

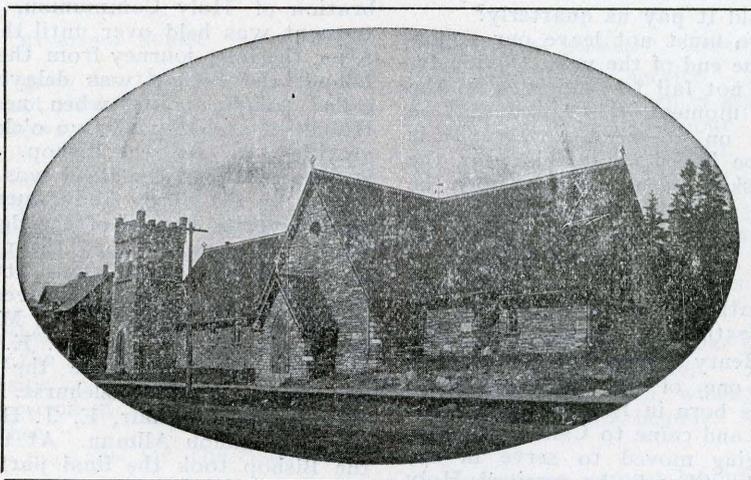
Now it is high time to  
awake out of sleep.



He 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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## THE APPORTIONMENT.

**W**E are constantly urging the M.S.C.C. to pay their grant to our Diocese at regular intervals through the year—say quarterly. Only thus can we hope to be able to pay our men regularly.

The only source out of which our grants are paid is the fund made up by Diocesan apportionments. And the Dioceses do not pay these apportionments regularly. How then can the Society pay us?

This year to July 12th, Algoma had only paid to the M.S.C.C. in Toronto, \$900.73 out of \$3,600 apportioned to be raised by us for the year.

All told the Society had only received at that date \$49,122.37 out of the \$166,604 apportioned to the Dioceses for the year. How then could it pay us quarterly?

Obviously we must not leave our apportionment to the end of the year. Obviously, too, we must not fail to send it in to the Treasurer the moment it is raised that he may send it on to headquarters. It is earnestly to be hoped that this year the whole sum asked of us, \$3,600, may be raised.

## DEATH OF REV. CANON FRENCH.

**B**Y the death, on the 12th of August, in his 75th year, of the Rev. William Henry French, the Diocese of Algoma loses one of its oldest missionaries. He was born in England on December 2nd, 1837, and came to Canada in early manhood. Being moved to serve in the ministry of the Church, he received Holy Orders at the hands of the Bishop of Toronto—to the diaconate in 1877 and to the priesthood in 1880. He served in the Diocese of Toronto (at Coldwater, Waubaushe and Omeme) until 1892, when he came to this missionary diocese, in which he completed twenty years' service last July. Gravenhurst, Sudbury, Aspdin, Maganatawan and Emsdale are the missions in which our brother deceased laboured. It was in the parsonage near St. Mark's Church, Emsdale, that he died, after a long and painful illness. He had long known that his life was held by but a thread, but nevertheless with characteristic energy he persevered in his ministrations to within a few weeks of his death. When the Diocese of Algoma was duly organized in 1906, and a Synod set up, Rev.

W. H. French was one of the seven clergy whom the Bishop appointed Honorary Canons. Those who have known him best and longest are those who will most miss his cheery greeting of a friend, and one whose heart was easily melted by the tale of sorrow or trouble.

To Canon French's family, "The Algoma Missionary News" begs to tender the condolence of the clergy of the diocese as of many of our readers to whom the deceased has ministered.

The funeral took place on the 16th of August. On the preceding evening the body was carried from the parsonage into St. Mark's Church, vigil being kept through the night by Rev. A. W. Hazlehurst, Rev. E. J. Harper and Rev. Canon Allman. Early Friday morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion, but the interment was held over until the afternoon. After the long journey from the Manitoulin Island, the Bishop was delayed by a derailed freight train when near Emsdale. However, at half-past two o'clock all were gratified to see the Bishop. The service for the Burial of the Dead was read in the church by the clergy above mentioned, and some favorite hymns of the deceased were sung. Then was formed the procession to the church graveyard, some little way distant. The Bishop was followed by all the clergy of the Deaneries of Muskoka and Parry Sound, and by Rev. E. R. Allman. Six of the clergy were the pall-bearers, viz., Revs. A. W. Hazlehurst, R.D., E. M. Rowland, L. Sinclair, E. J. Harper, P. F. Bull and Canon Allman. At the graveside the Bishop took the final part of the service, and then the mourners and the large assembly of Church people and other friends wended their way homewards.

Now the labourer's task is o'er;

Now the battle-day is past;

Now upon the farther shore

Lands the voyager at last.

Father, in Thy gracious keeping

Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

The Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury have taken an important step towards the inter-communion of the Churches of England and Russia by unanimously passing a resolution brought in by the Bishop of Oxford, warmly approving of the formation of a Russian society, under sanction of the Holy Governing Synod of the Russian Church, for promoting closer relations between the two churches.



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## THE DEPARTED MISSIONARY.

BY BISHOP HEBER

**T**HOU art gone to the grave! but we  
will not deplore thee,  
Though sorrows and darkness encompass  
the tomb;  
The Saviour has passed through its portal  
before thee,  
And the lamp of His love is thy guide  
through the gloom.

Thou art gone to the grave! we no longer  
behold thee,  
Nor tread, the rough path of the world  
by thy side;  
But the wide arms of Mercy are spread to  
enfold thee,  
And sinners may die, for The Sinless has  
died!

Thou art gone to the grave! and, its man-  
sion forsaking  
Perchance thy weak spirit in fear lingered  
long;  
But the mild rays of Paradise beamed on  
thy waking,  
And the sound which thou heardst was  
the Seraphim's song.

Thou art gone to the grave! but we will  
not deplore thee,  
Whose God was thy ransom, thy guardian  
and guide;  
He gave thee, He took thee, and He will  
restore thee;  
And death has no sting, for the Saviour  
has died.

## THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE.

From "Legenda Monastica." (Brother Bernard's Story.)

**O**NLY loving service  
High in heaven is stored,  
Ne'er a grudging labour  
Bring we to the Lord.

We are sent to gather  
From His children's hands  
Whatso'er they offer,  
Work, or gold, or lands.

Sometimes we may hear Him  
But a loving smile,  
Sometimes words, which, soothing,  
Lonely hours beguile.

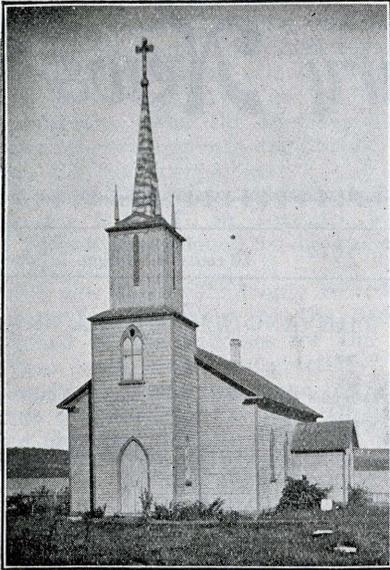
Sometimes earnest labour,  
Sometimes steadfast prayer,  
Sometimes patient suffering,  
Sometimes anxious care.

But a stinted offering  
He can never own,  
Who the Cross elected  
For His earthly throne.

And be sure those footsteps  
Angels never see  
Which man cares to reckon  
All complainingly.

Only willing service  
High in heaven is stored,  
Ne'er a grudging labour  
Bring we to the Lord.

## DIOCESAN NEWS



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MANITOWANING

### THE BISHOP IN THE NORTHWEST OF THE DIOCESE.

ON the 19th of July the Bishop, accompanied by Rev. B. P. Fuller, who was for some years our missionary in the region, started from Sault Ste. Marie for Nipigon. They arrived at Port Arthur on Saturday the 20th, and at Nipigon Station at 1 a.m. next morning. Here in St. Mary's Church the Bishop held a Confirmation. There is no little stir in the place, the number of men being large, consequent upon the C. P. R. track work and the pushing in of the C. N. R. Nipigon Station may, indeed, be a centre of activity—the gateway to the north from this section of country. The C. N. R. touches the southeast shore of

#### NIPIGON LAKE

giving access to the lake from both east and west. The pulp wood industry also promises to be an important feature in the upbuilding of the place.

The Bishop took train for Schreiber and there spent the evening, returning by the night train in order that he and Mr. Fuller

could set out early in the morning for Lake Nipigon. They arrived at South Bay at half-past two o'clock and found four or five Indian families camping around the Bay. That evening service was held in

#### THE TENT OF WALTER MICHEL.

Early next morning the Bishop had a celebration of Holy Communion, at which were seven communicants.

Following came an hour's interview concerning future movements and prospects. At 1 o'clock p.m., after a common meal, the Bishop set out for Grand Bay, where he arrived five hours later. Unfortunately the mission was found to be deserted, the Indians having scattered in pursuit of their various interests. One difficulty in Indian work is found in the constant movement of the Indians—hunting, fishing, in camps, with tourists—frequently away from home. And they usually take the whole family, leaving the headquarters of the mission deserted. The only course open is to follow them and to minister to them as opportunity affords.

Next day the Bishop set out for

#### NIPIGON HOUSE

a Hudson Bay Company centre. The forty-mile journey was made in the "Mary Ellen Williamson," the missionary boat given by the Toronto Diocesan W. A. in memory of its first President. The boat is in excellent condition and in it the journey was made in comfort. Nipigon House was reached at 7 p.m. Not a soul had been met on the way. The Hudson Bay Co. agent, Mr. Donald Murchison, met the party with much cordiality. After a brief repast the Bishop and Mr. Fuller went one and a half-miles up the shore to an Indian camp. A brief service with an address was held in the wigwam of

#### DAGINBAHQUINQUEGAWINNY.

This particular family owes allegiance to the Church of England and gladly received the ministers and their ministrations. There were seven persons in this family alone—father, mother, three grown-up daughters and two boys. There were a few other Indians, but most of them had scattered in pursuit of some way of living.

The wigwam was about ten feet across. The little congregation sat in a circle

around the fire in the centre, the smoke from which is supposed to emerge through the hole above. It was largely supposition. Nevertheless, the scene was not only picturesque but touching.

After a night at Nipigon House and a few hours' rest next morning the party set out to cross the lake, hoping to make the C. N. R. camp at Sandy Bay. True it is "man proposes, but God disposes." A great

WIND STORM COMPELLED THE "WILLIAMSON" to seek shelter in the lee of an island. For nearly twenty-four hours was the party tied up. One of the features of Lake Nipigon is to be found in the groups of islands which are scattered about, affording shelter to storm-bound travellers. Some of the bays and channels are exceedingly beautiful and entirely sheltered from all winds. Not a soul lives on these islands. Nature remains still in its wild and undisturbed state.

At length the storm abated and the party proceeded on its way. After travelling a mile or two, an Indian camp was sighted on a neighbouring shore. Here Michel, one of our Grand Bay Indians, with Joseph Eskimo and his family, had been seeking shelter from the storm. This chance meeting afforded an opportunity for a little service and instruction.

#### JOSEPH ESKIMO

is an intelligent Indian of 45 to 50 years of age and one of our Shingwauk Home pupils. He at one time, and for some years, was a teacher in the Birch Island Indian School. Now with his family he lives at Gull Bay on Lake Nipigon. He assured the Bishop that he would do all in his power to encourage his brethren to live aright and to look to the Church for guidance.

Leaving this party the Bishop proceeded on his way, but was compelled to abandon his visit to the C. N. R. camp. It was just possible to make connection for the next appointment by proceeding straight to South Bay. This was done. The visit was a brief one, but it served to show that the whole Nipigon region is in a state of transition. Before long the railways now touching the shores of the lake will beyond question be the means of bringing this magnificent region to the attention of people seeking recreation from the south and east. No more splendid holiday region can be found in the land.

## A RAPID JOURNEY TO THE NORTH-EAST.

A RAPID run from Nipigon Station to North Bay—550 miles—thence northerly to Timagami Station on the T. & N. O. R., enabled the Bishop to reach Bear Island on Sunday, July 28th. Here a neat, commodious and tasteful little church has been built for summer use. Mr. C. F. L. Gilbert, the student-missionary, has been the chief mover in the work of procuring material and erecting the building, though Mr. Woods, the Hudson Bay Agent on the spot, has been collecting money for several years past for this work.

#### LAKE TIMAGAMI

is another most attractive centre for summer outings. It is much smaller than Lake Nipigon, but has a charm of its own owing to its peculiar shape—that of a star. Its arms reach out for miles in various directions and it is studded with islands. There are no settlements. The Hudson Bay Post and a few Indian camps are the centres of population. It is in the new park reserve set apart by the Ontario Government. But in the summer it is a resort for tourists from the south and the site for school camps where the boys have a splendid outing and learn from experience, under wise and careful guidance and control, the art and mystery of bush life. The mission of the Church here is only a summer mission, but it is a very interesting sphere of work.

The opening of

#### THE CHURCH ON BEAR ISLAND

meant a happy day—all enjoying a bright and hearty service. However, there was one incident to break the completeness of the happy occasion. Mrs. Friday, a faithful Church of England Indian, connected with the family of the late Rev. J. Saunders, a veritable mother in Israel, attended the service with a full heart. "At last," she said, "we have our church. I have looked and waited for it for years and I have lived to see it built." She entered into the service with fervor and appreciation. On going out she stumbled over a stone and fell against the gate post, dislocating and cracking her shoulder blade. Happily a doctor was at hand (at Timagami Inn, 1½ miles distant) who promptly attended to her injuries and assured the friends that no serious results were likely to follow.

Next morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion. Then a visit was paid to Cochrane's Camp, where boys from Upper Canada College had been spending the summer. Towards evening the Bishop hastened away to Timagami Station en route to North Bay. On the train he fell into conversation with a young man, who also had been visiting Timagami Lake. The young man obviously was not acquainted with the Bishop. After a glowing description of the beauties of Timagami Lake and particularly of Bear Island, he said: "There was a fellow in there yesterday opening a new Church and he had a fine congregation and got \$24 of a collection." This was independent testimony.

#### MANITOULIN ISLAND.

**D**URING the month of August the Grand Manitoulin Island claimed the presence of the Bishop. He left Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday, August 3rd, taking train to Cutler, thence by boat to Little Current, where he arrived at 7.30 p.m. Next morning he celebrated Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and at 11 a.m. took part at Matins. At the latter service two children were baptized and eight persons confirmed. It was a bright service, Mr. Wallace's services at the organ being duly appreciated.

At half-past three the Bishop was to be found at

#### SUCKER CREEK

for Evensong and sermon. Here he inspected the new church, built of cement, which with the exception of furniture is now complete. There is a debt on it of \$600. The structure is a tribute to the perseverance of Rev. C. Simpson and his Indian flock, which has given much value in time and money. They have no little pride in the church they possess.

At 7 p.m. the Bishop was back at Holy Trinity Church, Little Current. In this congregation there prevails the best of feeling and a harmonious spirit. The missionary was grieving the sudden loss of his father by death.

Next day the Bishop was at a gathering of

#### INDIANS AT SHEGUINDAH

The day began with a celebration of Holy Communion, at which the Bishop preached on "Stewardship." Following came games,

speeches and lunch. The Indians from Birch Island were present in goodly numbers. The day was fine and greatly enjoyed by all.

Revs. Canon Burt and G. Prewer are working heartily to draw the different elements of the Indian population together. There is great need of zealous work in view of the many forces arrayed against us in this mission, not the least being the facility for obtaining intoxicants afforded the Indians by the proximity of Little Current. Surely all good Christian people should condemn and withstand the practice of misleading Indians by such means to their destruction.

The gasoline launch recently procured has proved, in Mr. Prewer's hands, to be of little or no use. It has been taken to Sault Ste. Marie for overhauling and repairs. The engine was found to be in a hopeless condition—by whose fault remains undeclared. Money is not in hand to make such necessary repairs that the boat shall be immediately available for missionary service. Meanwhile, for the season, it is in charge of Rev. B. P. Fuller.

On the 6th (Tuesday) the Bishop took part in an interesting service at

#### TEN-MILE POINT

some six or seven miles east of Sheguindah. A few isolated families came together in a small house built on the summit of a rocky cliff overlooking a gap into the Georgian Bay. Here is one of the great views of the country. He is not likely soon to forget it who sees it on a favourable day.

A trouble is that the people have been accustomed to receive such a variety of ministrations that there is very little in the way of settled Church membership found amongst them. Such is not their fault, but their misfortune, and it is a misfortune which is shared by other similar communities all over the land. One thing worthy of comment is that they are always ready to receive the visit and ministrations of the clergyman.

On the 7th the Bishop was present at an admirable service at St. Peter's, Sheguindah (the church of the white population), after which a reception was given by the W.A. in Mrs. Stringer's house and a W.A. life-membership certificate

#### PRESENTED TO MRS. PREWER

in recognition of her devoted service in Sunday School and choir as well as in connection with the W. A.



Next day Bidwell was visited. Thither the Bishop drove with Canon Burt and dined at the house of Mr. Body, an Englishman from near East Brent, Somersetshire. Strangely enough Mr. B. was confirmed in Lympham parish church under the vicar, Mr. Stephenson, whose son, Rev. E. H. C. Stephenson, a later vicar of Lympham is now our missionary at Schreiber. The service was as usual held in the little log house rented for the purpose. The room was crowded, the service hearty and the people evidently appreciative. The Bishop and Canon Burt were hospitably housed at the Somerville's, who are always ready to afford shelter to the clergy.

The 9th was Friday. In the morning the Bishop and his companion—the Rural Dean—enjoyed the interesting drive around Lake Manitou, which brought them for the mid-day meal to Mrs. Tann's, at Mindemoya. After dinner the neighbours to the number of twenty came in for service. The dining room was used. A shortened form of Evensong was said and the Bishop preached on "The Unfailing Presence of God." The journey was resumed and

#### PROVIDENCE BAY

made by 6 o'clock. Here a site for a church has been obtained—the gift of Mr. Mutchmore, of Toronto. It is in the middle of the village, well situated for its purpose. In due time, doubtless, a little church will be erected. In the evening a service was held in the "Union" Church, in which notwithstanding the desperate rain thirty

people assembled. Rev. Canon Burt has in this place made a good impression and laid excellent foundations for a mission. Before leaving the Bishop made inquiry into the condition of things and considered an offer made him of the "Union" Church building. As it is somewhat out of repair he came to no definite decision pending an examination.

Saturday was largely spent on the road. It was a beautiful drive from Providence Bay, past Mindemoya Lake, where is a very interesting cave, on to Kagawong; thence past Bridal Veil Falls

#### TO GORE BAY

where the Bishop and Canon Burt arrived at 5 o'clock. Here the Bishop was received by Rev. H. F. Hutton and the following day the visitation of the mission was made.

Sunday, 11th August, began with Matins and Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. In the afternoon Mr. Biehl placed his motor car at the Bishop's disposal for a drive of 12 miles to Kagawong, where Evensong was said at 3 o'clock. The usual congregation is large but the need of a properly appointed church was felt, as on former occasions. The building is a "union" one, and as usual not arranged according to the Church's requirements.

The Bishop was back again to Gore Bay for Evensong at 7 p.m. At this service which was very hearty, the church being filled to overflowing, seven persons were confirmed. Mr. Hutton is doing a splendid work.

At 6 o'clock next morning the Bishop took the boat for

MELDRUM BAY

where he arrived at noon. This little out-of-the-way fishing and lumbering village is the scene of a very good work done by Rev. H. A. Sims, the missionary at Silverwater. The life of the place is precarious and the people few in number, but they do what they can and the mission is an interesting one. Here the Bishop received the sad news of the death of Rev. Canon French and immediately took measures to attend his funeral.

Canon French was one of the older missionaries of the diocese. Devoted and heroic in spirit he worked to the last, notwithstanding his broken health and infirmity.

After an early celebration of Holy Communion on Tuesday morning the Bishop drove to Silverwater, 18 miles distant for service in the evening. Three persons were confirmed. The congregation was large. Later in the evening a reception was held in the Oddfellows' Hall.

Carrying out his purpose to attend

CANON FRENCH'S FUNERAL

the Bishop set out at 4 o'clock next morning to take boat at Gore Bay. A service, however, was held at Mills, a station between the two places at which the daughter of Mr. Thomas Robinson was confirmed.

Thence the Bishop proceeded direct to Emsdale for the funeral on the 16th.

On Monday (19th) the Bishop returned to the Manitoulin Island and next day went to Manitowaning for the regular visitation. Unfortunately the

VILLAGE OF MANITOWANING

is stamped with an unprogressive spirit and our mission is not so strong as in former years. This is true also of Hilly Grove. The Slash, however, seems to be prospering and the mission station there slowly improving. One of the Bishop's great problems is to know how to deal with these unprogressive missions.

On the 21st the Bishop was back on the north shore—at

BRUCE MINES.

During the summer Mr. Owen L. Jull, a student at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, has been the lay missionary here. One result of his labour is most creditable. He prepared and presented seven candidates who were duly confirmed. Notwithstand-

ing the stagnant condition of affairs in this village the service was one of the brightest we ever had.

WEST FORT WILLIAM.

THE Woman's Auxiliary of St. Thomas' Church held a most successful garden party in the church grounds on July 18th and realized about \$75.00 from it. At a recent meeting of this Society it was decided to present the church with a new frontal for the altar and a hanging for the pulpit. The Junior W.A. has also decided to present an oak Bishop's chair for the sanctuary. Both societies are in a flourishing condition.

The incumbent, Rev. A. A. Adams, accompanied by his daughter, spent a month visiting friends in Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Toronto and Muskoka, and has returned to his work at St. Thomas'. On Sunday evening, August 11th, the beautiful, new altar frontal and Bishop's chair, presented by the Senior and Junior W.A., respectively, were dedicated by the incumbent to the glory of God and for use in His Church.

DIOCESAN NOTES.

IT is with sincere regret that we make known the fact that Rev. T. N. Munford, who some months since fell and injured one of his knees, feels obliged to resign and go back to England. Mr. Munford has done good work at Copper Cliff. His departure in consequence of the accident means the loss to our staff of missionaries of a loyal and esteemed confrere. We pray that he may recover the full use of his injured member.

Mr. H. Cocks has been the Church's missionary at Michipicoten during the summer. He has proved a good worker, visiting all the mining camps and inspiring the folk at Helen Mine with the desire to erect there a little building for divine service.

The two illustrations in this issue are kindly loaned to us by Mr. F. W. Major, editor and proprietor of "The Recorder," Gore Bay. For his courtesy we express our thanks.

The bell fund of St. Thomas' Church, Fort William, has been completed.

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

The proposal is made that the American missions in Liberia should be transferred to the English Church. This would facilitate the formation of an ecclesiastical province of West Africa, as Liberia lies between the Diocese of Sierra Leone and that of Western Equatorial Africa. Liberia is more accessible to England than to America. This work might well be exchanged for the Central and South American work of the Church of England.

"The solution of racial problems is the despair of statesmen. It is for the Church of God to face with quiet courage and with buoyant hope the perplexities which daunt the civil ruler who is striving to promote the peace and happiness of the world. The Church is ready with the old true message of the Gospel—'Ye are all one in Christ Jesus.'"—Encyclical Letter of Lambeth Conference.

Bishop Hodur of the Polish National Church (Old Catholic) celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his episcopate at Scranton, Pa., a few weeks ago, when Bishop Darlington, of Harrisburg, was present with his chaplain and made an address. There are now twenty-four Polish congregations under Bishop Hodur, numbering in all 50,000 persons.

There is trouble in Parham (Dio. Ontario), as the line of the C.P.R. runs directly through church, rectory and sheds. Mr. J. B. Walkem, the solicitor of the diocese, has been trying to adjust matters. It is probable that church and rectory will have to be squeezed into one corner of the parish, through which the railway line runs obliquely.

Bishop Bury, formerly of Honduras, but now Bishop of the Anglican chaplaincies of North and Central Europe, returned a few weeks ago from a tour through Siberia, where he held services in the houses of English residents, baptising, confirming, and administering Holy Communion to many who had not had the ministrations of religion since they had lived in the country.

Canon Sutherland, sub-dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, completes this month 35 years at St. Mark's Church, in the Ambitious City. Previous to going to St. Mark's, of which he is the rector, he served as assistant to the late Dean Geddes and as incumbent of All Saints'. He is the doyen of all ministers in the city.

His Grace Archbishop of Ottawa, the Duke of Connaught, the third of the Queen's sons to attend service at Fredericton cathedral, and a distinguished body of priests attended the re-dedication on St. Bartholomew's Day of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, restored after the fire of July 3rd, 1911.

The Lord Bishop of Winchester, accompanied by Mrs. Talbot, arrived in Quebec on September 7th, and preached in the cathedral on Sunday morning. Dr. Talbot's visit to America is in connection with the work of the Continuation Committee of the recent Edinburgh conference, of which he is a member.

The Rev. A. G. Hamilton Dicker, who has been rector of St. Luke's, Toronto, for six years, since the death of Dr. Langtry, has resigned and will leave for England by the Laurentic on October 12th. Mr. Dicker's resignation is due to the sudden death, in a motor accident, of his eldest brother.

A writer in one of the Church monthlies says:—More and more religious instruction is being crushed out of the curriculum of elementary schools in Scotland. It is not a paying subject, and School Boards don't bother about it. Some day it will go altogether if Scottish people do not waken up to a sense of the danger in which they stand.

The Ven. Archdeacon McKay, of Saskatchewan, well known for his self-denying work amongst the Indians, kept the jubilee of his ordination a few weeks ago.

## VISITING IN MUSKOKA.

**A**FTER evening service at one of my outstations I was very tired and, though the moon shone bright and the weather was delightful, I resolved to take advantage of an invitation to stay all night instead of returning to my home, which was ten miles distant across the ruggedest tract of country that ever was created and the road the roughest in the world. And then I felt it my duty to make some visits to the homes of some members of my congregation who lived in an opposite direction to that in which my home lay and more especially to visit a member of the Church who had been afflicted for many years—almost helpless and deprived of the power of speech—the result of a fit of paralysis from which there was no hope of recovery.

The weather on the Monday morning was bad and I almost regretted that I had not taken advantage of the moonlight and fine weather to return to my home; but yet the rain held up after a while and I started on my rounds. I called at one house and the woman of the house was overwhelmed with grief (so she said) because she had been unable to attend church on the previous day. "You see," she said, "I am not so young as I was twenty years ago and my feet and legs give out under me." I asked after the younger members of the family for these I understood were away, but this was only partly true for it took me quite a while to shake hands with those that were there.

I passed on to the next place where no one was at home, and then on to an aged couple and son and daughter-in-law. Of these the female part of the household were the only ones at home. The old woman complained that she was over eighty and could not get about very spry and the younger woman complained that the service was not at a convenient hour. Well, we will pass on; the visiting by the way did not seem very encouraging as yet. At the next house the woman had two small children, but she thought that they were big enough now to take to church. As the next house there was quite a large family, some representatives of which had been to church, so I did not hear excuses. Thanks be to God for the same.

The next was a nice brick house where my paralyzed friend lay. Poor creature.

She was glad to see me. Whether she understood or not I could not say. We all gathered around and prayed the prayers for "all sorts and conditions of men" for "those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate, especially this one for whom our prayers are desired."

I stayed there and had dinner and stayed on till it was time to go home. On my departure they laded me with some fruit and vegetables which I was glad of, and though I made some other visits on the way back I do not remember anything of importance.

On Sunday, July 21st, at Schreiber, the Bishop admitted six men to the Church of England Men's Society, the first branch of which in the diocese has been started in this mission on the north shore of Lake Superior. The men were evidently interested and in earnest. Rev. E. F. C. Stephenson has awakened enthusiasm and has succeeded in putting the Church in the place in excellent order. There is much activity, too, among the women and evidences of missionary ardor—generally. There is great need for the further organization of women's work. The deaconess would be a very useful worker in many of our missions and parishes. Something should be done in this direction.

The ladies of the Guild connected with St. Paul's Church, Haileybury, undertook to cater for the banquet given to the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario, when they visited Haileybury on the trip north to see the "clay belt" which is now being "discovered" by some of our citizens in the large provincial cities. It was given in the new parish hall—the only building in the town large enough to accommodate so numerous a body. Needless to say, the ladies "did themselves proud." The floral decorations were beautiful, the viands most tasty and the post-prandial speeches good. Among the more optimistic speeches were those of the Hon. W. H. Hearst, Minister of Mines and Forests, and Mr. J. L. Englehart, Chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. Among the visiting sightseers were also good speakers. It may be noted that all were apparently surprised at the wealth of soil in the neighbourhood of New Liskeard.

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**VACANT MISSIONS.**

THE Bishop is much in need of clergy to fill places now vacant. They should be inspired with missionary ardor and it were better they were unmarried. Missionaries are wanted for the places following: Webbwood, Copper Cliff, Bruce Mines, Emsdale, Seguin Falls, Torrance, Muskoka Station and Nipigon. An assistant priest is wanted at St. Paul's, Fort William, and a priest to take charge of the Church of St. Ansgarius, Port Arthur.

**BYNG INLET.**

SUNDAY, August 25th, will be a day of blessed memory to the rector and congregation of the Church of St. John the Divine, Byng Inlet. This day was set apart for the consecration of our church, which was erected by the Anglicans of this parish three years ago, and our fondest hopes were realized to the fullest extent with the celebration of the beautiful ceremony of consecration. This day was made doubly eventful in the history of the Church at Byng Inlet by the consecration of our cemetery also, which took place in the afternoon. Besides being the fortunate participants in these ceremonies, we, of course, had the always welcome pleasure of having our dear Bishop

with us. That pleasure in itself is more than we can give expression to.

It must be confessed that, not until the service of consecration of the church, which was performed at 11 o'clock in the morning, was brought to a close, did we of the congregation fully realize the full grandeur and impressiveness of this beautiful service which, beginning with the formal petition to the Bishop for consecration and his acceptance, including the special Psalm and prayers chosen for the service, is brought to a most solemn conclusion by the celebration of the Holy Communion. The Bishop's words were most impressive and were listened to with the marked attention that is always given His Lordship's remarks and also with a keen desire for further enlightenment of the solemn occasion on which we were gathered, and his well-chosen words of simple directness gave us full realization of our desire.

There is one significant feature, which played a most important part in the afternoon service, which should not be passed without note, and this was the wonderful change in the weather conditions which made it possible to complete our twofold service of consecration without having the ceremony at the cemetery marred by inclement weather. Although we had had continuous storms for some days previous, followed by very threatening weather early Sunday morning, but a few hours before the time set apart for the outdoor service at our burial ground, the dark clouds that had been overhanging almost indefinitely, broke away, and in but a short space of time we had a wonderfully clear sky and bright sun that could not but warm our hearts to the Providential Hand that had so blessed us, and a prayer of thanksgiving was breathed by all.

The service at the cemetery was marked by the same solemn impressiveness as that held in the church, and when brought to its conclusion, could not but leave with all a keen sense of having truly taken on the armour of the Lord and with a desire to continue, with renewed energy, the work we had taken up.

Rev. R. A. Cowling, of Parry Sound, acted as the Bishop's chaplain.

Miss Bowman, one of the M.S.C.C. missionaries in Japan, is home from the East on furlough.

## SIGNS OF LIFE.

A WRITER to "The Spectator" (London, Aug. 10) quotes from the "Methodist Recorder" a tribute to the vitality of the English Church which our readers will be interested to read. This well-known organ of Methodist opinion says:—"We are quite sure there is something in the spirit and equipment of the Church of England now wanting in the Free Churches. For long years the Church of England has been elaborating its machinery; it has done this with deliberation, with the utmost care, and with a fine statesmanship. . . . Quietly, and considering its ideals rather than the wishes of the many, it has found out ways, taken hints, and set its house in order. We are seeing the result, and we cannot but congratulate the men of God who have had power to discern the times and the seasons. Moreover, workers have been found, and plenty of them. The opportunity for work has been welcomed. . . . Never were there so many willing hands and warm hearts laborious in the Church of England. This has befallen in an hour when we have found our workers bewildered among the infinite variety of calls, running here and there, busy oftentimes about nothing that really matters. There has come among us a mood of resentment upon the multiplicity of demands, and some have withdrawn themselves, while others are much discouraged. . . . In the Church of England a great development of spiritual vitality has arisen in these last years. It is finding its expression in work peculiarly adapted to the needs of the hour. The Free Churches may look, in the future, to a greater vigour in the Establishment than has been known within the memory of any living man; and we should not be greatly surprised if the vigour be richer and better sustained than any displayed in all its past history."

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. C. H. Stileman, for twenty years C.M.S. missionary in Persia and recently Secretary of the C. of E. Zenana Missionary Society, to be Bishop in Persia, with superintendence of the Church of England missions there.

Owing to pressure of work the Bishop of London has cancelled his conditional promise to visit Australia in 1913.

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