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AGENT—The Rev. W. H. WADLEIGH, Toronto, is authorized to collect subscriptions for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

N. B.

It will do you no harm, dear reader, to read this paragraph even though it may not immediately concern you. It may do us much good—we trust it to do so—if on reading it you find it does concern you, and finding such will help us. The printed label on your paper signifies the date up to which your subscription is paid. If by referring to that date you find your subscription in arrears, or, that you have omitted to pay the coming year in advance, permit us to call your attention to the fact that, though it may be a small matter to each individual subscriber, yet to the Diocese of Algoma—the publishers—the sum total of a number of subscriptions in arrears is a matter of great importance. The cramped state of our diocesan resources forbids any draft thereon to cover the costs which can and should be met by our subscription list. We believe that you will consider our request to be a reasonable one and will favour us with a prompt remittance, if the date on your label informs you that you are in arrears.

Notes by the Way.

DURING January and February the Bishop is visiting missions chiefly in the Rural Deaneries of Muskoka and Parry Sound.

THE Fifth Triennial Council of the Diocese of Algoma will be summoned to assemble on the morning of Tuesday, May 31st next, at North Bay.

FOR our illustration of Gore Bay, the "county-town" of the Great Manitoulin Island, on another page, we are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. J. H. Meir, of the Sault Star.

THE Committee to which was committed the task of preparing a draft Constitution and Canons for a Diocesan Synod for this Missionary Diocese, have completed their labours, and will present a well-digested report to the next Triennial Committee.

THE Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge earnestly solicits the prayers of all Church people for its great Home, Colonial and Foreign work, and asks their offerings to maintain and extend it. The Church all over the world is being helped by the Society.

A SCHREIBER correspondent informs us that twenty cart loads of cinders have been placed around the little church there, and that a register has been placed in the upstairs hall of the parsonage. Mention is also made of a patent obtained lately towards a complete set of holy vessels.

OUR readers will be interested to know that the incumbent of Port Arthur has taken a great interest in his ministrations to the Finns within his parish, and has met with considerable success. Rev. Mr. Thursby has begun a study of the Finnish tongue. A short time since he was able to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in that language.

WHILE journeying to Bracebridge on Monday, January 10th, to attend the meeting of Diocesan Committees, the Ven. Archdeacon of Algoma was overcome by the heat in the cars. He was too ill to remain to participate in the work of the Committees and returned home in the evening. He was much missed by those with whom he is ac-

customed to work, and who value highly his practical counsels. It is very pleasing to add that at the end of the week Archdeacon Llywd felt much better. In the absence of any further information we presume that he is well again.

IN our last December number we published particulars of the response made to the appeal made by the Bishop to the missions and parishes in the diocese to make a collection in aid of the General Mission Fund. The total then given was \$187.02. Presuming that Port Arthur people have sent the \$50 referred to by our local correspondent in last month's paper, this sum reaches to \$237.02. To this must be added \$17 from Uffington Mission, making the total, \$254.02. The collectors of the last mentioned sum were Misses Allman, J. Thompson and Colson.

IT is with many regrets we announce the fact that failing health has led Mr. A. H. Campbell to resign his honorary treasurership in connection with the invested funds of the diocese. It is impossible to find words in which to express all the Missionary Diocese of Algoma owes to the zeal, care, and ability with which Mr. Campbell fulfilled the duties of his office. The Bishop has asked Mr. J. A. Worrell, Q.C., Toronto, to undertake the duties until the next meeting of the Provincial Synod and Mr. Worrell has kindly consented to act.

The Bishop's Lenten Pastoral.

MY DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD.—The season of Lent is at hand. Let me entreat you to make a right use of its opportunities.

The Church's mind upon the subject is abundantly clear. She enjoins us year by year in view of the Blessed Master's example to set apart, by retirement from the engrossing cares and pleasures of the world, the 40 days of

Lent, as days of special prayer and fasting. In doing this she bids us seek a more complete self mastery, and a closer walk with God. That it is the duty of Churchmen everywhere to obey this injunction, there ought to be no doubt or question whatsoever. True loyalty to the Lord should involve obedience to the Church which He has founded and through which He deigns to manifest Himself to men.

That it is our wisdom as well as our duty a very little reflection should serve to teach us. Who does not know something of the deadening influence of the world and its business and its pleasures? Who among us has not deplored the fatal ease with which ardent enthusiasm may be turned into cold indifference in the service of the Lord? Revivals, evangelistic efforts, weeks of prayer and self-denial, parochial missions—all bear witness to the need of an occasional rousing of the spiritual man. It is no new discovery. The Church has known it all through the ages and has made provision with her usual wisdom. Lent is her annual season of refreshing; her ever recurring attempt to shake herself loose from the trammels of worldliness and sin; her effort year by year to fan into a brighter flame the fire of devotion which burns within the hearts of her people.

But surely at such a time as this, it is in a special sense, our duty and our wisdom to observe and profit by the appointments of Lent.

Our Diocese is passing through an unusual experience of trial. We are in straightened places financially, and know not where to turn for help. How can we fail to find in the season of Lent a blessed opportunity of relief? It suggests that when we are in doubt where to turn, we may always turn with confidence to God. It offers itself as a glorious opportunity of laying our cares before the Supreme Disposer of men and things, and we should as a Diocese be quick to avail ourselves of it, believing that as we humble ourselves before our Heavenly Father He will comfort us and show us at least the direction in which we ought to go.

In every parish I trust there will be, (1) if not daily, at least some special week day services throughout the season of Lent, (2) some self-denial and giving of the result to the Mission Fund, (3) on the Second Sunday in Lent an offertory on behalf of the Mission Sustentation Fund, (4) a more general and frequent observance of the Holy Communion, (5) at every service the offering of the following prayer:

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst charge Thine apostles to preach the Gospel to every nation, prosper, we pray Thee, all missions in every part of the world, but especially this Missionary Diocese of Algoma. Grant us whatever may be needful for our work. Pardon our shortcomings. Give us greater zeal for Thy glory. Make us more ready and more diligent, by our prayers, by our alms, and by our examples to

spread abroad the knowledge of Thy Truth, and by Thy merciful guidance lead us safely through all our trials and dangers and use us for the quickening of many souls through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And (6) let Holy Week be a week of special self-abasement and humble following of the Blessed Master through all the bitter details of His final sufferings and death.

So may we hope to catch more of His spirit and look forward to an Easter full of blessings and big with the promise of still greater days to come.

GEORGE ALGOMA.

Temiscamingue Mission.

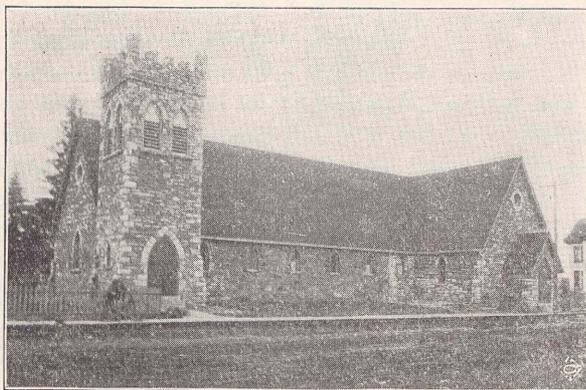
REV. J. HICKLAND, DEACON-IN-CHARGE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I herewith furnish you particulars of how we spent our Christmas in the "Temiscamingue Mission." On Christmas Eve there were between sixty and seventy persons, including the children of the Sunday school, and some of their parents, assembled in the schoolhouse at Haileybury to witness the distribution of the gifts suspended on the Christmas tree. There was first a shortened form of divine service and afterwards a suitable address, especially delivered to the children, urging them to a systematic study of the Holy Scripture, and pointing out the great and permanent blessings and advantages which would assuredly follow on such a work. Mrs. Aird came up the lake with her two grandchildren and with the forethought and consideration of a true and experienced mother, she did not come empty-handed, but brought a well-filled basket of assorted pastry. Mrs. Cobbold, that generous, kind-hearted and practical lady, was also in the van of the entertainment, and with a goodly supply of eatables soon satisfied the appetites of all. Mrs. Probyn was also in attendance, keeping a maternal eye over the little ones. Mrs. Farr presided at the instrument and soon after nine o'clock all dispersed, apparently much gratified with the "Yule tree of 1897."

Divine service was held at Haileybury on Christmas morning, but owing to the inclement day there were not many present. I proceeded direct to Liskeard and held the Christmas service at 7 p.m. There were a good many persons present, and the services of the clergyman were not forgotten, especially by Mr. Murray and the local magistrate, Mr. John Armstrong. The former gentleman subscribed ten dollars towards that object. The next morning, Sunday, the 26th, I held the usual service at Liskeard, and after it was over I was obliged to proceed to Dawson's Point and refuse to partake of the hospitality of Miss Beavis in her sumptuous feast. She knew my arrangements and of course all was pardoned and sympathy was freely expressed. I had only about an hour

to keep my appointment some six miles distant and waded through nearly two feet of snow. This task was too herculean, and as nature has not furnished those angelic emblems—wings—the people waited patiently and expressed their laudations at my pedestrian achievements, though I was an hour behind the time appointed. Here I found over twenty faithful church people, some of them having travelled about ten miles with their little ones. After service had ended we distributed the contents of the Christmas tree amongst the children and their parents. All had been very judiciously selected beforehand by Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Bateson and myself. It was now 7 o'clock and we all retired from the school to Mrs. Dawson's house, where an abundant supply of refreshments were served. About 9 o'clock the sleighs were prepared and plenty of covering kept the little ones comfortable. Mrs. Phillips brought her baby about ten miles for Holy Baptism and left in a blinding snowstorm with her sacred charge. One and all were highly delighted, and I do not think I have ever seen a more cordial and pleasant gathering, everyone vying with each other for who would be most kind, courteous and good-natured. Thus ended the first "Christmas tree" held at Dawson's Point.

On Tuesday, the 28th of December, we held our Annual "Christmas tree" at Liskeard. The programme was very extensive and the several parts well performed, especially the readings, recitations and singing by the children. The school was packed and temporary seats had been very wisely constructed overhead for the juveniles. There were, I think, about one hundred and twenty inside and I suppose some outside unable to obtain admission. After the usual preliminaries and a short address from Rev. J. Hickland, the distribution of prizes to children commenced. This part of the work took over an hour; while doing so Mr. and Mrs. Norris and family and two other friends from the Hudson Bay Post at Baie des Peres arrived after a drive of twenty miles. We all gave the strangers a hearty welcome and made room for Mrs. Norris and her two little ones behind the bema. One of the most pleasing features in the programme was the presentation of a beautiful artistic table by the children to their teacher, Miss Beavis. It was made by Mr. Nichol, a local cabinet maker, and reflects no small credit on his knowledge of this branch of his trade. The present was altogether unexpected and it evidenced the reality of the friendship which exists between Miss Beavis and her Sunday school scholars. We had no Christmas tree at Baie des Peres, owing to the state of the lake, but a proportionate share of the gifts so generously granted by the Woman's



The Pro-Cathedral of St. Luke, Sault Ste. Marie.

Auxiliary were duly distributed amongst the deserving at this station.

I am, Mr. Editor,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES HICKLAND.

Sault Ste. Marie.

REV. R. RENISON, B.A., INCUMBENT.

The Christmas services at St. Luke's pro-cathedral were well attended and marked throughout with great heartiness. The interior, too, bore witness to the festal season by the decorations which were beautiful and appropriate. The offertory was about \$60.

On the following day, Sunday, December 26th, in the evening, the Bishop held a Confirmation. Mr. Renison presented a class of twenty-nine, among whom were several adults. The church was crowded, the service bright and musical and at the same time congregational. The Bishop's words were calculated to impress the candidates with the importance of the act in which they were engaged, and at the same time to interest and arouse others present.

For the midnight service on New Year's Eve another large congregation gathered. The Bishop preached. At the celebration of Holy Communion in the early morning there were about fifty communicants.

The Feast of the Epiphany was duly observed. It was the commemoration of the Bishop's consecration. There was a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; the Bishop preached.

Encouraging notes of parochial life and progress are to be found in a growing and flourishing Sunday-school, as well as in active young men's and young women's societies, which are doing good work.

We are able to give our readers a picture of the pro-cathedral of St. Luke, Sault Ste. Marie, for the use of which our thanks are tendered to Mr. J. H. Meir, of the *Sault Star*.

Mission of Burk's Falls.

REV. CHARLES PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

Christmas season with all its special services and gatherings has again come and gone. Though in this northern portion of the Province of Ontario, cold weather is invariably to be expected at this time of the year still people are to be found who willingly give the time and do the work necessary for the decoration of our little churches, as well as for the musical brightening of the Church's services, and for the preparation for the children's festivals. December 24th was decidedly a cold day. Just one of those days which keeps at home people who are not compelled to go abroad. Early in the afternoon of this day the incumbent left home for Sundridge, where, on the morrow his Christmas duties commenced. The road was a fair one, there being plenty of snow for sleighing, but the frost made it heavier work for the horse to draw. There is no mistaking the hard grating noise made by the steel cutter shoeing, as it rides over the dry, frosty snow. A two hours' drive took him to Sundridge, where, having stabled and fed his horse, he was, as usual, the recipient of the kindest hospitality at the hands of the Church people there.

Certainly the traditional customs which attach to Christmastide and make it the season for family rejoicings and reunions do not appear to lose their influence, for the village stores or shops are crowded with customers until late on Christmas Eve, some straggling in during the last hour of the day. Be the villager or the settler ever so poor, strenuous efforts are put forth to pro-

cure little presents for the members of the family and something extra to grace the board on Christmas Day. As the years go by it may be hoped that the religious observance of Christmas Day will forge itself, by reason of the Church's teaching, more into the foreground and that every family in the community will have representative participants in all the services of Mother Church.

Christmas morning was bright. During the night the wind had dropped and the temperature risen. The first service of the day in the mission was a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church, Sundridge, at 8 a.m. There were fifteen worshippers present, of whom ten were communicants. After the service warm Christmas greetings were exchanged, and the incumbent had a hurried breakfast and got ready for his drive—fourteen miles—to Burk's Falls, where the second service had been announced for eleven o'clock. By dint of hard driving no delay occurred, the clergyman having five minutes in which to divest himself of wraps in the little vestry room of All Saints' Church and to make ready for the service following. It commenced with Nahum Tate's familiar hymn:

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

All seated on the ground

in which the whole congregation heartily joined. The service consisted of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion with sermon.

At the home station the church was prettily decorated with wreathing made of hemlock and cedar sprigs, and with a few designs in color of an ecclesiastical character.

Next day, Sunday (St. Stephen's), the missionary started early enough to take morning service in Sundridge. In the afternoon he spent an hour with some candidates for confirmation, returning to Burk's Falls for Evening Prayer.

To the W.A. in the Diocese of Toronto, gratitude is due for the gifts that enabled us to decorate Christmas Trees at the Children's Festivals. The first one was held at Burk's Falls on December 29th, in the room in the village Court House, rented for the occasion. The entertainment commenced with a tea supplied by members of the congregation. Then followed a programme of carols,

songs, recitations, etc., given by the children of the Sunday School, who had practised the same under the careful supervision of Mrs. Kelsey and Miss G. Sharpe. The little folk sustained their parts well—a fact which not only does credit, but is an encouragement to their teachers. The distribution of prizes and gifts was the last portion of the programme.

Two days after, December 31st, the Sundridge folk had a very successful Sunday School Christmas Tree. It was held in the Orange Hall in that village, in which the people gathered from 7.30 p.m. until shortly after 8 o'clock, when the entertainment commenced. The room was crowded with villagers, who were not disappointed if they gathered together to participate in a "happiness" meeting. Miss Josephine Carter, who had taken much pains in the necessary rehearsals, presided at the organ. The programme was well presented by the children. It concluded, they all received gifts from the well-laden tree. The Sunday School at Sundridge, during the past year, has increased in its number of pupils.

Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—The Christmas services were particularly bright and appropriate in this parish. There were two celebrations, one at 8 a.m., the other after Morning Prayer, the communicants numbering sixty-four. The service at 11 a.m. was fully choral, the processional hymn being No. 61, "Christians, awake." The Venite and the Psalms were chanted to music from "The Cathedral Psalter"; Jackson's Te Deum and Jubilate were effectively rendered, as also the Sanctus and the Gloria, by the same composer. The prayers were intoned by the incumbent, the responses being chanted to Sir J. Barnby's setting for Festival use. The lessons were read by Mr. G. H. Feldtmann, whose assistance at this and previous services has been greatly appreciated by the incumbent. During the taking up of the offertory, the following "Sentences" were sung by the choir: "Let Your Light so Shine," and "If We Have sown," (Dr. Martin's). Mr. Thursby preached from the text, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel."

On New Year's Eve a "watch night" service was held at 11 p.m., at which there was a large attendance of parishioners, who spent the few remaining minutes of the old year in prayer and ushered in the new one with the singing of the Te Deum.

Sunday, January 2nd, was marked by the presence in church at Matins of the members of Shuniah Lodge, A.F. and A.M., while at Evensong the Sunday School children were present and sang carols.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Mr. W. S. Percy was elected director for the ensuing year, with Mr. W. A. Burrows as vice-director, while Mr. John Ford was re-elected to the office of sec.-treas.

An entertainment was held in the Town Hall on December 21st under the auspices of the St. John's Circle of King's Daughters, the proceeds amounting to nearly \$45, have been devoted, as to \$30, to the extension of the Sunday School building, the remainder, \$15, as a gift in aid of the School funds, to defray the expenses of the annual distribution of prizes.

The incumbent, Rev. J. W. Thursby, has received a package of very useful and interesting pamphlets, etc., published by the S.P.C.K., from a friend, and desires to take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of the same. H.B.

Bishop's Appointments.

- T. 1.—Visit North Seguin Mission—Consecrate St. John's Church, Dufferin Bridge; Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- W. 2.—Confirmation at Sundridge.
- Th. 3.—Confirmation at Burk's Falls.
- F. 4.—Take train for North Bay.
- Sun. 6.—(Septuagesima.) Thessalon.
- M. 7.—Take train for Sault Ste. Marie.
- T. 8.—Sault Ste. Marie.
- W. 9.—Sault Ste. Marie.
- Th. 10.—Sault Ste. Marie.
- F. 11.—Take train for Ottawa.
- S. 12.—Ottawa.
- Sun. 13.—(Sexagesima.) Preach in Ottawa.
- M. 14.—Interview authorities of Indian Department.
- Sun. 20.—(Quinquagesima.) Visit Macdonald Mission, Garden River.
- M. 21.—Return to Sault Ste. Marie.
- W. 23.—(Ash Wednesday.) Sault Ste. Marie Pro-Cathedral.
- Th. 24.—Sault Ste. Marie.
- F. 25.—Sault Ste. Marie.
- S. 26.—Take train for Sudbury.
- Sun. 27.—(1st Sunday in Lent.) Confirmation in Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, and visit Coppercliff.

Bracebridge Mission.

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

The Bishop, who is making a visitation through his diocese, arrived by

train at Bracebridge on Saturday, January 8th, 1898.

On the morning of Sunday, the 9th, Divine service was held in St. Thomas' Church at the hour of 11 o'clock, when six candidates were presented for confirmation. After a very instructive and edifying sermon preached by His Lordship, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, in which about forty people participated, including those who had just been confirmed.

In the afternoon the Bishop with the incumbent, drove to Falkenburg, where there was a very large congregation to meet and welcome them. Some Bracebridge people went out to help in the musical portion of the service and their aid is much appreciated.

In the evening the church at Bracebridge, although a large and spacious building, was taxed to its utmost to find seating space for all the people who wished to hear the service. The Bishop was again the preacher of an instructive and edifying sermon, which was listened to by the large congregation with rapt attention.

On Monday and Tuesday meetings of the Standing Committee were held in the vestry of the church, at which were present: His Lordship, the Bishop of Algoma, Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, Revs. J. Boydell and Charles Piercy, and Mr. A. A. Mahaffy. We regret to say that Ven. Archdeacon Llywd was taken ill on his way to Bracebridge and was therefore unable to take part in the meetings of the Standing Committee.

On Wednesday the Bishop was driven to Baysville by the Rev. A. W. Hazelhurst, incumbent of Baysville.

A. T. B.

The Bishop's Visit to the Manitoulin Island.

The great Manitoulin Island is a large and wonderful island lying in the waters of Lake Huron. It is about 100 miles long and at its widest part nearly 30 miles wide. Its shores are beautifully broken by deep bays which are very picturesque. On it are many lakes, some of them very large—one is said to be twenty miles long. There are a good many Indians living upon it and the white population is rapidly increasing.

The Bishop was disappointed in the boat from Parry Sound, which failed him. He was therefore compelled—in

order to reach the Manitoulin in time for his engagements—to go two or three hundred miles out of his way. He was due at the Manitoulin on the 2nd of November; on the 3rd he reached Massey, a station on the C.P.R., nine miles from the shore opposite the Island. There was no road after the first four miles and no way of getting to the shore except *on foot*. It was rather a rough walk but the Bishop was fortunate enough to fall in with an Indian just as he was starting out. The Indian, however, could speak no English and the Bishop knew only a few words of Indian. By repeating these over and over again, the Bishop succeeded in making the Indian understand that he wanted him to be his guide to La Cloche—a place on the shore—and to take him from there to the Manitoulin by sail-boat.

So off they started, the Indian carrying one of the bags, the Bishop carrying the other himself. After the first mile or so, the ground was rough and unbroken and beyond this was a succession of swamps over which they crossed on small logs by springing from one to another. They soon came to a range of hills, over which it was necessary to cross to reach the shore. The sides were steep and rugged and covered with forest; up and up they clambered till at length they reached the summit. Here a splendid view was obtained of the waters of Georgian Bay, dotted over with countless islands, and the guide, as though touched with the spirit of the scene, paused, and turning to the Bishop waved his hand towards the splendid view as though claiming for it his tribute of admiration. Stopping only to take a hasty glance at this beautiful scene, they hastened down, and across more swamps like those already crossed, until they stood on the shore.

Then the Indian, turning to the Bishop, said, "No sail-boat."

The situation was anything but pleasant. The Bishop was twenty miles from his destination with several miles of walking behind him; the sun was setting, and no boat to carry him

on. It looked as though the Bishop would be obliged to spend the night there without fire or tent, blankets or food, or any such comforts, and the night was frosty. A few emphatic words sent the Indian off, and after a trying period of waiting he returned accompanied by another Indian. In due time they produced a sail-boat and started for the Manitoulin.

It was a beautiful evening. The setting sun spread its warm light over the western waters and tipped the waves with gold. The breeze was fresh and the boat sped like a bird, passing between beautiful islands out into the broad waters.

The darkness was settling down upon them and the air becoming chill. In the distance a dim shadow presently showed them where the Manitoulin lay. There was every prospect of a good trip, but,



Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island.

alas! the wind fell and very soon there was nothing to do but to "pull." The boat was heavy, their progress slow, and it was not until the early hours that they turned into the harbour of Little Current. In a short space the Bishop had settled with the guide and was sleeping soundly in a comfortable bed.

Now began the visitation of the Island. The Bishop was only a day late instead of a week, as he would have been had he waited for the steamer. There are several missions on the Island. Sheguiandah and Sucker Creek are Indian Missions, and Manitowaning, Gore Bay and Little Current are villages on the shores of lovely bays. The Bishop had much driving and preaching, visiting these different missions which were many miles apart.

The trip to a place called Silverwater is worthy of mention. Silverwater is forty miles distant from the nearest mission, Gore Bay. While at Gore Bay, which includes the two out-missions, Kagawong and Mills—ten and twelve miles apart—the claims of Silverwater were laid before him. The Bishop was at first doubtful whether he could go at once. The time was short, the distance long, the roads bad. However, he felt he must go, so with the clergyman, Mr. Sinclair, off they started, the Bishop driving. The rain was pouring down; the drive was over a rough and stony road, and the mud was very deep. All day they travelled on, and at six o'clock reached the door of Mr. Kemp's house, one of the leading farmers of Silverwater. They were warmly received, and after a hearty meal, an impressive service was held in

Mr. Kemp's house, the people gathering from the county around. Service over, there was much talk between them. Would the Bishop come again? What could he do for them? Could he send them a clergyman? Then the people of Silverwater told what they had done for themselves. They had bought and paid for a church site; they had cut down trees and taken the logs to the mill; they had made a kiln and burnt the necessary lime for founda-

tion wall and plastering. All they asked for was help to support a clergyman. "Here are sixty of us," they said, "and we will do what we can, but we can't do all." It was with a sad heart that the Bishop was obliged to say he had not at present the means to help them. Surely such devotion and earnestness as theirs deserves recognition and aid. God grant that it may be forthcoming, and that before long those logs may be turned into the framework of a substantial little church in which our people of Silverwater may freely worship and give praise to God.

The next day the Bishop returned to Gore Bay, having driven over 110 miles in three days, and from there he boarded the steamer to return to the mainland, after a pleasant trip, but sad

at heart that he was not able to do more both for the Indian and white population of the Manitoulin.

Gore Bay Mission.

REV. LAURENCE SINCLAIR, INCUMBENT.

I have the honour, this time, of writing a few words on the Right Reverend Bishop's first visit to Gore Bay. His Lordship arrived in Gore Bay about 5 a.m. on Saturday, November 6th, and after answering a large amount of correspondence, spent the afternoon visiting among the parishioners. Next morning at 7 o'clock we left for Kagawong, where the Bishop preached and confirmed one candidate. After the service His Lordship called the congregation together and appointed Mr. Moses Lloyd to be warden until Easter, and kindly urged upon the members to do their best in getting up their quota towards the stipend of the incumbent. In the evening the Bishop preached in Gore Bay, holding a business meeting at the close. Next morning we went to Mills and held service in Trinity Church, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and the unpleasant state of the roads, the Bishop, to the surprise of not a few, ventured on to Silverwater, a distance of forty miles from Gore Bay, and held service in Mr. Kemp's house about 8 o'clock in the evening,—in addition to which all the particulars concerning the preparations for the building of a church there, were entered into. Early next morning we started for Gore Bay, where His Lordship had just the time to get a little hurried refreshment and then catch the steamer for Manitowaning—after driving through the Gore Bay Mission, a distance of one hundred and five miles, preaching four times and holding four business meetings, in addition to some visitations among the people. I will just add that His Lordship's manner of preaching and way of dealing among the people have left an impression for good both spiritually and financially.

The Sunday School entertainment on Christmas Eve, and the service on Christmas proved very successful, and it is with gratitude that I mention the kindness and appreciation shown towards me by the congregation of All Saints' Church, not forgetting the outstations of the Mission.

L. SINCLAIR.

Christmas at Garden River.

In my last contribution to the columns of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS I reported events up to the week before Christmas. I now resume my narrative. The Indians made a special effort to surpass themselves this Christmas in the decorations and illuminations for the Festival. A good store of firewood was brought to the church to last over a good part of the winter. This, probably, was the most *useful* part of the whole proceedings. However, all things in their place. The midnight service on Christmas Eve, which has been kept up for nearly forty years, whether a missionary was present or not, was attended with fully the usual interest, notwithstanding the severity of the weather and the distance some had to travel. I noticed that some of the elderly ones were present, and joined in the services. I had taught the children the Christmas hymns, so that they could help. On Christmas Day we had a celebration of Holy Communion, a great number partaking. There were the usual greetings and good wishes, and the Indians departed to their own social festivities, to some of which the missionary was invited and found pleasure therein.

The annual Christmas entertainment was held in the schoolhouse on the following Wednesday. We worked hard and patiently, and as wisely as possible, to distribute the gifts so that each one should get something, and jealousy as far as possible be prevented and yet the needy be blessed. We succeeded, not entirely, but still better (so the Indians said) than in any former year. The children enjoyed themselves immensely at the way the things were distributed, and the little girls were made supremely happy with the dolls. I do not remember ever seeing Indian children show so much pleasure in their faces. As a rule they do not excel in this respect.

We held other services. At the Feast of the Epiphany and at the evening service the Christmas illuminations were consumed—almost too much so—for the greenery took fire. We had a grand service, nevertheless, and the Indians expressed themselves as very much edified and helped both by the service and the sermon. After service, the Chief gave a feast to the congregation at his own house. They did not

all obey the invitation, some departing to their homes, but a good many did, myself among the number. The Chief made a speech before the feast began. (I notice the White Man speechifies after the feast—the Indian before) He told his people to be faithful to God and His Church, and be kind and good to each other and not drink and smoke. In fact he gave them heaps of good advice. Then they all fell to. There were three or four tables. Then followed some Indian dances which were very entertaining; the women joining in as well as the men, keeping time to the chant. Then the old man chanted a piece composed by an Indian warrior (a friend of his father's) who fought under General Brock. It was on the occasion when some scalps were secured—I forget how many. The song was chanted to the beating of an Indian drum; rather more like a dirge, I thought, than a shout of victory. It was a narrative of events chanted, or rather recited to the music. It was most interesting—I mean the whole of the entertainment. The best part of it was, it broke up early. Everyone went home before midnight. I visited every home in the village to greet them at New Year.

F. F.

Aspdin Mission.

REV. W. H. FRENCH, INCUMBENT.

Since the publication of the last items from this mission, Harvest Festivals have been held in each of the four parishes. The churches were nicely decorated and a fair attendance bespoke the people's interest in the services. The offertories were for the slowly accumulating Superannuation Fund. It is a matter of general regret that the national Thanksgiving is always set for a date so late as November 25th, when it is out of the question to procure flowers for decoration.

The tower of St. Mary's, Aspdin, has been made thoroughly solid, and the concrete in the aisles of the church replaced by hardwood flooring. Through the kindness of English friends, together with funds locally raised, the whole cost has been met and a balance left for future emergencies.

We are without a driving-shed either at St. George's, Lancelot, or at St. John's, Stanleydale. The absence of this important structure very much

retards progress. A matter of \$50 or £10 sterling would be ample for both places, and prove a powerful factor in increasing our congregations. Settlers who reside too far from the church for walking will not drive on account of having to let their horses stand out in the weather. Their presence would not only add to the numbers, but their contributions would materially help our finances. To drive four to ten miles, it may be in a heavy snow or rain storm, and have to tie horses up to a fence or a tree to stand for an hour and a half—rugs, cushions, everything covered with snow or saturated with water, and then drive the return journey in a wet vehicle is injurious to health and by no means encouraging to spirituality of mind. The people themselves are willing to do all they can, but are wholly unable to bear the entire cost. Will no one give the required aid?

I have been requested before now to relate the experiences of a Sunday's work. I have felt very diffident about doing so, for my experience is duplicated and doubtless surpassed by that of many of my clerical brethren who are far more competent to handle the matter than I. However, here is the routine of Sunday, the 19th of December just past. I left home at 8.30 a.m. in a stinging frost (thermometer fifteen degrees below zero) for a six mile drive to Stanleydale. On arriving there I had to leave my horse out in the cold till ready to depart for the second service, sixteen miles distant. At St. John's, Stanleydale, there was a large congregation; full morning service (we never abridge anything in this mission) with Holy Eucharist, of which nine partook. At 12.30 p.m. once more ready to proceed to Allansville; got there in due time—good attendance—it was dark when I was able to leave there for Aspdin. Two miles from Allansville the "jumper" (the only vehicle usable on account of the icy roads covered only with a mere film of snow) broke down, and we—my daughter and I—had to walk nine miles, hardly able to keep on our feet because of the ice. The roads crossed and re-crossed with streams of running water, and the darkness was intense, for we had no lantern. Leading the horse, dragging the broken jumper, we got to the third service in time and were cheered by the presence of an unusually large congregation. Weary and worn, home was finally reached at Aspdin at 10.15 p.m. Pray, Mr. Editor, understand the foregoing is not recited from boastfulness, but merely to show a not uncommon phase of a Sunday's work in the Diocese of Algoma. We are having lovely weather and trust it will continue till after the visit of our Bishop for confirmation, etc., on January 19th.

W. H. F.

Baysville Mission.

REV. A. W. HAZLEHURST, INCUMBENT.

The Christmas Tree in connection with the St. Ambrose's Church Sunday School was held in the Town Hall, Baysville, on Christmas Eve. The programme was given entirely by the children, nearly every child in the Sunday School—big and little—numbering over forty, taking part in it. The entertainment rendered by the children went off very well, and the audience were delighted. Not so much money was taken at the doors as last year. We made a mistake in having a collection instead of making a charge. Never mind, we shall know better another year. The tree was resplendent with beautiful presents, some given by the Cathedral Branch of the Girls' W.A., Toronto, some from the Sunday School, others from the teachers of classes. The most interesting part of the programme, to the children, was the distribution of presents, each child going away delighted with two or three very nice gifts, besides a bag of candies. Some of the younger children anxiously inquired how long it will be before Christmas comes again.

The early celebration at St. Ambrose's Church here was very sparsely attended on Christmas morning. Only twelve communicants; total number of congregation, sixteen; but then I know that it is difficult to get out early in the winter time with the thermometer below zero, and before coming to church having to attend to horses and cattle, and perform various and sundry other domestic duties. Then, on the other hand, our brethren of the Italian Church will get out early in the morning and go a distance of perhaps ten or more miles to early mass. Is not the Body and Blood of our dear Lord as precious to us of the Anglican Church as it is to the members of the sister Church of Italy?

The majority of people will get up in the middle of the night to go to a circus; but it is quite another thing to get up early to go to church!

The evening service was well attended, and the offertory (which on that day is given to the clergyman) was good. The evensong was choral, but no carols were sung this year, in consequence of the choir having developed hoarseness and sore throat.

The church was beautifully decorated with the native evergreens, and red berries, and above all some English holly, which was presented by a member of the congregation.

DORSET.—On Monday, December 27th, a very successful entertainment was held in the Dorset Hall in behalf of various improvements in connection with Church of St. Mary Magdalene here. Although it was a cold night, the thermometer standing somewhere

in the neighbourhood of twenty degrees below zero, (it felt like forty below), a good number of people turned out, quite a number going from Baysville. The best of it was the sixteen miles drive back to Baysville after midnight.

To those of your readers of the A.M. N. who wish to know the state of the Church in this mission, I am thankful to say that God continues to bless her. The church at Stoneleigh has undergone complete renovation. There is a new altar, also a cover and frontal. The church has been painted inside, some very tasteful texts and a banner, painted by Miss Gilbert, have been hung in the church. The chancel has been carpeted, and various other improvements have been effected. This has been done by the Church Woman's Aid Society. A picket fence in front of the church has taken the place of the old barbed wire fence. The pickets were given by Mr. Sydney Smith, of Port Sydney, and the work was done by the men of the congregation at a "bee."

A. W. HAZLEHURST.

Sudbury Mission

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

The Churchwomen's Parochial Aid Association is again to be congratulated upon the success of their effort. The Seventh Annual Bazaar was held on the afternoon of the 16th of December, followed by a supper and concert in the evening. As a result they have presented the Parsonage Building Committee with \$105, and were able to reserve a sum sufficient for the commencement of their sewing operations next season. In connection with the entertainment and sale one great cause of gratification was found in the repeated evidence of the good will of those that are not of us, towards the Church. We are confident that a very warm feeling exists in the hearts of many members of the denominations—the result of a better understanding of the Church's position and teaching.

The Church of the Epiphany was very prettily decorated in honour of the great festival. A white brocaded silk altar frontal (the gift of Mrs. Williams of Minsterley, Salop) was used for the first time on Christmas morning. But to-day the altar is draped in black and our joy has been turned to sadness, for the body of William Trist, second son of Robert Trist, a well-known and respected churchman of this district, lies in the church awaiting the last solemn service. The lad—he was but eighteen years of age—was killed at Wabigoon by a falling tree.

We desire also to acknowledge with thanks a fair linen cloth and an embroidered antependium forwarded to us by the Bishop from English friends.

The congregation of Sudbury has great cause for thankfulness, for God has abundantly blessed our Church this year. FRANZ C. H. ULBRICHT.

Financial Statement, Diocese of Algoma.

Receipts and Expenditures from July 1st, 1896, to 30th June, 1897.

Receipts.		
Whence contributed.	General.	Stipend
*Diocese of Toronto.....	\$1,928 36	\$500 00
“ Quebec.....	227 45	300 00
“ Montreal.....	779 34	250 00
“ Huron.....	903 46	350 00
“ Ontario.....	110 42	100 00
“ Niagara.....	388 04	500 00
“ Fredericton.....	130 72	
“ Nova Scotia.....	240 70	300 00
“ Ottawa.....	4 55	
“ Algoma.....	864 17	
	\$5,578 11	
Domestic and Foreign Mission Board.....	1,500 00	
S.P.C. for stipends.....	3,422 73	
Colonial and Continental Church Society.....	1,378 85	
S.P.C.K.....	1,330 18	
English collections.....	7,330 05	
Sunday collections.....	984 79	
Investments.....	11,158 70	824 76
Episcopal Income.....	3,124 76	
	\$35,808 17	\$3,124 76
Objects.		
General Diocesan Fund.....	\$21,370 30	\$20,402 24
Church and Parsonage Fund.....	3 05	
W. & O. Fund.....	551 17	
Superannuation Fund.....	722 57	25
Episcopal Endowment Fund.....	3,158 57	4,140 85
Episcopal Income.....	3,249 76	3,210 00
Special Purposes Fund.....	3,116 36	3,738 48
Domestic Missions.....	98 77	104 52
Foreign Missions.....	187 77	187 77
Shingwauk and Wawanosh.....	3,349 50	3,349 50
	\$35,808 17	\$35,133 67

*\$1,254.88 from Toronto Diocesan Branch W.A.
 †\$3,663.84 from English Algoma Association.
 ‡Inc using \$6,500 transferred from Missionary Reserve Fund.

DETAILS OF ACCOUNT.

GENERAL DIOCESAN FUND.

Receipts.	
From Diocesan collections and donations.....	\$2,920 62
“ Domestic and Foreign Mission Board.....	1,500 00
“ English collections.....	9,021 21
“ Investments (debentures and interest paid).....	7,019 47
	\$21,370 30
Overdrawn account, 30th June, 1897.....	4,945 58
	\$26,315 88
Expenditure.	
Paid stipends to missionaries and students.....	\$16,508 54
“ Outfits, travelling expenses, etc.....	153 50
“ Bishops, Archdeacon and Clergy Ruridecanal expenses.....	854 79
“ A.M.N. expenses, printing, books, stationery, taxes, postage, etc.....	655 40
“ Insurances and Treasurer's guarantee premium.....	122 10
“ Freight on bales.....	6 00
“ Treasurer's salary.....	300 00
“ Bank interest and commission on cheques.....	12 54
“ General Synod assessment.....	192 00
“ Special grants.....	527 61
“ Advance to Port Arthur.....	300 00
Balance of General Purpose Fund transferred.....	270 99
Transferred to Shingwauk, £100, Miss Peach.....	487 77
Paid “Evangeline” expenses.....	11 00
	\$20,402 24
Overdue balance, 30th June, 1896.....	5,913 64
	\$26,315 88

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE FUND.

Receipts.	
Overdrawn balance, 30th June, 1897.....	\$469 69
From English Algoma Association.....	3 65
	\$473 34
Expenditure.	
Paid grant to Rev. A. J. Young.....	\$100 00
“ “ “ M. C. Kirby.....	100 00
“ “ “ Ebberstone Church.....	20 00
“ “ “ Koral Parsonage.....	50 00
	\$270 00
Overdrawn balance 30th June, 1896.....	203 34
	\$473 34

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Receipts.	
Credit Balance, 30th June, 1896.....	\$18,132 11
From Investments.....	440 00
“ Annual Payments of the Clergy.....	60 00
“ Sunday Collections and Donations.....	51 17
	\$18,683 28

Expenditure.	
Balance, 30th June, 1897.....	\$18,683 28
EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.	
Receipts.	
Balance, 30th June, 1896.....	\$57,710 39
From Investments.....	1,985 40
“ Bank Interest.....	61 12
“ Debentures Paid.....	1,100 00
“ English Algoma Association.....	12 05
	\$60,868 96
Expenditure.	
Amount Invested.....	\$59,140 85
Balance for Investment, 30th June, 1897.....	1,728 11
	\$60,868 96

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Receipts.	
Balance, 30th June, 1896.....	\$1,491 85
From Annual Payment of Clergy.....	145 00
“ W.A. Grant, Diocese of Quebec.....	469 57
“ Sunday Collections and Donations.....	107 70
	\$2,214 12
Expenditure.	
Paid Commission on Cheque.....	25
Balance at Credit, 30th June, 1897.....	2,213 87
	\$2,214 12

SHINGWAUK AND WAWANOSH HOMES.

For Shingwauk— Receipts.	
From Sundry Dioceses and Donations.....	\$1,702 90
From Investment.....	20 00
“ English Algoma Association.....	519 10
“ English Collections.....	487 77
	\$2,729 77
For Wawanosh—	
From Sundry Dioceses and Donations.....	\$ 86 12
From English Algoma Association.....	519 12
“ English Collections.....	14 55
	619 79
	\$3,349 56
Expenditure.	
Paid Committee of Indian Homes for Shingwauk.....	\$2,729 77
Paid Committee of Indian Homes for Wawanosh.....	619 79
	\$3,349 56

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Toronto, 20th July, 1897
 To the Right-Rev. the Lord Bishop of Algoma:
 My LORD,—I have the honour to inform you that I have carefully audited the books and vouchers of the Diocese, and that the balance sheet herewith, certified by me as correct, shows the balance of the various accounts.
 The securities held on account of the investments for the different funds not being in the possession of the treasurer, I am unable to certify or offer any report on them.
 I am, my Lord, your obedient servant,
 J. WHITEHEAD, Auditor.

BALANCE SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1897.

Dr.	
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Algoma Episcopal Endowment Fund.....	\$1,728 11
Investments.....	77,140 85
Cash in London.....	110 96
Episcopal income.....	784 34
Advance on salary.....	86 00
General Fund.....	4,945 58
Church and Parsonage Fund.....	469 69
Domestic Missions.....	4 00
	\$85,269 53
Cr.	
General Fund, special.....	5 00
Parry Sound District.....	174 99
Superannuation Fund.....	2,213 87
Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	18,683 28
Episcopal Endowment Fund.....	59,140 85
“ open account.....	1,728 11
S.P.C.K.....	79 67
Special Purposes Fund.....	2,226 49
Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	1,017 27
	\$85,269 53

D. KEMP, Treasurer.

Acknowledgments.

Rev. Mr. Lawlor desires to acknowledge with many thanks the sum of \$5, per Prof. G. T. Kennedy, M.A., B.Ap Sc., from the W.A. of Pembroke; also two glass cruets for use at Holy Communion, per Mrs. W. A. Read; also a register for the parsonage from Mr. C. Devlin, of Pembroke.

Rev. C. Piercy, Burk's Falls, desires to acknowledge gifts for Christmas trees and for distribution to the needy in this mission from the W. A. of St. Stephen's, Toronto, St. Paul's, Innisfil, and from Lloydtown. For himself and on behalf of the people he desires to express gratitude.

Rev. A. W. Hazelhurst, of Baysville, begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the gifts mentioned below. A bale of clothing from the Central Dorcas Rooms, W.A., Toronto, per Miss Banks; a box of Christmas tree gifts for the children of the Sunday School, per Miss Grindlay, President of the St. James' Cathedral branch, Girl's Auxiliary; a bale of clothing for distribution, per Miss Miles, Honeywood, Ont.

The Rev. A. H. Allman begs to thank the donors who kindly and regularly sent the following Church papers during the past year: *The Illustrated Church News, The Record, Church Bells, The Church Times, Church Missionary Gleaner, The Evangelical Churchman, Church Family Newspaper, The Churchman, W.A. Letter Leaflet, etc.*

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 of 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) Algoma Mission Sustentation Fund, etc.

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