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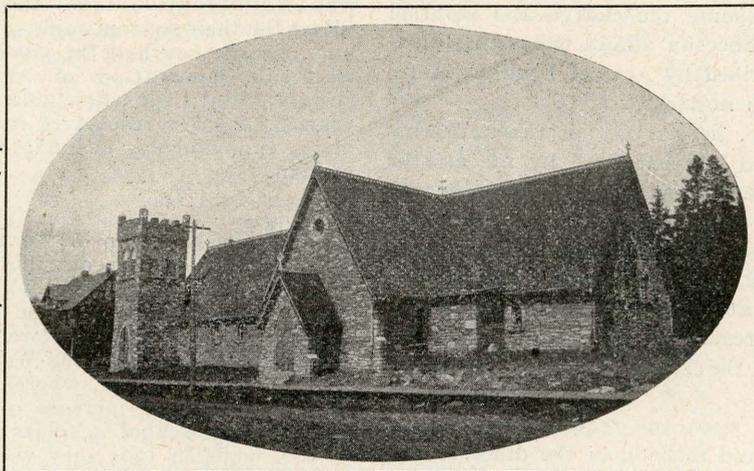
Now it is high time to
awake out of sleep.



The maketh His sun to rise
on the evil and on the good.

The Algoma Missionary News

The Official Organ of the Diocese of Algoma



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A PROCLAMATION.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Algoma :—

GREETING:—

It has been the desire of the diocese for some years that a Synod be erected for the better government of the Church within our borders. In order to carry out this desire the sanction of the Provincial Synod and the Synods of the Dioceses of Toronto, Ontario and Ottawa was necessary. It was further required that definite action should be taken by the House of Bishops for the erection of Algoma into a self-governing diocese.

These preliminaries being now fully complied with we are now in a position as a diocese to assume the charge and control of our own diocesan affairs under the limitations prescribed by Acts of Parliament regulating such matters.

I, therefore, in virtue of the authority committed to and exercised by me as the Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma, do hereby appoint the 20th day of June, of the present year, 1906, for the inaugural meeting of our proposed diocesan Synod, such Synod to assemble at 10 o'clock in the morning on the day aforesaid at the pro-Cathedral of St. Luke, in the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

And I call upon and require every organized parish and mission in the diocese, and the clergy thereof, to take such steps as shall secure a full and satisfactory attendance both of clerical and lay representatives at the inaugural meeting aforesaid.

Full and clear instructions will be forwarded at an early date to the authorities of every parish and mission with reference to the appointment of lay delegates. All clergymen of the diocese, by virtue of their standing, are entitled to a seat and vote in the Synod.

GEORGE ALGOMA.

*It is desired that the above notice be read in every congregation throughout the Diocese of Algoma at the next Sunday service after it is received by the clergyman or catechist.

Dated at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, this First day of February, 1906.

The Ancient Church of St. Piran, Cornwall, which was recently discovered in the sands at Perran, is about to be restored. Mr. Edmund Sedding, of Plymouth, who has been invited by the Truro Diocesan Conference to make suggestions and prepare plans, has offered to supervise the work, free of cost, if his proposals are accepted. The church of St. Piran stands near an ancient town of Cornwall, long since lost in the sands, and is considered to be by far the oldest in the county. Only the bare walls now remain.—Guardian.

The London "Standard" says that it would almost seem as though the Church were about to undergo, in the twentieth century, a persecution identical in spirit with, though different in method from, the Cromwellian tyranny of the seventeenth century. Dr. Clifford and his congeners, who significantly take the redoubtable Oliver for their patron saint of course would not, even if they had the power, imitate his wholesale deportation of the clergy into slavery. But their whole policy towards the Church, both in respect of its schools and of its endowments, is fundamentally Cromwellian.

Canon Beck, Vicar of Roath and Rural Dean of Cardiff, has contributed a striking article to the press, in which he quoted figures showing the increase of the Church in Wales during the past twenty years. The communicants in the four Welsh dioceses in 1885 numbered 74,778, whereas in 1904 they were 152,583, an increase of 104 per cent. The Sunday school scholars in 1885 were 92,000, while in 1904 they were 140,370, an increase of 52 per cent. "These figures," Canon Beck points out, "are not quoted as though Churchmen were satisfied with them, but they are quoted to show that some progress, at any rate, has been made, and that the words of Mr. Gladstone in 1891 are true to-day. Undoubtedly the "Established Church in Wales is an advancing Church, an active Church, and, I hold very distinctly, a rising Church from Elevation to Elevation."

The "Ontario Churchman"—the Church newspaper published in Kingston, Ontario, claims to have by far the largest circulation of any Church paper of the Dominion.

The Bishop of London's (Dr. Ingram) New Year's motto for the diocese for 1906 is—"Look straight with the Light, and you will always have the shadows behind."



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THE APPORTIONMENT FOR 1905.

It is cause for sincere thankfulness that our apportionment of \$1,800 for 1905 was duly completed. This is the first time the Diocese has succeeded in reaching the mark assigned to it. We should earnestly hope that it may be the beginning of a new era in our missionary history. Hitherto we have been, and even yet we remain, a missionary diocese, in that we are compelled, year by year, to look for a large measure of aid outside our own borders. But henceforth let us hope we shall be known as a missionary diocese for another reason,—namely, because we are eager and forward in doing all that lies in our power to help on other struggling mission fields.

One thing we certainly ought to resolve upon, and that is, as far as possible, to anticipate the increase of our apportionment, and, in the year just opening, to raise at least an additional hundred or two for the great cause of missions which, as no one should know better than we do, lies at the very heart of the Church's progress.

That we may do this is surely shown by the details of the apportionment report. Several missions and parishes, it is true, failed to come up to the figure assigned them. But in most cases this was due to exceptional causes not to the inability or unwillingness of the people to contribute. And many of our missions and parishes—some indeed of our poorest centres,—nobly exceeded the amount required of them.

No doubt there will always be exceptional circumstances here and there in the diocese. But I think we have reason to hope that it will soon be recognized as a crying shame and disgrace for any parish or mission deliberately to shirk its missionary responsibilities.

The diocese apportionment for 1906 will be the same as last year, \$1,800. A statement of parochial apportionments will be published in next month's issue.

MEMO OF APPORTIONMENT IN THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA FOR 1905

Deaneries, Parishes and Missions	Amount required	Amount raised	Totals
Deanery of Algoma :			
Sault Ste. Marie.....			
St. Luke's Pro. Cath- edral	\$150.00	\$170.14	
St. John the Evan- gelist.....	45 00	45.50	
Korah	35.00	31.85	
Thessalon.....	30.00	10.15	
Bruce Mines	30.00	34.86	
Garden River	30.00	25.81	
Blind River	45.00	61.55	
Webbwood.....	25.00	25.00	
St. Joseph's Island.....	30.00	44.17	
Gore Bay	30.00	58.41	
Little Current	30.00	28.54	
Sheguiandah.....	20.00	10.00	
Manitowaning.....	30.00	20.13	\$566.11
Deanery of Muskoka :			
Gravenhurst.....	50.00	50.00	
Bracebridge.....	65.00	65.00	
Baysville	25.00	25.50	
Port Carling	35.00	36.91	
Uffington	25.00	16.20	
Port Sydney.....	35.00	38.65	
Huntsville	60.00	67.22	
Franklin.....	20.00	11.71	
Aspdin.....	25.00	5.67	
Novar.....	30.00	30.00	
Beaumaris	35.00	74.80	421.66
Deanery of Parry Sound :			
Parry Sound	60.00	54.00	
Depot Harbour	25.00	29.00	
Rosseau	45.00	56.42	
Seguin and Broadbent..	35.00	87.65	
Emsdale	40.00	39.07	
Magnetawan.....	35.00	34.43	
Sundridge.....	35.00	39.00	
Powassan.....	40.00	42.95	
Burk's Falls	40.00	32.05	414.57
Deanery of Nipissing :			
Sudbury	80.00	89.78	
Sturgeon Falls	40.00	46.93	
North Bay	80.00	15.26	
Haileybury	35.00	40.46	
New Liskeard	20.00	23.00	215.43
Deanery of Thunder Bay :			
Port Arthur	85.00	85.00	
Fort William	85.00	90.10	
Oliver.....	30.00	2.90	
Schreiber	35.00	.50	
White River	20.00	4.60	183.10
	\$1800.00	\$1800.87	
Add general supplement- ary contributions		4.38	
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DIOCESAN NEWS

THE BISHOP'S LENTEN LETTER.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—

As Lent once more approaches our thoughts are turned again to those solemn considerations which concern our everlasting welfare, and we are bidden to examine ourselves, as in the sight of God, and to determine whether it is well with our souls.

During the year just past there seems to have been an unusual activity in spiritual things among many of those unhappily separated from us in external communion, though still bound to us, thank God, by real community of spiritual feeling, and by faith in the great verities of our Christian religion. That the Spirit of God has been at work in the revivals of which we have read so much in our daily papers we need not hesitate to admit. For

“There is a wideness in God’s mercy
Like the wideness of the sea,”

and His love is not confined within the limits of His ordinances, but breaks forth to bless and save mankind wherever opportunity offers and needy, thirsty souls are ready to receive His grace. None are more truly persuaded of this than loyal Churchmen and none more truly thank God whenever and wherever souls are snatched by His Blessed Spirit from the power of Satan.

Nevertheless, we are not to be misled by these occasional and special outpourings of Divine mercy into habits of careless indifference towards stated means of grace. We should rather reason that if God’s occasional mercies can be so great, and the overflowings of His grace so effective, on special occasions, for the good of men—much more glorious and effective if only it were sought and used aright would be that stream of covenanted grace which is ever flowing, strong and full, in the appointed channels of His Holy Church.

It is the unspeakable blessing of those who worship in the Historic Church of Christ to have provided for them year by year a special season and appropriate means of Revival. For what is Lent but the annual season of re-awakening when our Holy Mother, the Church, calls us to self-examination, penitence, fasting and special prayer; and when, by thrusting off the world and drawing closer to God, we may,

if we will, see more clearly where we are, and whither we are tending, amid the rush and hustle of this life of toil, frivolity and temptation. At this season the selfish instincts within us are rebuked by the picture of the self-devoted Saviour whom we are bidden to follow daily through the valley of humiliation till we gaze with shame and awe upon His cross. Thus, once a year, He, the Saviour of men, the perfect pattern Man and the Very God of heaven, is upheld before us to draw us, as a mighty magnet, from the vain pursuits and perishing treasures of earth to eternal peace and rest upon the Bosom of His Love.

Dear brethren, all that is needed is that we seize and use these constantly recurring opportunities of blessing. Formality, that dread enemy of spiritual life, closes in upon us and makes us half-hearted, indifferent, and careless in our use of Lenten ordinances. We observe them, if at all, too much in a spirit of reluctant obedience; too little with whole-hearted eagerness and expectation of blessing. We realize far too imperfectly that in them God the Holy Ghost, Jesus, the Blessed Saviour of men, and the Divine Father and Creator of us all; yes, even the great, all-loving, Triune God is waiting and yearning to bless and to save; and that every means of grace in Lent is a special channel of blessing by which our souls may be quickened and our lives and characters uplifted and ennobled.

To the clergy and laity alike, then, my injunction is, use this sacred season as a God-given opportunity of spiritual awakening. As far as possible obey the Church’s rules. Let frequent communions and special services be the order of the day. Shut the door upon the noisy frivolous world. Be earnest and honest in using the means provided. Enter into the spirit of the Divine challenge:—“Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

Surely if we would but use the Church’s appointed seasons of reawakening as we should there would be little need of irregular spasmodic revivals.

Commending you to the grace and mercy of God,

I remain,
Your faithful friend and Bishop,
GEORGE ALGOMA.

Parry Sound, Ont., Jan. 22, 1906.

NORTH BAY.

THE parish of North Bay has been vacant since the middle of October. Services have been maintained by the Bishop and by devout resident laymen. The congregations have been good and exhibit a latent strength—full of promise. If the parish succeeds in securing a suitable priest at an early date, there is certainly reason to hope that it will soon free itself from debt and attain a degree of strength hitherto unreached. There is there a nice block of buildings—church, rectory and a small school building. During the past year the lawn has been levelled and beautified and fenced with an iron railing. The whole effect is pronounced to be strikingly good. The congregation is proud of the block of buildings.

Among features of Church work in North Bay may be instanced the marked activity of the Woman's Auxiliary. Then the town is a railway town and the men are railway men, many of them subject to what may be called the unavoidable interruptions of railway work to ordinary conditions of life.

The Sunday school is under the care of Mr. McCaughey.

Mr. D. Purvis and Mr. McCaughey have conjointly acted as lay-readers during the vacancy. Our last information is that the Bishop has now appointed Rev. A. G. E. Westmacott to the temporary charge of the parish, awaiting a permanent appointment.

SCANDINAVIANS IN ALGOMA.

MORE than a year ago certain devoted Church people at Port Arthur drew the attention of the Bishop to the fact that a considerable number of Swedes and Norwegians were resident in Fort William and Port Arthur and that they were absolutely unprovided with spiritual ministrations. The subject was duly brought before the M.S.C.C. and a promise of a grant of money was obtained for experimental work during the year just ended. The difficulty was to find a man qualified to undertake the task. In the absence of any other Mr. Larzen, the missionary at Schreiber, consented to try what he could do. He had the advantage of knowing something of the Swedish and Norwegian tongues; could not only converse, but could conduct services in the people's own language.

Services were started on Sunday, April 21, 1905, in St. John's school-room, Port Arthur, and in St. Luke's Church, Fort William. House-to-house meetings were also held at West Fort. Besides, choir prac-

tices were started, a glee club instituted, and a woman's sewing class and social gatherings organized. For some time things went fairly well and the missionary was much encouraged. But on the people being asked to pay their quota to the support of the Church's ministrations, they gradually lost interest and drew back. The result was that what began well and with fair promise in the end proved very unsatisfactory. Mr. Larzen failed to gain the influence over the people which he hoped to gain, and the experiment, after several months of trial, was unavoidably abandoned for the time being. Nevertheless, the conviction remains in the minds of those concerned in the work that something worth while might be accomplished if one of their own countrymen could be obtained to minister to them. There are thought to be from 200 to 300 Swedes and Norwegians in the vicinity of the two towns, among whom are children and young people not a few. They are a sturdy, intelligent race. We do not as yet despair of being able to do something for them.

It may be noted that both at Copper Cliff and at Sault Ste. Marie there are quite a number of Scandinavians.

FOOT'S BAY AND ADJOINING PARTS.

MR. THOMAS YOUNG is a young lay man who is very zealous in promoting the Church's cause in the neighbourhood of his home. He has written a letter to the Bishop, from which we are permitted to publish the following:—

"I have secured the Foot's Bay Baptist meeting-house at 25 cents per service during the winter, and we have great expectations of a successful winter's work.

"We have not been quite so fortunate in Torrance. We got permission from the school trustees of Torrance to use the new schoolhouse for services, but at the annual meeting of the ratepayers they decided that the old log schoolhouse is good enough for us. The old schoolhouse has been condemned by the health officer as being unsanitary, and a number of people declare that they will not attend service in it. It is also very uncomfortable in summer. I do not know what object they have in treating us in this manner. I think the time has arrived when we should put forth every effort to build a church of our own.

"The Rev. the Rural Dean has asked me to take Bala on with the other stations. I find it impossible at present. I have had to walk to Torrance so far. I have walked on the railroad till last trip, when I found it so drifted that I had to walk on the driv-

ing road which is much farther, the railway being only thirteen miles. I had service in Torrance last Sunday at 11 a.m., had dinner at Mr. Whiting's and left there immediately after dinner. I walked steadily till 7.30 p.m., going a distance of twenty miles, arriving half an hour late for service at Foot's Bay. I had no time for tea till after service, it being nine o'clock before I got home for tea. So you can see that I have no time for service at Bala, although I believe it would make a good Church centre. It is impossible to hire a horse up here and they are very expensive to buy. For an outfit—namely, horse, cutter, buggy, and harness—would cost at least two hundred dollars. As I am buying a farm I cannot afford this amount at present. I could get the money from some of my friends but under the present circumstances it would take me three or four years to pay it back and I do not like to ask them to wait so long. If I cannot get an outfit soon, I fear I will have to give Torrance up. I suggested to the Rural Dean that he make a mission of Bala and Torrance, four miles apart and send a man to take charge of them. I could take Foot's Bay and camp work. I hate to give it up when success seems to be coming our way, and I think I can attend to the three places giving each a weekly service, if I had a horse and outfit of my own."

BURK'S FALLS MISSION.

CHERE are a few items of interest, which have marked the progress of Church work in this field recently.

On All Saints' Day the revived Branch of the W.A. responded to the invitation of the incumbent to attend a corporate Communion. The service was refreshing and inspiring, and the offertory was given to the Parsonage Improvement Fund. In the evening of the same day, a special service was held at 8 p.m., when the Ven. Archdeacon of Algoma was present and delivered a very interesting discourse to an attentive congregation. Many of the Archdeacon's old friends were much pleased to see him again.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 1905, the W.A. members held a sale in Sharpe's Hall. It was well patronized and the gross receipts went beyond \$35, which was a great encouragement to all concerned.

On Thursday, Dec. 21st, 1905, the Sunday School scholars were gathered at a Christmas tree entertainment. The rain poured down that evening, but a nice company came through it, and occupied Sharpe's

Hall. The incumbent took the chair, the children rendered a modest programme acceptably, and a real "Santa Claus" distributed some very good presents from the tree.

The Christmas Day service was well attended. The prayers were very reverently taken part in, and the beautiful Christmas hymns were heartily sung. Mr. E. Bazett sang an anthem very acceptably during the offertory. After the service the incumbent was congratulated upon receiving the largest offertory ever taken up on Christmas Day.

A watch-night service was commenced on Sunday, Dec. 31st, at 11.30 p.m. There was a good congregation. Just before twelve o'clock all were invited to silent prayer. The bell tolled out the old year, and rang in the new, after which a suitable hymn was sung, and then the Feast of the Circumcision was duly observed by the celebration of the Holy Communion. There were 25 communicants.

COPPER CLIFF.

WE have seen a couple of letters from Mr. Leo. D. Griffith, the student catechist at Copper Cliff. One written fully a month ago expresses sorrow that the Church's work there should be so hampered by the desecration of the Lord's Day at the works there, while there is a hope of anticipated happiness and success in the work that lies before him at the various points within his field of action.

The second letter, three weeks later, is more descriptive. In it he says: "The choir drive out to Wahnapita a week ago will, I hope, lead to good results in the mission there. Many of the people are away in the bush, and I hope when they return that the success of the mission will be assured.

"At Cartier we had a congregation of thirty-eight in the schoolhouse, which I think very good considering the size of the place.

"On my way to Cartier on that occasion I received news of the sudden death of the old gentleman at the house where I board, and acting on my rector's instructions, I returned at once by the night train, not getting off at Chelmsford as I proposed, so that that field remains unexplored ground. I do not hear very promising accounts of it but hope (D.V.) to break my journey there on my next trip and see what can be done."

SCHREIBER.

THE missionary priest at Schreiber, Rev. J. F. Larzen, was found by the Bishop on the occasion of his visit in December, to be occupying a newly-built parsonage there. The building is small, with an air of neatness about it, and stands on the site of the former parsonage, which, some of our readers will remember was a prey to fire. Schreiber is a place of little change. There is nothing about it to make it grow. But it holds its own—it does not go down. One important peculiarity about this elevated spot is its marvellous invigorating climate. Mr. Larzen's musical talents have already revived the choir and excellent singing and hearty responses characterized the services at which the Bishop was present, though the congregations were not large for the place. The mission has been subjected to many trials during the past year. Changes in the incumbency and alteration in services have somewhat affected the attendance and interest, but there is little doubt Mr. Larzen's genial manner and earnest work will soon produce results. It may not be omitted that the church has been renovated inside, presenting an appearance both neat and devotional.

NOTES.

THE Standing Committee held its regular quarterly meeting last month. The chief business was the continuance of the preparation of the proposed canons for the diocese, together with consideration of an Act of Incorporation and the steps necessary to introduce it into the Provincial Legislature. The Bishop will issue a letter summoning the clergy and lay representatives to meet in June next at Sault Ste. Marie to establish a Synod in due form.

A correspondent tells us that the sale or bazaar that the Church people in Sudbury held in December last was a complete success, yielding the sum of \$256. Sudbury Church people are not excelled in liberality for the Church's cause. Our friend in his letter adds: "There were no objectionable features."

The missionary at Port Sydney (Rev. C. Ryan) has been very active. Among other things he is starting regular services at Utterson—a point hitherto not known as a station in the mission.

The sale and supper promoted by the W.A. of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Sault Ste. Marie and held on December 14th last, was very successful. It was held to obtain money to pay the debt on the church. The financial profit was \$130. This enables the churchwardens to pay off the last \$100 of the church building debt. However, there remains a debt on window expense account. The young girls of the Church at the sale obtained \$8.40 to apply to the fund they are raising to purchase a font.

On New Year's eve, at Sudbury, the rector had a "watch-night" service, which was followed at 1 a.m. by a celebration of Holy Communion. Year by year the interest in this service has increased. On the occasion of which we write there was a congregation of 80 persons with 31 communicants. Later in the morning of the Feast of the Circumcision there was a choral celebration.

Life is still "cheap" about the "works" at Sault Ste. Marie. During the past six weeks there were three fatal accidents. There is no doubt but that the companies are negligent and blameworthy. Surely the authorities will soon awake to the necessity of a thorough investigation of conditions.

Mr. F. Major has left for and is now in Philadelphia, whither he went to submit to special treatment. He is availing himself of it in the hope of permanent good. He will be followed by the prayers of many friends in Algoma. When one thinks for a moment of his affliction, the work he did for a few months in Depot Harbour is certainly very remarkable.

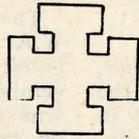
There is to be a parsonage at Webbwood before long.

The conjoint meetings of the Rural Deaneries of Algoma and Nipissing and of Muskoka and Parry Sound fall on the same days this time, viz., on February 20th and 21st. The former will be held at Richard's Landing on St. Joseph's Island and the latter at Burk's Falls.

There were two confirmations at Sault Ste. Marie during Christmastide. At St. Luke's Rev. C. E. Bishop (locum tenens) presented 32 candidates. Another class he hopes to present on Palm Sunday. At St. John's Rev. C. Piercy had three adults to present, while there are others not yet prepared, but whom he hopes will soon be ready to receive the rite of confirmation.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

ONE BODY



IN CHRIST

THE following is the result of the designation of the Self Denial Fund and the Life Membership fees, which were divided and proportionately at the General W. A. meeting according to the number of notes for the objects named under these headings:

SELF-DENIAL FUND \$409.00

1. Shingwauk Home, Algoma, \$319.
2. Farming implements, Peace River, Alta., \$53.29.
3. Support of Mission ship Columbia, \$37.

LIFE MEMBERS' FEES \$1050.00

1. Church at Matsumoto, \$396.44.
2. Boys' school at Quepe, Chili, S. A., \$209.88.
3. Printing press, Longnong, China, \$200.
4. Operating table for Dr. Gould's Hospital, Salt, Mount Gilead, \$94.14.
5. Rev. Mr. Haslam, Amritsar, India, for horse, waggon and harness, \$150.

In the Gen. W. A. Treasurer's report Algoma is credited with giving \$1,319.47 in cash, Dorcas Work to the amount of \$386.77 with a grand total of \$1,706.24. The rest of the money handed in by the branches has been given to Diocesan Funds and Pledges

The December Board meeting met as usual. The Sec.-Treas. of the Baby's Branch was absent also the Cor. Secretary. The Board had great pleasure in welcoming Mrs. Capp as a new life member by the gift of St. Luke's Branch, over which she has presided for the last four years.

A letter was read from Mrs. McPhee reporting three new junior branches, Nairn Centre, Sudbury, and Port Carling. The Juniors in response to their secretary's appeal for \$20 to support a blind child in China were unanimous in promising help. Aspdin Juniors, one of the smallest branches sent \$3.00 for that object, also Gravenhurst Juniors.

The Board authorized Mrs. Campbell to pay the balance due the Shingwauk Home since 1903, viz., \$38.38.

A letter was also read from J. Cooper Robinson, late of Nagoya, Japan, asking Mrs. McPhee to thank the Juniors for the Communion service lately sent to St. John's Church in that place.

Other business discussed by the Board will reach the branches in due time by circulars.

Our treasurer, Mrs. Campbell, will be away from home the remainder of the winter, and Mrs. Thos. Johnston, of Sault Ste. Marie, has kindly consented to fulfil the duties of the office during her absence. Branch treasurers are therefore requested to transmit all moneys to Mrs. Johnston, Box 470, until further notice.

Seven of the branches held bazaars and entertainments during December.

Sudbury heads the list with a bazaar early in the month, at which they cleared over \$250—bravo Sudbury! They have already sent in \$30 to Diocesan Pledges. This branch has only been working four years, and has a membership of twenty.

Fort William at their Harvest Thanksgiving dinner cleared \$182. This branch collects a monthly fee of 25 cents from each one of ninety-three members.

St. John's branch at Sault Ste. Marie West, held a very successful bazaar and tea on Dec. 14th at which they cleared over \$125. This branch has but twenty members and has been working loyally to reduce the debt on their Church. We congratulate them heartily on having now achieved their object. When one considers the vicissitudes seen by this parish, their work is truly valuable.

The Branch at Jocelyn, St. Joseph's Island, gave their annual entertainment and concert on Jan. 12th—but information has not yet been received as to results of money. The Girls' Branch of St. Luke's Sault Ste. Marie, have been holding fortnightly sales in an empty shop on Queen Street, of home made bread, cakes and other good things, and have done exceedingly well.

The Branch at Thessalon has re-organized with Mrs. Kennedy as president.

A new branch has been formed at Espanola, in Webbwood Mission, with Mrs. Ralph Iredale as president; Mrs. Aupe, vice-president; Mrs. Drolet, secretary; and Mrs. Gordon Iredale, treasurer. Mrs. R. Iredale and her sister, Mrs. G. Iredale were both members of St. John's Branch, Sault Ste. Marie. Their friends there expect great things of them in their new field.



GENERAL CHURCH NEWS



RIGHT Rev. Dr. Montgomery is coming to Canada in the autumn. He is the Secretary of the S.P.G. and is to be in Winnipeg next September. This venerable English Missionary Society, which assists mission work all over the world, especially among British people, has done much for Canada. It knows no colour or school of thought, and makes the Bishops of the Church the disbursers of its alms.

The Anglican Mission in Madagascar has overcome whatever opposition existed among the French officials who now govern the island for France. Moreover, they rejoice in the acknowledged loyalty to and co-operation with the Government. The English missionaries in this French colony are cheerfully building up a native church, "The Malagasy Church in Communion with the Anglican Church."

The Puritans of New England fought against the observance of Christmas, because it was in their sight a popish, yea, even heathenish, feast. In 1650 the court of Massachusetts ordered that any one failing to go to work on the day, or observing it in any way, should be fined five shillings, a heavy penalty in those days of small earnings. This extraordinary law lasted for over thirty years.

St. Columba's Mission Church, Bulawayo, Africa, has been enlarged to a capacity of 1,000 people. Five years ago it was started with five of a congregation in a hut. Recently 60 were baptized and 120 confirmed.

The increase in the offerings for missionary purposes in the Church in the United States is declared to be largely due to the distribution of Church missionary prayers and pamphlets.

The Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church, London, recently celebrated its anniversary by paying off its parish debt of \$5,000.

The Bishop of Central New York has confirmed Rev. C. W. Arthur, formerly Congregational minister of Syracuse, and has admitted him as a candidate for orders.

A movement has been started to establish a mission to Jews in Ottawa.

The Bishop of Indianapolis has confirmed James Comfort, lately a Congregational minister, who will study for Anglican orders.

Samuel Fender, formerly Jewish Rabbi, was ordained last month in Philadelphia and appointed curate at the Church of the Advent.

The circulation of "The Church Abroad," published monthly by the S.P.G. last year reached a total of 4,500,000 copies.

According to the Government records, whereas there is one criminal Hindu in 447 of the population, in the Christian community there is found only one in 2,500.

Rev. Dr. Sheraton, Principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto, died a fortnight since. He had been the controlling spirit in this college since its institution.

The Bishop of Connecticut (Dr. Brewster) in a recent address made the following striking comparison between Ordination and Confirmation:—"How much it means that in this apostolic Church not only the clergy at their ordination, but every member of the Church at his confirmation receives the laying-on of hands. Confirmation is the layman's ordination to that priesthood which belongs to the whole Church and wherein every member of the same has share, in his vocation and ministry."

The Guild of St. Luke has established in London a college where missionary students can live while training at a London hospital. The Bishop of London held a short service to ask God's blessing on the College, and expressed his great satisfaction with this addition to the work of the Church in his diocese.

The monthly report (January, 1906) of the S.P.C.K. contains announcements of grants to assist in the erection of several churches in Canada. At Falkland (Dio. Huron), £12; at Barwick (Dio. Keewatin), £20; at Pierson (Dio. Rupert's Land), £40; at Whitewater (Dio. Rupert's Land), £30; at Lipton (Dio. Qu'Appelle), £20. A theological studentship was given to Calgary—£30 a year for three years. A gift of £50 appears for the Theological College at Vancouver (New Westminster).

CHURCH HISTORY NOTES

SCOTLAND'S CHURCH EPISCOPAL.

IN a former paper we saw that the three great missionaries in the early history of Scotland were Ninian, Kentigern, and Columba, and we briefly considered the history and work of Ninian. Our subject in this paper is "Kentigern and his work."

In the confusion and disorder which followed upon the withdrawal of the Roman troops from Britain the church which Ninian had founded suffered greatly, in fact it was well nigh destroyed. But God raised up a champion to replace the standard of the Cross where it had been torn down. That champion was St. Kentigern, the Apostle of Strathclyde or Cumbria. "The persevering labours of St. Kentigern," says Dr. William Lindsay Alexander, "deserve also to be recorded as among historical facts belonging to the early history of the Church of Scotland." The biographer of Kentigern was Jocelyn of Furness who wrote about the year 1180 but professed to draw his information from earlier authorities and especially from a document written in the Irish language. Jocelyn, like Aelred, is in many respects an untrustworthy historian, credulous, uncritical and writing long after the events he described had taken place. Taking, however, the statements which are generally accepted by historians as true, we have the following facts.

Kentigern (c. 516-603) popularly known by the pet name, St. Mungo,—a name meaning either "dearest friend," or "dear and loveable"—was the Apostle of Strathclyde or Cumbria and the restorer of Christianity to the inhabitants of that country. According to Jocelyn he was "the son of the daughter of a certain King, most pagan in his creed, who ruled in the northern parts of Britannia." Little is known about his early education. He was consecrated by an Irish Bishop. He established a monastery at Cathures and called his cathedral seat Glasgu, which means, "the dear family," and the city Cathures is now called Glasgow. A new king arose who was bitterly opposed to him and he fled into South Wales, where for a time he was the guest of St. David, the patron saint of Wales. During his stay in Wales he founded the monastery of Llanelwy. Before leaving Llanelwy he founded a diocese and consecrated his friend and disciple Asaph the first bishop. This was the beginning of the Diocese of St. Asaph. On the death of his persecutor he returned to Strathclyde remaining for some time at a place called Hoddam, but finally

he settled once more in Glasgow and died there probably in the year 603. It was after his return to Glasgow that the celebrated meeting took place between the two great saints—Bishop Kentigern, "The Apostle of Strathclyde," and Presbyter Columba to whom is given by common consent the title of The Apostle of Scotland. "Passing over many marvellous incidents related by Jocelyn," writes the Rev. Dr. Maclear, "we come to one, which may be considered historical, and which is of especial interest—the meeting of Kentigern with Columba. It appears that during the reign of Redereck" (the good king who brought Kentigern back from exile), "there had been friendly intercourse between the disciples of the two saints, and not a few of the brethren of Iona had made their way to Strathclyde. Kentigern would seem to have returned to Glasgow about A.D. 582, and soon after, A.D. 584, Columba was pushing forward his missionary operations about the river Tay. He would thus be at no great distance from the borders of the Kingdom of Cumbria, and we learn from Jocelyn that he had often desired to meet the "Apostle of Strathclyde." Accordingly, when the time came, St. Columba went forth, and drew near the place called Mellindonor, where the saint abode at this time. Kentigern rejoiced when he heard that he was nigh, and marshalled his spiritual host to meet the prelate. First in the procession advanced the juniors; then those more advanced in years; thirdly, with himself, walked those well stricken in age, white and hoary and of venerable appearance. The two saints met, and mutually embraced and kissed each other, and, in the words of the biographer, "having first filled themselves with the spiritual banquet of divine words, they after that refreshed themselves with bodily food." Then they exchanged crosiers, and we are told that at the commencement of the fifteenth century, Columba's crosier, doubly blessed in the sanctity of the giver and receiver, was to be seen in the reliquary at Ripon in a precious jewelled shrine."

There are churches dedicated under the name St. Mungo, by which he was generally known in Scotland, in Dumfries, Perthshire, Lanark and other places. In his journey south when he fled to Wales he is said to have preached the Gospel in the district around Carlisle and there are in existence now no less than nine churches in that neighbourhood that were dedicated under his name.

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BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

1. Thurs.—Chisholm and Callander : Train westwards.
2. Fri.—*Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Missanable.
3. Sat.—Train Eastwards via Sudbury to Sault,
4. *5th Sunday after Epiphany.* Sault Ste. Marie. St. Luke's pro-Cathedral, morning; St. John's, evening.
5. Mon. Sault Ste. Marie.
6. Tues.— "
7. Wed.— "
8. Thurs.— "
9. Fri.—Train to North Bay.
10. Sat.—Train to Utterson.
11. *Septuagesima.* Port Sydney and Brunel.
12. Mon.—Aspdin.
13. Tue.—Stanleydale.
14. Wed.—Travelling.
15. Thurs. } Baysville, Dorset and Stoneleigh.
16. Fri. }
17. Sat.—Travelling.
18. *Sexagesima.* Huntsville and Allensville, Confirmations, etc.
19. Mon.—
20. Tues.—Burk's Falls, Confirmation and Opening Service of Deanery Meeting.
21. Wed.—Burk's Falls, Deanery Meeting. Quiet Hour, Etc.
22. Thurs.—Uffington, etc.
23. Fri.—
24. Sat.—*St. Matthias: Apostle and Martyr:* Ullswater via Utterson.
25. *Quinquagesima:* Ullswater, morning; Rosseau, evening.
26. Mon.—Cardwell.
27. Tues.—Ufford, Beatrice and Falkenburg.
28. Wed.—*Ash Wednesday:* Milford Bay and Port Carling.

(CONTINUED FROM PRECEDING PAGE.)

In the bloodshed and violence of the turbulent period that followed, an almost impenetrable mist hides the Kingdoms of Britain and Strathclyde from our view. How much of St. Mungo's work was permanent we cannot tell, but the fact that his name has been so widely known and well preserved in Scotland is a proof that his life and work left an indelible impression on

the hearts and minds of those among whom he laboured.

Yours,
PRESBUTEROS.

THE DIOCESAN W. & O. FUND.

IN accordance with the resolutions governing the W. & O. Fund appended to the Report of the Proceedings of the Seventh Triennial Council and now in force the Standing Committee publishes in our columns the following information :

STATE OF FUND.

Principal.....\$22,170.27
Income..... 882.65

ANNUITANTS.

Mrs. Pardoe\$100.00
Mrs. Lloyd 150.00
Mrs. Chowne 150.00
Mrs. Sullivan 125.00
Mrs. Ulbright 100.00

PAYMENTS, DEC. 31, 1905.

Rev. A. H. Allman.....\$10.00
" B. P. Fuller 10.00
" F. Frost..... 7.50
Ven. G. Gillmor 7.50
Rev. A. W. Hazlehurst 7.50
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" L. Sinclair 15.00
" E. P. S. Spencer 5.00
" A. J. Young 7.50
" P. W. P. Calhoun 10.00
Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Algoma..... 15.00

Others "on the fund" are reminded of the unwisdom of allowing the time of grace to expire, when the penalty of loss of claim becomes effective.

W. A. LITERATURE.

In view of the fact that in March all our parochial branches of the W.A. elect their officers for the ensuing year and that at such annual meetings the fullest information is desirable, we are asked to say that the constitution and by-laws for Diocesan, Parochial and Junior Branches may be found printed in the report of the First Diocesan Meeting (1904). These pamphlets are to be obtained for 10 cents a copy from Mrs. Charles Piercy, Secretary Literature, P.O. Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, West.

For more than a year past the W.A. Diocesan Secretary of Literature has each month addressed some ten or twelve parcels of literature to the secretaries of parochial branches. The literature sent was for distribution. Though it is not known that any parcel was received, still it is hoped none miscarried.

DIOCESAN SYNOD OF ALGOMA.

IMPORTANT TO EVERY CHURCHMAN IN THE
DIOCESE

PREPARATIONS are being made with great care for the assembling in the See town of Sault Ste. Marie in June next of the first session of the Synod of Algoma.

It is not only a mark of progress in the history of the diocese, but it is an event of SUPREME MOMENT TO US ALL

The preparations that have been or are being made are not all that are necessary. Preparations to be yet made are of equal importance.

Especially the initial steps in every parish and mission, which result in the selection of laymen to represent the various parishes and missions.

Care must be exercised in the due carrying out of the instructions to be issued for the election of such representatives.

We need our best men.

We need men who will attend all the meetings.

We need men who will realize the responsibilities of synodsmen, especially the grave importance of initial legislation.

It is unlikely that more than a few have any experience in Church legislation. They will learn and go back to their homes possessed of very valuable knowledge—the imparting of which will be

A BLESSING TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS

It will be our privilege as well as our duty to refer to the coming Synod in our columns month by month, in an effort to secure a full knowledge of the preliminaries and a full attendance of the clergy and lay representatives.

This month

TWO SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED

—one to the clergy and one to the laity.

Would it not be a helpful thing, a wise thing, indeed, for the clergy to bring the subject before their congregations on some Sunday or Sundays—from time to time keeping the people informed of the instructions sent out, and asking them to pray God to bestow His blessing on our great undertaking?

Would it not be in accordance with our common sense idea of the fitness of things if, in a diocese such as ours in which there are worthy men too poor to pay the whole cost of the expenses incurred by a week's absence from home, if parishes or missions, before electing any one, adopted a resolution

OFFERING TO PAY THE TRAVELLING EXPENSES of their representative? There are those

whose appreciation of the honor conferred upon them by such an election and whose temporal circumstances are such as enable them to pay their whole expenses without serious inconvenience, who would thank their brethren for the offer and say they could do without the help. There are others, equally worthy and able, not so placed, whose decision to attend the synod would be decided by the offer of travelling expenses which they could not afford, but which could be received without compunction and in a way calculated not to detract from the honour of being a synodsmen.

This suggestion is made with the desire to secure a full attendance of lay representatives.

For the next five months our readers will find in our columns, we trust, some references to the Synod that shall be of value.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Receipts by Diocesan Treasurer, January 17, 1905.

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT

Burk's Falls, \$32.05; Meldrum Bay, \$3.75; Silverwater, \$2.70; Sand Lake, \$7.75; Little Current, \$2.91; Novar, \$8.45; Ilfracombe, \$15; Ravencliffe, \$9.50; Sprucedale, \$9.25; Port Sydney, \$25; Korah, \$15; Broadbent, \$16.60; Orrville, \$8.80; Emsdale, \$5.65; Kearney, \$1.50; Sand Lake, 85c.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS

St. Luke's pro-Cathedral, for Indian Schools, \$11.98; Novar, \$1.85; Ilfracombe, 31c; Ravencliffe, \$1.37; Sprucedale, 95c.

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Novar, \$1.99; Ilfracombe, \$1.25; Ravencliffe, \$2.04; Sprucedale, \$3.60.

SPECIAL PURPOSES

Victoria Mine, for S.P.G. and C.C.C.S., \$2.52; S.P.C.K., \$2.30; New Liskeard, for S.P.C.K., 85c; Ilfracombe, for C.C.C.S., \$5.08.

MISSION FUND

Grant M.S.C.C., \$2,250; S.P.G., \$500.44; C.C.C.S., \$393.16; Broadbent, \$14; Seguin Falls, \$1; Income B.S.M.S.F., \$93.66; Webbwood, \$6.25.

CHURCH PARSONAGE FUND

Mrs. Martin, \$10; F. H. Keeper, \$5.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Collected by the Bishop:—Haileybury, \$4.74; Hudson, 90c.; Harley, \$1.50; New Liskeard, \$4.50; Sudbury, \$5.65; Copper Cliff, \$4.70; Oliver, \$1.70; West Fort William, \$1.65; Fort William, \$2.17; Schreiber, \$3.80; White River, \$2.95.

BISHOP SULLIVAN M.S. FUND

Miss Jessie Burden, \$4.

INDIAN HOMES

Falkenberg S.S., \$1.72; Church Home for Children Jonestown, Pa., per Rev. Alfred W. Abel, \$10.76.