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INTERIOR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHAPLEAU, ONTARIO

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

This issue of the A.M.N. is devoted in large measure to St. John's Church and St. John's Indian Residential School in Chap-leau. This corner of the Lord's vineyard has come into Algoma as a result of a revision of boundaries between the Dioceses of Algoma and Moosonee. St. John's Church is not a newcomer in the Diocese as it was under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Algoma until 1893. We are very happy indeed to welcome St. John's, Chap-leau, back into our fold and trust that every blessing will be upon it in the years to come as it plays its part in the Diocese of Algoma.

To St. John's Indian Residential School we also say 'welcome'. The school, under the principalship of the Rev. A. J. Vale, has done splendid work among the Indians and we pray that it may long continue to flourish.

We trust that our readers will enjoy the accounts of the Church and the School as presented in the A.M.N.

We are glad to present to our readers two timely articles from the M.S.C.C. concerning the larger work of the Church. It is hoped that we will be able to include in the A.M.N. from time to time articles such as these which may help to broaden our vision of the Church's work.

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Bishop wishes to make the following official announce-ments:

Retirements:

Rev. E. Weeks, Mission of Manitowaning, effective September.

Rev. A. J. Bull, Mission of Nipigon, effective September.

Resignations:

Rev. A. J. Bruce, Mission of Garden River, effective September.

Rev. A. P. Scott, Mission of Emsdale, effective August.

Change of Parish:

Rev. Cyril Goodier, appointed Incumbent of St. Paul's Hailey-bury, North Cobalt, with supervision of Elk Lake.

Rev. R. K. Bamber, appointed Incumbent of Sturgeon Falls and District.

Rev. A. Hankinson, of St. Thomas', Fort William, appointed to the Incumbency of Milford Bay and Beaumaris.

Rev. E. Wrightson, appointed Incumbent of St. Saviour's Church, Blind River.

Rev. E. C. Bowyer of Englehart, appointed to the Incumbency of St. Mark's Emsdale and District.

H/Capt. The Rev. C. F. Large has been demobilized and will return shortly to the Diocese.

 SUMMER STUDENTS

Algoma has been very fortunate this summer in securing the services of eleven students to assist our clergy in the summer resorts and in a number of remote missions, some of which are deprived of regular ministrations during part of the year.

From Trinity College, Toronto: Mr. John Crozier, B.A., is working in the Mission of Fox Point and Port Cunnington in Muskoka; Mr. Lorne Sutherland at Maganatawan and Dunchurch; Mr. John Paterson-Smyth at Vickers' Heights and the suburbs of Fort William; Mr. Ralph Price at Slate River, South Gillies and O'Connor in Thunder Bay Deanery; and Mr. George Sutherland B.A., at Nipigon, Cameron Falls and Red Rock.

From Wycliffe College, Toronto: Mr. Arthur Chabot is working in the suburbs of Sudbury, and Mr. Allan Haldenby, B.A., at Silverwater, Sheshegwaning and Meldrum Bay on the Manitoulin Island.

From Huron College, London: Mr. Arthur Brown, at Seguin Falls and Orrville; Mr. Alexander Newell at Bear Island and Temagami; and Mr. Harold Beatty at Tarentorus, Goulais Bay and extension work east of Sault Ste. Marie.

From McGill University, Montreal, Mr. Keith Yonge, who did excellent work last summer on the Manitoulin Island, is assisting the Rev. S. M. Craymer in the Mission of Bala.

These young men are doing an excellent work, and are keeping large numbers of our people in touch with the Church through faithful pastoral visiting and conducting regular services.



 CONSECRATION OF ST. SIMON'S CHURCH
 Temagami

On Monday evening, July 15th, the little church of St. Simon the Apostle, Temagami, was consecrated by the Rt. Reverend the Lord Bishop of Algoma.

The Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. S. Turner, Rural Dean of Temiskaming, the Rev. Canon R. Haines of Little Current, Major

the Rev. Edwin Wrightson of Haileybury and Mr. A. J. Newell, the student in charge of the missions of Bear Island and Temagami for the summer, was met at the door by the Rev. James H. Watson of Cobalt, and the two church wardens, Messrs. W. Percy Lowe and H. T. Lloyd.

The Petition for Consecration having been read by the people's warden, Mr. Lloyd, the Bishop proceeded to the chancel where the clergyman's warden presented the deed of the church. The Bishop requested the Rev. J. H. Watson to read the Sentence of Consecration, which was then signed by his Lordship.

The Bishop preached from the text: Psalm 84:11—"I had rather be a doorkeeper in the House of my God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness." His Lordship stressed the importance of worship, and pointed out that, although St. Simon's Church is the smallest in the Diocese, it is of equal importance in God's eyes with the largest. He spoke of the courage and determination of the members of the congregation who had the vision, and by their devoted efforts had brought it to fruition. Formerly used as an office by the Lake Temagami Navigation Company, the structure of the new church was acquired by the Woman's Auxiliary in 1945. It was moved to its present prominent location and renovated by community effort. Thus in the Church of St. Simon the Apostle the Anglican Church has been established once again in Temagami with a building of its own, after a lapse of more than twenty years.

Following the service of Consecration, a reception for the Bishop and visiting clergy was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, attended by the residents of Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard and Temagami, as well as a number of summer visitors.

TRINITY ORDINATION

On Trinity Sunday, St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral was the scene of an Ordination service, at which Mr. Alvin James Thomson, B.A., and Mr. Arthur Leonard Privett, S.Th., were made Deacons, and the Rev. Charles Godfrey Kehler, B.A., and the Rev. Stephen Langton Gilbert, B.A., were advanced to the Priesthood. The preacher was the Very Rev. W. W. Craig, D.D., formerly Dean of Ontario. Other clergy present and assisting at the ceremony were the Very Rev. J. H. Craig, Dean of Algoma, the Ven. J. B. Lindsell, Archdeacon of Muskoka, the Rev. Canon Yeomans, the Rev. Canon Colton and the Rev. C. F. Langton Gilbert of Seaforth, father of one of the ordinands.

Mr. Thomson comes from our own Diocese, having been a resident of Sudbury. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Trinity College. He is in temporary charge of St. Michael's Church, Port Arthur. Mr. Privett did excellent work for some years in the Diocese as a Church Army Captain. He is a graduate of Wycliffe College. For the present he is in charge of the sum-

mer mission of Pointe au Baril in the district of Parry Sound, and will take charge of the mission of Garden River in September.

The Rev. Stephen Gilbert is a graduate of Western University and Huron College. He is in charge of the mission of Port Carling, Muskoka. The Rev. C. G. Kehler has for some time been engaged in teaching in the Indian school on the Spanish River Reserve. He has been most successful in teaching the Indians, old and young, various handicrafts, and in raising the standard of living on the reserve to a remarkable degree.

BISHOP WRIGHT VISITS MUSKOKA DEANERY

Bishop Wright spent a busy eleven days in the Deanery of Muskoka from August 4th to August 11th. Sunday, August 4th, he visited the Sanatorium at Gravenhurst and administered the Rite of Confirmation to twenty candidates at St. James' Church, Gravenhurst. In the evening he paid an episcopal visit to Bala. Between August 6th and August 10th he visited Point au Baril, Seguin Falls, Magnetawan, Broadbent and Port Sandfield.

On Sunday, August 11th, the Bishop celebrated Holy Communion at St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge; thence he journeyed to Port Sydney for a Confirmation service where three candidates were presented. At 3 p.m. he consecrated the new part of St. Thomas' Cemetery, purchased in 1930, and the Cemetery Chapel. At St. Thomas' in the evening he administered the Rite of Confirmation to seventeen adults and fourteen children. A reception was held at the Rectory after the service in honour of the Bishop and the confirmation candidates.

Norway Point and Baysville were visited by the Bishop on August 13th, Fox Point, Port Cunningham and Dorset on August 14th. His Lordship and a large number of clergy and lay people gathered at St. Mary's Church, Aspdin, to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of this beautiful stone church. His Lordship was the celebrant at the Eucharist and preached an inspiring sermon. Everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch in the Parish Hall and the afternoon was spent with a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocese.

After the Executive Committee meeting the Bishop left for Sault Ste. Marie for a well-earned holiday. He will complete his visitation of Muskoka Deanery during the first ten days of October.

WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday, August the 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Sioux Lookout, Ont., the Rev. Arthur Leonard Privett was united in marriage with Ethel Muriel Sutton of Sioux Lookout. The Rev. T. H. S. Griggs, L.Th., officiated.

The church was decorated with ferns, snapdragons and sweet peas. The choir was present and assisted the congregation in

singing "We Lift Our Hearts O Father and Deus Misereatur". During the signing of the register Mrs. F. Harriet sang the solo "Because". After the service a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Then the young couple left for Sudbury where they spent a few days before proceeding to Pointe au Baril, where Mr. Privett is stationed for the summer. In September Mr. and Mrs. Privett will set up their home at the Garden River rectory.

Wedding bells will be ringing in Haileybury on September 25th for the Rev. Jack Watson. Our sincere congratulations.

St. John's Church

CHAPLEAU, ONTARIO

By Olive A. Nolan, and the Rector, with grateful acknowledgments to Mr. Richard Brownlee*

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

Fear not, He is with thee; O be not dismay'd!
For He is thy God, and will still give thee aid;
He'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by His righteous, omnipotent hand."

In his attempts to minister adequately to the Indians living in an extensive area north and east of what is now Chapleau, the Rev. John Horden (who later became the first Bishop of Moosonee) about the year 1860 journeyed by canoe from Moose Factory to Missanabie. Then, returning on the great river highway to Old Brunswick Post, ten miles south of the present Peterbell, and sixty miles north of Chapleau, he struck overland eastwards and a little south to Flying Post on Groundhog Lake, sixty miles due north of Biscotasing. The future bishop found a likely young man by the name of John Sanders among the Ojibway Indians at Flying Post. With the consent of the boy's father, he took John, then in his teens, to Moose Factory where he received his first schooling. Later on, and after he was married, the young man was sent to St. John's College, Winnipeg, to train for the Ministry. Mr. Sanders was ordained Deacon in 1876, and Priest in 1879, at Moose Factory.

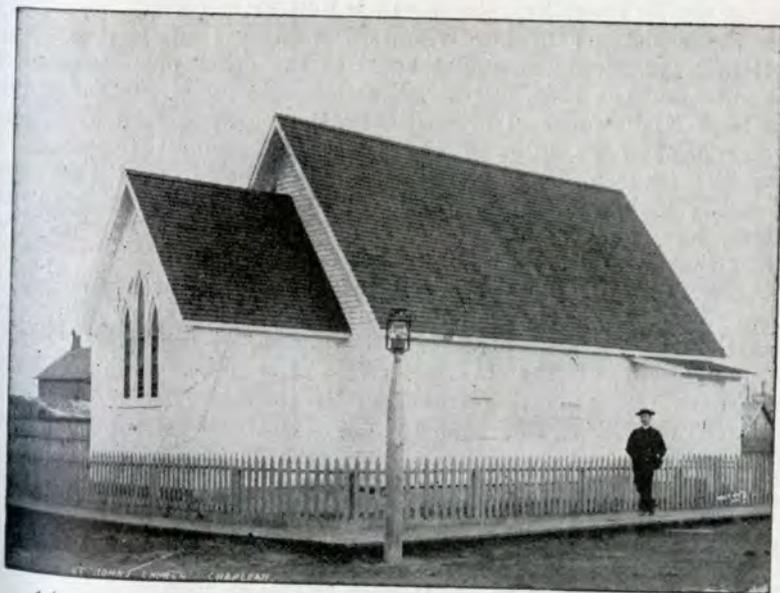
In 1872 the Diocese of Moosonee was founded and the Rev. John Horden became the first Bishop (1872-93). Bishop Horden sent the Rev. John Sanders in 1876 to Mattagami, which place is eighty miles directly east of Chapleau. As Indian Missionary, the Rev. John Sanders travelled from Mattagami to Flying Post, Missanabie, and Michipicoten. He also travelled from Flying Post by way of Loon Lake, the Loon Lake portage, and the Kabsquash- ing River (on the banks of which St. John's Church stands) to the present site of Chapleau, and to the Indian Reserve one mile east

of here.** Mr. Sanders held services on the reserve and on the site of the present St. John's Church. Thus was born the work of the Church of England in Chapleau before the Canadian Pacific Railway became the main connecting link of the Dominion. When the new railroad was built, Mr. Sanders found it convenient to change his headquarters from Mattagami to Biscotasing, and so was able to reach Chapleau, Missanabie and Michipicoten much more easily than hitherto.

* Mr. Richard Brownlee came to Chapleau in February, 1886, and is the member of longest standing in St. John's Church. Mr. Brownlee lived at Biscotasing when the Canadian Pacific Railway, then under construction, went only that far.

** At this time the Hudson's Bay Company kept a Post near the Loon Lake portage on the shores of what is now called Mulligan's Bay, and here Mr. Sanders also held services. The site of this old post can still be seen. It was probably known as the Kabsquashing Post. When the C.P.R. line was being surveyed this was moved to the Indian Reserve near Chapleau, and when the town of Chapleau was founded the post was again moved, and stood for a time where the Algoma Hotel now stands. This information and that concerning the Rev. John Sanders has been supplied by Mr. Charles Sanders who resides in Chapleau today and who is a brother of the late Indian Missionary.

In October 1884 a pioneer clergyman of the Diocese of Algoma, following the iron trail of the newly constructed railroad, came to the little settlement of Chapleau and held the first service for white men in the partly finished railway station. The clergyman was the late Archdeacon Gowan Gillmor. He then had for a



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parish the entire territory from North Bay to Nipigon, although it was soon afterwards divided up.

On April 15th, 1885, land was purchased, and a deed granted by the Canadian Pacific Railway for the purpose of building a church to provide for the spiritual needs of the new and rapidly growing town of Chapleau.*

The funds for the building of a frame church, twenty feet by thirty-two feet, which was erected where the present St. John's Tennis Club has its court, were raised by subscription from the railway employees operating between Cartier and White River. An interesting account of the raising of the funds for the building of the first church has been preserved. It appears that an English organization, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, was prepared to make a grant of four hundred dollars for the building of an Anglican Church, if the people of Chapleau would themselves provide five hundred dollars. At a meeting held in December 1885 in the waiting room of the new station the motion was actually put that "the matter should be dropped" as the amount suggested was considered by several to be too great for Chapleau people to provide. However, this motion was lost and it was decided to go ahead and see how much money could be raised. There was another stalemate when an attempt was made to form a Finance Committee. Now let us continue from an account of this meeting preserved by the late Mr. R. V. Nicholson. "At this point Miss Annie Nicholson, although only seventeen years of age, got up and said that if the meeting would allow her, she would volunteer to collect the amount with the assistance of her friend Miss Minnie Richardson. Mr. Scott and Mr. Hepburn, and several of the other prominent members ridiculed the idea, but Mr. Whittenhall and Mr. Cryer moved that Miss Nicholson and Miss Richardson be appointed a Finance Committee and be allowed to collect the amount necessary to build the Church. Mr. Hepburn, at this point, said that over and above his subscription, which would head the list with twenty dollars, he would also give five dollars for every one hundred dollars they would collect.

"The young ladies promised to report back at a meeting to be called in two weeks and let the Congregation know what progress they had made. Mr. W. J. Singleton, at that time District Superintendent of the C.P.R., gave Miss Nicholson and Miss Richardson transportation from Cartier to White River, and they canvassed the C.P.R. line, man by man. On their return, and when they had finished canvassing, a meeting was called. Mr. Gillmor not being present, Mr. Thomas Nicholson was appointed chairman. When Mr. Richardson called for the Financial Report, Miss Richardson made the remark that a really strong box would be

* Chapleau was named at the request of Mr. R. Duschene, the C.P.R. civil engineer, by a Mrs. Noel de Tilley. She chose the name of the Hon. L. Chapleau, M.P.

required to hold the amount that had been subscribed, and hoped that Mr. Hepburn had brought his bank book along, as she thought that when Annie gave her report Mr. Hepburn would be called upon for a good sum.

"Annie's report showed that slightly over one thousand dollars had been collected and paid in. Mr. Scott moved that Miss Richardson and Miss Nicholson be the Finance Committee. .

"At this point Mr. Nicholson said that it would be well to appoint a Building Committee, and on the suggestion of Mr. Whittenhall the following were named: T. Nicholson, W. Hepburn, R. J. Scott, H. Whittenhall and G. B. Nicholson. Tenders were called for and the contract was let for the building of a church, the cost to be nine hundred dollars, and the building to be completed by July 1st, 1886.

"On that date the Church was ready to be occupied, and was opened and dedicated by his Lordship Bishop Sullivan, assisted by the Rev. Gowan Gillmor. This was one of the days in the early history of Chapleau on which the inhabitants always looked with pride, as it was the first church to be opened. The two young ladies, not content to see the Church opened without an organ, and using Mr. Hepburn's fifty dollars, purchased a small organ for the Church. This was carried in by the four Nicholsons—Harry, Will, George and Richard—and was placed in the chancel. Bishop Sullivan and Mr. Gillmor did not know that this was to take place until told so by Mr. Thomas Nicholson who read the presentation paper from Miss Nicholson and Miss Richardson. Miss Annie Nicholson sat down at the organ and Mr. E. M. Cryer came forward and sang a suitable hymn.

"At the meeting after the opening the Church, Mr. W. Hepburn was elected Minister's Warden and Mr. G. B. Nicholson, People's Warden."

Thus did two young women, by stepping into the breach, show how much can be done when faith in God and hard work are placed side by side. Their consecrated work will ever stand as an inspiration and challenge to the Congregation of St. John's.

Mr. Wilson McCann was the first to be in charge of the Mission. He was followed in 1887 by Mr. Cressey and Mr. C. Piercy. Mr. Eustace A. Vesey was in charge during the summer of 1888. All of these, who were laymen, served under the direction of the Rev. Gowan Gillmor. The 'Algoma Missionary News' for October 1888 has the following item: "Chapleau was recently visited by an outbreak of diphtheria of a most virulent type. Several fell victims, among them the four children of one of our most estimable Churchmen, all carried off at one fell stroke. The Rev. Mr. Gillmor was on the spot and ministered to the sick and dying with noble self-forgetfulness." This was characteristic of Archdeacon Gillmor all through his ministry. Mr. William Evans entered the Mission in November 1888 as student-in-charge,

While still in the Mission he was ordained Deacon and Priest. The Rev. William Evans, the first resident clergyman, took his final services on New Year's Day, 1893.

Until this time the parish had been under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Algoma. In 1893 Bishop Newnham realized that Chapleau, being on the watershed of Hudson and James Bays, really belonged to the Diocese of Moosonee, and from that time on arrangements were made to include the ministrations to Chapleau in the work of the northern diocese. Until 1933, when the Diocese of the Arctic was formed, the Diocese of Moosonee extended to the uttermost islands of the north, far within the Arctic Circle. The inclusion of Chapleau in 1893 provided the Diocese of Moosonee with a place on the railroad. A way out to civilization and contact with the 'outside' was thus afforded the bishop. For many years St. John's was the only English-speaking congregation in the Diocese of Moosonee, all other work being confined to Indian Missions.

On April 30th, 1893, Bishop Newnham appointed to the parish Mr. F. T. Eastman, a student from Montreal Diocesan Theological College. It was while Mr. Eastman was in charge that on June 7th, 1893, St. John's Guild was formed. The first page of the Minute Book of the Guild reads, in part, as follows: "St. John's Guild, Chapleau, June 7th, 1893. We the undersigned having learned through the Holy Spirit's teaching that Jesus Christ is our Saviour and that God is pleased to see His daughters working in His Vineyard form the St. John's Guild." Mrs. W. Hepburn was the first President. Among the names of the first members of the Guild was that of Charlotte A. Nicholson. Charlotte Nicholson, one of Chapleau's women pioneers, helped to lay the foundations of an educated citizenry, and was also an untiring leader and loyal supporter in the work of St. John's Church. The Guild's greatest means of raising funds was through an annual Garden Party, the first of which was held on July 1st, 1893, and has been continued down through the years, with the exception of a few years during the present war, until now.

Being filled with an enthusiasm to initiate a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and a desire to identify themselves with the Dominion organization, the Guild members had Miss Halson, Dominion Dorcas Secretary of the W.A., come to Chapleau in 1906 and organize the Moosonee Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. Mrs. George Holmes, wife of the Bishop, was the first Diocesan President, and the work began of unifying the women throughout the large diocese. With the passing of the years the Woman's Auxiliary and its missionary effort has been one of the outstanding stimulating influences, and an evidence of the virility of the Church in Chapleau. In 1916 Charlotte Nicholson became Diocesan President of the W.A., and so took the lead among the

women of the Diocese, as her husband, Mr. G. B. Nicholson, had amongst the laymen. Under Mrs. Nicholson's wise and sympathetic guidance the W.A. continued to grow in numbers, strength, and accomplishment. For the twelve years from 1916 to the time of her passing to higher service in 1928, Mrs. Nicholson remained President. Her last letter to the Moosonee Diocesan Board appears on another page. As the memorial to her in St. John's Church records, she was "a faithful Christian and a staunch friend." She lived according to the W.A. motto: "The love of Christ constraineth us."

Mr. Eastman was succeeded by the Rev. Alfred Bareham (1893-95). During the latter's incumbency the Church was enlarged by the erection of a more suitable chancel and vestry. The Church was also furnished with substantial seats, and appropriate Holy Table and Prayer Desk. In the year 1893 Mr. Bareham held a number of services at Cartier which were quite well attended.

In 1895 Mr. C. Carruthers, a divinity student (now Canon Carruthers of Winnipeg), came to the parish and remained from December of that year until the following August, when he resumed his studies. St. John's Church, with others, owes a great debt of gratitude to men like Mr. Carruthers who were willing to interrupt their preparations for the Ministry that these parishes might not be without a resident minister.

The Rev. Robert Warrington, Deacon, succeeded to the parish in September, 1896. Excellent progress was made in the general work of the church at this time. The present rectory was built in 1897, and the various organizations of the parish laid their foundations true and well. Mr. Warrington was ordained Priest by Bishop Newnham on August 19th, 1897, in St. John's. When the Rector informed the Vestry in December, 1898, that he had accepted the parish of Portage du Fort, in the Diocese of Montreal, great regret was experienced, and very high tribute was paid to the work of Mr. Warrington and his wife.

The Rev. George Prewer came to the parish in January, 1899, and continued until 1901. The Rev. A. O. Cheney was incumbent from 1901 to 1904. Mr. Cheney was ordained to the Priesthood in St. John's Church on August 24th, 1902, by Bishop Newnham.

During these early years, especially from 1894-1901, the Rev. John Sanders held many services of the Holy Communion for local Indians in St. John's Church. On February 26th, 1902, Mr. Sanders passed to his rest at Biscotasing, and was buried by Mr. Cheney at Missanabie. A Memorial Service was held for him in St. John's on March 2nd following. He was only fifty-seven when he died. Without a doubt his arduous missionary labours, consisting of incessant travel by canoe, dog-team and snow-shoe, took their toll.

The Rev. W. L. James, who became Rector in January, 1905, seemed to have been born for the peculiar work and conditions that met him on his arrival in Chapleau. In the year of Mr. James' coming, the Congregation, having outgrown the old building, faced the question of enlarging their little church or of erecting a new one. The consensus of opinion leaned towards enlarging the old building, but the indomitable young Rector held out for a new church, and the result was the splendid edifice that we now enjoy. The motion to build the new Church was passed at the Easter Congregational meeting held on Monday, April 23rd, 1906. It was simple and to the point: "Moved by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. H. West that this meeting agrees that it is necessary to build a new Church. (Carried unanimously)."

Mr. James did not live to see the fruition of his work and ambition. He was taken ill in 1906, went to England in January, 1907, and lived only a few days after his arrival. He, however, had laid the foundation of a work that was to continue, and the new Church was erected as a memorial to him. The beautiful east windows are also a memorial to Mr. James.

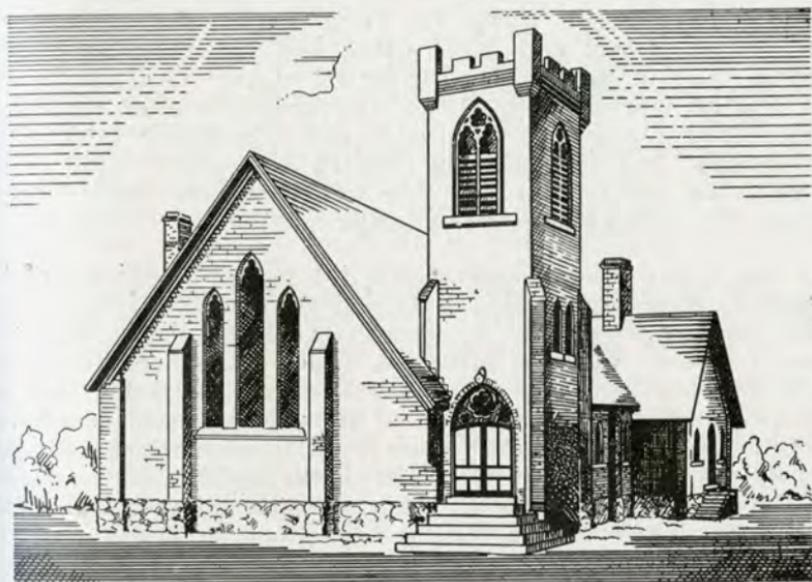
It was also during the stay of Mr. James in Chapleau that the Rt. Rev. George Holmes, Bishop of Moosonee from 1905 to 1909, undertook to build a school for the Indian children of the Diocese at Chapleau. The school was opened in 1907 to the east of the town with Miss Sutherland as Matron. In 1913 the Rev. George Prewer returned to Chapleau to become the first Principal of St. John's Indian Residential School. Under his direction the present building was erected on the new site chosen by the late Mr. G. B. Nicholson, who also had supervised the building of the first school. The Rev. J. H. Gibson was Principal from 1923 to 1927. He was succeeded by the Rev. A. J. Vale, the present Principal. St. John's Church has much for which to be grateful in the friendship, personal interest, and spiritual influence of Mr. Vale.

One of the pupils of the Indian School, the Rev. Redfern Loutitt, was trained for the Ministry at Wycliffe College, Toronto, and was ordained by Archbishop Anderson in St. John's Church on May 12th, 1940. He is now stationed at Factory River on the east side of James Bay. One other graduate of the Indian School, and also a member of St. John's Parish, Mr. John Jeffries, will complete his training for the Ministry this year. He also is attending Wycliffe College.

After Mr. James left Chapleau in January, 1907, Bishop Holmes assumed the work of the parish until the arrival of the Rev. Percy R. Soanes, B.A., in June of that year. Bishop Holmes is still remembered for his fine evangelistic sermons.

Like his predecessor, Mr. Soanes seemed to have been specially called to the work at Chapleau. Under his ministry the Church, conceived and planned by Mr. James, became a reality.

The Service of the Laying of the Corner Stone of the new Church was held on Friday, August 23rd, 1907. An entry in the Church Register for that day reads that "Addresses were delivered



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by his Lordship Bishop Holmes of Moosonee, Rev. A. McClain Banting (Indian Missionary), Rev. Mr. Coulter (Methodist Pastor), Rev. P. R. Soanes (Rector), and G. B. Nicholson (Warden)." Mr. C. B. Ryan was the soloist on this occasion. The first service in the present Church was held on March 29th, 1908, when it was dedicated by Bishop Holmes. Archdeacon Gillmor preached at the Harvest Festival service in October, 1908. This was his last visit to Chapleau. The ultimate cost of the new building was eighteen thousand dollars, and when Mr. Soanes left Chapleau to accept the rectorship of Aurora, Ontario, the debt was almost wiped out.

It is extremely interesting to note that the preacher at the last service in the old Church was Archdeacon R. J. Renison, the present Bishop of Moosonee. Bishop Renison supervised the moving of the old St. John's Church to Cochrane, to which place it was shipped, partly dismantled, on two flat-cars. There it served as the parish church until it was destroyed in the great forest fire of Northern Ontario many years ago.

There had been placed in Old St. John's Church a window, by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hepburn, in memory of their infant

daughter, Marion Louise. This was taken out and placed in the new Church, and set in one of the Chancel windows. Thus was preserved part of the old Church in the new.

The outstanding features of the work of Mr. Soanes were the spiritual development within the Congregation, the expansion of the Sunday School and Bible Class, and the extension of the general work of the parish. During the rectorship of Mr. Soanes the Willing Workers' Bible Class was formed by Miss Sutherland for the native women of the parish, and it continues to this day. Mr. Soanes' stay of ten years resulted in much blessing to St. John's. He left to take up other work with the heartfelt good wishes of a united and active congregation.

For several years Chapleau was the place of residence of the Bishop of Moosonee. Bishop Holmes lived here from 1905 to 1919, when he was transferred to become the third Bishop of Athabasca. Bishop Anderson made his home in Chapleau from 1909 to 1913, when he moved his See to Cochrane. By this time the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway had been constructed, making Cochrane a central place in a diocese which was still largely devoted to Indian Missions. From the time of its opening in March, 1908, until Bishop Anderson moved to Cochrane, the present St. John's Church was the Pro-Cathedral of Moosonee.

On August 17th, 1913, a two-manual pipe organ, greatly adding to the Church and to the beauty of the services, was given by the Nicholson family in memory of Mr. Thomas Nicholson who, to use the very appropriate words on the memorial, "as a layman did much to establish the Church in Chapleau".

The Rev. P. R. Soanes was succeeded by the Rev. John Nelson Blodgett, B.A., on August 12th, 1917. During Mr. Blodgett's rectorship there was a noted increase in missionary interest, and in the educational activity of the Church.

On March 24th, 1918, St. John's parish, the church building being free of debt, announced the consecration of the new Church, at which service the Rev. J. N. Blodgett and the Rev. P. R. Soanes assisted the Rt. Rev. John G. Anderson, Bishop of Moosonee. The special speaker on this occasion was the Rev. Canon T. R. O'Meara, Principal of Wycliffe College.

In the same year, on October 24th, a beautiful oak Holy Table and Reredos, made in one piece, was placed in the Church. The Holy Table was given by Mr. John Herner and daughters in memory of Mrs. Herner, and the Reredos by the W.A., also in memory of Mrs. Herner.

When peace was declared on November 11th there was a great service of thanksgiving. Twenty members of St. John's

Church gave their lives in the Great War and a fitting memorial was placed in the Church by the Congregation.

In the late summer of 1924 several improvements were made and the Congregation met for two months in the new and beautiful Memorial Hall which had been erected by Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Nicholson in memory of their only son Lieutenant Lorne Nicholson, and also in memory of his comrades from Chapleau who fell in the Great War. At this time the Church was re-decorated and battleship linoleum was laid in the aisles, while the chancel and the rector's vestry were covered with a beautiful carpet. Also, two new furnaces were installed and a chimney built. The Church was re-opened on October 26th, and the special preacher for the occasion was the Rt. Rev. J. R. Lucas, Bishop of Mackenzie River.

After a most successful Ministry, the Rev. J. N. Blodgett left the parish in 1925 to become Field Secretary of Wycliffe College, a work which he carried on until his death in the fall of 1939.

On August 2nd, 1925, the Rev. Harold Hesketh, L.Th., came as Rector of St. John's from St. Olave's, Toronto, where he had been curate-in-charge. Mr. Hesketh was a forceful speaker who visualized the needs of his ever-increasing, yet transient Congregation. During his ministry a high standard was maintained in all departments of the church's work—missionary, educational, and financial—and on the occasion of St. John's Golden Jubilee the parish was in a most flourishing condition. The Church was free of debt, had a large Congregation, and all organizations were functioning well. The Most Reverend Derwyn T. Owen, D.D., D.C.L., Archbishop of Toronto, and Primate of All Canada, was the preacher at the special services held on October 27th, 1935, to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of St. John's parish.

On January 1st, 1935, St. John's in particular, and the Canadian Church in general, lost one of its most outstanding, tireless, and loyal workers when Mr. G. B. Nicholson was called to higher service. He came to Chapleau in its earliest days and helped to build up St. John's as no other person had done. The value of Mr. Nicholson's work and the esteem with which he was held can be no better expressed than in the words of the most beautiful illuminated address which was presented to him at Eastertide, 1918, and which now hangs in the Rector's vestry. The address is as follows:

Mr. George Brecken Nicholson, M.P.
Church Warden of St. John's.

Dear Mr. Nicholson,

The officers and members of St. John's, rejoicing in the consecration of their Church building, desire to ex-

press their high appreciation of your assistance in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the parish.

As a member of the Congregation from the day the first service was held in the town, as a member of the committees which have planned and directed the building of both Church and Rectory, as a member of the Choir, and as Warden for twenty-two years, you have had much to do with the development of every stage of the work. Your business ability, supported, as it has been, by your great generosity, has helped more than anyone can say in establishing the parish on a sound financial basis with a splendid Rectory and a beautiful Church both entirely free of debt.

Your regular attendance, your consecrated life, your genius as a teacher and your trust in the Saviour bear evidence to your deep spirituality. We honour you as a man, we value you as a teacher, we love you for your Christian character and we trust you as a friend. The whole Church may be congratulated in having you as a member of the General Synod and of the Mission Board, and we are pleased to know that you are now being given an opportunity for further service as a member of the Government for the Dominion.

It is also a pleasure to record how ably your work has been supported by the earnest co-operation of Mrs. Nicholson, and to you both we tender our sincere regards. May God bless you and may the work of St. John's prosper 'Till He Come'.

The address was signed by the Rev. J. N. Blodgett, Mr. William McMullen (Rector's Warden) and the members of the Vestry.

In the 'thirties' St. John's began to suffer a tremendous loss of personnel by removal. The C.P.R. district offices were moved from Chappleau to Schreiber, and many members of the Congregation were forced to leave the parish. Yet St. John's came through these years of loss and depression with a deep sense of gratitude to God in that He saw fit graciously to bless and use the witness of a loyal band of followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

To the Rev. Harold Hesketh and to Mr. P. J. Collins came the honour in 1937 of being Delegates from the Diocese of Moosonee to General Synod at Halifax, N.S., when the Church of England in Canada celebrated the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of her organized life. Until his leaving the parish in 1944, Mr. Collins continued to represent the Diocese to General Synod, and so attended the meetings at Toronto in 1943 when the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the General Synod was celebrated.

Mr. Collins also represented the Diocese in the Provincial Synod for several years.

It would be impossible to mention at length all who have so loyally served the Church in St. John's parish. However, Mrs. Susan Edwards was Superintendent of the Primary Sunday School for thirty-five years; Mrs. A. P. Folkerts taught in the Sunday School for twenty-seven years; Mrs. A. J. Grout taught the Willing Workers' Bible Class for twenty-two years; Mr. G. B. Nicholson led the Adult Bible Class for twenty-six years; Mr. A. L. Smith was choirmaster for eighteen years; and Mr. R. Thrush conducted a very fine Boys' Choir for more than ten years. The late Mr. John Herner, Mr. William McLeod, Mr. John Corston and Mr. William McMullen served on the Vestry for many years. From the early days of St. John's Church, Mr. R. Brownlee, Mr. V. T. Chapple, Mr. R. J. Hopper, Mr. W. H. Leigh, and Mr. E. Woodard also served on the Vestry. Miss S. Herner has been Organist for about thirty years, and no church was ever served more faithfully.

In 1936 Mr. W. H. Leigh and his family gave a brass Cross to St. John's in memory of Mrs. Leigh who died on June 16th, 1935. Mrs. Leigh will be remembered especially for her work through the W.A. and for the leadership she gave for many years to the Native Branch (generally known as the Second Branch) of the W.A.

Mr. Frank Leigh, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leigh, graduated from Wycliffe College in 1925. He was ordained in the same year by the Rt. Rev. I. O. Stringer, Bishop of the Yukon, at Dawson City and was appointed to Mayo. He is now Honorary Major, and is serving as a Chaplain to the Forces in Italy. Another Chapleau boy in the Ministry is the Rev. G. Rolf Stanley, Rector of Kapuskasing, the son of Mr. James Stanley and the late Mrs. Stanley. Yet another, Mr. Gordon Byce, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Byce, is training for the Ministry at Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, not to forget Mr. John Jeffries, previously mentioned.

After thirteen years as Rector (the longest incumbency so far) the Rev. Harold Hesketh accepted a call to Trinity Church, Quebec, in August, 1938. That fall the Rev. O. W. Nickle came as Rector and remained three years. He was especially interested in Scouting and did a very appreciable work among the boys and young men of the parish. The Synod of Moosonee met in Chapleau during his rectorship, in the Spring of 1939. He resigned the parish in 1941 to accept work in the Diocese of Arizona.

With the Declaration of War in 1939 the young people of St. John's rallied to the cause as they did in 1914. At the time of writing seventy-nine members of St. John's Church have joined the Forces while a number of others who have been associated with St. John's have also enlisted.

The Rev. James H. Morris, L.Th., the present Rector of St. John's, was ordained by the Archbishop of Toronto in 1939, and came to Chapleau in November, 1941. He is an Honour Graduate of Wycliffe College where he won several scholarships and prizes. Before entering Wycliffe College he served for five years in the Canadian Church Army. After graduation he spent a short time in the Diocese of Athabasca at Fort Norman, N.W.T.



REV. J. H. MORRIS, L.TH.

Mr. Morris has entered fully into the life and work of the parish, and has been particularly interested in the young people of the Church. He is acutely conscious of the need, so fraught with opportunity, of spreading God's Gospel, and is serious and earnest in his ministrations to an enthusiastic congregation who assure him of their every co-operation and support in maintaining and strengthening the deep and abiding spiritual life of the parish.

In 1942 the Rectory was completely remodelled and re-decorated, making it a most modern home. In August of the same year the Rector brought his bride to Chapleau and the Congregation of St. John's presented Mr. and Mrs. Morris with a silver tea service and tray.

On June 15th, 1943, the Most Rev. John G. Anderson, D.D., LL.D., one of the great Indian Missionaries of the Canadian Church, passed to his rest. The Rt. Rev. R. J. Renison, M.A., D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, was elected as Bishop of Moosonee in succession to Archbishop Anderson on August 25th, following, and was enthroned at Timmins on the Feast of the Epiphany, 1944. It made the Congregation of St. John's very happy to know that an old friend, and one who not only could speak the Indian tongues but understood the problems of the Diocese, had 'come home'. Since then Bishop Renison has visited Chapleau on more than one occasion.



THE RECTORY

An Evening Branch of the W.A., to meet the needs of the younger women, and especially the business women of the parish, was formed in October 1943. Mrs. A. H. Leigh was the first President.

And so we come to our Sixtieth Anniversary Year. We are conscious, first of all, that we owe a deep debt of gratitude to the heroic souls who, sixty years ago, when the community of Chapleau was still in its infancy, so securely laid the foundations of the Church in St. John's parish. To quote from the Rector's Annual Report to the Congregation in January of this year: "Such an Anniversary Year reminds us of the sacrifice and unstinted effort by laity and clergy which must have been made to establish this parish so solidly, and to eventually erect the beautiful church that is ours. We have a tradition to maintain—the responsibility of carrying on and developing the work which they commenced."

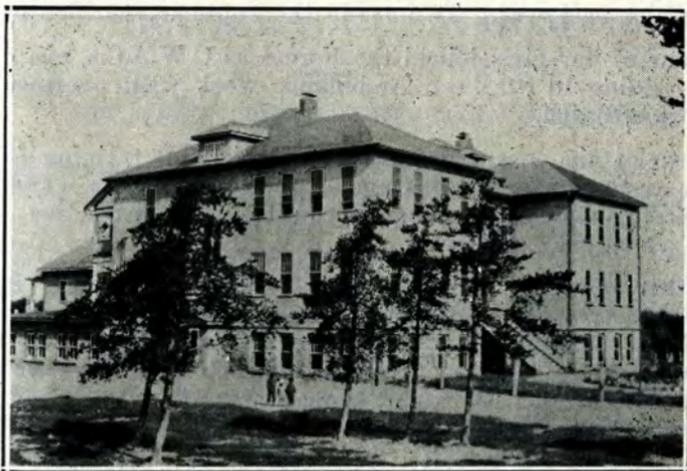
Many of our pupils are orphans and others come from the back woods country. Otherwise they would get no schooling.

We try to help the children to help themselves by providing a full course of public school training leading to High School Entrance. This is under the Provincial Public School Inspector who regularly visits and inspects our work. He has commented very favorably on the work accomplished here.

In addition to the above, we provide a good practical training.

For The Boys:

This means instruction in the use of tools under a competent man, in the care and management of the necessary machinery, heating, plumbing and general repair work.



ST. JOHN'S INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

The outdoor work includes instruction in proper methods in cutting down trees for fuel and preparing same for use in the furnace and kitchen stoves. Limited farming, gardening and care of horses, cattle, pigs and chickens.

During trapping seasons the boys are encouraged and aided in trapping of fur bearing animals. Many of our graduates are among the best trappers in these parts and at their homes.

For The Girls:

We provide a full training in the domestic work of the school under efficient supervision. They have proved competent in all its branches. They are taught to make bread both by machinery and by hand. We try to bear in mind the conditions to which they will have to return and do our best to fit them to meet those needs.

They are taught to wash, mend, iron, and make new clothes for themselves, also to knit, etc.

One of our girls who will graduate this Spring is being taken on as a full member of our kitchen staff in Fall.

Some of our girls have become qualified teachers and nurses and now through Mothercraft Training are giving valuable aid to their own people.

Others have returned to their homes and their places are neat and tidy and they are careful in the matters of care of sanitation and health. People remark on the splendid appearance of their places and the care they give to their children as a result of the instruction received here.

Fifty of our boys voluntarily joined the Forces of the King during the past war. Two made the supreme sacrifice overseas.

Four of our girls joined the Forces as C.W.A.C.s, one of them after training in St. John Ambulance work went overseas under that organization.

Two of our recent graduates took the full training for Holy Orders and are now at work among their own people. Their work has been favourably commented on by their respective Bishops under whom they now serve.

Other boys are filling responsible positions on the Railway. One is a telegraph operator on mainline. One as accountant was in the Military Paying Office at Petawawa Camp. Some have become foremen in Pulp Mills at Nipigon, Ontario. Others are well up in the Forestry Branch work and again others are with survey parties on road work and act as guides to tourists and hunters.

Our school for several years past has been used as a training centre by the Dom. W.A., for their candidates before sending them to regular work in Indian Residential schools throughout Canada.

Pressing Needs: (1) A regular Chapel where we can regularly gather for prayer and worship. (2) A manual training, and gymnasium for our pupils, for which we now have no space.

REV. A. J. VALE, Principal.

In Memoriam

CANON ARTHUR JOHN YOUNG

On Wednesday the 28th of August, Canon Arthur John Young died at his home in Toronto in his ninety-fifth year.

Canon Young was born in London, England, on the 14th of March, 1852. He studied for the Ministry at King's College, London, and came to Canada, serving first as Catechist at Magnetawan. He was ordained Deacon in May, 1885, in St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, and Priest in August, 1886, at Trinity Church, Parry Sound, by Bishop Thorneloe. He served successively at Magnetawan, North Bay, Manitowaning and Blind River, retiring from active duty in December, 1915.

He was the senior Canon of the Diocese, being one of the six appointed by Bishop Thorneloe at the first diocesan Synod in 1906.

Canon Young is survived by three daughters, one of whom is the wife of the Rev. R. H. Fleming of Sundridge.

DEANERY OF ALGOMA

ST. JOSEPH ISLAND RECTOR MARRIED

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony was solemnized at the Anglican Church of Holy Trinity, Jocelyn, on Wednesday, August 28th, at 11 a.m. by the Rev. J. D. Wall, Rector of St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie and Rural Dean of Algoma, when the Rev. Donald H. Dixon, Priest-in-charge of the Mission of St. Joseph Island was united in marriage to Edna Alice Campbell youngest daughter of Mrs. J. Campbell, and the late John Campbell. The fair-haired bride was attired in traditional long white dress of net over satin with the bodice embroidered in silver. Her veil was held in place by a wreath of gardenias, and she carried a Colonial bouquet of white roses. She was given in marriage by her oldest brother Joseph and was attended by Alice Bishop who wore a rose-pink dress of net with lace bodice, and carried a Colonial bouquet of roses and gladioli. The Rev. Stephen Pearson, Priest-in-charge of White River was groomsman. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March. The hymns "We Love Thy Place, O God" and "O Perfect Love" were sung, and the service was fully choral, the organist being Mrs. Humphrey Young assisted by Mrs. J. D. Wall.

The celebration of the Nuptial Eucharist followed the marriage ceremony when the celebrant was Rural Dean J. D. Wall, assisted by Father Pearson and Father Hilbish, Rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Chicago, who also gave the address.

The church had been beautifully decorated with flowers donated and arranged by Mrs. Orrell and friends. For the wedding Mrs. Campbell, mother of the bride, wore a two-piece dress of floral print with floral hat to match. Following the ceremony the wed-

ding breakfast was served at the home of the bride. During the "toasts" much praise was given by both residents of St. Joseph Island, and American friends, to the bridegroom for his excellent work especially among the young people of St. Joseph Island. Among the many congratulatory messages received was a cable from England from the parents of the bridegroom.

Later in the day the married couple left by car for a honeymoon at points west, the bride's travelling outfit consisting of a brown gabardine suit with hat and accessories to match. She wore a corsage of roses.

In addition to members of the Campbell family guests at the wedding breakfast included the Rev. J. D. Wall, Mrs. Wall and Kathleen, Rev. Stephen Pearson, Rev. Fr. and Mrs. Hilbish of Chicago, Mrs. Orrell, Dr. and Mrs. Trefry, the Misses Turpin and Wheelock of Chicago, Mrs. Humphrey Young and Miss Alice Bishop.

ST. JOHN'S, SAULT STE. MARIE

On August the 28th at St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie, a Memorial Service was held in honour of John Alan Houston, who was killed in action on February 20th, 1944, while on duty with the R.C.A.F. Favourite hymns of the deceased were sung. Following the address the Rector, Rev. J. D. Wall, Rural Dean of Algoma, unveiled and dedicated a bronze tablet to his memory, bearing the inscription "To the Glory of God, and in proud and loving memory of John Alan Houston. Born March 10th, 1918. Died February 20th, 1944. In the service of his King and Country."

ALGOMA DEANERY LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

The first general meeting of the newly formed Algoma Deanery Laymen's Council was held in Keetch's Hall, Bruce Mines, on Tuesday evening, May 28, with about forty persons attending, representing the Parishes of Sault Ste. Marie, Garden River, Bruce Mines, and Thessalon, with the President, Mr. C. Skerten, in the chair. Bishop W. L. Wright was to have been the guest speaker on this occasion, but was unavoidably absent, his place, however, being very ably taken by Rev. Dean Craig who, in the opening address of the meeting, outlined the duties of the Laymen of the Church of England, stressing particularly the necessity of everyone doing their utmost to bring more men into the Church. Rev. Craig also mentioned the recent Anglican Advance Appeal and the success which has attended that effort all over the Diocese and while the full figures were not yet available it was already found that several Parishes had already gone away over the top of their quotas. Concluding his remarks with the hope that all the laymen

in this Diocese would put their whole heart into their Church endeavors, Rev. Craig then threw the meeting open for general discussion. Replying were Messrs. A. E. Smith of Garden River, Fred Dent of Sault Ste. Marie, C. Skerten of Thessalon and I. Robertson, Sault Ste. Marie, who all spoke very forcefully in support of their particular subject. This concluded the first part of the programme, which was closed by Rev. R. F. Webb of Thessalon pronouncing the Benediction. Following this, an impromptu musical was much enjoyed by those present, Chief I. Robertson of Sault Ste. Marie acting as M.C. Amongst those taking part were those two versatile and well known characters Bill Murray who delighted the audience with two of his Scotch selections sung as only he can do it, and Mr. Thomas, also well known to us, also obliging with a couple of his delightfully rendered comics, both of these artists keeping up a running fire of patter that kept the audience in a very mirthful mood. Our old friend, Bill Cullis obliged with one of his monologue renditions depicting the decline of an old time actor, but the way Bill did it, it was very far from being of the "ham" variety. We did not know that the story of the Bible could be told from an ordinary pack of cards, but it can, as was shown in a sketch given by Mr. A. E. Smith, of Garden River, which proved not only interesting but very instructive too. Several numbers were used in a community sing song and those present responded very well indeed. Finally, Bruce Mines, not to be out done by the other Parishes, contributed a song which was sung by Mr. A. Meek and received the approval of the audience. A very hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. A. Meek for acting as pianist and accompanist on such short notice, and also for her assistance and that of her daughter Hazel supervising the serving of the refreshments for this was supposed to be entirely a stag party, but it was generally conceded that after all a couple of ladies around does make a difference under any circumstances. Sandwiches were provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. George's Church, Bruce Mines, and cake and tea by the delegation from Thessalon. The next meeting of the Laymen's Council will take place in September or October, the locality to be decided upon by the Executive.

DEANERY OF THUNDER BAY

ST. PAUL'S MISSION-WORKERS

We are proud that St. Paul's has workers in the Mission field of the Church from among our young people. Miss Helena Ward, who did distinguished work in the Forces and especially in Washington, D.C., is now Secretary of the Sunday School by Post in the Diocese of Athabaska, under Bishop Sovereign. Her quarters are at Fairview, Alta., where she acts in a clerical capacity for the

five vans which do duty throughout that vast diocese. In the autumn, Helena will be returning to St. John's College, Winnipeg, to qualify further for such work.

In the Sunday School by Post in this Diocese of Algoma Miss Doreen Webster is giving her summer vacation to driving a van. At the present time our van, the St. Luke's, is travelling the roads and by-paths of the Manitoulin Island. Later we believe it will visit our outlying districts in the northern part of the diocese. We greet and wish these young women every blessing in their work. We shall have them in our prayers.

CAMP GITCHIGOMEE

The pioneer spirit of advance is still strong and vigorous in the Missionary Diocese of Algoma. The clergy of Thunder Bay Deanery of the Diocese wanted a church camp that would serve the young people of the Lakehead cities of Port Arthur, Fort William and vicinity. Late in 1944 a beautiful camp site with a 500 foot sandy beach was secured on Sandstone Lake about 50 miles southwest of Fort William. In 1945 preliminary work was begun in clearing the heavily wooded camp site and in preparing for a Youth Camp which was held there in July, 1945. This camp was held under canvas and despite some difficulties was declared a success by those in attendance. Throughout last winter plans were made to enlarge and improve the camp. Each of the local churches was asked to make donations towards buildings with the result that in the spring a large main building 24 x 48 and five cabins accommodating ten persons each were built. These permanent buildings were partially furnished by gifts from church organizations. On July 1, the Lord Bishop of Algoma, Rt. Rev. W. L. Wright, officiated at the dedication of the camp and buildings in the presence of a large number of the clergy and visitors from Port Arthur and Fort William. Following the dedication the Second Annual Thunder Bay Youth Conference commenced with a registration of forty young people. Bishop Wright remained for the Conference and was the principal speaker at the daily sessions and spoke on the theme, "The Challenge of Christ Today." Other speakers were Miss Dorothy Manley of London, Ont., who spoke on the A.Y.P.A.; Mr. M. A. Thangaraj, a brilliant young university professor from India, who dealt with the social, economic and religious problems of his country; Miss Nellie M. Lewis, of the Ontario Religious Education Council was in charge of recreation and also lectured on the value of organized recreation for church groups. Worship was an important feature of the Conference and each day was begun with a celebration of the Holy Communion and Compline was said at the end of each day. A coloured movie of the camp was made and will be shown throughout the Diocese this winter.

The second week of July a camp for girls 9-15 years of age was held. Mrs. J. H. Elliott, of North Bay, Dominion Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, was one of the members of the staff for this camp. Instruction in weaving was one of the highlights of the camp programme. The third week of July a similar camp was held for boys in the same age group. Woodcraft and nature hikes under the direction of John Speakman naturalist of the Department of Lands and Forests were a feature of the well-balanced programme.

Much of the credit for the success of these camps belong to the Chairman, Rev. J. S. Smedley, (St. John's, Port Arthur), and the Registrar, Rev. M. L. Goodman, of Murillo, Ontario, both of whom were instrumental in starting the camp project and who spent many long hours in superintending the erection of the permanent buildings and who organized the programme of activities. Camp Gitchigomee is a credit to the Diocese of Algoma. It is expected that further additions to the camp will be necessary next year as many have already indicated their desire to attend the camp in 1947. The three camps accommodated a total of 148 campers in all.

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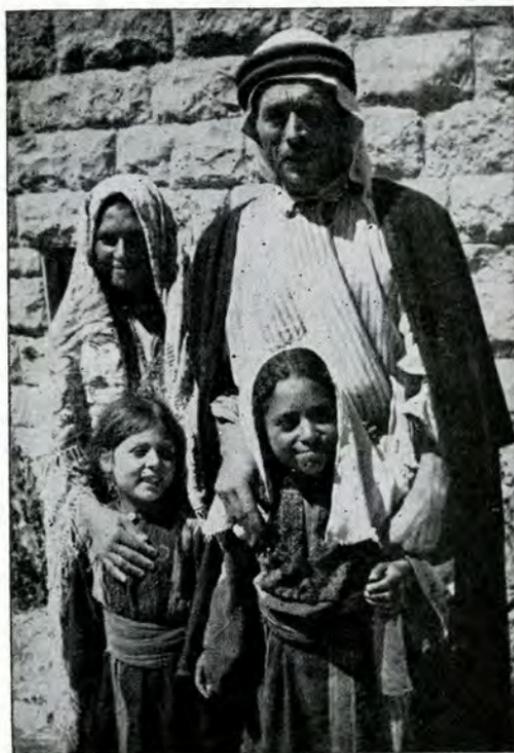
M. S. C. C. News

CANADIAN DOCTOR NEEDED NEAR ABRAHAM'S OAK

On the plain of Mamre, in front of St. Luke's Hospital at Hebron stands a very very old oak tree known as "Abraham's Oak". It is said to be the place where Abraham received from the three angels God's promise of a son. So large is this that it requires four or five people with outstretched arms to circle it, and so old, that it has had to be reinforced with concrete; a zinc roof over the main part protects it from the elements. Its acorns have supplied souvenirs to visitors from Africa, India, Australia—in fact from all the world. If even a percentage of those carried away are planted and take root Abraham's oak will have many children scattered over the world.

Like the oak, St. Luke's Hospital also is unique, being the southernmost Christian hospital in all Palestine. Between it and Sanaa, capital of the Yemen at the southern end of Arabia there is not to be found a single Christian doctor, Christian missionary, or, as far as is known, a single Christian witness.

St. Luke's Hospital, Hebron, is directed by the Jerusalem and the East Mission, England, but the Church of England in Canada since the time when Canon Gould was a medical missionary in



ARAB FAMILY AT HOSPITAL

Palestine has given a grant toward the salary of its doctor. It is our only piece of Christian work in the Holy Land, and for it a Canadian doctor is urgently needed.

Under the supervision of Dr. Bernard C. Walker, who has just returned to England after five years at St. Luke's, the hospital has improved greatly and an effort has been made to reach the villages from which the patients have come. The team, consisting of a lady missionary, a Bible woman and one or two nurses, reports a welcome in all places visited and groups always ready to listen to the word spoken and the hymns sung. A second doctor is needed at the hospital so that one may be spared to accompany this team and develop this part of the work.

The hospital has thirty-two beds which are generally filled. Its doctor, supported by his staff, must be ready for anything: from accidents, injuries from native family fights, repairing electrical equipment, and office duties to taking services in the Chapel.

Forty thousand Arabs live in the district—a harsh people in a harsh land where the Calvary love of God is unknown and the

pride of Islam content. But with God all things are possible; these people can be won to Him.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

The latest story of Van Work in India by Dr. Constance V. Jackson of our Kangra Mission. Unfortunately since Dr. Jackson returned early this year on much needed furlough, the Van Work has ceased, there being no doctor to carry it on.

Roadside Clinics—Cetru and Chari

“Where have you been? Why have you left us without treatment? How can we get better if you won't come? I'm angry and I won't take your medicine now.” Such was our reception from one of our old patients when we returned to our roadside clinic at Chetru after an absence of two months. Although the old lady threatened us that she would take no more of our medicine when we visited her home, by the time we had returned to “Faith” (the van) there she was with her two bottles announcing she needed more liniment and shark-liver oil. (She is an osteomalacia patient, and knows the worth of our treatment).

Our two weekly roadside clinics have grown tremendously this last year. We have had hundreds more coming to them from distant villages every Monday morning. As we drive up to these sites there are always crowds awaiting us, sitting on rocks or on the ground, holding their small earthenware jars for ointments and bottles for medicine or liniments. Those who do not possess the jars have leaves in their hands on which we put the ointment.

At these two roadside clinics alone we have had over five thousand patients.

Bhawarna and Dadh—Clinic Centres

At these two centres, where we camp for four and a half days every other week, at one or the other, patients have come to us from many villages. We have a clinic on the verandahs of the Government Bungalows each morning from eight to twelve o'clock, and in the grounds a tent is pitched where we can examine the patients.

Here we have had twenty-five osteo-malacia patients (adult rickets) and five children with rickets who have attended our clinics regularly. Four of these who could not afford even the minimum of proper food, we persuaded to be admitted to our hospital in Palampur. Although at that time they were all unable to more than crawl about, three of them on discharge sometime later were able to walk home from hospital and the fourth one was greatly improved. We do not insist that these patients come to every clinic

as it often means that some man member of the family has to carry the patient on his back for miles. Usually we ask to see the patient once in six weeks and in the interval relatives come for their shark-liver oil, liniment and calcium. We also visit these regular patients in their homes.

We have a number of burn cases, most of them babies or little children. If they come to us the first day of our clinic we are able to teach the parents how to treat the burn and on our last day we leave behind gauze and ointment, etc. so that they may carry on until our return. One case stands out in our memory. It was our last day and a baby girl was brought by her mother. The face, eyes, head were in an awful condition as the mother had already applied her own treatment. We cleaned the head and face and spread Tanoflavine ointment on gauze with which to bandage it. The mother watched us most carefully and promised she would carry on exactly as we told her. We did not have much confidence in her and tried to persuade her to take the baby to our hospital some six miles away. Ten days later to our amazement the first two to appear at the clinic were the mother and babe. Eyes, which we thought would never see again, smiled at us and only a small place on the forehead was still unhealed. It did make us feel glad that we are able to carry on these clinics.



INDIAN PAGAN GODS

Village Visiting

At these centres patients have come to us from about 185 villages and we have actually visited and re-visited in about thirty different ones of these. The visiting is done each afternoon we are in camp.

One could tell many interesting stories of these visits. Here is one: We were called to see two patients in a village several miles from Bhawarna. One, an elderly patient dying of T.B.; the other the young wife of an elderly man, a brother to a Raja in one of the native states in our District. We were able to persuade the relatives to take the girl to our hospital where she gave birth to a baby boy. In this same house was the sister of the young patient, a most attractive girl. As we rose to leave she begged us to stay longer and talk to her. Her story was that at the age of thirteen the Raja of one of the larger States had visited our District and she had been given to him to become one of his several hundred wives. On his death his son became Raja and did not want to support all his father's wives so most of them were sent back to their parents' homes to live the rest of their lives as widows. This girl was nineteen when she returned. She never goes out but is always so pleased to see us and listen to Bible stories. We visited her quite often leaving books for her to read as she has had a primary education.

At certain times of the year as we visit in the villages only the old, deaf, blind, crippled members of the families are to be found in them; all the others would be working in the fields, as practically every home owns a bit of land. We, too, proceed to the fields, find a spot under a tree and sit down. In no time the work is stopped and the men, women and children gather around us, glad of a change. We teach them a verse and chorus of some bhajan (Hymn) and tell a Bible story. Almost without exception as we rise to leave they beg us to sing just one more bhajan.

During the 1944-45 year Dr. Jackson and her Indian assistant treated 11,212 patients from 185 villages. They paid 181 visits in thirty different villages, but the number which gives them most satisfaction is that they sold 2,659 Gospels. But are they being read? You can help to answer this question as you pray for each man, woman and child who, during this past year, has bought a Book that their eyes may be opened to see as they read, and that the love of God may indeed bring forth fruit in their lives.

A SCHOLAR AND HIS WORK

Doctor Oscar F. W. Ellis who passed away on July 29th in his 60th year at Parry Sound, attended Public and High Schools there. He entered Trinity College, Toronto, and took his B.A. in 1911 and subsequently taught in private and secondary schools. After two years as Associate Professor in Western University, London, in the Department of Romance Languages he entered the Graduate School of Harvard, Cambridge, Mass., where he spent two years in study and research and obtained the degree of M.A. and later that of Ph.D. His doctrinal thesis was a religious and moral biography of Theodore Agrippa d'Aubigne. He then spent six years at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, as Professor, teaching French and Spanish.

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Dr. Ellis was especially well informed in Church History of which he had made a profound study, and his knowledge of liturgy and liturgical music was exceptionally good and only exceeded by his intense devotion to his Church of which he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Algoma and delegate to the Synod in the Diocese of Algoma. He had travelled widely in Europe and his descriptions especially of ecclesiastical architecture in the various countries he visited were extensive.

The Rev. Stephen Turner, an old friend and former Rector here conducted the Service at Trinity Church, Parry Sound. Interment took place at Fenelon Falls, Ont.

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