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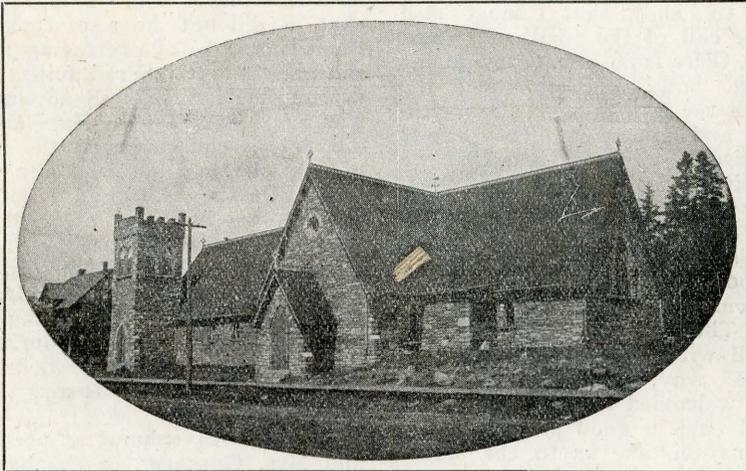
Now it is high time to
awake out of sleep.



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

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NOTES FROM "THE TRAMP."

I HAVE been about a good deal during the last month of 1908. On the 1st of the month I was at Thessalon in the hospitable parsonage of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun. The Bishop desired me to go over the country lying north of Thessalon and Blind River, some forty miles, and see if a new mission could not be formed there. I tramped the first day on foot (as an Irishman would say) from Thessalon to Iron Bridge, twenty-one miles; and retired to rest the same night in a boarding-house at the latter place, and suffered much from the extreme cold of my bed and bedroom, with cramps coming on every hour or so, while, to add to my horror, there was a dead body shut up in the room with me—a mouse!

I mention particularly this tramp on foot the first day, to show that I must still respond to the call of the road, and then, when it comes, there is no keeping me in one place for long, however comfortable the quarters. I see the long, long road stretching before me, and I must go. They say it is a kind of disease we have, and that we ought to be pitied rather than condemned.

The next day I went north to Bellingham, visiting Church people all along. At Mr. Robinson's they gave me my dinner, and plenty good, too—venison! At Mr. Marshall's I was put up for the night very comfortably. They told me they were not troubled at all with tramps, as it is too far out of the way, and they all really most warmly welcomed me. My long experience stood me in good stead, and I never made any mistake as to the house to call at when the dinner hour was at hand, or the hour for tea.

I may mention in passing that the Bishop sent me last January a cutting from the "Mail and Empire" newspaper containing picture-signs that tramps put up with chalk on back-doors, fences, side-walks, etc., and with full explanation of their meaning, and he said it might help me! I visited all the way to the head of the settlement, nothing being further north but bush, and spent some ten days there altogether. On the Sunday I said Matins in Mr. Triver's house, with short address, and I said Evensong, with well-known hymns, in a school-house, and preached an eloquent sermon. The night was very stormy, with snow falling heavily, but nevertheless there was a full congregation.

I then retraced my steps to Thessalon,

and made my report, after a visit to the Rev. F. H. Hincks at Blind River, and the Rev. Mr. Banks at Bruce Mines. In all this journey and visiting I found I was only following in the footsteps of the Rev. Rural Dean Bishop, now rector of North Bay, but then in charge of the mission of Thessalon. He did excellent work among these settlers, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Weary, who travelled on his wheel.

All this country lies in the valley of the Mississauga River (river with many mouths). Twenty-five years ago, after coming through on snow-shoes a terrible snow-storm, from Meldrum Bay, on the Manitoulin Island, 21 miles, I was caught out at night on the North Shore, and slept in a little empty fishing shack on an island near the mouths of this same river. Some settlers from Birmingham, England, were even then just settled some thirty miles up the valley, and I regret exceedingly that I did not hear of them, and visit them, instead of retracing my steps on snow-shoes a hundred miles to Sudbury. One of this family, well advanced in years, was back last year to England, and in the old parish church heard the same rector preach who had baptized him there an infant! On the 20th instant, 4th Sunday in Advent, we had two splendid services in Sudbury, choral, intoned by Canon Boyde. After Matins the Bishop ordained three, Mr. Tate of Gore Bay, Mr. Phillips of Massey, and Mr. Leigh of Englehart to the Diaconate, and two, Mr. Curliss of Seguin Falls, and Mr. Weary of Schreiber to the Priesthood. At Evensong there was a Confirmation.

I am at Gravenhurst at present, and Mr. and Mrs. Gossage of the bank took me kindly into their house. We had a very bright hearty service here on Christmas Day, with celebration, and the church beautifully decorated. All through the diocese, beginning at Bishophurst, and in all the rectories and parsonages they make me feel at home, and I am so thankful to them, and wish I could do ever so much in return. A very happy Christmas and New Year, dear Editor, to you and yours.

THE TRAMP.

On St. Thomas' Day the Bishop confirmed a class of seven persons at North Bay.

The Bishop intends to attend a meeting in Toronto on the 15th of January of the Indian Committee of the General Synod.



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MISSIONARY HYMN.

By Pauline Johnston, daughter of the late Mohawk Chief,
G. H. M. Johnston, Six Nations' Reserve, Grand River.

FAR off our brethren's voices
Are borne from distant lands;
Far off our Father's children
Reach out their waiting hands;
"Give us," they cried, "our portion,"
Co-heirs of grace divine;
"Give us the Word of Promise,
Give us the Three-fold line."

Remote where Athabasca
Her beacon cross uprears,
And Qu'Appelle's lonely heralds
Toil through the waiting years;
From wild Algoma's waters,
From Northern wastes of snow,
The cry comes over, "Help us
One God, one Christ to know."

Yes, though the world of waters
Between us ever rolls,
No ocean waste can sever
The brotherhood of souls.
Far from us, they are of us:
No bound of all the earth
Can part the sons and daughters
Who share the Second Birth.

Lord God, Eternal Father,
Send down the Holy Dove,
For His dear sake Who loved us,
To quicken us in love.
Bless us with His Compassion,
That we or ere we rest
May work to bless our brethren,
And blessing, be more blest.

The Rural Deanery of Algoma will meet
at Bruce Mines on the 16th and 17th of
February.

"RELIGIOUS ATTRACTIONS LIMITED" —ANOTHER R. C. ENTERPRISE.

EVERY advertiser understands the im-
portance of an alluring headline, and
we do not doubt that many an ex-
pert in this direction will envy the genius
who is putting Lourdes on the market as
a joint-stock enterprise. "Religious At-
tractions, Limited," could hardly have
been beaten by the most flamboyant Sal-
vation Army Captain, and it is astonish-
ing that an enterprise with a name like that
should ask for such a mere bagatelle of
capital as 360,000 fr. We are assured
that the exploitation of "the second capi-
tal of the Catholic World" will appeal not
less powerfully to the faithful from the
pecuniary point of view than from the
côté moral. The piety and five per cent.
aspect of the matter is emphasised by the
statement that the present proprietor is
about to retire from business après fortune
faite, and by the warning that if the pres-
ent opportunity be not seized those terrible
Jews will step in and reap the profits
which ought to go into the pockets of
good Catholics. The prospectus, with its
insistence upon the cash value of the pieux
souvenir de Bernadette, and its acute calcu-
lation that the Crédit Foncier and the
Railway Companies have much too large
a stake in Lourdes for there to be any
danger of interference with the religious
attractions of the place on the part of the
State, is a very astute document indeed.
It appears that the average number of pil-
grims who go to Lourdes annually exceeds
a million, and the calculation that a net
annual profit of £5,500 can be made by
inducing them to pay admission fees to
the Company astonishes by its own mod-
eration.—Guardian.



DIOCESAN NEWS

THE ORDINATION AT SUDBURY.

IF there is any day more than another which a clergyman looks back to, it is the day of his ordination to the diaconate. That day, when he just enters upon Holy Orders, is one of peculiar solemnity, the memory of which should be kept alive and treasured all through the years of his ministry.

An ordination day is also one of special interest to the laity of the Church, for it impresses upon their minds the historical character of the Church of England, the unchanging orders of her ministry, which she has received and maintained through an unbroken succession from the times of the Apostles, and also the dignity and importance of the ministerial office.

This being so, it seems a wise policy to give Church people an opportunity of assisting at an ordination service, and witnessing the bestowal of the grace of Orders on the two minor orders by the diocesan representative of the highest order of the ministry.

The Bishop of Algoma is therefore to be congratulated on his decision to hold his Advent Ordination at Sudbury.

Before proceeding to describe the actual ordination, a word must be said of the "Quiet Day" which was held on the Saturday preceding. Such a retreat is of inestimable value to the ordination candidates themselves, being as it is a preparation for the solemn function of the morrow; and it cannot fail to be highly appreciated by the other clergy who may be privileged to attend; for in a wide country like this such opportunities for quiet prayer and meditation, under the guidance of an experienced and trusted leader, must be only too rare.

The arrangements for the day included a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m., at which the Bishop delivered his first address; Mattins at 10.30 with a second address, followed by the Litany and another address. After lunch Evensong was said and a final address given by the Bishop. The rule of silence was observed throughout the day, and the church was open from morning till evening for private devotions.

On Sunday the day began with choral Mattins at 10.30 o'clock, sung by Canon Boydell, with the assistance of a full choir;

while Archdeacon Gillmor read the lessons. Immediately after Mattins the Bishop dedicated a beautiful brass eagle lectern which had just been presented to the Church of the Epiphany by Mrs. Struthers in memory of her husband, who was a regular worshipper and devoted worker in the parish of Sudbury for many years. In a few felicitous phrases the Bishop drew the attention of the congregation to the beautiful gift, and expressed the hope that it would prove an incentive to others to offer similar presents to the house of God. Part of Psalm 119 was then recited, and the lectern was dedicated by the Bishop to the service of God.

By this time it was close upon 11 o'clock, and the church was well filled by a congregation which included a number of Copper Cliff Church-people who had driven over in a stage in order to be present. Punctually at 11 o'clock the Bishop with the assistant clergy and the ordinands entered the church, the Archdeacon acting as Chaplain to the Bishop and carrying his massive silver pastoral staff. After an opening hymn, the Archdeacon preached a sermon, which was devoted mainly to an exposition of the historical position of Holy Orders in the Catholic Church, and of the duties and responsibilities which attach to the ministerial office. The service then proceeded in the way laid down in the Book of Common Prayer. The Bishop himself recited the Litany, and his impressive voice was heard to full advantage in this and in the questions and exhortations of the service, as well as in the singing of the hymn "Veni Creator." In the Communion office the Epistle was read by Canon Boydell, who also saw to the proper vesting of the newly ordained clergy; and the Rev. J. Leigh was gospeller. The Rev. T. N. Munford of Copper Cliff joined with the other priests present in the laying of hands upon those who received the order of Priesthood.

The names and parishes of the ordinands were as follows:—Mr. J. Leigh, of Englehart; Mr. J. Tate, of Gore Bay; Mr. W. E. Phillips, of Massey; Rev. T. O. Curliss, of Seguin Falls; Rev. W. S. Weary, of Schreiber.

On such an occasion as this it was impossible to prevent one's thoughts from recurring to the time of one's own ordination, which took place in one of the state-liest and most beautiful of the English

cathedrals, when the service was accompanied by all the dignity and pomp of a cathedral ritual; lights and colours, music and vestments adding impressiveness to the scene. But all depreciatory criticism was silenced by the dignity of the service as it was conducted in the parish church of Sudbury: and here a word of praise must be given to the beloved rector of the parish, the Rev. James Boydel, for the arrangements which proved so admirable. Although the church is small and naturally does not lend itself to much ceremonial, yet there was no hurry, and no cramping; there was room for everyone; and everyone fitted into his proper place; and the building itself took on an added dignity from the impressiveness of the ceremony being performed in it. The musical part of the service was well rendered by the church choir, and the congregation joined heartily in the singing.

It is unnecessary, in writing for the readers of "The Algoma Missionary News," to say anything further of the part played by the Bishop on this day. They have been so long under his pastoral care that they know full well the earnestness and deep devotion, the wise guidance and loving care, by which he has won their deep affection, and has proved himself a faithful chief pastor and overseer of the flock of Christ committed to him in this diocese.

T. N. M.

IN THE TEMISKAMING COUNTRY.

AT the beginning of the Advent season the Bishop was up in this country, in and about mining centres and embryo settlements. He was

AT NEW LISKEARD

on Advent Sunday, November 29th, where in the morning Rev. A. T. Lowe presented two persons for confirmation at a service which was the nicest at which he had been present there. The church was full. The heartiness with which the worshippers entered into the service was evidence of the interest existing. Mr. Lowe's quiet work and influence tells.

After a hasty lunch the Bishop took train to

HAILEYBURY

for a service at 3.30 p.m. The church was literally packed. The musical portion of the service was admirable. Seven persons were confirmed. A proof of the present life of the parish is seen in the building of

a substantial and commodious brick rectory. At Haileybury the property of the church is beautifully situated on the summit of a hill overlooking Lake Temiskaming. It is quite one of the finest sites in the town. Here, at least, the church stands in a commanding position. Rev. R. A. Cowling is to be congratulated on the wonderful advance in Church life and work in his day.

Thence the Bishop went to

COBALT

for the evening service. Here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nasmith. At 7 o'clock the church was full to overflowing; indeed, not a few failed to obtain admittance. Seven persons were confirmed. Here, too, it should be noted that the rendition of the Church's services is much improved. On the occasion of the Bishop's visit the music was exceptionally good.

After a couple of hard and busy days in the rugged rich country, the Bishop returned to the towns, where he had opportunities of

MEETING THE PEOPLE

in a social way. He was present on Wednesday at a delightful evening reception at Cobalt. It was held in the rectory. Men and women were present in large numbers, and therefore gave to the Bishop an excellent opportunity to get into touch with them. Plans had been prepared for an enlargement of the church. It is proposed to provide a chancel. This would increase the seating capacity by fifty. The Bishop approved the plans and encouraged the people to undertake the work. It is probable that it will be completed by early spring.

Next day (Thursday) the Bishop was present in the afternoon at a reunion at Haileybury, held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cobbold. It was gathered under the auspices of the parochial branch of the W.A. In his address the Bishop dilated upon the advantages of the W.A., and urged the importance of securing and retaining a good and active membership. His hearers were largely ladies. The local branch added six new members to its list.

Sunday's three services being over in the three towns mentioned, and the night with its well-earned rest having been spent at Cobalt, the Bishop started for Englehart—farther up the railway. Thence he

GOT OFF THE WELL-BEATEN TRACK

Arriving at 4 o'clock p.m., he went to the parochial shack—a rough structure, about 10 x 18 feet, covered with tar paper

and having what is called a shed or lean-to roof. It contains two rooms. A small kitchen is joined at the back. Yet here a few people were assembled to meet the Bishop and to talk over matters of interest to them. There was service in the evening in the building generally called the church, though it is not really a church, but a sort of hall which is used for various purposes. There was an excellent congregation. Four persons were confirmed. The Bishop preached upon the subject suggested by the day (St. Andrew). Next morning at 8 o'clock there was a celebration of Holy Communion with twelve communicants.

After breakfast the Bishop and Mr. Leigh (the lay missionary) set out on a tramp to Charlton, where an impromptu service was held in the hotel kept by Mr. Thibb, a Syrian from Damascus, whose wife is an Englishwoman. The Bishop baptized Albert, the infant son of Elie Thibb, and his wife. This was the

FIRST CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICE IN CHARLTON

Application was made for further services, and on the 13th of December Mr. Leigh would again go to Charlton with a view to establish regular services.

Charlton is a small village settlement with a population, perhaps, of 150 souls. It cannot be said to be provided with houses, though there is a large hotel, a sawmill, a few stores and a Methodist place of worship. It is situated at the foot of Long Lake, which with contributing rivers is navigable for 40 miles. The T. and N.O. Railway has already reached Charlton, and it will soon be pushed on to Elk Lake City, a point 18 miles farther on and the centre of newly-discovered and very promising silver deposits. The country is good for farming. Ten years should make a vast difference in the conditions prevailing in this neighborhood. The forests seem unbroken. The settlers have taken up mining lots.

Having returned to Englehart the Bishop took the early train to New Liskeard, whence he drove over dreadful rough—hardly-frozen—roads to Hudson for a service in the afternoon. A nice little congregation assembled in their pretty little church. It really was very comfortable within, though it was biting cold weather without. The temperature was down to close upon 40 degrees below zero.

Thursday evening found the Bishop at a well-attended service held

AT LATCHFORD

The place has grown somewhat. There has been quite a rush of people up the Montreal River to Elk Lake. A branch of the Bank of Commerce is located at Latchford. The Bishop spent the night at Mr. Abraham's hotel. Mr. Abraham is a Syrian from the vicinity of Damascus. He is a regular attendant at the Church's services and is warmly interested, although a member of the Greek Church. The little church building at Latchford is now comfortable and fairly complete. During the past summer Mr. Longmore did good work there. It is understood that he is anxious to become a candidate for Holy Orders if the Bishop gives him sufficient encouragement.

On Friday night the Bishop slept at North Bay, where in the evening he had given an address to some candidates for confirmation. Next morning he took the train for Victoria Mines. It had certainly been a full week in the Temiskaming country.

VICTORIA MINES—CHURCH OPENED.

AFTER a week spent in the silver region of Temiskaming (District of Nipissing) the Bishop arrived at Victoria Mines (District of Algoma), a point in the nickel region or range. Here a beautiful little church now crowns the efforts of our devoted resident lay-reader, Mr. F. W. Colloton. This little church, overlooking the village or town, is in its way a marvel of completeness. It has a solid cement foundation, with a superstructure of wood. There is a turret, too, in which a small but musical bell is hung. Everything is painted and made good in every way. The interior is equally complete. A neat font is placed in its proper place—near the door of entrance. There is a sufficient number of comfortable benches, finished in oil. The lectern is the gift of the church at Sudbury. A prayer desk is placed on the south side. The rails, made in Sudbury, are decidedly pretty in design. The suitable and substantial altar standing in its place is beautifully draped with a cover provided by English friends. Mr. Colloton has presented a suitable brass cross for the re-table in memory of his mother. The interior of the church, as a whole, is surely calculated to aid the devotions of those who worship therein.

The work generally is one which reflects the greatest credit upon Mr. Colloton, the

head and front of it all. Some \$700 of debt remains, for which, until it can be raised, Mr. Colloton has himself become responsible. It is due to him that he is not kept too long waiting for this sum. The debt owed to him for his valuable gratuitous services for several years past and for all he did in connection with the erection of the church, before mentioned, is one we can hardly repay.

Concerning Victoria Mines it is gratifying to say that the activity in the work is well maintained and promises to continue. Electric power is procured from Vermillion River, and the works are refitted with necessary machinery for its use.

Sunday, December 6th, 1908, was a notable day. The morning service at 10.30 was Matins and Holy Communion. The church was simply crowded. Rev. T. N. Munford, from Copper Cliff, was present and said the prayers, Mr. Colloton reading the lessons. The Bishop was the celebrant at Holy Communion. He also preached, the text being Genesis xxviii: 17. In the course of his sermon he explained that the service was not that of the consecration of the church—it was only the opening of the church. It was not permitted to consecrate a church—to give it to God—while any debt remained upon it.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the church was again filled with people to witness and take their part in the service of Holy Baptism. Six babies were baptized. The occasion was somewhat unique. Hymns were sung, the Bishop gave an address. It was certainly an impressive occasion.

At 7.30 p.m. the church was filled for the third time that day with a congregation which entered heartily into the common prayers and praises. It may be added that the music was considered to be a credit to the Church family there. The offerings of the whole day reached the sum of \$37.00.

COPPER CLIFF.

On Friday, December 18th, the Bishop was at Copper Cliff and met the Church people there at a reception given in the basement of a newly-finished church, which they had rented for the purpose. A goodly number of people were there, and he had a talk with them over the condition and prospects of the mission, more particularly concerning the suggested change of site and the erection of a new and larger church. He found the people had in hand close upon \$500, and that they

had in view the construction of a commodious and well-finished structure of cement blocks at a cost of about \$3,000, if it could be managed. The difficulty in the way was in the matter of a site. Several suitable places were available, but the company which owns the lands and operates the mines is not disposed to give a title, nor even a long lease. It is against their rule. On Saturday the Bishop waited upon the manager, Mr. Turner, and had with him a long conversation on the subject. Mr. Turner was evidently favourably disposed to the project, and promised his kind offices with the company with a view to securing special concessions if possible. There the matter for the present remains.

PORT SYDNEY MISSION.

WE have much cause of hopefulness in this mission. The attendance at the services is gradually, if slowly, increasing. The acts of worship have also increased, as we have Evensong each Friday, followed by choir practice. Holy days are also observed.

At the Confirmation, held on the last Sunday in Trinity, when our much esteemed Bishop was with us on the occasion of his annual visitation, eight candidates were presented by Mr. Hewitt, the lay missionary, one of whom was formerly a Methodist. On the same occasion His Lordship dedicated to Almighty God a brass altar cross and two brass altar vases, gifts to Christ Church from friends in Toronto. Mr. H. Bruce has also kindly presented two offertory plates to the church.

During the year the church has been thoroughly repaired and painted externally. At the parsonage many necessary repairs have been carried out—a furnace has been built in, a new well dug and a new pump provided. For all these improvements we are truly grateful to the church wardens and people who have contributed the funds to enable the work to be carried out without getting into debt.

A branch of the W.A. has been re-organized after a lapse of some 7 years, and the members are now actively engaged in working for the church. We have recently started a branch of the Anglican Young People's Association, and number some 19 members. The Bishop during his recent visit delivered a stirring address to our branch. We are looking forward to visits from the rector of Huntsville on Dec. 9th,

and Canon Burt, of Bracebridge, on Dec. 23rd, each of whom have kindly promised to give an address.

At Newholme, Holy Trinity Church is not quite so well supported, owing to the sparseness of the population and the great distances, in many cases, parishioners have to traverse. We have recently received the deed conveying an extra portion of ground to add to "God's acre," a gift from Mr. Hill, a former resident in Brunel. New drapings have been provided by the W.A. for the Lectern and Reading Desk, and covers for the altar and other chancel furniture provided. The church seems hardly complete without a bell—and canon 67 (of 1603) cannot be obeyed! So we have opened a fund to raise sufficient to supply one. A friend in England has sent \$5, which gives us a start.

We are indebted to the S.P.C.K. (Eng.) for a grant of new Service books at each church, to replace the old ones, which were somewhat dilapidated, having done service since 1873.

With definite Church teaching, instruction in the Prayer Book, and not least, prayer that the Holy Spirit of God will bless this mission, we push on, inspired alike by results and our Bishop's recent visit and encouraging words, to still greater efforts, believing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

SAULT STE. MARIE.

CHRISTMASTIDE at the pro-Cathedral of St. Luke has been a busy and happy season. On the evening of Wednesday, December 23rd, the Bishop of the diocese confirmed a class of sixteen persons.

On Christmas Day there were three celebrations of Holy Communion—7.30 a.m., 8.30 a.m., and 11 a.m. The last, at which the Bishop was celebrant, was fully choral. There were about 220 communicants. On Sunday, the 27th (St. John's Day) the local lodges of Freemasons attended the evening service in a body. The sermon was preached by the rector, Rev. H. A. Brooke.

The evening of Tuesday, December 29th, was the date of the annual Christmas entertainment, which took place in O'Brien's Hall. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. About 500 adults and children assembled to hear the cantata "Santa Claus in Japan," which was rendered in a very creditable manner by some fifty children, all dressed in Japanese costumes. It

is generally conceded by the townspeople to have been one of the prettiest children's entertainments ever held in the town. Much credit is due to Mr. Morris Darling for the able manner in which he trained the children. Unfortunately Mr. Darling, through sickness, was unable to be present at the entertainment. His place was ably filled by Mrs. Aitken and Prof. Holgate, the latter taking the part of "Santa Claus." After came the distribution of prizes. When that was over the "tree" was bared of its many presents for the children and all returned to their homes delighted with the success of the evening.

DIOCESAN NOTES.

INFORMATION to hand tells us that St. Andrew's Day was pretty generally observed throughout the diocese as the day set apart for intercession for missions. Careful preparation was made in Thunder Bay Deanery especially. A general gathering was held in Fort William, and though the attendance was not large, the effort justified the pains taken. All through the diocese the Church bore witness to the importance of intercession.

From December 7th to 14th (inclusive) a mission was held in North Bay by Rev. A. G. Hamilton Dicker, rector of St. Luke's Church, Toronto.

A new church is in course of erection at North Cobalt. The site and rough lumber have been donated by the North Cobalt Land Corporation, and the bricks by Mr. Kammerer, of Toronto.

The Indian Homes Committee, which has the care of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, has had several meetings at Sault Ste. Marie within the past few months. The situation is a serious one, involving the life of the institutions.

Rev. Canon Piercy reports that he has received and sent to Rev. R. S. Wilkinson the following sums in response to the appeal issued by the Primate on behalf of the Church of England sufferers by fire at Fernie, B. C.: Woman's Auxiliary, Sudbury, \$25; Mrs. Tarratt, Weymouth (Eng.), £5.

The Sudbury people are moving in the direction of improved church buildings—a new church and a hall.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

WE are indebted to the usually well-informed Roman Catholic correspondent of the "Guardian" for telling us why no time has been lost in treating England as a "Catholic country." "The holding of the Eucharistic Congress in London followed close upon the erection of the Roman Catholic Dioceses into 'Catholic Dioceses'—that is to say, they had been until this year, and since the 'Papal aggression' of fifty years ago established a Catholic hierarchy in this country, dioceses in partibus. Now England is officially a Catholic country, and one reason why the Pope has established the Church there is the urgent need of funds. The money for every useful work—including that of Propaganda, the fount of Catholic Missions—was chiefly drawn from France, and the loss of France means nothing less than the loss of the most important Catholic country. The present Pope cherishes Germany—for him the Kaiser is the holy Emperor; but German Catholicism, though solid and steady, does not increase. After looking round upon the nations—including America—the Vatican has decided to turn for that increase to England." The infallible prescience of the Vatican is too delicious for words.

A notable restoration has been completed at the Old Palace, Croydon (Greater London), for hundreds of years one of the chief residences of the Archbishops of Canterbury, and now the property of the Community of the Sisters of the Church (Kilburn), and used as a secondary girls' school. The ancient chapel within the walls which for nearly a century had lain desolate, restored to "the beauty of holiness," was the other day dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The palace was sold in 1780 and has been used as an armory, laundry and soap factory in succession.

The appointment of the Bishop of Dorking to succeed Dr. Awdry as Bishop in South Tokyo is according to general expectation. He is the unanimous choice of the Japanese Synod, and we need not doubt that under his guidance the infant Church of the great Far Eastern Empire will make that solid progress which is of greater moment than mere increase of numbers.

Rev. C. R. Quinn and A. C. Fairweather met the laymen and clergy of Shediac Deanery, N.S., and launched the new stipend plan of the diocese, with very excellent impression: For first year in orders \$600, with loan of outfit grant of \$250; for first three years as a priest \$700 per year; after three years and up to seven years \$750; after seven years \$800.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has contributed \$100,000 for the rebuilding of the Anglican churches of San Francisco destroyed by the earthquake. Bishop Nichols, who has been in the large cities appealing for funds has met generous response, and has a fund of nearly \$200,000.

Rev. E. Cornwall Jones, of King Street Congregational Church, Yarmouth, England, has addressed a letter to the diaconate body, in which he intimated his intention to seek Orders in the Anglican Church, and consequently to resign his pastorate.

Preliminary negotiations have been opened at Ottawa to acquire the old Y.M.C.A. building for Church purposes—in which the Synod and its offices could be housed, and rooms occupied by the several auxiliary societies.

The Rev. Dr. Whitney, formerly Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, P. Q., has been appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History at King's College, London.

Rev. Dr. Alfred Harding, rector of St. Paul's, Washington, for twenty-two years, has been elected Bishop of Washington. He is a native of the north of Ireland and a T.C.D. man.

The Bishop of Moosonee (Dr. Holmes) has resigned upon his acceptance of the Bishopric of Athabaska.

Rev. J. Evans Thomas, Congregational minister at Codicote, Herts, has resigned to take orders in the Church.

The clergy and laity of the diocese are to present the Bishop of Ontario with a pastoral staff.

The Bishop of Michigan has taken over the Detroit Churchman as a diocesan organ.

CHURCH TEACHING

ROMANISM A NEW THING.

IN these days it is too much the fashion to despise old things. People want what is new in religion as in everything else.

Now when we think of a man's bodily powers we must admit that it is a disadvantage to be old, or when we think of such things as clothes we may well prefer what is new. But when it is the Christian religion which is in question and we are invited to take up with some new variety of it, we may well say, "The old is better."

Suppose, for example, that you were invited to choose between two forms of Christianity, one known to be so old as to reach back nearly 2,000 years, to the times when the Apostles of our Lord were alive; the other so new that it was never heard of until one or two hundred years ago. Which of these forms would you be disposed to accept—the old or the new? Would you not at once say, "the old." For Christ is the ultimate test of all things spiritual; and that which reaches back closest to Him has most to commend it to our acceptance.

But we must distinguish between a Church and what it teaches. An old Church may teach new doctrine. Antiquity in the Church does not justify novelty in its doctrine. The old Church must teach the old doctrine and cling to the old order of worship.

Now all this applies very closely to our own Church and the Church of Rome, both old Branches of the great Church Catholic. And the question which should be asked at the outset is this: Which represents the old religion?

In answering that question let us beware of confusion of thought. Romanists assert that theirs is the old religion because the Church of England broke away from so many of their practices at the Reformation. But we answer No: for the things we broke away from had no real claim to be old. What we gave up were mere novelties. Age after age the Roman Church had gone on inventing and adopting new dogmas and practices not known in Apostolic days, many of them contrary to Scripture and not a few exceedingly pernicious. These novelties the English Church at the Reformation cast away. She did not invent a new religion, but simply went back to the

old Apostolic faith and practice. The Church of England, therefore, not merely by reason of her continuous descent from Apostolic days, but by her Apostolic doctrine and worship is entitled to be called the old religion; while Romanism, because of its many novelties, is new.

Out of the many new things which Romanism stands for three may be named as pre-eminent:

(1) The Pope's claim to supremacy or universal authority in things spiritual. No such idea was admitted in the earliest Christian times. So late as the 6th century Gregory, the Pope who sent Augustine into England, speaking of the title universal as applied to the Bishop of Rome, wrote: "No one of my predecessors ever consented to use so profane a title. This title is profane, superstitious, haughty and invented by the first apostate. . . . If one Bishop be called universal the whole Church falls if he should fall. . . . S. Peter was not called Universal Bishop. . . . I confidently affirm that whoso calls himself, or wishes to be called, Universal Priest, is in his pride a forerunner of Anti-Christ."

(2) The dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,—that the Blessed Virgin, like Christ Himself, was born without sin. This, too, is a new thing fondly invented, the natural fruit and outcome of the undue exaltation of the Virgin Mary, as needless as it is new, and having foundation neither in Scripture nor in reason, unknown in the earliest days and only formulated in 1854.

(3) The claim that, when speaking authoritatively, the Pope is infallible. This is even a newer thing than the other two, for it was not formally made until the year 1870, less than 40 years ago. But was evidently necessary to protect the other novelties. When proof is asked for, it is convenient to be able to say, "The Pope has declared that these things are true, and he cannot err."

Mention might be made of "compulsory" celibacy of the clergy; the withdrawal of the Communion Cup from the laity; the doctrines of Transubstantiation and Indulgences,—with many other things quite unknown in Apostolic days; but what has been said will suffice to show that Romanism is a new thing and not the religion of the New Testament and the early Fathers of the Church.

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S. P. C. K. GRANTS TO THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

MINUTES of the proceedings at the general monthly meeting (November and December) of the S.P.C.K. show what the old English Society is doing for us. The gifts are only samples, as we in Canada—in the older dioceses as well as the missionary dioceses—are constantly asking for and receiving such gifts.

Diocese of Montreal—For a church at Foster, in the parish of Knowlton, to cost £700, was voted £50.

Diocese of Nova Scotia—For a church at Porter's Lake, in the parish of Seaforth, to cost £280, was voted £25.

Diocese of Montreal—Two theological studentships of £20 a year each for three years—in all £120.

Diocese of Algoma—For a church at Echo Bay, to cost £200, was voted £20.

Diocese of Algoma—For a church at Desbarats, to cost £200, was voted £20.

Diocese of New Westminster—For the rebuilding of the church at Fernie the Standing Committee recommended a grant of £150. (Fernie is in the Diocese of Kootenay).

Dioceses of Columbia and New Westminster—Towards a new and larger launch to be used on the coast mission a grant of £300 was made.

Diocese of Quebec—For six theological students a grant of £20 each for one year (£120 in all) was set aside.

Diocese of Montreal—For four students for one year a grant of £20 each for one year (£80 in all) was set aside.

The cordial attitude of the Lambeth Conference toward the Old Catholic Churches on the Continent has led to a society to bring Anglicans and Old Catholics into closer relations.

Rev. R. Johnston leaves Edinburgh, where for five years he has been rector of St. Martin's Church, to assume the rectorship of the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia, U. S. A.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Receipts by Treasurer of the Synod to 30th Nov., 1908:

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Webbwood, \$2.50; Bruce Mines, \$1.42; Baysville, \$1.30; Huntsville, \$5.00; Falkenberg, \$5.04; Sheguandah, \$2.00; Missanabie and White River, \$3.30; Uffington, \$2.19; Schreiber, \$2.85; Port Carling, \$2.83; Gregory, \$2.40; Port Sandfield, \$2.40; Sturgeon Falls, 90c.; Caché Bay, \$1.60; Rosseau, \$5.91; North Cardwell, 90c.; Bent River, \$1.30; Ullswater, \$1.68; Emsdale, \$6.81; Kearney, \$4.81; Sand Lake, \$1.91; Callander, \$2.60; St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, \$13.22; Richard's Landing, \$3.10; Sudbury, \$21.90; Rev. Canon Boydeley, \$5.00; St. James', Cobalt, \$17.88; Haileybury, \$18.20; Port Sydney, \$2.45; Newholme, 28c.; Port Arthur, \$9.00; Thessalon, \$8.02; Jocelyn, \$2.00; New Liskeard, \$4.71.

SPECIAL PURPOSES

S.P.G., for Massey Church, \$121.25; per Mr. Ballard for Launch Fund, \$10.56; English Assoc'n., for Mr. Balfour's work, \$3.67.

BISHOP SULLIVAN MEM. SUS. FUND

Bruce Mines, 91c.; a friend, Gravenhurst, \$2.00; Michael Woods, Esq., \$50.00; St. Thomas', Westford, \$5.00; Algoma W.A., \$400.00.

MISSION FUND

Baumaris, Mr. Musson, \$5.00; Mr. W. M., \$50.00; Mr. Dudley, \$20.00; Mr. Hilliard, \$10.00; a friend, R.M., \$50.00; Poor Englishman, \$5.00; Port Carling and Gregory, \$15.55; Ontario W. A., \$4.00; S.P.G., Women's Work, Northern Canada, £1 is. (\$5.09); Westford, \$8.00; English Ass'n., \$130.17; English Ass'n., \$43.24; Algoma W.A., \$112.50; English Ass'n., for Archdeacon's stipend, \$303.12; S.P.G., for Indian Missions, \$8.45.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE FUND

Rev. A. J. Doull, \$50.00; Church of Advent S.S., Montreal, \$26.71; Edinburgh Rep. Council per R. T. Norfar, \$57.15; Algoma W.A., for Englehart, \$30.00.

THE JEWS

Port Arthur, for Bishop Blythe's Fund, \$12.20; Korah, for Lon. Soc., 95c.

APPORTIONMENT

Fox Point, \$20.00; New Liskeard, \$34.00; Schreiber, \$9.20; Port Carling and Gregory, \$35.00; Gore Bay, \$8.00; St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral S.S., \$18.16; Ravenscliffe, \$9.00; St. John's, Port Arthur, Chinese Class, \$3.50; Port Arthur Sunday School, \$38.39; St. John's, Port Arthur, \$34.65; Sudbury, \$61.59; Goulaus Bay, \$7.60; Korah, \$9.30; Korah S.S., \$6.15; St. Thomas', West Fort William, \$12.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND

North Bay, \$6.51.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Port Arthur, \$29.80.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS

Port Arthur, \$13.65.

INDIAN HOMES

Per S.P.G., Com. of Women's Work for Wawanosh, \$33.95; English Assoc'n., \$54.75; Miss Grace, Milne Horne, \$9.70; S.P.G., Special, 6s. 7d. (\$1.51); Korah S.S., \$1.00.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Bishop's Visits—Port Arthur, \$5.75; Bruce Mines, \$3.55; Missanabie, \$2.35; White River, \$4.55; Gregory, \$1.35; Port Carling, \$1.76; Port Sandfield, \$1.65; Rosseau, \$4.66; Torrance, \$1.96; Bracebridge, \$7.60; Port Sydney, \$4.65; Newholme, \$1.41; Ufford, \$4.08; Beatrice, \$1.76; Falkenberg, \$4.87; Korah, \$6.80.

Receipts by Treasurer of Synod to 31st December, 1908:

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT

Sturgeon Falls, \$34.86; Seguin Falls, \$7.50; Broadbent, \$7.40; Dufferin Bridge, \$3.00; Sucker Creek, \$5.50; Copper Cliff, \$6.50; St. Paul's, Fort William, \$69.40; Beaumaris and Milford Bay, \$15.00; Baysville, \$22.25; Falkenberg, \$3.43; Beatrice, \$3.43; Ufford, \$3.42; Cobalt, \$20.00; Webbwood, \$5.00; North Bay, \$54.15; Haileybury, \$1.75; Powassan, \$41.90; Schreiber, \$10.00; Marksville, \$10.00; Emsdale, \$5.67; Sand Lake, \$1.35; Kearney, \$11.45; St. Luke's, Fort William, \$36.25; Bruce Mines, \$26.10; Garden River, \$15.00; Blind River, \$6.00; Dean Lake, \$1.18; Murillo, \$2.15; Burk's Falls, \$36.00; Manitowaning, \$5.00; The Slash, \$2.00; Hilly Grove, \$2.00; Indian School, Manitowaning, \$4.00; The Slash, do., \$2.30; Port Sydney, \$29.00; Jocelyn, \$3.30; Espanola, \$5.00; Kagawong, \$19.50; Depot Harbor, \$27.40; Ilfracombe, \$3.75; Novar, \$4.75; St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, \$112.92; Thessalon, \$29.13; Rosseau, \$12.64; Ullswater, \$5.50; Pent River, \$5.75;

Richard's Landing, \$10.00; St. John's, Port Arthur, \$13.70; St. Michael's, Port Arthur, \$2.00; Bracebridge, \$33.68; Uffington, \$11.76; Huntsville, \$14.54.

BISHOP SULLIVAN MEM. SUS. FUND

Gore Bay, \$1.80; Kagawong, \$3.00; Mills, 50c.; Falkenberg, \$1.60; Beatrice, \$1.55; Ufford, \$1.43; Blind River, \$1.30; Depot Harbor, \$1.91; Latchford, \$2.91; Dr. Arthur, \$50.00.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

New Liskeard, \$6.87; Cobalt, \$17.97; Haileybury, \$12.40; Latchford, \$4.50; Sudbury, \$11.60; Englehart, \$3.65; Hudson, \$1.85; Sudbury, ordination service, \$1.90.

MISSION FUND

Sturgeon Falls, \$9.00; St. Paul's, Fort William, \$15.00; M.S.C.C., \$750.00; Blind River, \$2.75; Thessalon, \$3.13; S.P.G., \$294.25; New Work, \$84.76; C.C.C.S., \$393.15.

S.P.G. & C.C.C.S.

Baysville, \$1.35; Magnetawan, 65c.; Dunchurch, 53c.; Missanabie, \$4.20; New Liskeard, \$1.80; Ravenscliffe, 20c.; Nipissing, \$1.20; North Bay, \$4.00; Webbwood, \$1.50; Haileybury, \$1.05; Bruce Mines, 25c.; Blind River, \$1.26; Port Sydney, \$1.70; Newholme, 16c.; Novar, 10c.

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Seguin Falls, \$1.26; Broadbent, \$1.09; Sucker Creek, 75c.; Green Bush, 75c.; Bracebridge, \$2.15; Novar, 80c.; Ilfracombe, \$2.79; Latchford, \$1.50; The Slash, 57c.; Depot Harbor, \$1.75.

SPECIAL PURPOSES

Burk's Falls—Miss Tucker, £11 8s. (\$55.24). Englehart Parsonage—Toronto W.A., \$141.65. At the Bishop's discretion—Mrs. Storr, Southampton Vicarage, \$29.22. Echo Bay and Desbarats—Rev. J. Francis, \$10.00.

INDIAN HOMES

A friend, per Miss Florence Greene, Ottawa, \$150.15; per M.S.C.C., St. James, London, \$50.00; Petrolia S.S., \$25.00; Ch. Ascension S.S., Hamilton, \$37.50; St. John's, Whithy, for H. Mecowatch, \$4.00; St. Philip's S. S., Toronto, \$10.12; Diocese of Nova Scotia, \$37.51; Diocese of Fredericton, \$18.75; Bracebridge, St. Thomas S.S., \$1.65; per C.C.C.S., Miss Bevan, \$4.94; Mrs. Fremlin, \$24.24; St. John's Christmas tree, Port Arthur, \$10.00.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS

Depot Harbor, \$2.47.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE

S.P.C.K. grant to Englehart, \$96.80; Miss Wickstead, 50c.; Sherbrooke Ch. Society, \$41.35; Mrs. Martin, Hamilton, \$20.00.