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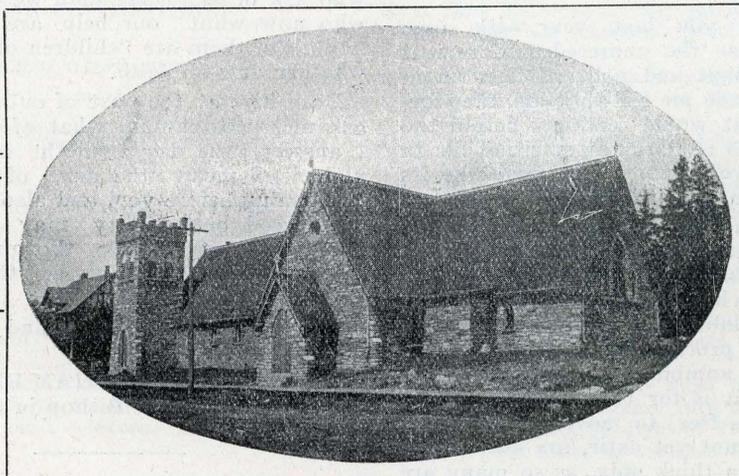
Now it is high time to
awake out of sleep.



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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MISSIONS TO JEWS IN BIBLE LANDS.

IN the Diocese of Algoma it has long been a standing rule to devote the offerings at our services on Good Friday towards the Church's work among the Jews. The work being done in "Bible Lands" under the direction of Bishop Blyth is carried on there in accordance with the Church's system and under experienced and responsible guidance. The secretary for Bishop Blyth's mission in this diocese is Rev. Canon Piercy, and he here asks that the Good Friday offerings be marked "For Bishop Blyth's Fund," and sent as soon as possible to the Treasurer of Synod, Mr. H. Plummer, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

In a letter dated from Jerusalem on the Feast of the Epiphany, 1910, the Bishop in Jerusalem says :

I wrote to you last year with some urgency because the unprecedented revival of national spirit and political freedom in these lands made me feel that any step forward into light would certainly herald the awakening also of dormant spiritual life in the East, however unforeseen might be its exact direction and influence.

The proclamation of religious freedom in the Turkish Empire ought to be enough to draw the attention of the Church to the centre from which Light came into the world. No doubt those to whom this freedom is now proclaimed cannot at once shake off the numbness of centuries of restraint ; but it is for the Churches, which are themselves free, to move to the aid of those who, if not yet astir, are awakening.

Again, if you think only, as so many are now thinking, of the absorbing interest of the Holy Land, and of the permanent claim of the Jews upon it, you will be impressed by the fact that there are to-day 160,000 Jews returned to Palestine, whereas in the historical Return from the Captivity only 42,000 came back under Ezra and Nehemiah. And when you hear that out of a population of some 75,000 at Jerusalem, 60,000 are Jews as compared with at the most about 20,000 in the year 1841, and that Jewish colonies are gathering round all the centres of life in the land, you will doubtless feel that we may be face to face with an event which the historian of the future may be compelled to notice.

But the stir in education, commerce, progress, is not as yet mainly Jewish, whatever the destiny of the land may be ; their

Arab cousins, the sons of Ishmael and Esau, are here, and their present and future is of deep interest also, and their witness to Christ is needed for the conversion of the returning Jews. This, therefore, concerns us.

I ask once more for your prayers and your alms on Good Friday, or some day more convenient to you, for our work in the land from which your best interests spring, in order to help me and those working with me to take advantage of the opportunities of the day to strengthen and extend our Missions. Will you not help in the education of children who shall cry "Hosanna to the Son of David," in the healing of those who are sick, in the revival of spiritual life in the native Church, in the preaching of holiness of social life to those who ask of us "What shall we do"? Those who now want our help are very many, and all of them are "children of Abraham," whether Jew or Arab.

I am here at the post of outlook. If you ask me, "Watchman, what of the night?" I answer "the day cometh and also the night." I mean "the day" of opportunity is dawning before you, and also "the night" of missed opportunity may hover over those who give little thought and little prayer to the revival of the "Church of the Hebrews."

Your faithful brother and servant in Christ,

G. F. POPHAM BLYTH,
Bishop in Jerusalem.

The following picturesque incident is picked out of the 105th report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It is significant of latter-day tendencies : "On the Continent of Europe the name 'Socialism' implies much more than an economic system ; it commonly involves as well a materialistic creed which denies the very existence of God. . . . Here a colporteur has indeed a difficult task. At Essen the Social Democrats are his worst enemies. They deny every article of Christian faith and scoff at all things sacred. The colporteur is greeted by : 'You idiot ! Do you really believe that swindle ? Fancy a man carrying round such books !' One Social Democrat, who bought a New Testament, added, 'When I have read it I shall burn it ; I only want to see what it is like.'"



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A HYMN OF PENITENCE.

BY HELGI HALFDANARSON

(Translated from the Icelandic by Mrs.
Disney Leith)

Jesu, from depth of my heart I entreat Thee,
Send the blest succour that cometh from
Thee,
Draw me to Thee till I know Thee and meet
Thee,
Far be all that which divides me from Thee!
All my sore need to mine eyes now unfold
Thou,
Show me the depth of the sins that I rue ;
Dead to the flesh, to me lovingly hold Thou
Hands that shall cleanse and create me
anew.

Strengthen my spirit, Thy love-gifts descend-
ing
Ne'er, Friend beloved, to Thy suppliant fail:
Hallow my thoughts and, my footsteps de-
fending,
Hold and support me, Thy creature so frail.
Happen what happen to me and what mine is,
Thou art sufficient within me, and I,
Lord, as possessor of Thee and what Thine is,
Gladly shall live, and peacefully die.

O that in faith and in love I could ever
Bring Thee my heart as a sacrifice meet !
O that my Jesus might part from me never ;
Woe, I have wandered so far from His Feet!
Jesu, in Heaven Who wiltest to save me,
Show me in this world Thy fulness and
grace,
That as besemeth Thy saints I behave me,
Order my footsteps as running Thy race.

Hear Thou me, dove all affrighted, that crieth,
Lamb that has wandered, good Shepherd, O
call !
Soothe my sad heart, as it languishing lieth
Where the world offers its wormwood and
gall :
Zealous in service on earth while I linger,
Let it ne'er hinder me, Saviour Divine,
Let Thy good Spirit love's law with His finger
Grave on my heart, so I ever be Thine !

Suffer no longer the yoke to distress me ;
Lift from my shoulders, dear Saviour, the
weight ;
Dangers around as a sea rage and press me,
Rise, Lord, withstand them, their fury
abate !
Jesu beloved, in Thy pity most tender,
Light of Thy countenance turn not from me ;
Show to Thy needy the light of Thy splendour,
Let my poor heart be enriched by Thee.

Let me no longer all vainly beseech Thee :
Saviour, my soul is an hungered, o'er-
wrought ;
O that my head on Thy bosom might reach
Thee !
There, sweetly resting, assaileth me nought.
"Whoso departs from Me hungry and fasting
Fainteth beside the way," once saidest Thou:
Surely Thou couldst not, O Love everlasting,
Send me all hung'ring away from Thee now ?

Merciful Jesu, I bind me for ever
Now by Thy promise and covenant pure—
"Them that shall seek Me, I cast from Me
never :"
Holding it fast as my anchor most sure,
I as the woman of Canaan am crying
Lowly before Thee with tear-broken breath,
Till Thou at last in Thy love turn, replying,
"E'en as thou wilt, be it ; great is thy
faith."


DIOCESAN NEWS


APPORTIONMENT FOR MISSIONS —
DIOCESE OF ALGOMA—1910.

THE following list gives the amount assigned to each parish and mission to be raised in the year 1910 for the Missions of the Canadian Church:—

DEANERY OF ALGOMA	
Blind River	\$ 78.00
Bruce Mines	45.00
Copper Cliff	32.00
Echo Bay	16.00
Garden River	27.00
Gore Bay	56.00
Korah	45.00
Little Current	45.00
Manitowaning	38.00
Massey and Walford.....	36.00
Parkinson	13.00
Sault Ste. Marie—	
St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral.....	225.00
St. John's	60.00
Bishop Fanquier Chapel.....	8.00
Silverwater	25.00
St. Joseph's Island	45.00
Sheguiandah	32.00
Thessalon	50.00
Victoria Mines	25.00
Webbwood	45.00
	\$ 946.00

DEANERY OF MUSKOKA	
Aspdin	\$ 38.00
Baysville	38.00
Beaumaris	32.00
Bracebridge	100.00
Franklin	25.00
Falkenburg	38.00
Gravenhurst	80.00
Huntsville	92.00
Novar	45.00
Port Carling	50.00
Port Sydney	50.00
Uffington	32.00
	\$ 620.00

DEANERY OF PARRY SOUND	
Burk's Falls	\$ 50.00
Byng Inlet	30.00
Callander	25.00
Depot Harbour	38.00
Emsdale	63.00
Magnetawan	50.00
Nipissing	25.00
Parry Sound	115.00
Powassan	76.00
Rosseau	72.00
Seguin and Broadbent.....	45.00
Sprucedale	8.00
Sundridge	56.00
	\$ 653.00

DEANERY OF NIPISSING

Cobalt	\$ 140.00
Charlton	8.00
Englehart	16.00
Elk Lake City	25.00
Haileybury	95.00
Latford	25.00
New Liskeard	56.00
North Bay	140.00
North Cobalt	16.00
Sturgeon Falls	70.00
Sudbury	140.00
Temagami	8.00
	\$ 739.00

DEANERY OF THUNDER BAY

Fort William—	
St. Luke's	\$ 105.00
St. Paul's	95.00
St. Thomas'	46.00
Nepigon	16.00
Oliver	25.00
Port Arthur—	
St. John's	225.00
St. Michael's	5.00
St. Ansgarius'	5.00
Schreiber	65.00
White River and Missanabie.....	55.00
	\$ 642.00

SUMMARY

Algoma	\$ 946.00
Muskoka	620.00
Parry Sound	653.00
Nipissing	739.00
Thunder Bay	642.00
	\$3,600.00

Those in charge of the various missions and parishes throughout the diocese are expected to examine the above list and to take note of the amount which the mission or parish under their charge is required to raise. Copies of this issue of the "A.M.N." are sent to them for that purpose, and if any explanation should be needed they are requested to communicate with the Rev. Canon Piercy, the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, that everything may be made clear to their minds.

The following regular contributions, prescribed by the Synod of the Diocese (see Synod Report for 1909), are included in the apportionment:

- 1.—The collection received in response to the M.S.C.C. Epiphany Appeal.
- 2.—The collection received in response to the M.S.C.C. Ascensiontide Appeal.

3.—The collection received from the children of our S.S. in response to the M. S.C.C. Lenten Letter.

4.—Contributions received for the M.S.C.C. in response to the house-to-house collection made during the week beginning with the 12th Sunday after Trinity.

Should the above contributions in any particular parish or mission fall short of the amount required to be raised, it will become the duty of the incumbent and wardens of the said parish or mission to devise some special method of making up what is lacking.

These contributions, like all others, are to be sent to the Treasurer of Synod, H. Plummer, Esq., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and it is most important that they should be sent to him without delay. In this connection attention is called to the necessity of completing the apportionment as early as possible in the autumn. The tendency has been to leave the matter until the very end of the year, and this has led to great perplexity in many cases, and in not a few, utter failure to obtain the sum required.

To the Clergy and Readers of the Diocese :

Dear Brethren,—It is my earnest desire that you should master the details of the above statement and that in accordance with its directions you should make every possible effort to have the apportionment assigned to your parish or mission raised and sent to Mr. Plummer, the Treasurer, in due time. I am,

Faithfully yours,
GEORGE ALGOMA.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,

Jan. 12th, 1910.

WEST FORT WILLIAM.

AT the Christmas social in connection with the Church of St. Thomas, when deserving Sunday School pupils receive prizes and the teachers receive gifts, over and above the Christmas-tree fruit liberally provided by the people who thus show their interest and goodwill, Rev. S. M. Rankin, the missionary, was not overlooked. To his intense surprise, Mr. Little stepped forward and on behalf of the parishioners read an address—not flattering, but characterized by a hearty appreciation of Mr. Rankin's good qualities. The address was accompanied by the presentation of a gold watch as a memento of Christmas, 1909. Mr. Rankin's reply was

happy in his acknowledgment of the goodwill which prompted his people to give him so valuable a watch, but to the point in its reference to the relation of priest and people.

The watch that was presented was the best that could be bought, an up-to-date "Howard." A beautiful gold fob was attached to it, and inscriptions engraven without and within. In the case was also placed a sum of money.

From another source it is learned that the above-mentioned was not the only presentation of which Mr. Rankin has been the hero, as his parishioners of the Slate River Valley also combined to present him with a handsome oak chair. Both incidents bear witness to the happy fellowship that has grown up between him and his mission congregations as a result of a faithful, loving, and self-denying ministry of three years.

"A CENT-A-MEAL FUND."

ONE of our younger missionaries in the backwoods, who was much impressed at the last Synod, while listening to the account given by the Bishop in his charge of the condition of the various funds in existence in the diocese, says :

"The question arose in one's mind, What can be done to improve matters? Why not promote a-cent-a-meal fund among your people? was the answer given. This has been and is being acted upon. Some papers were printed, costing \$1.00, then some empty cocoa tins were procured, a hole (slot) was cut in the top of each and the printed papers gummed around the tins, making excellent collecting boxes. An appeal was made in church for volunteers to take and use these, with pleasing success. The idea is that as we say grace at meal times each person drops a cent into the "cent-a-meal" box. It is a small way of showing thanks, but better than words only. Now for the result.

"On July 31st last, this fund enabled us to send to Episcopal Income, \$2.86, and Diocesan Expense, \$2.86; on Sept. 16th, to M.S.C.C., \$6.41; Nov. 4th, Superannuation Fund, \$6.24; Dec. 1st, to Indian Homes, \$4.23; Dec. 21st, to M.S.C.C., \$2.71. All this is in addition to the usual offertories. The idea has proved itself of some worth already, and it is still in healthy existence. A great impetus was given it recently by reading, and explaining somewhat, the

Bishop's charge, in church instead of preaching a sermon on Sundays at Evensong. Two Sundays have been devoted to this already, and we hope to conclude it in a week or two from now, as the Church seasons give opportunity. Anyone who thinks the scheme worth trying and would like to have a copy of the paper gummed around the tins may have one through the editor."

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

At Credit of the fund.....	\$23,777.42
Income	\$ 969.96
Annuitants :—	
Mrs. Chowne	\$150.00
Mrs. Lloyd	150.00
Mrs. Sullivan	125.00
Mrs. Pardoe	100.00
Mrs. Ulbricht	100.00
	\$ 625.00

CLERGY ON THE FUND

The Bishop.
 Rev. Canon Allman.
 " P. W. P. Calhoun.
 " Canon Burt.
 " S. H. Ferris.
 " Canon Frost.
 Ven. Archdeacon Gillmor.
 Rev. A. W. Hazlehurst.
 " W. H. Hunter.
 " Canon Piercy.
 " L. Sinclair.
 " C. W. Hedley.

(From the small number of clergy "on the fund," it would seem that some of the brethren are in arrears.—Ed.)

VICTORIA MINES.

THE church in this place has suffered a great loss in the departure of Mr. Fred. Colloton, who has tended it with a true pastor's care for the last nine years. Despite the pressure of his secular duties (for he held the highly responsible position of chief clerk under the Mond Nickle Company) he always found time to minister to the spiritual needs of the flock, whose care was to him a labour of love. It is owing to his initiation and energy that the beautiful little church dedicated to All Saints was built, and his Churchly convictions shaped and moulded the services in a truly devotional spirit.

Now he has gone to undertake a long period of study at Trinity College, Toronto,

preparatory to taking Holy Orders, and the prayers and good wishes of the people of Victoria Mines go with him.

After a short interregnum, during which Mr. S. Yeomans of Copper Cliff (who is licensed to officiate in the diocese) conducted the services in a way which was much appreciated by the people, Mr. H. Bruce was appointed to take charge of the mission till Christmas. The time was very short, but still long enough for Mr. Bruce to win the respect of his congregation and the affection of the Sunday School children. He left in December to take his examination and is now completing his period of residence at Trinity College. So at present our church is well represented in the University.

Mr. Colloton returned and conducted the services during the short Christmas vacation, and then Mr. Yeomans again bravely stepped in to fill the gap, the Rev. T. N. Mumford, of course, coming as usual once a month to administer the sacraments.

ST. LUKE'S, FORT WILLIAM.

AFTER a vacancy of two months, the parish of St. Luke's, Fort William, is again filled to the great satisfaction of the congregation.

On November 1st, after a long and faithful pastorate of 14 years, Rev. E. T. Harper left to assume the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Haileybury. He had endeared himself greatly to a large circle by his genial spirit, his ripe scholarship, and above all, by his helpful ministry in days of need, and on his departure there were many tokens of the warm esteem in which he was held. During the vacancy the services were supplied for six weeks by the clergy of neighbouring parishes, greatly assisted by Mr. W. T. Stenhouse, a most efficient lay reader, until the arrival of the Venerable Archdeacon Gillmor relieved the strain. A three weeks' locum tenency by the Archdeacon did much to revive the spirits and good humour of the parish. He was on duty over the Christmas festival, not only holding services and visiting assiduously, but regaling social gatherings with his inimitable stories gathered from a long and trist experience in backwoods ministry.

On the last day of the old year, Rev. H. Frankland arrived with his family, to enter upon his duties as Rector with the New Year, while the Archdeacon set out for the

northern wilds of Lake Nepigon on a mission especially to the Indians.

Mr. Frankland is a graduate of Oxford University and a man of varied gifts, and needless to say he received a very warm welcome from St. Luke's people. St. Luke's is a difficult parish, containing a large population, while the Church is very ill-equipped for carrying on her work, the great need being a parish hall. A new church building is in view for the future. Mr. Frankland enters upon this work accompanied by the prayers and earnest good wishes of a large circle.

DIOCESAN NOTES.

IT is our pleasing duty to publish the fact that the Bishop of Algoma has appointed Mr. A. C. Boyce, K.C., M.P., to be the Chancellor of the Diocese. Mr. Boyce's acceptance of so important a post will be well received throughout the whole diocese.

At its November meeting the S.P.C.K. renewed its grant to the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes for Indian children. But this time it is much reduced. It gives seven scholarships of £10 a year each for two years. Names and ages to be sent when any instalment of the grant is claimed.

Before our day of publication the circular issued by the Executive Committee, urging the claims of the Algoma Mission Fund, together with a supply of envelopes for the collection of offerings, will be in the hands of all the clergy and of the lay missionaries of the diocese. A heroic response is needed. As soon as possible the moneys should be sent to the Treasurer of the Synod, Mr. H. Plummer, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Rev. H. C. Dunn and Rev. W. E. Phillips, deacons, were raised to the priesthood on Sunday, January 16th, in the pro-Cathedral of St. Luke, Sault Ste. Marie. The former is to leave Port Arthur and take charge of the mission of St. Joseph's Island at the end of January. The latter returns to his work at Massey.

With Lent comes the appeal to our Sunday School children on behalf of the missions of the Canadian Church. Should we not always put the proceeds of the chil-

dren's gifts on the alms plate on Easter Day and present them to God and then send them to the Diocesan Treasurer?

At the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee, held on January 12th last, the new Principal of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Indian Homes presented his first report. Indeed, it was the first report made to the Synod Committee. So excellent was it in its character that the Secretary was instructed to send to Rev. B. P. Fuller a copy of a resolution adopted, which expressed the satisfaction of the Committee at the presentation of a report possessing such a splendid and encouraging showing.

"The Mission Field" comes to hand again. Its January number is without exception, we believe, the best pennyworth of sane, solid, strong missionary food in the market. And the standard is well maintained. "The Mission Field," now in its 55th year, should be in the hands of all the clergy in Canada and in those of W. A. officers especially. Its vision is of the world. It is published by the S.P.G., 15 Tufton street, Westminster, England, and is easily procured.

Fires have been epidemic in Algoma Diocese since Christmas. They have destroyed valued property at Little Current and Sturgeon Falls. Besides, quite a number of buildings were burned at Elk Lake. The latter were, presumably, of the character usually found in a new settlement—costing more than they appear to be worth.

St. George's Church, Depot Harbour, has been enriched by a valuable and beautiful stone font, which was originally presented to St. Margaret's Church, Toronto.

The parish hall of St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, is to be opened with suitable service and ceremony about the middle of the month.

St. John's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, is doing excellent work under the direction of Rev. W. H. Johnson. A Men's Club has been organized which has rented the one-time Baptist mission hall on Gore Street, as a meeting place.

The Diocesan W.A. is to meet this year in the western end of the diocese—in the city of Fort William.

AWFUL, RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

ON the Sault Ste. Marie branch of the C.P.R., on the 21st of January, happened an awful accident. All the passenger coaches of the passenger train going west left the track at a point where a bridge spans the Spanish River between Nairn and Webbwood, and four of them were hurled down the river bank. All but the Pullman broke through the ice. Some forty persons lost their lives, the greater number in the first-class coach. Divers are seeking bodies in the ice-cold water.

Probably no such terrible railway disaster has happened in Canada since the Desjardins Canal accident in 1854.

Such events compel us to remember that "in the midst of life we are in death."

"BY LAW ESTABLISHED."

THE learned Bishop of Bristol, Dr. Browne, at the Swansea Congress, pricked a bubble that needed pricking. The outcry against the Church as an "Established Church" is due to some extent at least, to the current phrase, "the Church of England by law established." But Dr. Browne, who is a distinguished historian, points out that the above phrase is part of a larger one, "the liturgy of the Church of England by law established," and this larger phrase was designed to set forth the liturgy, and not the Church, as established. As a matter of fact there is no law establishing the Church nor could a mere Act of Parliament establish the liturgy had it not been previously adopted by both Houses of Convocation in 1661.

STATE LAW v. CHURCH LAW.

FROM the current issue of the "Academy":—"The decision of the judges in the Court of Appeal on the Bannister case gives one more instance of the utter inability to distinguish between the legal and the spiritual aspects of the Church's position which has always been a characteristic of our English judges. Here we have four learned judges solemnly deciding that the moral law can be altered by Act of Parliament. The law, they maintain, now allows the marriage of a man to his deceased wife's sister; consequently,

what has always been held by the Church not to be a true marriage suddenly becomes one—that is to say, that according to these judges the moralities are entirely at the mercy of majorities at the polling-booths. At any given moment, should Parliament pass a bill making it legal for any man to take something that he wanted very badly from wherever he could get it, theft would instantly and automatically cease to be a sin against the moral law. The same, of course, applies to murder and all other crimes. At the time of the Reign of Terror thousands of aristocrats were murdered in cold blood with the full approval of the Government of the day, and the Church held, and holds now, that those who were parties to these bloody acts were murderers. But according to the logic of the Court of Appeal, the Church was evidently quite wrong! Fortunately, however, the Church is, and always has been, absolutely contemptuous of the decisions of English judges with regard to matters concerning the faith."

THE REAL, EVANGELICAL.

THE recent Islington Clerical meeting attracted the largest attendance of the eighty-two years of its existence. It is significant that the subject for discussion should have been the relations of the sacred Ministry to the Church and its work. The Rector of Birmingham, Canon Denton Thompson, went many steps further than Islington has been accustomed to, when he claimed that the dealings of the priest with the individual soul may, in certain circumstances, be incomplete and of little effect without recourse to the restricted and clearly-defined use of Confession contemplated by the Prayer-book. Canon Thompson himself openly makes use of the system, and finds that, even in an Evangelical environment, it meets a human need. He admits that there are dangers of misunderstanding. But for a man to "open his grief" in church to a "discreet and learned minister" is one thing; to set up confessionals and inculcate habitual Confession is quite another. We cannot go far wrong if we keep within the four corners of the Prayer-book.

Codrington College, Barbados, is the oldest Theological College in the Empire. It will celebrate the bi-centenary of its foundation next April.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

AFTER being practically given up by his friends as lost, the Right Rev. I. O. Stringer, Bishop of Yukon, returned on Christmas Eve to Dawson from Fort Macpherson, at the mouth of the Mackenzie River. With the Rev. Charles F. Johnson, a missionary, he left the fort on September 1st. During the trip the two men had to walk through fog and storm and bitter cold for twenty-five days. Their scanty food gave out, and just before they found friendly Indians they were compelled to eat their mocassins. Each man lost fifty pounds in weight.

Dr. Gore, Bishop of Birmingham, has intervened with success in the dispute affecting the brass and other metal trades in his diocese. The provisional agreement arrived at is the more to be noted by the conciliatory tone of both parties. In this feature the Bishop's influence is apparent.

Scotch newspapers are saying that the Christmas festival is increasingly observed in Scotland. The old-time hatred of Scottish Presbyterianism for the festivals of the Holy Catholic Church has vanished. Time was when the observance of Christmas was included among the deadly sins.

In commemoration of the golden wedding of Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. H. C. Okeorer, of Okeorer Hall, Staffordshire, a reredos has been placed in Okeorer parish church. The Okeorers have occupied Okeorer Hall for more than 700 years past.

A handsome oak reredos has been erected in St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, Ont., in memory of the late Canon Curran, who was for many years rector of the church before he went to England.

Rev. A. J. Doull, rector of the Church of the Advent, Montreal, has accepted a call to the Cathedral at Victoria, B.C., where he will take up his duties as rector about the middle of April.

The Church in Scotland loses one of its most prominent priests by the death of Very Rev. Dr. J. M. Dawson, Dean of Aberdeen.

Six persons, who were formerly members of the Roman Communion, have recently been received into the American Church at Houma, La., by the Bishop of the diocese on his recent visitation to the parish, when he also confirmed six candidates.

In a "Church Times" review of the life-story of "Bennett of Frome," it would seem that among other things in which Mr. Bennett was a pioneer was that of "Parish Magazines," by his publication of "The Church Porch" in 1854.

Undenominationalism, so-called, is a mixture of ethics, history, and literary exercise. It is emphatically not religion, and so far as it has distinctive feature, its whole tendency is anti-Church.

The Bishop of Huron, on Sunday, January 2nd, dedicated a chime of 11 bells presented to Christ church, Petrolea, by Mr. J. L. Englehart, chairman of the T. & N. O. R. R. Commission.

Mr. Arthur C. Hardy, of Brockville, has given a brass lectern to Grace church, Brantford, in memory of his sister, the late Mrs. Starr, daughter of the Hon. A. S. Hardy.

A stained glass window was lately unveiled in St. Mary's, Westerham, Kent, in memory of General Wolfe, who was born at Westerham on January 2nd, 1727.

One of the seven chapels of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, which are in course of erection, will be a memorial to the late Bishop Potter.

St. Paul's vestry, Toronto, have decided to erect a new church at a cost of \$230,000 to \$250,000.

GENERAL S. S. SECRETARY.

REV. Robert A. Hiltz, M.A., of Fergus, Ontario (Diocese of Niagara), has been appointed General Secretary of the Sunday School Commission of the Church of England in Canada. Arrangements have been made for office accommodation in the Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

CHURCH TEACHING

THE LIMITS OF FAITH HEALING.

BUT will faith healing, as some people seem to think, always avail us? Assuredly not! There are some occasions when faith will not serve to remove our bodily ills. There are some cases of disease which it will not avail to cure. St. Paul besought the Lord three times,—and who can doubt his faith?—that his thorn in the flesh might be removed; but as we know his petition was not granted. God did indeed make answer to his prayer, and that abundantly; for He never turns a deaf ear to the prayer of faith. But He did not answer according to the Apostle's petition. He did not remove the affliction. He simply gave him grace to bear it. And this is the constant experience of Christian people. Probably most of us can bear it out from our own experience.

How can it be otherwise? If faith healing did always avail us we need never be ill, we need never die! For an exercise of faith would always repel the enemy, and disease and death would have no power to overcome us.

The truth is, faith is only one of various important weapons put into our hands for fighting bodily infirmity. Medical science; the practice of the healing art; hygiene and watchful obedience to the rules of health, are others. And each has its limitations. The Scriptures, which recognize distinctly the existence of faith healing, have nothing to say against doctors and rules of health. On the contrary, they leave abundant scope for them. Only they reveal to us the limits beyond which neither faith healing, nor any other method of treatment, need expect to go. And those limitations are set by the wise and loving will of God.

Is this not true? Are we not taught by the Holy Scriptures that God's will concerning us is not our uninterrupted existence in this world in bodily health and vigour; but our final and complete salvation, in body and soul, in the world to come? Is it not true that to this end God is represented as working through all things that happen to us, and as using the

various experiences of earth—joy and sorrow, health and sickness, strength and weakness, success and disaster, friendship and enmity, blessing and persecution, to bring about our highest and everlasting good. Nay, are not all these things revealed as having their place, and playing their part, in the manifold probation meted out to us, day by day, in the Providence of God? Not that sickness and trial are in the highest sense God's will concerning us. When they have served their purpose they will be shaken off. If, for example, they are designed to rouse our faith, they will no doubt be removed when that faith is roused. But meantime, in a subordinate sense, they are His will in that He uses them to sanctify and perfect us for the eternal blessedness of the life to come.

Even Christ when He partook of our nature was required to suffer pain and death. Thus only could He deliver us. And in enduring thus, we are told, He did the will of God. "I come to do Thy will, O God," said the Psalmist of Him. And when in agony He prayed to be spared the dreadful trial of crucifixion, He added, "Nevertheless not my will but Thine be done."

Therefore, deliverance from bodily suffering is not always granted even to faith; is not always desirable! It may be a needed discipline to develop patience, or humility, or some other equally important grace of character, or the highest well-being of someone else may depend upon our meek endurance of the trial. And yet it remains gloriously true that, over wide areas of Christian life and experience, this great, long-forgotten truth about the healing effect of faith, and the power of faithful prayer, holds sway to-day as it ever has done! And hosts of people, perhaps all of us at times, remain victims, bound in misery and pain, because they have not faith to look to God directly for help, and to seek it through a right use of the Ordinances of God's House.

This year the Feast of the Annunciation and the great fast of Good Friday falls on the same day. It will do so again in 1921 and 1932. The feast gives place to Good Friday.

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**STATEMENT OF APPORTIONMENTS
RAISED IN ALGOMA, 1909.**

DEANERY OF ALGOMA

Name of Parish or Mission	Amount of apportionment	Amount raised
Blind River	\$ 50.00	\$ 31.21
Bruce Mines.....	30.00	28.66
Echo Bay	10.00	2.00
Garden River	25.00	.....
Gore Bay	35.00	40.29
Korah	30.00	30.35
Little Current	30.00	42.81
Manitowaning	25.00	.....
Massey and Walford	20.00	11.36
Sault Ste. Marie—		
St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral...	150.00	162.22
St. John's	40.00	38.35
Silverwater	15.00	20.53
St. Joseph's Island.....	30.00	3.25
Sheguiandah	20.00	.....
Thessalon	35.00	13.67
Victoria Mines	15.00	5.93
Webbwood	30.00	15.17
	\$590.00	\$445.80

DEANERY OF MUSKOKA

Aspdin	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25
Baysville	25.00	30.00
Beaumaris	20.00	2.42

Bracebridge	65.00	65.05
Franklin	15.00	10.00
Falkenburg	25.00	27.05
Gravenhurst	50.00	50.00
Huntsville	60.00	76.31
Novar	30.00	10.33
Port Carling	35.00	52.02
Port Sydney	35.00	43.10
Uffington	20.00	33.81

\$425.00 \$406.34

DEANERY OF PARRY SOUND

Burk's Falls	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.11
Callander	15.00	23.76
Depot Harbour	25.00	28.53
Emsdale	40.00	73.20
Magnetawan	35.00	4.64
Nipissing	15.00	3.12
Parry Sound	75.00	77.50
Powassan	50.00	50.25
Rosseau	45.00	33.69
Seguin and Broadbent	30.00	18.38
Sundridge	35.00	51.86
Byng Inlet .....	.....	7.00
Sprucedale .....	.....	3.58

\$400.00 \$410.62

DEANERY OF NIPISSING

Cobalt	\$ 90.00	\$ 38.37
Copper Cliff	20.00	9.61
Englehart	10.00	13.17
Haileybury	60.00	60.00
Latchford	15.00	.51
New Liskeard	35.00	48.96
North Bay	90.00	90.00
North Cobalt	10.00	3.26
Sturgeon Falls	45.00	39.47
Sudbury	90.00	97.22
Elk Lake .....	.....	3.00

\$465.00 \$403.57

DEANERY OF THUNDER BAY

Fort William—		
St. Jude's.....	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
St. Paul's.....	60.00	86.05
St. Thomas'.....	30.00	59.75
Nepigon	10.00	10.00
Oliver	15.00	.....
Port Arthur	150.00	152.17
Schreiber	40.00	24.00
White River and Missanabie	35.00	10.07

\$400.00 \$402.04
General

SUMMARY

Algoma	\$ 590.00	\$ 445.80
Muskoka	425.00	406.34
Parry Sound	400.00	410.62
Nipissing	465.00	403.57
Thunder Bay	400.00	402.04
General	220.00	14.36

\$2,500.00 \$2,082.73

Deficit—\$417.27.

S.P.C.K. GRANTS TO CANADA.

THE S.P.C.K. report for December, among its grants to Church work overseas, contains the following list for Canada. It is a representative monthly gift to Canada:—

Diocese of Toronto—In response to a request for a grant towards the erection of a stone church (All Saints') at Peterboro', to cost \$25,000—a grant of £100.

Diocese of Algoma—Towards the erection of a wooden church at Elk Lake, to cost \$2,000—a grant of £40. In this instance the people had erected a church last year at their own charges, but it had been burned down.

Diocese of Ottawa—Towards a wooden church at Chisholm—a station in Ottawa Diocese, but worked in conjunction with the mission of Powassan, in Algoma Diocese—to cost \$1,500—a grant was made of £30.

Diocese of Calgary—Towards a wooden church at Cowley, to cost \$2,000—a grant of £40.

Diocese of New Westminster—Towards the erection of a stone church at Rossland, to cost \$6,100—a grant of £100 was revived.

Diocese of New Westminster—Towards a wooden church at Roberts' Creek, a small place on the Gulf of Georgia, to cost £100—a grant of £10.

Diocese of New Westminster—Towards a wooden church at Maple Ridge to cost \$1,000—a grant of £20.

Diocese of Columbia—For a new church to be built at Somenos at a cost of \$1,450—a grant of £25.

Theological Studentships.—Quebec Diocese—Four Canadian students at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Que.—£20 each for one year. Nova Scotia Diocese—Two Canadian students at King's College, Windsor, N.S.—£20 a year each for three years. Huron Diocese—One Canadian student at Huron College—£10 a year for three years.

Grants of books to Canadian churches and libraries to the value of more than £23.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Receipts by Treasurer of the Synod to 31st December, 1909:—

EPISCOPAL INCOME.

Kagawong, \$2; Mills, \$1; Port Carling, \$3; Gregory, \$2; Port Sandfield, \$2.

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT

Jocelyn, \$3.25; St. Luke's, Fort William, \$60; Uffington, \$3; Gravenhurst S.S., \$13.80;

Gravenhurst, \$30.25; Falkenburg, \$4.43; Beatrice, \$5.58; Ufford, \$6.41; Webbwood, \$3.15; Birch Lake, \$1.62; Copper Cliff, \$5; Cache Bay, \$17; Sturgeon Falls, \$22.47; St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, \$89.03; Depot Harbour, \$21; West Fort William, \$36; Baysville, \$16.43; Port Carling, \$35; Bracebridge, \$40.25; St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie, \$27.85; Burk's Falls, \$23.77; Bruce Mines, \$25; Byng Inlet, \$5; Huntsville, \$16; St. Paul's, Fort William, \$60.94; Englehart, \$2.71; Emsdale, \$13.40; Kearney, \$8.20; Nepigon, \$10; St. John's S.S., Port Arthur, \$8; St. Ansgarius', Port Arthur, \$2.17; St. John's, Port Arthur, \$27.30; Parry Sound, \$59.23; Parry Sound S.S., \$18.27; Fox Point, \$10; Korah, \$13.75; Goulais Bay, \$1.70; Haileybury, \$17.40; Powassan, \$30; Little Current, \$18.15; Sucker Creek, \$5; Gore Bay S.S., 50c.; Gore Bay, \$16.90; Kagawong, \$5.10.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS

Gravenhurst, \$1.45; Depot Harbour, \$2.15; Korah, \$5.55; St. Paul's, Fort William, \$13.35; St. John's, Port Arthur, \$17.25.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Depot Harbour, \$2.91; St. Paul's, Fort William, \$11.76; St. John's, Port Arthur, \$53.50; Bishop Blythe's fund, Depot Harbour, \$1.40.

BISHOP SULLIVAN MEM. SUS. FUND

Falkenburg, \$4; Beatrice, \$3; Ufford, \$3.

EXPENSE FUND

Sprucedale, 1908, \$2, Cobalt, Assess., \$15; Cobalt, Bishop's visit, \$20; St. John's, Port Arthur, Bishop's visit, \$7.60.

SPECIAL PURPOSES

S.P.G. and C.C.C.S.—Seguin Falls, 46c., Dufferin Branch, 70c.; Broadbent, \$1.44; St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, \$2.10; Nipissing, \$2.73; New Liskeard, \$2.64; Port Sydney, \$1.30; Baysville, \$2.20; Hudson, 87c.; Little Current, 25c.; Callander, \$1.60; Depot Harbor, 75c.; Bracebridge, \$1.45; St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie, \$1.50; St. John's, Port Arthur, \$2. Richard's Landing Parsonage—Richard's Landing Branch W.A., \$53.05. S.P.C.K.—Depot Harbour, 65c.

EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT

Sucker Creek, \$1.50.

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Port Carling, \$4; Gregory, \$5.37; Port Sandfield, \$2; St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie, \$4.01.

MISSION FUND

Novar, 70c.; Byng Inlet, \$3; Huntsville, \$10; C. & C.C.S. (£89 7s. 6d.), \$432.35; S.P.G., (£74 17s.), \$362.61.

INDIAN HOMES

Englehart, \$4.23; State River Mission, West Fort, \$8; Church Epiphany S.S., Toronto, \$28.14; Sucker Creek, 56c.; Little Current, 60c.; Parry Sound, \$1.98; Mrs. Fremlin per C. & C.S. (£5), \$24.18; Falkenburg S.S., \$2.55; Bruce Mines S.S., \$1.50; Algoma W.A., \$75.