

some distance from home, when he came across two men, brothers, who for twenty years had lived in the same place, far from a church—twenty-six miles. Now a service is occasionally held at a point ten miles distant. They are loyal yet to the Church of our fathers. One, however, has a family growing up to whom a church service is unknown. The parent laments the fact that the Church has not extended her ministrations within his reach. Every fresh instance of this kind points to fields untilled for want of workers. The loyalty of the parents results from the training of years gone by. What of the next generation?

### Ourselves.

Our readers will note the change with respect to the publication of our paper. A glance at our first column conveys the information that we are our own publishers. The firm which has published the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS for a number of years has helped in no small degree to make our journal a typographical success. That we are not on so high a plane financially is not the fault of The Bryant Press. On the other hand, we occupy a better financial position to-day than at any period of our life, and in some measure this is due to help received from the firm above mentioned.

Our new arrangements, it is believed, will permit us to feel the pulse of the diocese and of our friends abroad much better than hitherto. It is a real anxiety that possesses us to give to our friends in England and Canada all information possible concerning Algoma. We desire to interest our readers; we desire to render to them a full account of our stewardship; we desire their hearty sympathy; we desire to merit general approval by loyal work for Christ and His Church.

Our constituency is not a very large one, but, nevertheless, we aspire to a place in the ranks of Church journalistic educationalists. This gives duties at home. May we bespeak an eagerness to help us at the hands of every clergyman in the Diocese of Algoma, a plethora of "copy," and a subscription list so increased that our diocesan journal may be, if in a small way only, a source of revenue.

No man securely doth command, but he that learned readily to obey.—*Thomas a Kempis*.

### The Bishop's Appointments for May.

2. Sunday—Preach in Quebec Cathedral in the morning, and in St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, in the evening.
4. Tuesday—Address the Quebec Church Society in the evening.
5. Wednesday—Address the Woman's Auxiliary at 9.30. Celebration in St. Matthew's Church.
6. Thursday—Address the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Toronto in the evening.
9. Sunday—Preach in Montreal.
15. Saturday—Sail by the *Parisian* for Liverpool.
- 30.—Sunday—Preach in South Acton, London.

### The Bishop's Appeals to the Diocese and to the Church in Canada.

The Bishop addressed the following to every clergyman in the diocese :

I.

Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie,  
March 29th, 1897.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER,—I regret to inform you that the mission fund of the diocese—the fund, that is, upon which our missions depend, under God, for their maintenance—is still in arrears to the extent of \$3,208. This being the case, it is my duty to take such steps as I may to make up the deficiency.

I propose, among other measures, to make : (1) An appeal to our own Diocese of Algoma. (2) A similar appeal to the whole Church of this Ecclesiastical Province. And (3) a personal appeal to the mother Church in England.

First of all, as a matter of right and duty, I appeal to our brethren in this diocese, entreating them to pray for the divine blessing upon our efforts, and to do their very utmost in the way of contributions towards the liquidation of our debt and the replenishing of our depleted treasury. And I look forward, I need hardly say, with confidence to the result of this appeal, for I am persuaded that the self-respect of our people will teach them that only when they have honestly done their best to help themselves can they with propriety or justice ask their outside brethren to help them.

I ask of you now three things in particular :

(1) To read this appeal to all your congregations on the first opportunity after receiving it.

(2) To offer regularly at your various services, till my return from England in August, the accompanying prayer for God's blessing upon our efforts.

(3) To send out, if possible before Easter, a special collector, or special collectors, from house to house throughout your parish, asking for contributions towards the Mission Fund. And I would suggest that this house to house canvass

of our parishes and missions is work which the devout women of our congregations may do and appropriately undertake.

Commending you to the grace of God, by which alone your endeavours can be, in the best sense, fruitful,

I remain,

Very faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

GEORGE ALGOMA.

N.B.—Contributions resulting from the above appeal should be sent immediately, with names and amounts, to His Honour Judge Johnston, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. It is the Bishop's earnest hope that returns will be made before his departure for England at the beginning of May.

#### SPECIAL PRAYER ON BEHALF OF THE ALGOMA MISSION FUND.

**O** LORD JESU CHRIST, who didst give Thyself for the life of the world, and hast ordained that Thy Church shall live by the constant offerings of her people ; look mercifully upon us, we pray Thee, in this our time of need, and send Thy gracious Spirit upon Thy servants in this diocese and province and in the mother land, that by their ready liberality our needs may be supplied and Thy Church in our midst made prosperous, to the further diffusion of Thy Gospel and the glory of Thy holy Name, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

The appeal following is being mailed to clergy and others :

To the Friends of Algoma in the Various Dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada :

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—As Bishop of the great Missionary Diocese of Algoma, called to that office by the voice of the united Church of this Ecclesiastical Province, I regard it as no less my privilege than my duty to address to you a few words of grateful acknowledgment and of appeal. I feel grateful because, as Bishop of Algoma, I can hardly forget how largely the Canadian Church has contributed, of its money and of its men, to make its offshoot, the Diocese of Algoma, what it is. And I feel it necessary to appeal to you because there probably have been few occasions in the history of our diocese when its needs have been more urgent than they are at present.

It is of these needs I wish particularly to speak. And I do so confidently anticipating a sympathetic hearing, because, as the one missionary bishop of the Canadian Church, I have a claim upon your sympathy and aid which, I feel sure, you will be quick to perceive and to acknowledge.

The facts are these : (1) Our mission fund—that is, the fund upon which our missions, and, of course, our missionaries, with their wives and little ones, depend for maintenance from year to year—was in arrears, at the beginning of the present month, some \$3,208. (2) Our Treasurer, Mr. Kemp, of Toronto, has made an estimate for the present year, basing his calculations upon the receipts and expenditure of the previous year, and finds that, unless we secure additional contributions, there will be a deficit at the

end of this year of some \$8,000. (3) This alarming state of things is aggravated by the fact that, instead of increasing, certain important sources of revenue are this year diminishing their contributions—notably the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whose grant for the current year is some \$400 less than that of previous years. And, (4), there is one other fact that must not be lost sight of in this consideration of our affairs ; it is this : We have not as yet one dollar of mission endowment to which, in time of emergency such as the present, we may turn for help.

Such is the present unpromising state of our finances. Yet the missionary bishop is not discouraged, for first he believes that God, who has called him to the work, will enable him to perform it ; and then he is persuaded that *you* will do your best, one and all, to succour him in his time of need.

Besides, I find that there are many reasons for taking heart. It is not, perhaps, surprising that the long illness and consequent resignation of my predecessor, that noble worker, Bishop Sullivan, together with the period of interregnum which followed, and the final transferring of the reins of government to new and untried hands, should have the effect of unsettling and disturbing the affairs of the diocese in general and its finances in particular. But, on the other hand, the many kind things said and done throughout the Canadian Church, apparently to assure the new Bishop, as he entered upon his work, that he had the confidence and sympathy of the Church at large, could hardly lack a deeper significance. And I venture to interpret them as meaning, among other things, that there are hosts of willing hearts in all directions, throbbing in sympathy with me in my work ; and hands innumerable—yes, and with offerings in them—ready and eager to be outstretched for the succour and benefit of our struggling Church. And so I believe that I have only to appeal, as I am now doing, to the Church throughout the land, to call forth a large return of practical sympathy and help.

And then I am not without hope that *in due time* we in Algoma may be able to contribute much more largely than we are at present doing towards our own support. Our country is improving and opening up. It is capable of sustaining, when properly developed, a large and thriving population. There is, I am persuaded, a future in store for it. If it has much rocky and stony land, it has also much soil that is fertile, and many sources of wealth which capital will in time develop. And although—because there are no cities or large towns in the diocese capable of helping the poorer districts, and no wealthy people living within its limits, able and willing to contribute largely to our mission and other funds—Algoma must for the present, and probably for some time to come, look to the Church outside for aid ; still we may surely venture to hope that in some small degree, as time goes

on, our need of outside aid will gradually, though of course very slowly, diminish.

Meantime, it is only right that in making this appeal I should assure you of my constant purpose and endeavour to pursue and to inculcate a policy of self-help throughout the diocese, encouraging all our congregations to strain every nerve to increase their contributions towards the support of their own diocesan funds.

Finally, then, I appeal to you, one and all, as individual members of the Canadian Church, whose Missionary Bishop I am, to contribute something to the work which the Church has entrusted to my hands. I appeal to the Woman's Auxiliary in each and every parish throughout the land to work for their one missionary diocese, remembering first its *General Mission Fund*. I appeal to the young men of the Church, and especially to those who are members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to do what is specially the work of young men, namely, aid their brethren in their missionary diocese. If they do nothing more than obtain subscriptions for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, which every friend of Algoma ought to take, and which costs only 50c. a year, they will be doing much. This, at least, I entreat them to do. I appeal to every delegate to Synod to use his influence to secure the pledge of his Synod to devote the amount hitherto paid to the Algoma Episcopal stipend henceforth to the Algoma Mission Fund. And I appeal to the children of our Sunday Schools, through their clergy, superintendents, and teachers, to make a rule of contributing something year by year to the Missionary Diocese of Algoma. Some Sunday Schools are already contributing annually towards the support of boys at the Shingwauk Home. I should rejoice if, in like manner, others would contribute a fixed sum annually towards our mission fund.

For the convenience of those who need it, I append a list—in the order of their importance—of the objects which most need assistance at the present time.

May the blessed Lord, who gave Himself for us, give you all grace to prove the truth of His saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And may His divine Spirit rest largely upon you all, and give you each the "blessing of peace."

I remain,

Most faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

GEORGE ALGOMA.

Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

March 25th.

LIST OF OBJECTS TOWARDS WHICH ASSISTANCE IS ASKED IN THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

- (1) The General Mission Fund, for the support of missionaries, etc.
- (2) Indian work. (a) Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie. (b) Indian missions.
- (3) The Superannuation Fund, for pensioning worn out clergy. (Barely established).
- (4) Fund for assisting in erection of churches and parsonages in poor districts.
- (5) Various minor yet important objects, e.g., fonts, communion vessels, altar linen, prayer books and hymn books, etc., etc., for poor missions.

All contributions should be forwarded to our

Diocesan Treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod Office, Toronto, Ont., and will be promptly acknowledged.

### Mission of Korah and Goulais Bay.

REV. J. P. SMITHEMAN, INCUMBENT.

Bishop Thorneloe consecrated St. James' Church at Goulais Bay on Sunday, March 21st. The wardens—Messrs. McAuley and Whelan—presented a petition for consecration at the west door; then the 24th Psalm was sung as the clergy proceeded to the east end. The receipt for the purchase of the land was laid on the Holy Table, together with a document, signed by the Bishop, testifying that he had consecrated the church and set it apart to be used only for the worship of Almighty God.

Morning prayer was read by the incumbent, Rev. J. P. Smitheman. After its conclusion the Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered to a large and devout congregation, the Bishop being celebrant. His lordship then preached from Psalm xxvii. 4, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in his temple." He first congratulated the people on having built a church and given it to God, and he prayed that the Divine blessing might abide with them. He then gave an exposition of the principles of Divine worship, and showed that, even by the arrangement of the church, the principal honour is given to the Holy Communion as the central act of Christian worship.

After concluding the consecration service at Goulais Bay the Bishop drove twenty miles to his next appointment, and reached Christ's Church, in Korah township, in good time for the evening service. A good congregation filled the building, and the Bishop delivered a spiritual discourse from the Gospel for the day, and concluded his day's work by driving another six miles to Bishophurst.

### Sheguiandah Mission.

REV. F. FROST, INCUMBENT.

Under date of March 22nd Mr. Frost writes: I write to day a few notes for the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS about the visit we lately received from the Bishop of Algoma, and, as this is the very first visit of a Bishop of Algoma or, indeed, any other bishop, to the Manitoulin

Island in the winter, it will be of some interest to the readers of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. I drove over from Sheguiandah to the railway station at Massey to meet the bishop, who arrived by the evening train from the Sault. We then drove to one of the Indian missions on the Spanish River, where we held service, and the Bishop preached to the Indians, who had congregated there in the Church school-house, from the surrounding country—the woods, and lakes, and rivers where they dwell. It was a good gathering, and the bishop was cheered to see evidences of God's work among the aborigines of our country. We stayed there that night, and the bishop slept on the floor of the school-house, and enjoyed a beautiful night's rest.

Arising early on the following morning the Bishop administered the Holy Communion to a goodly number of devout communicants, and after some subsequent interchange of sentiments between the Bishop and the Indians, of a happy character chiefly, we went on our way towards the Grand Manitoulin.

It is a way that is interesting, both on account of its sameness and also on account of its variety; the sameness consists in the snow which is everywhere, and its variety in the nature of the country, which consists of rocks, valleys, mountains, lakes, rivers, islands, woods, and plains; ice and *water* which, in places, was up to the bishop's toes very nearly, as we were crossing part of Lake Huron. However, to proceed, we reached the Manitoulin in due course, and went to Rev. Mr. Ecclestone's, at Little Current, who kindly gave the Bishop and the missionary some dinner, and also did not forget the horse.

It was a matter for profound regret to find on our arrival at Sheguiandah that the conveyance that had come from Manitowaning to meet the bishop had returned without him just fifteen minutes before. Much time was spent in securing a team of horses to take him on his journey; finally an Indian at the village kindly placed his team at the disposal of the Bishop, and the missionary's son acted as driver. They arrived some time in the night. Services, Confirmation and celebration of Holy Communion were held in Manitowaning and the surrounding country in the mission of Rev. Mr. Aylwin, and the Bishop returned to Sheguiandah on Saturday.

There was an early celebration of Holy

Communion in the Indian Church on Sunday morning, in which a large number took part, the Bishop being celebrant. Then a drive to Little Current through a blinding snow storm. Here nine persons were confirmed, then back to Sheguiandah for services in the afternoon, when the Bishop gave a singularly able and suitable discourse to the Indians, which was interpreted by the missionary. Then, services in the evening at St. Peter's Church, when three persons were confirmed, some being kept away by the storm, which raged in the evening with increasing fury. It was good to listen to the Bishop's exhortations to the candidates, and it was very instructive and impressive, not only to the candidates themselves, but also to the congregation, which was "mixed."

Next day the Bishop was taken to the Indian village on the Whitefish River Reserve, through terrible drifts, which were eventually discarded in preference for the ice, which was not a very great improvement, only the badness was more uniform—and then it was a necessary evil, because it is the only bridge we have to the mainland. Ah! but it was grand to be there; four Indians were confirmed and about twenty partook of Holy Communion. Some were present from neighbouring villages of Indians, and some came over from Sheguiandah.

But the return journey to Little Current. We went slowly and carefully because it was the only thing to do. We had some difficulty in finding the portage to Little Current, but we succeeded at last by the help of the Good Lord, and arrived there sometime after midnight. The Bishop left next day for the railway.

### Bracebridge Mission.

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

We have just been favoured with a most refreshing visit from our Bishop, who administered the Apostolic rite of the laying on of hands in St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, on Sunday last, being Palm Sunday. There were ten candidates confirmed, many others having attended the class for some time past who with good work may be prepared to come forward on the next occasion, but meanwhile are under proper instruction and preparation. Extra seats were provided for the overflowing congregation who were present to witness and take part in the beautifully expressive and devotional services of the

day. Many were, no doubt, reminded of the solemn promises they had assumed in the past, and more incited to trust and pray, to make a more active and earnest effort in doing their part in promoting the extension and support of Christ's Church on earth, and thus fit themselves for participating in His glory hereafter.

With regard to the services, it may be interesting to mention that the orchestral lent their valuable aid in the rendition of the musical portions of the service, adding very greatly to the general beauty and harmony of the musical effect.

The sermon, most impressive and earnest, was listened to with marked attention, and with the divine blessing will, no doubt, bear its fruit in the increased liberality and devotion of all true sons and daughters of the Church.

The Bishop expressed his admiration for the building, congratulating incumbent and congregation on the possession of a structure so Churchly in its proportions and beautiful in its appointments. It was an occasion of much regret that our Bishop was unable to be present in the evening, as he had to fulfil an engagement in Gravenhurst.

It was gratifying, however, to their pastor to greet a large congregation at evening song also.

Thus has passed the first official visit of our new Bishop, and while our minds and hearts are fragrant with the memories of him who has left us and whose eloquence and learning we delight to honour, yet we feel that in our loss God has blessed us with one who will worthily, devotedly, and lovingly take up the work and carry on the standard of the Cross now handed on to him.

The annual vestry meeting of St. Thomas' Church was held in the school-house on Easter Monday at 8.30 p.m. The incumbent, Rev. J. Boydell, in the chair. After prayer Mr. H. B. Bridgland, vestry clerk, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were, on motion, confirmed as read. Mr. Wm. Kirk presented the Building Committee's report, which was gratifying to the congregation and those interested. The cash receipts were \$3,154.66; disbursement, \$4,955.35, leaving a debt of \$900, which is provided for. The churchwardens' report showed receipts of over \$900, with an expenditure of equal amount, while several outstanding subscriptions will bring up a fair balance on hand to start the new financial year. On motion of Dr. Bridgland, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, the report

was adopted as read. The report of the Woman's Auxiliary showed a membership of 33. The incumbent appointed Mr. F. S. Cochrane as his warden, and Mr. W. Kirk was re-elected people's warden. Sidesmen are as follows: Appointed by the incumbent, Messrs. T. H. Pringle, D. T. Hodgson, and R. M. Browning; elected by the people, Messrs. F. Lawrence, G. Sibbett, and W. H. Buckerfield. The Cemetery Committee were re-elected, viz., Messrs. Kirk, Buckerfield, and Dr. Bridgland; vestry clerk, Mr. H. B. Bridgland, re-elected; auditors, Messrs. J. Thomson and D. T. Hodgson. The Sunday School report showed successful work for the past year—92 scholars, 10 classes, with an average attendance of 7 teachers; receipts, \$53.36; expenditures, \$37.99. The balance will be devoted to the library fund. A communication from the Bishop was read by the incumbent, in which his lordship congratulated the congregation on the possession of such a beautiful church, and enjoying such bright service. At the same time he intimated that through the pressing demands of other missions on the Mission Fund the annual grant from that fund would be curtailed. To meet this loss the vestry voted \$100 to augment the minister's stipend. Votes of thanks were tendered to the building committee, the Woman's Auxiliary, and Mr. Hodgson, S. S. Superintendent, and the meeting closed at 10.30.

### Fell on Sleep.

Rev. M. Charles Kirby, Rural Dean of Thunder Bay, received a cablegram from Mayfield, Sussex, England, telling him of the death of his father, the Rev. Henry Thomas Murdoch Kirby, on Tuesday, March 30th, who had been seriously ill since October last, but had rallied somewhat. He was born at Mayfield Vicarage, on May 20th, 1818, and succeeded his father as vicar in 1845, over fifty-two years ago, and had he lived till October next he would have celebrated his golden wedding, having married, on October 14th, 1847, Hannah Jane, eldest daughter of the Rev. Sir Henry Thompson, Bart., of Verhees, Sussex, by whom he had a family of twelve children, ten of whom survive. Rev. M. C. and Mrs. Kirby leave for England on May 3rd. They will be away for a year.

THE great deed is a thing of earth, but the good deed lives forever.

### Port Carling Mission.

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

The Lenten services in this mission have been a great improvement on other years in regard to attendance and interest manifested.

In St. James', Port Carling, they have been held every Wednesday evening at half-past seven o'clock.

At Christ Church, Gregory, they were held every Thursday afternoon at half-past three o'clock. In each church the subject under consideration was the Ten Commandments.

During the winter we have had the pleasure of two visits from the Rev. Gowan Gillmor, of Rosseau, who always finds a welcome at the parsonage, as well as at every house in the mission where he is known. One of these visits was during Lent, so that in addition to the pleasure of a visit we had an intellectual treat in each of the above named churches. At both services the subject chosen by Mr. Gillmor was appropriate to the solemn season of Lent.

On each occasion Rosseau's incumbent spent five days in the mission, so he was able to see, and be seen by, many in this out-of-the-way (in winter) mission.

In addition to the \$25.25 acknowledged by Rev. Mr. Renison as this mission's contribution to the India Famine Fund, \$10 was sent to, and acknowledged by, Miss C. Macklem for the lepers of India, so that our sum total was \$35.25.

We are doing our best to send contributions in money towards wiping out the debt of the Mission Fund in response to the appeal of our diocesan.

It is a very hard time now to collect money, but in addition to sending our Easter offertory, Mrs. Penson and Mrs. Minett are kindly collecting what they can.

The long-looked for visit to this mission by our Bishop, we are sorry to learn, will not be forthcoming until August next. A visit then from our diocesan has its disadvantages as well as benefits.

It is a delightful time for anyone to see the mission for the first time, and an episcopal visit does much for us in the way of creating more interest towards mission matters among the tourists, but it is very difficult for many of our settlers to be present at church or to spare the time to meet their Bishop personally. Yet we trust that all will do their best, not only to be present at the services, but also to have an introduction to, and a

friendly interchange of words with, their Right Reverend Father in God.

Another difficulty at that season will be the getting the candidates together previous to the date for the laying-on-of-hands. However, if we all work with a will I feel sure that great will be the benefits spiritually and temporally derived from the visit next August of Bishop Thorneloe. W.A.J.B.

### Magnetawan Mission.

REV. J. A. JOHNSTON, INCUMBENT.

On the morning of April 9th, the incumbent drove to Burk's Falls, to meet the Bishop and to drive him to St. George's Church, Magnetawan. The missionary found his diocesan hard at work at the parsonage, where he had arrived from the north soon after midnight. It was well, on this occasion, at all events, that the Bishop travelled by the slow-going "mixed" train, as the south bound express on the 9th was six hours late—so late that after its arrival the Bishop could not have reached his destination in time for service. The roads were indescribably bad—the frost just coming out, muddy at midday and rough and hard in the morning. It was an eighteen mile journey each way and with a pair of horses and a buggy took four hours or a little more each trip. Soon after dinner a start was made—provision being made by the riders against mud and cold. In the evening the church was full and Mr. J. presented thirteen candidates for confirmation, some of whom came in from the outstations. These latter and the Bishop were entertained at the parsonage by the ladies of the congregation of the Church of St. George the Martyr.

Next morning about 5.30 the Bishop started back and arrived in good time to catch the 10.05 a.m. train. But it was three hours late, so he had a chance to rest after his long jolt over the frost-hardened roads.

On the following Sunday there were two celebrations of Holy Communion at which all the newly confirmed within reach were present. The first was at Magnetawan at 8 a.m., the second at Chapman Valley at 11 a.m.

Mr. Johnston, the priest-in-charge, writes that the visit of the Bishop was the source of much encouragement to him. The Church is making steady progress in the mission, notwithstanding the vigorous assaults of those not in communion with her.

### Mission of Burk's Falls.

REV. C. PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

The Lenten services have been well attended this year. On the Wednesday before Holy Week there were short addresses in All Saints' Church, Burk's Falls, on Morning and Evening Prayer. During Holy Week there were services daily except Saturday. On Good Friday, instead of being in the evening, services were at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. At Sundridge, whither the clergyman went by railway train, there was a service in the evening.

On Easter Day at Burk's Falls there was a large congregation and the largest number of communicants at any service since the foundation of the mission.

On Thursday, April 1st, the Women's Guild of All Saints' Church met to elect officers for the year, etc. Previous to the transaction of business there was a devotional service in the church, followed by a brief address. Afterwards those present decided to fall in line with the Woman's Auxiliary by giving a quota of their income to work outside the mission. They adopted the suggestion of the incumbent, and resolved to give a tithe annually—this year to the Bishop Blythe Fund. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Piercy; treasurer, Mrs. Kelsey; secretary, Mrs. J. Milne.

On Wednesday in Holy Week the parson was surprised at the parsonage by about twenty of the children of the Sunday School, who with their teachers, came to present a very kindly worded address to their parish priest and to accompany it with the gift of a good linen surplice. The recipient was delighted—and so were the children—and took occasion to give reasons for the use of proper vestments for the use of clergy in their ministrations. The English Church minister only wears a vestment here, and the children, not to say adults, are sometimes "put in a box" by militant denominationalists.

### Fort William.

REV. E. J. HARPER, INCUMBENT.

This parish has recently been called upon to part with one of its most valued Church families, viz., that of Mr. J. Harriman. For some months past Mr. Harriman, long employed as a blacksmith in the C.P.R. repairing shops, has been in failing health, and with a view of obtaining some benefit in making a change, has

gone to live in Winnipeg, Man., with his wife and family, three sons, the eldest about twelve, the youngest about four years of age. The Fort William lodge of the S.O.E., of which Mr. H. was a member, has been most generous in its treatment of its afflicted son; while his fellow-workmen and friends presented him with a purse of about sixty dollars on his departure for the west. Though a hard worker, Mr. H. was most punctual in his attendance at public worship, and a regular communicant in St. Luke's Church, on the vestry of which he served, and acted as sidesman.

The parochial branch of the W.A. continues to do excellent work. Preparations are now under way for the annual Easter sale of useful and fancy articles. As the burden of the parsonage debt—about \$1,100—has been assumed, for the time being, by this organization, outside aid from friends of Algoma in England and Canada would be thankfully received by the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Jarvis.

A handsome new organ, "cathedral style," from the factory of the Doherty Organ Co., of Clinton, Ont., has recently been placed in the church on trial. Should it prove satisfactory, much improvement may be expected from a musical point of view in the rendering of the services.

E. J. H.

### Port Arthur.

Services have been held daily in St. John's Church throughout Lent, at 4 p.m. on every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, on Wednesdays and Fridays, in the evening. The attendance was very encouraging, as numerous as last year, notwithstanding the loss of no less than eight families, by removal, during the past year.

A series of lectures upon Church History were delivered by the incumbent in the schoolroom, on the Friday evenings during the Lenten season. They were beautifully illustrated with views displayed by the diocesan lantern. A very large attendance greeted the lecturer on each occasion, the general opinion expressed being that they were most interesting. Associated with Mr. Thursby in his praiseworthy efforts were Messrs. J. G. King, John Newsome and John Forde.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the schoolroom on the afternoon of Thursday, March 25th. After various routine work had been trans-

acted the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Thursby; first vice-president, Mrs. Spera; second vice-president, Mrs. Birmingham; secretary, Mrs. Wink; treasurer, Mrs. Keefer. A substantial bale of clothing has recently been forwarded to the Wabigoon mission.

A sacred concert was given by the combined choirs of St. Luke's, Fort William, and of this parish, on Tuesday evening, March 23rd. The schoolroom was nicely filled with an attentive audience, who were addressed by the Rev. E. J. Harper and the Rev. J. W. Thursby. The programme, principally composed of classical music, was most effectually rendered, and the proceeds will make a handsome addition to the choir funds.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is one of the most active organizations in this parish, and has succeeded in starting and maintaining a gymnasium and free reading room; these have been in running order for nearly three months and are well patronized. They are located in a large building, situated in the centre of the town, which the Brotherhood has leased; and which is admirably suited for these and like purposes.

H. B.

### Mission of Gravenhurst.

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

From the Gravenhurst *Banner*: On Sunday, April 11th, the Right Rev. Dr. Thorneloe, Bishop of Algoma, paid his first visit to Gravenhurst. It is hardly necessary to say that St. James' Church was filled with an expectant congregation; many persons being desirous of seeing and hearing the newly appointed Bishop. Two candidates were presented, under special circumstances, for confirmation, the presentation of the general and probably large class being reserved for the Bishop's return from England. The confirmation service was marked by simplicity and solemnity. A plain, earnest, and instructive address was given to the candidates by the Bishop previous to the laying on of hands. His sermon, from the text "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" the question put to the blind man by Jesus of Nazareth, was aptly applied to show that while God knows our wants and needs far better than we ourselves do, He yet expects to be asked for the things desired; and upon this was founded a powerful, searching, and deeply spiritual discourse upon the inestimable value of prayer. An announcement was made by

the incumbent, Rev. Rural Dean Machin, that his study would be open on Monday for the reception of parishioners who desired to meet the Bishop after morning service, and in the early afternoon. Many availed themselves of the privilege, and were charmed with the accessible and friendly manner of their chief pastor.

### Sudbury Mission.

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

The *Sudbury Journal* says: "The Lord Bishop of Algoma paid his first official visit to the Church of the Epiphany on Wednesday, April 7th. At a business meeting held during the afternoon, his lordship expressed the pleasure it gave him to see the signs of vigorous Church life, and declared his entire satisfaction with the condition of the Church in Sudbury. In answer to words of greeting and an expression of the congregation's loyalty to their chief pastor, spoken by the Rev. F. C. H. Ulbricht and Jas. Purvis, Esq., on behalf of the congregation, the Bishop said that he had come to us to 'spend and be spent,' to give himself for the cause of the Church in Algoma. He thanked them for the expression of loyalty and sympathy, and the assurance of their continued prayers for the success of his work, and said that on his part he desired to assure them that his brief visit had convinced him that the Sudbury congregation contained many who would uphold his hands by earnest work and prayer. At the evening service a large congregation met to worship, and were privileged to hear the Bishop's earnest and eloquent sermon upon 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus' (Phil. ii. 5). While in town the Bishop was the guest of James Purvis, Esq."

### Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

Since the last report of matters in this mission, the health of the people generally has improved. Winter, truly, has fled again, but now, alas! spring roads have to be faced, which means working one's way through mud indescribable. The chirping of birds, the warmth of the merry sun, and the springing of the grass, are God's messengers of promise, and these inspire natural gladness and hope, whilst running parallel are the higher and spiritual forces of Easter joy in the

Church's life. Now, not only are there pastoral duties, in addition to the functions of the priesthood, but active efforts have to be made also in relation to accessory requirements. One of these is the gathering of funds for insurance of church property against fire. With the voluntary help of willing friends, two concerts have been given with that end in view. One came off in Uffington, when some of our Bracebridge friends came nobly and generously to our assistance. Everybody present was delighted, and sincere satisfaction was expressed. A well-appointed refreshment stall was also patronized. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the roads, the hall was full, and the proceeds amounted to \$15.58. The other was held at Clare Lake, and was given entirely by local effort. A nice little company gathered in the schoolhouse, and apparently was well pleased. Financially, it was a success, and left a balance of \$2.50 in favour of the wardens after all expenses were met. Mrs. J. Pyburn very kindly made a bountiful spread for the Uffington visitors.

Christ Church, Purbrook, has at last realized a long-needed improvement. The walls have been carefully white-washed, and the roof, window frames, etc., oil-stained. Now there is an anxiety to go on, and make it look still better.

A.H.A.

THE circular issued by the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews did not come to hand until after our April issue was published.

### Acknowledgments.

Mr. Hickland, the catechist at present at Temiscamingue, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a bale of clothing from the "All Saints' Girls' Mission Band," Toronto, through Mrs. O. M. Peatman, secretary, 376 Wilton avenue, Toronto.

Rev. A. H. Allman desires to make grateful acknowledgment of the receipt of \$32.92 from Miss E. Wigram, England.

WE should give to God's poor, and to His work generally, according to a settled principle, and St. Paul tells us the principle—as God hath prospered us. If a man were to put down the money he gives, from time to time impulsively, when he is in a giving humour, he would be surprised how little it amounts to at the end of a year. There are many who give meanly, because they do not give according to their means.

### Mission of Emsdale.

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

In the mission of Emsdale, Diocese of Algoma, the out-station of Sand Lake has been furnished with a log church built by the settlers, who have devoted their energies to build a log church on stone foundation. For three years the settlers of this station worshipped in the barn of Mr. John Wilkins in the summer and in his house in the winter season. Mr. Reginald E. Compson and Mr. John Wilkins gave weeks of time and hard labour towards the erection of it, others giving shorter periods. But money is now wanted to seat it. The logs are in the mill to be sawn for the seats, and as that is work which requires skilled workmanship to make them, we must seek it among our fellow-churchmen. During the winter of 1896 the Bishop of Huron held a confirmation in this church (St. Mary's) in the absence of Bishop Sullivan, whose health had given way. The summer following, on his return from France, Bishop Sullivan visited this station, holding service, and this winter Bishop Thorneloe, the new Bishop of Algoma, visited and held service in this church; all three Bishops expressing themselves well pleased with what had been done. We now make an earnest appeal to those true Churchmen who, feeling they have been blessed by God in their health, their family, their store, and spiritual privileges, to give as liberally as they can towards furnishing the church as becomes the house of God, remembering that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Donations sent to the treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod Office, Toronto, or myself, will be promptly acknowledged in the Church papers.

ALFRED W. H. CHOWNE.

Emsdale, G. T. Ry., Ont.

"Having visited Sand Lake Mission, and convinced myself of the real nature of the work going on there, I hereby endorse the appeal which the Rev. Rural Dean Chowne is now making. The people are evidently doing what they can to help themselves, and therefore deserve to be encouraged, and the Rural Dean, to whose devoted labours the existence of the mission and the building of its pretty log church are mainly due, assuredly deserves like encouragement. I trust the appeal will meet with a kind reception and will bring forth a liberal response.

"G. ALGOMA.

"Sault Ste. Marie, March 29th, 1897."

### 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.

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