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CHRISTMAS, 1923

Christmas, the anniversary of the Angel's visit to Bethlehem, and of the proclamation "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men," etc.,—Christmas, the birthday of the Prince of Peace and the Lord of Glory,— comes again to a world distracted by selfish strife and blinded by wilful folly. It comes with the old message of peace and good will upon its lips, offering to men and nations a joy that has no earthly equal, and a peace that passes human understanding.

What it demands is simply this, that men and nations should rise to meet this offer with glad acceptance, consecrating themselves without reserve to Him who thus lays claim to their allegiance. It asks that each of us should so accept Christ's leadership, and follow Him with unreserved devotion, that there will be left among us no room for party strife or personal selfishness.

Thus and thus alone will the world find peace. This is the contribution each of us may make towards that glorious consummation. Not by clever scheming, but by personal self-consecration to the Lord's service will peace be realized.

To the extent of our power, example and influence, therefore, each and every one of us may help towards the establishment of the Kingdom of our Lord. That is what each Christmas demands of us. "Rise up," it seems to say, "and accept the leadership of Christ. Rise up, and follow in every detail, and in all the fulness of your daily life, Him who comes on Christmas Day as the Light, the Life, the Joy and the Peace of a world distracted by selfishness and steeped in the misery of sin."

Not only our personal happiness, but the world's attainment of rest, depends upon the response we make to this demand.

GEORGE ALGOMA.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the Rector and congregation of the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, upon the fact that this beautiful church is now quite free of debt. On the very day when the mortgage fell due, December 1st, the last payment was made, and the church will be consecrated by His Grace the Archbishop on the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 6th. The thanks of all are due to the ladies of the congregation to whose self-sacrificing work in canvassing the parish the final success of the effort is so largely due.



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CHRISTMAS CAROL

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air
When the song of the Angels is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming to-night!
On the snow-flakes that covered thy sod
The feet of the Christ Child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ Child tells out
That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
The voice of the Christ Child shall fall;
And to every blind wanderer open the door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod;
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed,
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed
That mankind are the children of God.

—Bishop Phillips Brooks.

DEATH OF THE REV. T. W. BUCKLEE

It is our sad duty to record the death of one of our missionaries the Reverend Thomas William Bucklee, locum tenens of the Mission of Port Carling.

On Sunday morning, December 9th, Mr. Bucklee was on his way to hold service at Gregory, travelling by the motor launch belonging to the mission. When near the landing at Gregory the boat encountered newly formed ice, the sharp edges of which at once cut a hole in the bow. The boat began to fill rapidly, and Mr. Bucklee was seen to stand for a moment as it sank and then fall forward into the water, but there was no one near who was able to help. Word was at once sent to Port Carling, where Mr. Bucklee lived, and a party came from there to search for the body. After a short time it was found and taken back to Port Carling.

The funeral service was held in St. James' Church, Port Carling, on Tuesday afternoon, arrangements having been made by the Reverend Canon Allman, Rural Dean of Muskoka. His Grace the Archbishop, the Rev. Canon Allman, the Rev. F. G. Sherring, the Rev. C. Lord, and the Rev. W. A. Hankinson were present, representing the clergy of Algoma; and also the Rev. A. F. C. Whalley of Brockville, a relative of Mr. Bucklee.

The interment took place at Gregory, the party proceeding thither in Mr. Massey's boat, kindly placed at their disposal. There was a large attendance of sorrowing friends and parishioners. Mr. Bucklee's grave is on the brow of the hill, facing the east, near to Christ Church, which he loved and served so well. Gregory was his favourite spot in the mission, the place where he had most encouragement. He leaves behind him a wife, who was prevented by illness from being present, and a son, whose whereabouts could not be discovered in time.

Mr. Bucklee was born in 1865, and educated at Winchester. A graduate in Divinity of Seabury College, Faribault, U. S. A., he was ordained to the diaconate in 1912, and to the priesthood in the following year. He came to Algoma from the Diocese of Toronto in November 1921, and has since that date laboured in the Mission of Port Carling, though retaining his connection with the Diocese of Toronto.

Short as his service among us has been, he leaves behind him the memory of faithful and devoted work, and of a life laid down in the service of his Master.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

TRIBUTES

A clergyman who spends a part of each summer in the Muskoka region, writing of the sad death of Mr. Bucklee, says: "He made special efforts to visit the scattered people, and no personal fatigue or discomfort ever debarred him from trying to carry out his duty. It is a great shock to hear of his tragic passing."

A lady writes from Toronto: "As one who during the summer months has enjoyed the privilege of the ministry and friendship of the late Mr. Bucklee at Port Carling, may I be permitted to express my great regret at the tragic calamity that befell him. I came to know and to realize the faithful and self-sacrificing work that Mr. Bucklee gave to Port Carling and its adjacent missions. He was always a devoted parish priest, and one who, perhaps feeling keenly the lack of support, yet carried on undauntedly the work that he was called upon to do. He was always ready to respond to any call upon his time, and as one who loved his vocation he had left his mark, and one that will not easily fade. I feel that I have lost a friend; and yet, in that ever-living Church in which he was such a devoted priest, he still will live among us, for he loved much."

BRACEBRIDGE

On Monday, October 22nd, the Archbishop visited St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, and held a Confirmation. The Rev. R. T. Sudler conducted Evensong, the lesson being read by the Rector, the Rev. F. G. Sherring. A class of twenty-eight was presented for the Laying on of Hands. His Grace preached an inspiring sermon on the words, "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

The Rev. H. F. Hutton of Port Sydney is away on leave of absence to recuperate after his serious illness. Accompanied by his sister he sailed for England in October and had a good voyage over. He spent two weeks in London, meeting several of the Algoma Association workers at the annual sale. After ten days at Hereford, Mr. and Miss Hutton sailed for South Africa where they will visit for some time. Mr. Hutton writes that he is gradually regaining his strength. His many friends trust that he will return to the Diocese fully restored to health. His address in South Africa is, St. George's Orphanage, Cape Town. During his absence the Rev. T. V. L'Estrange is carrying on the work at Port Sydney.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SAULT STE. MARIE

The Little Grey Lamb

A CHRISTMAS LEGEND

By the late Archibald Sullivan, (son of the late
Bishop Sullivan of Algoma).

Out on the endless purple hills,
Deep in the clasp of sombre night,
The shepherds guarded their weary ones,
Guarded their flocks of cloudy white
Who like a snowdrift in silence lay,
Save one little lamb with a fleece of grey.

Out on the hillside all alone,
Gazing afar with sleepless eyes,
The little grey lamb prayed soft and low,
Its weary face to the starry skies,—
“O, Moon of the heavens, so fair, so bright,
Give to this lamb a fleece of white.”

No answer came from the dome of blue,
Nor comfort lurked in the cypress trees;
But faint came the whisper borne along
On the scented wings of the passing breeze,—
“Little grey lamb, who prays this night,
I cannot give you a fleece of white.”

Then the little grey lamb of the sleepless eyes
Prayed to the clouds for a coat of snow;
Asked of the roses, besought the woods,
But each gave answer sad and low,—
“Little grey lamb, who prays this night,
We cannot give you a fleece of white.”

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Like a gem unlocked from a casket rare,
Like an ocean pearl from its bed of blue,
Came softly stealing, the clouds between,
A wondrous star whose brightness grew
Until it flamed like the sun of day
Over the place where Jesus lay.

E'er hushed were the angels' notes of praise,
The joyful shepherds had quickly sped
Past rock and shadow, down the hill,
To kneel at their Saviour's lowly bed.
While like the spirits of phantom night,
Followed their flocks, their flocks of white.

And patiently, silently, out of the night,
Following the others far apart,
Came limping and sorrowful, all alone,
The little grey lamb of the weary heart
Murmuring, "I should be far away;
I am not worthy—my fleece is grey."

And the Christ-child gazed upon humbled pride,
At Kings bent low on the earthen floor;
But He looked beyond at the breaking heart
Of the little grey lamb near the door.
And he called it up to the manger wide
And marked the Cross on its wrinkled face,
While Kings drew golden robes aside
To give the weary one a place.
So the heart of the little grey lamb was blest,
For its fleece was whiter than all the rest.

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In many cathedrals, grand and old,
Whose windows sparkle like countless gems,
Midst the odour of incense bathed with prayer,
Hallowed about with last Amens,
The infant Christ is pictured fair,
With kneeling Magi, wise and old,
But His baby hand rests, not upon the myrrh,
The frankincense and gold,
But on the head, with a heavenly light,
Of the little grey lamb, who was changed to white.

 IN MEMORIAM

Thorneloe Hunter

Thorneloe Hunter, named after the Archbishop of Algoma, was the second son of the Reverend William H. Hunter, one of our most devoted and revered clergymen, who for more than twenty years has served faithfully in the Mission of Korah and Goulais Bay, near Sault Ste. Marie.

He was a boy of winning personality. From his earliest days he had lived under the shelter of a truly Christian home, imbibing day by day the faith and principles of the Gospel of Christ. His quiet demeanour, sense of Christian propriety, and reverence for holy things commended him to all who knew him, and justified the hope entertained by those who knew him best that in due time he would find his place in the Sacred Ministry of the Church.

But this was not to be. God evidently had other purposes concerning him. For more than a year a malady which caused no slight anxiety to his friends attacked him at intervals. And on the 23rd of November a distressing accident terminated his earthly career. He was driving homewards with a load of straw for the stable, when, losing his balance, he fell to the ground, receiving such injuries that death resulted almost immediately.

Physically he had grown well nigh to man's estate, but he was only in his seventeenth year. Thus, in the bright flush of youth, as he was approaching the threshold of manhood he was removed, in the Providence of God, from his earthly loves and relationships, and taken to the nearer presence and service of his Lord in Paradise.

May we not think of such an experience as a singular mark of God's favour? And should we not pray that the sorrowing household at Korah may be helped by Divine grace to regard their great loss from this point of view, and cheerfully to leave their loved one in the hands and protection of his loving Incarnate Lord?

'Tis not enough that Christ was born
 Beneath the star that shone,
 And earth was set that morn
 Within a golden zone.

He must be born within the heart
 Before He finds His throne,
 And brings the day of love and good
 The reign of Christ-like brotherhood.

—Mary T. Lathrop.

PARISH HALL OPENED AT NORTH BAY

The opening on Wednesday, December 12th, of a fine new parish hall, marks an important epoch in the progress of the parish of St. John the Divine, North Bay. A spacious assembly room with well-equipped kitchen, in which the various organizations of the church and the Sunday school classes may hold their sessions, and in which the parishioners may meet in social intercourse, will fill a want that has been keenly felt for some time, by the rector, the church officers and the people.

The presence of His Grace the Archbishop of Algoma at the opening lent an additional interest to the occasion. On the platform with the rector, were His Grace the Archbishop, Mayor J. H. McDonald, the wardens, Mr. Edward Tilt, Mr. W. H. Thomas, Mr. George Cocksedge and Mr. B. McConnell.

"It was with no small degree of pride that I came here to the opening of this commodious hall of St. John's parish, which is to prove such an effective agency for the purpose of amplifying and enlarging in every way its influence," said His Grace in his address. He commended the plan of gradual erection, first the splendid foundation and the basement, afterwards the upper chamber, which would complete a building which, rising up in its strength and vigour beside the church, will be such a powerful asset to its work. His Grace congratulated the rector and the people on the possession of such a spacious hall, the children of the parish in having such a splendid place in which to meet to be educated, and the whole parish on the fact that they possess such a building for social and educative purposes.

The Archbishop reminded his hearers of the words of Browning:

"The best is yet to be,
The last of life for which the
first was made."

So with the parish hall, said His Grace, exhorting the people to go on planning and working in harmony, and they would see it grow, and the best would be the last for which the first was made. "It has been said that the buildings declare a town and the churches must be the buildings that declare this town," he said, "for they remind us that there are greater things than material things, the things of eternity for which the Church stands. This building must be a place where you will bring into effective operation those divine forces which God alone sets alive to carry on His work on earth.

"This building should not be looked upon as an end, or an achievement of the people, but as an agency for the promotion on earth of the greatness and glory of God."—The Sault Star.

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APPORTIONMENTS

At the date of writing, nearly at the end of the year, the following parishes and missions have paid in full their missionary apportionments and Diocesan Expense Fund assessment:

St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie; St. Peter's, Sault Ste. Marie; St. Luke's, Fort William; St. Joseph's Island; Garden River; Webbwood; Baysville; Bala; Novar; Torrance; Coniston; North Bay; Sturgeon Falls; Rosseau; Maganatawan; Sprucedale.

Is yours among them? If not, why not?

Our Diocesan apportionment for M. S. C. C. is \$5000. Thus far the amount paid in is \$2835. How much of the remaining \$2165.00 will be made up?

For our own Algoma Mission Fund we asked an apportionment of \$4550. Of this only the sum of \$2443 has been paid, leaving \$2107 still unpaid towards the fund on which the very life of our missions depends!

The Diocesan Treasurer urges the clergy and wardens to make every effort to have the apportionments paid in full at the earliest possible date. These accounts will be kept open till January 15th.

IMPORTANT

A large number of our parishes and missions have not yet sent in their "Children's Day" offerings for the General Board of Religious Education. These should be sent at once to the Rev. J. C. Popey, Fort William. Do not delay.

CAPREOL

St. Alban's Church was formally opened on Sunday, November 25th, by the Archbishop of Algoma. It was a very busy day, with celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 and 11 a.m., with Matins and sermon, Children's service at 3 o'clock with Baptisms, Evensong at 7, and a gathering at the Y.M.C.A. after the evening service. His Grace spoke five times during the day, and his words will long live in the memory of those privileged to hear them.

Unfortunately the pews did not arrive in time, and chairs had to be borrowed for the day. Sincere thanks are offered to those who provided seating for the congregation. The font arrived just in time for use.—"Anglican Church Messenger."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Receipts by Treasurer of Synod for the month of November, 1923

ALGOMA MISSION FUND

Algoma Association, Gen. Fund, £137-3-8, \$603.61, increased stipends, £150-17-5, \$663.83.

Apportionments: Point au Baril (Byng Inlet), \$10.00; Massey, \$6.21; Walford, \$11.38; Fox Point, \$13.34; Baysville, \$10.16; Sturgeon Falls, \$30.00; Rosseau, \$35.36; Beaumaris, \$29.69; Blind River, \$12.75; Uffington, \$7.00; Little Current, \$14.00; Beatrice, \$22.39; Falkenburg, \$10.00.

M. S. C. C. APPORTIONMENT

Massey, \$6.00; Walford, \$12.00; Fox Point, \$20.00; Baysville, \$12.65; Sturgeon Falls, \$30.00; Rosseau, \$14.64; Beaumaris, \$10.17; St. John's, Port Arthur, \$95.36; Uffington, \$8.40; St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, \$319.92; Little Current, \$15.00; Port Sydney, \$18.40; Beatrice, \$17.61.

GRAVENHURST CHAPLAINCY

Diocese of Huron, \$250.00.

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Rosseau, assessment, \$12.00.

BP. SULLIVAN MEM. SUSTENTATION FUND

Mrs. Gibson, \$5.00.

ANGLICAN FORWARD MOVEMENT

Accountant, A. F. M., \$12.68.

SPECIAL PURPOSES

Jewish Missions: Massey, \$1.00; Walford, \$2.00; Beaumaris, 75c.

Japanese Relief: Mortimer's Point, \$8.75; Rosseau, \$2.00.

G. B. R. E.: South River S. S., \$1.68.

Temiskaming Fire Relief: Algoma Association, £19-3-0, \$84.24.

Haileybury Rebuilding: Algoma Association, \$1.10.

Richards' Landing Parsonage: Received from Mission of St. Joseph's Island for purchase of parsonage,—From sale of Hilton Parsonage, \$800.00; Jocelyn, \$50.00; Jocelyn Jr. W. A., \$20.00; Richards' Landing W. A., \$50.00.