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"HE GAVE GIFTS UNTO MEN"

God gives His children Faith,
 And downcast eyes look up, and catch the ray
 Of sunlight that He sheds, and cast away
 The weight of sin, and follow on the way
 That leads through life, through death.

He gives them Power to stand,
 Though trembling oft and weak, yet not o'erborne,
 Watching through darkest night for hope of morn.
 And strong to lift and comfort souls forlorn
 Through strength of His strong hand.

And Fortitude and Grace,
 To bear all grief and loneliness and pain
 And sting of failure; then, the hidden rain
 Of tears put by, God's sunshine gleams again
 On men, through one glad face.

And Love, of gifts the best—
 Love, that clings fast to Him, whate'er betide,
 And sings His praise; and growing deep and wide
 Yearns to draw others nearer to His side,
 Their Home, their Life, their Rest.

Such rays of Thy pure Light
 To us Thou givest through Thy Saints, O Lord;
 Their voices bring us echoes of Thy word;
 They point us to the Lamb, by them adored,
 Seen by their Faith's clear sight.

Dear Master, do Thou lift
 Our hearts—poor hearts so prone to faint and tire—
 To catch from Thee the glow of heavenly fire,
 That, with Thy Saints, we rise from high to higher,
 To Thee, the Father's Gift.

—Marian Benham.

FAMINE IN RUSSIA

The Archbishop of Canterbury authorizes the use of the following prayer for Russia, in view of the grave famine conditions now prevailing in a vast area of that country, as revealed in the appeal issued by the Patriarch of Moscow:

Almighty God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast bidden us to ask of Thee our daily bread, have mercy upon the people of Russia in their hour of need; save them from the perils of famine and disease, and guide all efforts to bring them help; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.



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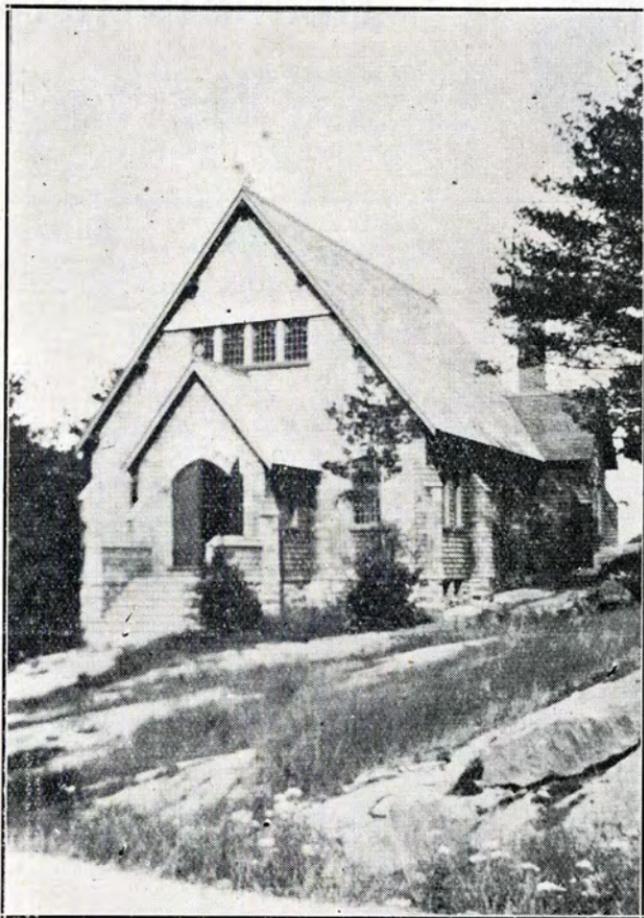
Last month we noted the resignation of Mr. C. F. Pascoe, Foreign Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, after fifty-one years' service with the Venerable Society. We have received a copy of the farewell letter issued by Mr. Pascoe to fellow-workers, past and present; and from it we take the liberty of reprinting the beautiful verses on the opposite page. They were written in 1903 by Miss Marian Benham, daughter of the late Canon Benham.

"After six years' invaluable service at home as the first Secretary of 'The King's Messengers, S. P. G.,' Miss Benham received and obeyed a call to missionary service at Ahmadnagar in Western India. But on her first evening there (December 18th, 1903) she met with a very serious accident. A few weeks later she passed on to the life everlasting."

It is in order that all men may enjoy in the fullest measure the gifts of God so beautifully described in this poem that the Church's missionary work is carried on. And dare anyone say that "Missions are not worth while?"

Do that which is assigned you, and you cannot hope too much
or dare too much. —Emerson.

Wait not till you are backed by numbers. Wait not until
you are sure of an echo from a crowd. The fewer the voices on
the side of truth, the more distinct and strong must be your own.



TRINITY CHURCH, BALA

CONSECRATION OF TRINITY CHURCH, BALA

A most impressive service was held at Bala on Sunday the 3rd of July, when His Grace the Archbishop of Algoma consecrated the beautiful new Church of the Holy Trinity. The Archbishop was assisted in the service by the Incumbent, the Rev. Christopher Lord, and the Rev. R. E. Park, Rector of Byng Inlet, who acted as His Grace's Chaplain.

The Consecration took place at the morning service. A large congregation was present, and the service was followed with the greatest interest by all, in spite of the intense heat, the thermometer in the church registering 96 degrees!

The Archbishop preached at both services. In the morning he spoke with appreciation of the work of the priest in charge, and of the providential ordering of God which had brought about the planting of the Church in Bala on the beautiful Muskoka Lake. He paid a tribute to the good work of Mr. and Mrs. Lord in the district, and to the earnest manner in which they had assisted in the planning and work of the new church. He then spoke most gratefully of the donor of the site, who had most generously given by far the greater amount required for the erection of the church, thus securing its completion free of debt. His Grace congratulated the members of the Church of England in Bala on the possession of what was certainly a gem of church architecture.

At the evening service two candidates were presented for Confirmation.

A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

On Tuesday the 2nd of August a bazaar was held by the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Bala, in the Victory Town Hall, when the sum of \$137.96 was realized to further the work of the Mission.

The bazaar was formally opened in the afternoon by Mr. W. H. Wilkie, one of the summer visitors. In a few well chosen words he spoke of the great credit due to the women of the mission and the visitors, who together has so ably assisted Mrs. Lord and the members of the W. A. during the past few months in providing so many beautiful and useful articles for the various booths. Mr. Wilkie commented upon the work accomplished by the Rev. C. Lord and his parishioners during the past two years; and spoke of the beautiful new church, recently consecrated, which should prove an inspiration to the parishioners and summer visitors to greater service on behalf of their beloved Church. After the



Trinity Church. Bala

singing of the National Anthem, the bazaar was declared formally opened.

An exceptionally fine musical programme had been prepared by Mr. T. T. Carpenter of Toronto, and the large crowd which had assembled in the hall was delighted with the songs and readings by talented artists.

Mr. Lord spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see such a splendid assembly of parishioners and visitors; and asked them not to forget to render thanks to God that, through the splendid generosity of a friend, the church was free of debt, and consecrated to the service of God. He thanked all the artists who had volunteered their services so willingly, and asked all to join in singing the Doxology, which was done with great fervour. Many congratulations were expressed on the success of the occasion.

The artists who so kindly assisted were: Miss Mabel Beddoe,

New York City; Miss Mitchener, Miss Mabel Mann, and Miss Inthia Carpenter of Toronto; Miss Auger; Miss M. B. Campbell and Mr. N. Langdon of Bala; Mrs. McGill, and Messrs. T. J. Carpenter, J. H. Howitt and E. R. Bowles of Toronto.

WELCOME

It is with pleasure that we announce the safe arrival of the Rev. Brinley Abbott and his family in the Diocese. Mr. Abbott arrived on the 9th August from Glasgow, where he had been carrying on successful work. But hearing the call of the Canadian Church he volunteered for service in Algoma. This is not Mr. Abbott's first experience in the Dominion, as he worked in the Diocese of Fredericton in the early part of his ministry. Mr. Abbott served with distinction as a Chaplain in the Great War, and will prove a most valuable addition to our clerical staff. He has been appointed to the Mission of Blind River in succession to the Rev. Gilbert Oliver who goes to North Bay.

We also extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. W. M. Whiteley, who comes to Algoma from the Diocese of Barbadoes. Mr. Whiteley has been appointed to the Parish of New Liskeard, and has entered upon his new work.

LATCHFORD

The Rector of St. James' went to Latchford on Wednesday, July 27th, and gave them the first church service they have had in years. The little church was well filled and the people seemed to appreciate the service very much. Mr. Childerhose drove the Rector over and back. The Rector again visited Latchford on Wednesday, August 3rd, holding service at 7.30 p.m. There was a good congregation present, the next morning at 7.30 we held a service of the Holy Communion, which was much appreciated.

—St. James', Cobalt, Parish Magazine

The Rev. Eric Montizambert, of Little Current, has been appointed Rector of St. John's, Port Arthur, and enters upon his new duties on the first of October.

ON THE MANITOULIN ISLAND

On the 16th July the Archbishop began his annual visitation of the Manitoulin Island. The Island is a wonderful and delightful stretch of country, and in ordinary seasons fertile, affording excellent opportunities for the farmer. This year, however, it is parched. For weeks at the critical time for the development of the young crops there was no rain. The country is dry and brown, and the people have not sufficient fodder for their cattle. Yet the population of the Island never seems seriously discouraged, nor need they, for a bad year comes only occasionally, and it comes to other parts as well as to the Island. Already it is a thriving place, and some day its beauty and resources will be recognized at their true value.

GORE BAY

Gore Bay is delightfully situated on a sheltered harbour, whose shape suggests the name of the place. Great cliffs more than two hundred feet high shelter it on one hand, and gently rising ground on the other; while a point almost closes the entrance, affording perfect shelter from every storm. There is room and water enough in the harbour for a great fleet of boats.

The village is certainly a very attractive spot, but being cut off by twenty miles of water from the mainland it seems isolated, out of the world; and in these days of wonderful facilities both for transportation and communication few places are really out of the world. A daily mail keeps it in fairly close touch with the centres of life and thought. All round it is a splendid farming country, which contributes to its upkeep, though not to its rapid growth. Those who are content to wait for prosperity might do very much worse than settle in this delightful spot.

Our little church here has had its ups and downs. Frequent changes of clergymen have tried it. Still the flock holds together, and there is considerable life and hope at the present time under the devoted and tactful supervision of the parish priest, the Rev. W. T. Swainson. The interior of the church is very devotional, though its simplicity and meagre proportions might easily be criticized.

A service, consisting of Confirmation and Holy Communion, with a sermon by the Archbishop, was held on the morning of Sunday, the 17th July, Matins having been previously said. There was a good congregation, including a large proportion of men.

The Archbishop took occasion to explain the nature and authority of Confirmation, dealing especially with the significance of its Apostolic origin, and on its spiritual meaning and purpose.

KAGAWONG

A kind friend in the afternoon drove the Archbishop and Mr. Swainson in his motor car to Kagawong, twelve miles away; another lovely and out of the world spot, much frequented by summer tourists fond of fishing. The Church still shares with others the use of a "union" building in this place. The usual difficulties present themselves, making a truly reverent and properly conducted service very difficult. For years this little flock has been content to worship under these conditions, and seems to have grown quite satisfied with them. But never until they have a building of their own, properly equipped and furnished, can they be expected to develop the right and reverent feeling towards their place of worship. There is a good and hearty feeling towards the Church and her officers, but not that recognition of her position and authority which must be desired.

SILVERWATER

Returning that night to Gore Bay, the Archbishop was ready on the following morning, Monday the 18th, for the stage which left at eight o'clock, bound for Silverwater, some thirty miles away. Silverwater is in the midst of a very good farming region, and in a thriving part of the Island. The little church has been renovated, and the congregations keep up to a fair average. It has been difficult to supply the full ministrations of the Church in this place. Since the war a layman has been in charge of Silverwater and the neighbouring Indian mission of Sheshigwaning, where he teaches the Indian School. All the week he is busy at his school work, and on Sunday he takes service in the two places. No wonder he needs a holiday when the summer vacation comes. The difficulty is to provide sacramental privileges. The best that can be done is to arrange for a periodic visit from the Incumbent of Gore Bay, who is also ready for special calls. But it is a long weary drive, and the arrangement is not ideal. In due course there must be a clergyman here.

Evensong was said and Confirmation administered in the evening in Silverwater Church. The building was crowded. The Archbishop was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, old and faithful supporters of the Church.

SHESHIGWANING

The next morning, Tuesday the 19th, Mr. Thompson drove the Archbishop and Mr. Swainson, who accompanied him as chaplain, to the Indian Mission of Sheshigwaning. Here a service of Matins and Confirmation was held at ten o'clock together with Holy Communion. The whole settlement attended worship. There were eighteen communicants, all Indian except the teacher and his wife.

This interesting Indian mission has made fair progress, but presents many difficulties owing to the character and traditions of the people. The Indians develop slowly. The children are the hope of the future. Constant watchfulness and care are necessary to keep things in proper order, and to avoid trouble of various kinds. But we have much to be thankful for in connection with this work. Two of the pupils in our school, Lewis Sampson and Edward Cada, have this year passed the entrance examination at Gore Bay; while Agnes Sampson, daughter of the late Chief David Sampson, who after attending the High School at Gore Bay entered a hospital in New York, is now a full-fledged nurse, in active discharge of her duties in that great city. This is quite a triumph for the teacher of the Sheshigwaning school. Two men from this mission, Mike Cada and Tom Niganiwini, lost their lives in the war.

As usual after the service in the morning lunch was prepared in Mrs. Sampson's house, and was followed by a conference, or "pow-wow," in the school house. All the principal Indians made speeches, expressive of their satisfaction or the contrary, but generally expressing their good will to the Church and her missionary agents. It is always an interesting, not to say memorable experience, when the Archbishop visits this out of the world place.

On Wednesday the 20th, after a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, Silverwater, the Archbishop and Mr. Swainson returned by stage to Gore Bay. On Thursday His Grace took the steamer "Winona" from Gore Bay to Cutler, on the mainland, on the way to Webbwood, where he was the guest of the Rev. G. H. Phillips.

ESPANOLA

On the morning of the 22nd a visit was paid to Espanola. This growing town has an appearance of prosperity which is really surprising. It is one of the centres of the Spanish River paper industry. A large and well equipped paper mill, stands in the centre of the town, and is the cause of the town's existence and prosperity. The place must have one thousand people. Of course many are French-Canadian and foreign. Our flock is a small one. We have no church as yet. For more than a year we have been planning to build one. Our plans have been changed, owing to an offer made us by the company, and more or less attractive in character. The proposal is that we should take over the old Roman Catholic church and adapt it to our purposes. It is a good brick building, rather larger than we really need, but serviceable and capable of satisfactory alteration. We are awaiting the Company's pleasure in the matter, having made up our minds to accept the offer. The changes required to make the

building suitable for our service will be rather costly, as the building has been used for secular purposes, and rather radically altered by those who have been using it. However, once we begin the work, it will not take long to put it into shape. We confidently expect that when we settle down to the use of this building, having made it attractive and suitable, our services here will grow in numbers and increase in interest forthwith. In a place like this we are necessarily very largely in the hands of the Company, and it is our wish naturally to fall in with their plans and proposals. Certainly the place is one of considerable promise, and so long as this thriving industry lasts should be a good centre for the Church's work.

(To be Continued)

The many friends of the Rev. C. W. Hedley will be interested to know that he is priest in charge of the Parish of the Transfiguration, a newly formed parish in the northern part of Toronto. As yet there is no church, the services being held in a tent; but a very fine church and parish hall have been planned and work on the latter is to be commenced at once. The site is a splendid one. It is on a hilltop, commanding a fine view, being the highest point within miles. It is situated in the centre of a new residential district, over a mile from the nearest church.

The services began early in June, and through the intense heat of July the congregation held its own, though the tent was badly wrecked in the severe storm of the 8th July. The Sunday School has already grown to over one hundred, and a troop of Scouts has been formed.

YOUR PLACE

IS your place a small place!
Tend it with care!
He set you there.

Is your place a large place?
Guard it with care!
He set you there.

Whate'er your place it is
Not yours alone—but His
Who set you there.

—John Oxenham.

THE GRAVENHURST ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY.

THE work at the Gravenhurst Sanitaria proceeds along pretty regularly defined lines. As a rule there does not seem much to record beyond the daily visiting and the Sunday services, but as the years pass by and one realizes how much these ministrations are appreciated, and as one hears the remark when anything happens to prevent a visit or a service; "We have missed you," or the pleasure and gratitude expressed for a book or magazine or some little dainty to tempt a failing appetite, one cannot but feel that the Anglican Church took a forward step in being the first to provide regular ministrations to those who by reason of the dread disease are laid aside for months, perhaps years, and condemned to a life of monotonous inactivity. For the Sanitaria are not like ordinary hospitals. In the latter the patient has a reasonable certainty of going home within a month or two at the most. Here months, it may be years, must elapse before recovery is sufficient to allow this. Is it any wonder that there are days of depression, spiritual and bodily, when the heart is sick with hope deferred? And it is here that the Chaplain finds his special opportunity. He feels that all these sufferers have souls, and all need cheering; and while perhaps spiritually he is able to do little for some of them, yet to leave a smiling face where he finds a sad one is something. And though no fruit spiritually may appear, after years may bring it forth.

Amid much that depresses and saddens, it is a matter of great thankfulness that, in God's good providence, health and a spirit of optimism have been vouchsafed the Chaplain, as without these it would be impossible to carry on the work.

The number of patients at the three Sanitaria during the year has been in the neighborhood of four hundred. Of these about one third are members of the Anglican Church. There have been one hundred and twenty services held, thirty-five public celebrations of the Holy Communion, and two hundred and sixty private celebrations,—the number of patients confined to separate rooms necessitating this somewhat large number. The Wednesday evening Bible Class is still in a flourishing condition, though of necessity its membership is continually changing. It is entirely undenominational, being managed by the patients themselves, the Chaplain being the teacher and director. At present S. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is being taken up. Once a month we have a missionary night, the subject being illustrated by lantern slides. Twice the Chaplain has lectured on work in the North West, where he himself worked for thirteen years, then the work at the Carcross School, and missions in Egypt, South America and Japan, have also

been studied; and some very realistic pictures of the havoc wrought by the Chinese famine were shown a few weeks ago. During Lent a series of lantern services were held, the slides being obtained, as were the others, from the M. S. C. C. During the year the Sanitaria contributed to missionary work in Japan and China, and also to the China Famine Relief Fund, the sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars. During the year we have had the pleasure of visits from the Rev. W. Burns of Coboconk, Mr. Oldfield, a missionary from China, and the Rev. Canon Hedley and Major Burch, D. S. C. R. Chaplains, who preached for the Chaplain at the Sunday evening service at the Free Sanitarium, and also at the Cottage.

The Chaplain's hearty thanks are due to the authorities of the various Sanitaria for the kindly welcome and hospitality extended to him, and the evident desire to help him in his work. To feel that the authorities are in sympathy with his efforts is encouraging in the extreme.

Early in December a disastrous fire swept the Free Sanitarium, the main building, administrative building, and dining rooms, being burned to the ground. Happily there was no loss of life; but work has, to a certain extent, since then been carried on under difficulties. The Chaplain collected \$125.00 from personal friends, and was able to relieve specially sad cases of distress by gifts of money and clothing. In addition to this an appeal was sent to some of the Toronto churches for Christmas gifts, books and clothing, in order that Christmas time might be made, if possible, brighter than ever after the unnerving experiences of the fire. A most generous response was made by St. Simon's, St. Mary the Virgin's, St. Thomas', and the Church of the Redeemer, an abundance of Christmas cheer, books, and clothing of all kinds, being sent. The opinion was freely expressed that despite the fire it was one of the best Christmases ever since the Sanitaria started. Once again the Chaplain would extend his hearty thanks to the donors for their kind and generous gifts. It was quite evident that much care and thought had been spent on them. The books especially will form the nucleus of a new library, as the old one, containing more than a thousand volumes, was completely destroyed.

In conclusion the Chaplain would extend his hearty thanks for the support from the various Dioceses, which makes it possible for this work to be carried on. Conscious as he is of many deficiencies he is striving to do his best to carry on the work on lines which are best suited to the peculiar needs of the place, to be in charity with all men, and to preach only Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

J. B. LINDSELL

CLERICAL CHANGES

We have to chronicle the departure of three more of our priests. The Rev. F. Franklin-Watson has resigned the charge of the parish of Copper Cliff, and has accepted work in the Diocese of Quebec.

The Rev. Albert George Smith, L. Th., of Emsdale, has returned to England. During his short stay of a little over a year the church at Emsdale has been renovated and greatly improved. Mr. Smith is the author of a little book, "The Anchor Beyond the Veil," dealing most ably with the Scriptural teaching on the future life.

The Rev. G. F. L. Gilbert, who has been in charge of the Mission of Port Carling for some time past, is about to leave for the Diocese of Huron, where he has been appointed Rector of Hanover. Mr. Gilbert also has carried through great improvements in the fabric of the church at Port Carling during his incumbency. At present a series of articles from his pen on the subject of "Church Building in Canada" is running in the "Canadian Churchman."

We deeply regret the loss of these three faithful workers, and tender our best wishes for their success and happiness in their new spheres of labour.

The Rev. Jethro Norman, B. D., of Sundridge, has been appointed Rector of the Parish of St. John, Copper Cliff, in succession to the Rev. F. Franklin-Watson; and has already taken charge and begun work in this busy mining town.

We regret to learn that the Rev. J. F. Southam, B. A., for the past year locum tenens of the Parish of St. John, Port Arthur, is about to return to the Old Land on account of ill-health. Mr. Southam has done splendid work in Port Arthur, and we shall be sorry to lose him from the clerical staff of the Diocese.

Several laymen have been working for the first time in the Diocese this summer,—Mr. Howard H. Clark in the new Mission of Capreol, near Sudbury; Mr. W. A. Brown at Charlton, Krugerdorf and Heaslip; Mr. R. S. Rayson in the Missions near Parry Sound; and Mr. Henry J. R. Lane in the wide-stretching missionary area comprising Aspdin, Allensville, Ravenscliffe, Stanleydale and Lancelot.

Mr. Walter F. Smith, who has done such good work in the Missions of St. Simon's, North Bay, and Callander, has been placed in charge of the Mission of Magnatawan, and begins his work there about the first of September. He is giving up this month to the little group of Church people on Bear Island in the Temagami district.

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IN MEMORIAM

MURDOCK CHARLES KIRBY

Word has been received of the death of the Rev. Murdock Charles Kirby, Vicar of Tidebrook, Wadhurst, Sussex, who entered into rest on the 16th April, 1921.

Mr. Kirby was for some ten years a devoted member of the clerical staff of the Diocese of Algoma. Ordained Deacon in August, 1887, and Priest in June, 1889, in Trinity Church, Parry Sound, by the late Bishop Sullivan, he passed the first ten years of his ministry in the Thunder Bay District. From 1887 to 1895 he was missionary at Fort William, and was instrumental in the erection of both St. Luke's and St. Thomas' Churches in that city. From 1895 to 1897 he laboured in the Mission of Oliver, and was Rural Dean of Thunder Bay. Since then he has served the Church in England.

Mr. Kirby laid enduring foundations for the Church in the now important City of Fort William, and many of those who lived in that place in its early days will remember his devoted work.

The Rev. J. C. Popey, Rector of St. Luke's, Fort William, will leave early in September for a well-earned vacation of two months in England. During his absence his place will be filled by the Rev. John Tate of Thessalon.

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As one takes up the Bible and glances through its many books of both the Old and the New Testaments the eye is frequently caught by allusions to and reflections of life in the open country. There are the stories of a nomadic people, laws and customs of agricultural community life, the land question, the exquisite nature Psalms, the harvest stories, the agricultural feasts and festivals, the wandering teachers and preachers, the shepherd and the farmer. All these belong to the out-of-doors, and people who have the good fortune to live in the great spaces of the country may study a wealth of biblical literature which is peculiarly appropriate as an expression of their own religious life.

—St. Andrew's Cross.

Congratulations to the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Haines of Powsassan on the birth of a son, and to the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Oliver of Blind River on the birth of a daughter. We tender our best wishes.