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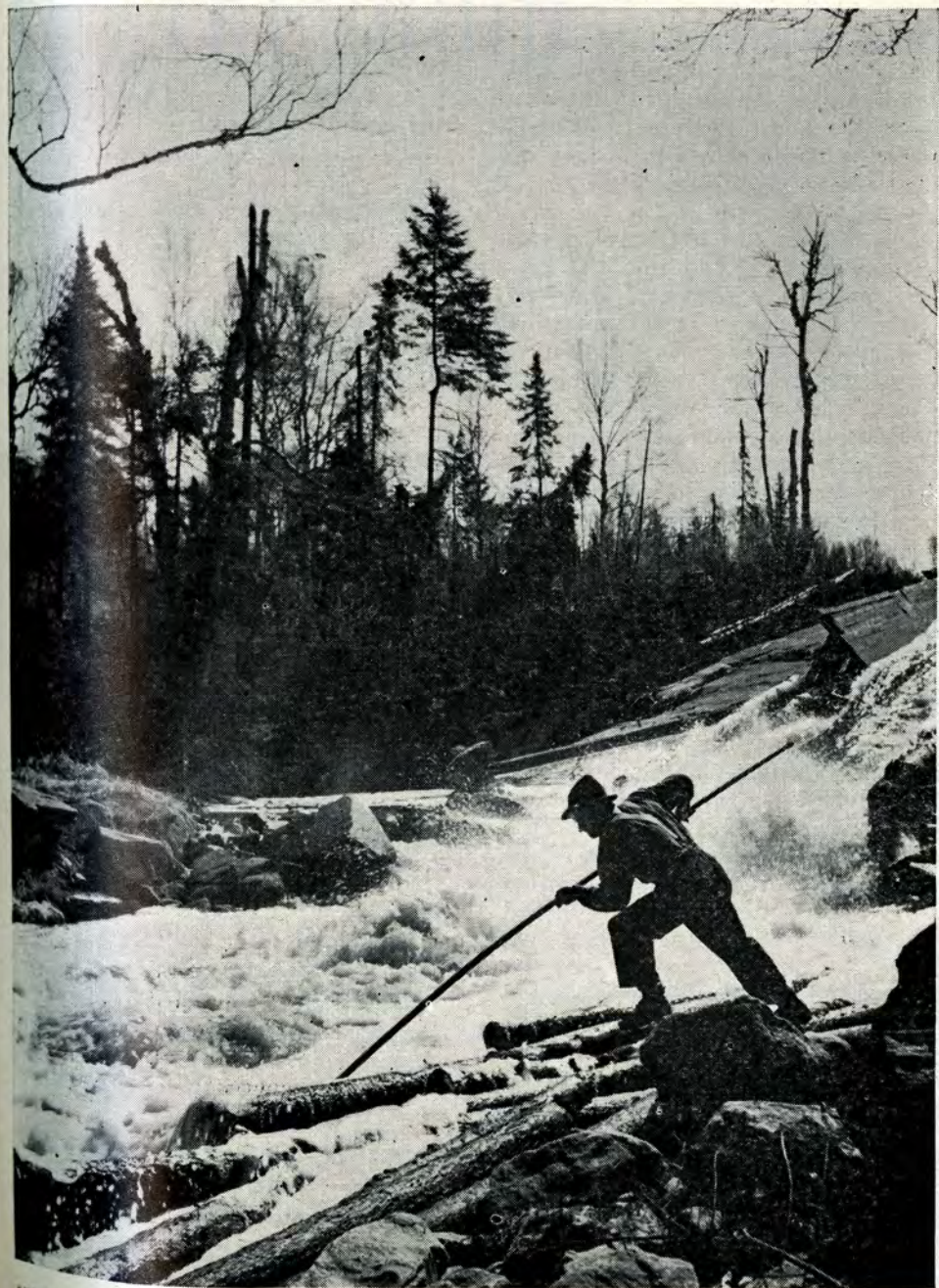
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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Fifteenth Triennial Synod of the Diocese has come and gone and its highlights are recorded in this issue of the A.M.N. One or two things might be noted as we look back on what was accomplished.

One of the most outstanding acts of Synod was the adoption of a new Canon incorporating a Diocesan Board of Missions. In its provision that every Deanery must be represented by at least one missionary clergy, who would resign his position once he accepted the rectorship of a self-supporting parish, the Synod acted wisely. So often Mission Boards consist of urban clergy who, while they may have been rural clergy at one time, are not always conversant with the prevailing rural problems. This provision assures the Mission Board of adequate representation of rural clergy who are conversant with the problems of their own day. This provision also gives recognition, long overdue, to the value of our rural work. Algoma is essentially a missionary Diocese and those who bear the brunt of the missionary work should be accorded full representation on any board which concerns their work.

A second outstanding act of Synod was the unanimous decision to accent the two increases of nine per cent. in the Diocesan Apportionment for Missions as suggested by Dean Waterman. This means an increase from our present apportionment of \$4,600 to \$5,465 in 1949. The fact that the increase was passed unanimously shows that we are on the

true path of advance. The living, active Church is the Church which gives itself sacrificially to missions; the decadent Church is the Church which is concerned only with itself. We trust that as the years go by the Diocese will give more and more liberally to missions.

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The Editor would also pay tribute to the inspiring address of Dr. H. G. Watts. It was one of the finest presentations of the Missionary challenge to the Church which he has been privileged to hear and he is sure that he voices the sentiments of all members of Synod.

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The interest of the laymen of the Diocese was also a healthy sign. With the whole-hearted support of the laymen, as revealed at Synod, the Church will exert a tremendous influence in all phases of life in Algoma, an influence far in excess of the numerical strength of the Church.

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New Parish

Bishop Wright is pleased to announce that Marathon has assumed the status of a self-supporting parish. A new church will soon be built in Marathon, due to the generosity of the Company.

The new Rector of the parish of Marathon will be the Rev. Owen G. Farrow, at present Incumbent of the Mission of Schreiber.

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THE INDIAN ADVANCES

SHINGWAUK GRADUATION

Graduation exercises were held at the Shingwauk Indian Residential School on the evening of June 6th before a large audience of friends of the School.

The exercises were opened with prayer and Bible reading, Proverbs 3: 1-7. Following this Principal Minchin presented his report. The School Chorus rendered "The Canadian Boat Song" and Rev. Dr. H. S. Watts gave an address. Following a selection by the Junior Choir various presentations were made. Prizes were given by Mrs. A. E. Minchin to Audrey LeSage and Harrington Sands for highest standing in Grade 8 and to Anna Sahguj for Household Science. Dean Craig presented Effort prizes to Delphine Thomas and Finlay Antone. The Athletic Cup, given by Bishop Wright, was presented by him. Mr. R. Wallace, Superintendent of Public School athletics presented hockey badges to the School team. Mrs. W. L. Wright presented Bibles to the graduating class. Mr. J. K. Mather, Vocational Guidance teacher at the Collegiate Institute gave an address and Bishop Wright gave the blessing.

Following the Exercises refreshments were served to the guests.

VALEDICTORY - AUDREY LESAGE

My Lord Bishop, Canon Minchin, Honoured Guests, Members of the Staff, and Fellow Students:

First of all I should like to thank you for the privilege of speaking to

you tonight as Valedictorian of the Graduating Class of 1947.

Our lives are mixtures of success and failure. If we work hard enough we shall be successful but if we don't we shall be failures. Life is only what we make it.

Being in a school like this is an advantage. Here we are cared for and understood. Our good points are recognized and encouraged and our weaknesses are found out and corrected. (Don't worry I am not going to tell what they are.)

When a little boy or girl comes to Shingwauk one of the first things he learns is how to pray, thanks to morning and evening prayers and church every Sunday. As years are added on to his age and inches added on to his height, he begins to take part in the various activities that are always in progress. He becomes a member of the Church Boys League and she becomes a J.A. member. When they get older still they begin studying harder and harder, not only for the school examinations but for different tests in Scouts and Guides. This helps them prepare for the future.

Some of our class will be leaving Shingwauk and will step out into the world and take their places on different Reservations and in the cities at different jobs.

And some of us will go on to High School to try and obtain suf-

ficient education to become mechanics, teachers, stenographers, nurses or just plain everyday good fathers and mothers.

Yet we will not forget this school and all the fun and training we have had here. For everything we do today helps us to obtain our goal tomorrow.

In closing, we the Graduating Class, would like to thank the Staff who have so patiently taught and helped us through our years here. We also want to express our appreciation to the Church and to the Indian Department who make it possible to carry on the work of the school.

"O Thou Who dost the vision send,
And givest each his task,
And with the task sufficient
strength,
Show us Thy will, we ask.
Give us a conscience bold and
good,
Give us a purpose true,
That it may be our highest joy
Our Father's work to do."

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Working short-handed has been our chief problem during the past year. This has meant very hard work for all members of the staff, especially as our enrollment has been higher than ever before. At the present time we have 144 children in residence.

Some of the senior girls have proved themselves very helpful under these circumstances and we have decided to constitute all members of Grades XI, XII and XIII as prefects. For this year we have also included two members of Grade X who have proved themselves reli-

able. Altogether we have 15 students attending either Collegiate or Technical School and the majority are doing very well indeed, especially in the senior Grades. A number of those graduating from Grade VIII today hope to go on to High School next term.

We have good news of all those who graduated from High School last year:

Isabel Oke has completed her training at the Mothercraft Hospital in Toronto and secured high marks in her examinations. She is now doing practical work under the Nurses' Agency.

Dorothy Bonspille, last year's Valuedictorian, has a position in the Bank of Nova Scotia in Montreal.

Nellie Sands has a good office position in Detroit and is also improving her skill by attending evening classes.

Jennie Tallow is training as a nurse in the General Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

Our branch of the Junior Auxiliary, with Miss Muirhead and Miss Staples as leaders, held its annual Bazaar and Tea towards the end of November, when a great number of our friends from the city and from across the river attended. Altogether this event proved a great success both socially and financially. The C.B.L., under Mrs. Moran, were allotted a table at which they sold articles made at their meetings. In May, Christine Abotossaway represented our branch at the annual meetings in North Bay. She was given the opportunity of speaking at the afternoon session on the day set apart for the Girls' Auxiliary

when she quite vividly described something of the life at Shingwauk.

The Girl Guides have had another successful year. Twelve of them went to Pioneer Camp and secured a number of Badges. We now have three First Class Guides including Delphine Thomas who has her All-Round Cord and is acting as Company Leader. A Guide and Brownie Leadership Training Course was arranged in the city by the Provincial Association and a number of our Leaders and Senior Guides were able to take advantage of the course. Mrs. A. E. Minchin is Guide Captain, Miss Watton is now in charge of the Brownies and Mr. Radcliffe is Scout Leader. Through the kindness of Mrs. Peacock, the Guide Mothers' Association of St. Timothy's Church in Toronto became interested in our Brownie Pack and have provided complete uniforms for all members.

Our annual Confirmation Service took place on Trinity Sunday when Bishop Wright administered the Rite of Confirmation to six boys and ten girls.

In the G.B.R.E. Sunday School examinations six of our children secured 80% or over. Lauretta Nahdee, with a total of 93%, obtained the highest mark for the Sunday Schools of the Diocese. Susie Kicksnowy with 92% was just one mark behind. The amount subscribed by the children in their Lenten Boxes was \$39.27 for the M.S.C.C.

Athletics and social events take a prominent place in our school programme. During the winter we have weekly parties either on the skating rink or in the auditorium according to the season. In the summer the

boys and girls play baseball together once or twice a week. The boys are now Public School Champions in both softball and hockey. Winning the hockey championship is particularly creditable as this is only the second year they have entered the league. The boys played good hockey and did not lose a single game either in the regular schedule or in the play-offs.

Once again I wish to publicly express our sincere thanks to the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Lions Club, to the Legion and to our many friends who have provided treats for the children and shown us much kindness in many ways.

In spite of the difficulties I feel that on the whole this has been another good year for which we thank God. The Staff has done noble work; in fact every member has worked harder than any man or woman should be asked to do. We trust that we shall be able to open the new term with a full Staff and that next year will prove even more successful than any of its predecessors.

REV. A. E. MINCHIN,
Principal

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HANDICRAFT PROJECT

In 1941 when the Rev. C. G. Kehler and his wife went to the Spanish River Reserve at Massey, Ontario, they found the standard of living among the Indians at a low level. Old log shacks were their dwellings, their clothing was inadequate and unkempt and under-nourishment was prevalent.

Example rather than just teaching has brought about a great

change. First, this teacher-missionary began an addition to the little house assigned to him. Lack of a spirit-level gave him opportunity of using the spectators to sight the building. By careful questioning he was able to put the right answers into the mouths of the onlookers and they felt pleased. Occasionally the Indians lent a hand with the building and when the addition was completed almost everyone on the reserve came to see it.

Since then many plans have been drawn up for Indian dwellings, estimates made and advice given by this versatile missionary. A gradual improvement in their housing has taken place.

Through the securing and raising of goats, quantities of milk were provided for the children to drink in school hours. The clothing problem was attacked by Mrs. Kehler who taught sewing and the care of clothes.

But an additional source of income was needed if the standard of living was to be raised and maintained at a level which would permit and encourage a higher standard of spiritual development among these Anglican Indians. This, Mr. Kehler is trying to bring about through handicrafts. With the help of the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, he has been enabled to acquire skill in the building of looms, in weaving, gem-cutting, jewellery making, pottery making, metal-craft and wood-working. Weaving, gem-cutting and jewellery making have already begun on a small scale, awaiting funds for larger production. From Ontario come many beau-

tiful stones such as blue sodalite, green Amazonite, pink Wilsonite, rare Thompsonites, the most varied and beautiful agate in the world and the lovely moonstone which shows such a beautiful blue lustre when turned in the light. Many other stones are obtained from the United States. Handsome dinner rings of these stones set in silver are being made, also brooches, bracelets, pendants and ear-rings. The tourist trade is expected to be a profitable outlet for this craft—and for church bazaars and sales the transaction will be mutually helpful.

The development of loom building awaits the necessary wood-working power tools, but will be an important item when production is possible. It is hoped these looms will be put into other Indian schools and weaving taught as a craft.

This project of "Better living through Handicrafts," with the necessary backing, might easily prove to be a pattern which could profitably be copied on other Indian reserves and even adapted for Residential Schools.



A FAITHFUL LAYMAN

At the early service on Whitsunday, special thanks were given for the 25 years service which Mr. H. W. Ellard has now rounded out as a Lay Reader of the parish. As our senior Lay Reader Mr. Ellard has been always active in his service not merely at St. Paul's but assisting the work of the Church generally at the lake-head, for a time at St. Michael's, Port Arthur, at St. James', Murillo, at Roslyn Road Mission and now for some time at Vickers' Height Mission. All will congratulate Mr. Ellard on his anniversary and trust that good health and a continuance of his good works may be his.

By T. Thorpe

BOOM DAYS

LUMBERING on the North Shore of Georgian Bay was carried on very extensively during the years 1900-1910 and in a somewhat lesser degree for another five years. From then on, it eventually dwindled off to be just an ordinary industry. During 1900-1915 many lumbering companies held extensive timber limits on Onaping, Vermilion, Aux Sable and Spanish Rivers. Lumbering operations on these waters were all being carried on at the same time.

Records may be found, showing some twenty-five different lumbering firms operating approximately one hundred logging camps each year, for some ten or twelve years. The saw-log production from these camps each year averaged 2,600,000 pieces, or approximately 110,000,000 F.B.M. in log, all of which found its way to the mouth of the Spanish River. Around 150 men were employed from May 1st to October 15th each season, sorting out these saw-logs, or distributing the logs of each lumbering company into their respective booms.

The "Sorting Jack" was formed by an open lane or waterway about 24 feet wide, flanked on both sides by a series of floating sidewalks which were constructed on flatted, long timbers. These, in turn, were anchored in place by being chained to clumps of piles, at close intervals, all along this waterway. In this main waterway lane, there were gaps on each side. These were all boomed off to form separate long waterways of about one-half mile in length, leading out to the booming-out bay, where boom men, together with tug-boat crew, would spill each pocket

or mark separately, accordingly as the sorting progressed. Two tugboats of the Boom Company were kept busy at this work during open water each year.

The current in the river was the propelling power which moved logs along in the "Sorting Jack." A log jam was intentionally made by the narrowing down of the river mouth, to form a necessary bottle neck at the head of the jack. Here the most rugged men were stationed. Their duty was to break loose the log jams and swing the logs into the river's current in such a manner that they would proceed down the sorting jack in a cross-ways, or corduroy fashion. The objective of the Boom Company was to see as little space as possible between the logs, in order that a big day's sorting would result; and to put through as many logs as possible before the freeze-up halted the sorting.

It was very fortunate for the lumber companies, as well as for the Boom Company, that the make-up or personnel of the sorting staff changed very little from year to year. Of 150 men required each year, some 125 would be old hands of at least 4 or 5 years' experience.

Some seventy-five "Hammer Marks," on logs owned by perhaps twenty different firms, might be running in the sorting jack at any one time. It was not uncommon for a lumber company to have four or five different marks on the same stream. It was, therefore, necessary that experienced men be used to claim and pull these "Hammer-Marked" logs into their proper gaps or pockets,



"LOG ROLLING"

as the logs were proceeding cross-ways down the jack. There would be 40 to 50 men lined up on each side of this log lane, all pulling their respective marks into their own boom. I may mention here that these log marks are all registered, and that the logs stamped were all the very exclusive property of the company in whose name the "Hammer Mark" is registered.

The boom camp would open up each year early in May and would be in continuous operation until about the middle of October. There was no Sunday work, otherwise there was no let-up on the river or bay mouth, once the ice was clear.

The men were on the job, working from daylight in the morning until dark at night, during the longest days in the summer, rain or shine, snow or blow.

The men ate four times each day and were housed and fed in a large, three-storey frame building, erected on an island at the mouth of the Spanish River.

Erected on a boating platform on the side of the sorting jack, separated some 50 yards apart, were two small "Tally-man houses." Each man in charge of sorting out a certain mark or marks destined for his pocket or gap, had a tally board along side of him, and every time



"HUGE BOOMS OF LOGS"

he pulled into his gap one hundred logs, he would yell at the top of his voice, "Tally the hand"—or—"Tally the man's head"—or—"Tally the bell," log marks belonging to Cleveland Lumber Co., McFadden & Malloy and Graves Bigwood, respectively. The man in the Tally house, in each case, would answer back the same tally, like an echo. In this way, it was known each evening how many logs were sorted for any and all lumbering companies during the day and so on all through the season.

Spanish Station, two miles distant—a small town on the Soo line of the C.P.R., was the jumping-off point for Spanish Boom employees. During the years 1900-1915, a good many romantic characters attached to lumbering operations spent at least some of their summer months at this small town. Some of the monickers used to designate these bush foremen

were: "Bull of the Spanish," "Moonlight Mark," "Danger McEwen," "Kid Glove Andy," "Silent Bob," "Chesty Bill" and "Bay City Jack;" all are synonymous of the logging game and go with bush talk like Jas. J. Jeffries, John L. Sullivan, Bob Fitzsimmons and James Corbett go with the boxing game.

It was customary for each lumbering firm to place at least one, and sometimes more, of their trusted employees at Spanish Boom during summer months, in order to see that the Boom Company were making a proper job of collecting their respective logs.

Spanish Boom, Mouth of Spanish River, Spanish Town and Spanish Mills (some few miles distant) were all hives of activity during the years mentioned, with some 150 caulked-booted men working on the log-sorting jack and boom pockets. Three or four towing tugs would be

intermittently tooting their signal whistles, while transferring logs from small booms to Great Lake booms, in the process of preparing a tow of logs. These rafts of logs, 50,000 to 75,000 pieces, were destined for saw mills all along the North Shore of Georgian Bay, Cutler, John's Island, Brennan Harbour, Spanish Mills, Spragge, Blind River, Little Current, Byng Inlet, Victoria Harbour, Waubaushene, Penetang, Midland, Parry Sound, Owen Sound; and many rafts were towed as far as Sarnia.

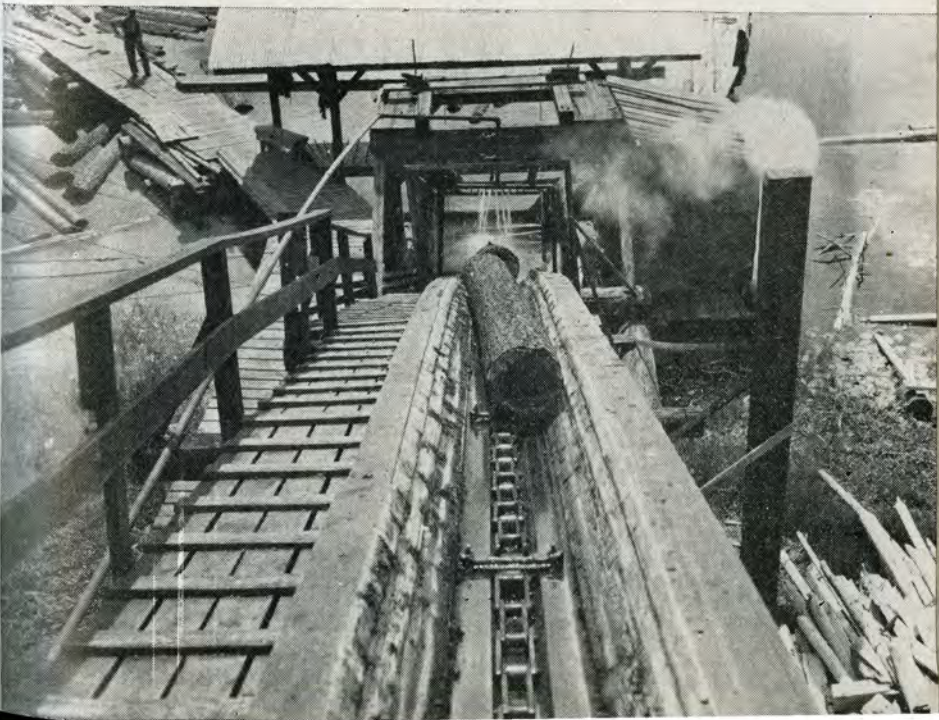
It took a big lake tugboat fourteen days of good weather (night and day) to tow a raft of 50,000-75,000 logs from the mouth of the Spanish River to Sarnia. In addition to streams that were tributary to Spanish River waters, during the same regime, some 500,000 logs were

driven down Whitefish River each season to supplement the logging industry in general. Whitefish River empties into Georgian Bay about 30 miles east of the mouth of the Spanish River.

When you realize that the distribution of some 3,000,000 logs was made each summer to the above points, you will have some idea of how each winter's logging operations tied-in with, or regulated the work of the tugboat owners on Georgian Bay.

Getting back to Spanish Station town—many of the employees from the sawmills at Spanish Mills, John's Island, Brennan Harbour and Cutler, congregated at this point on holidays and occasionally other days and on Saturday nights. It was not uncommon to see "Gang" fights on these occasions. Donnybrook Fair

"LOGS ARE CARRIED UP THE JACK LADDER INTO THE MILL"



had nothing on Spanish Town in the early days. What "shillelaghs" were lacking, was made up for by the use of caulked boots. Spanish Boom is no more, because no logs are now coming down the rivers mentioned. The following sawmill towns have ceased to exist: Spanish Mills, John's Island, Brennan Harbour and Cutler. Other towns, further removed from Spanish Boom, have not suffered to a like extent, as they all had some other industry to help them out.

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OUR CHALLENGE

Doris L. Kenny

Another war has ended and there is a world wide hunger for peace, a real peace which will bring contentment, happiness and a freedom from fear. How can we get this peace?—Money cannot buy it and already there are rumours of a future war.

Daily, our papers with their glaring headlines proclaim the lowering of morals, the increasing delinquency of youth, the loosening up of home ties, and we continually ask: "Why? Why? Why?"

Science and psychiatry have not succeeded in stemming this tide of postwar problems—what about the Church, can it influence the self-seeking and growing materialism so prevalent today? Yes, definitely the Church can be our greatest hope for world peace and security providing its members will rally to its side and put into practice those simple rules of living as Christ taught—to love God first, to love one's neighbour,

Little Current, in Spanish Boom days, had three sawmills running night and day during summer months. All the sawmill towns on Georgian Bay were more or less affected when Spanish Boom ceased work.

While the older people of the present generation may not live to see a duplication of Spanish Boom days, the younger people of today may be hopeful of again seeing pulp logs and sawlog drives in a lesser degree, on the above-named rivers.

to hold honour high and to hallow the home. The power of the Church for good depends upon the loyalty and spiritual strength of its peoples.

Our example and our help are needed for the youth of the Church who will carry on its work. The Church of England in Canada is alive to the needs of her youth and is directing its programmes to their all round growth. The Sunday school the Junior and Senior Girls' Auxiliaries, the Church Boys' League, the A.Y.P.A. are all channels through which the boy and the girl may develop their talents in crafts, learn sportsmanship and co-operation with others in their group games, develop confidence, tolerance and self reliance as they conduct their own meetings and put on their plays. These attributes, you say, can be taught in any well organized club. That is true, but the Church goes still one great step further, not only does it endeavour to make of

its youth fine citizens, but also fine churchmen. It has been said: "The youth of today have everything"—but have they? Have they God? The youth of the Nazi organization topped the world in training and equipment—all that money could give—but they did not have God—they failed.

So we stand challenged, parents, clergy, teachers and leaders to play our individual parts in this vital and all important task of guiding our children and our youth through their most impressionable years. Let us take care to give them the things that really matter, first:

a) A firm belief in God, for their peace and stability through life.

b) A love for Christ as their Companion, that will deepen their love and understanding for others.

c) A respect for His Church and desire to serve Him through it.

Let us teach them how to weave this knowledge and love of God into the every day pattern of their lives: then we will begin to see the dawn of a new day with delinquency of youth decreasing, ideals lifting and home ties strengthening.

It is the force of the influence of the Church and the Christian home that can, above all else, pave the way for lasting peace and happiness.



Laymen's Banquet

The dining room of the Windsor Hotel, Sault Ste. Marie, was crowded with clergy and laymen on the evening of Monday, June 2nd. The occasion was the Diocesan Laymen's Banquet sponsored by the Laymen's Council of St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, under the chairmanship of Mr. Fred S. Dent. Distinguished guests at the banquet included: the Rt. Rev. G. F. Kingston, Bishop of Nova Scotia; Bishop Wright; Chancellor Babe; and His Worship W. H. C. Brien, Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie.

After a toast to the king a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all, with dinner music by John Vincent and Gordon Frech. Following the chair-

man's remarks there was a trumpet solo by Gordon Frech. Mayor W. H. C. Brien brought greetings to all present from Sault Ste. Marie. After vocal and instrumental solos by Doreen Hulme, Terry Lund and John Jordan, the chairman introduced Bishop Kingston who spoke briefly. Bishop Wright then introduced Chancellor Babe, President of the Diocesan Laymen's Council, who spoke effectively on the privileges and responsibility of a layman. He called upon all parishes to form a Laymen's Council.

The banquet closed with a vocal solo by Doreen Hulme, O Canada and the Benediction by the Bishop.

SYNOD HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, June 3rd

The Fifteenth Triennial Synod of the Diocese officially began on Tuesday morning with Matins and a Celebration of the Holy Communion. After breakfast the members convened in the Parish Hall. One of the first acts was the announcement by Canon Colloton that every parish had paid its Diocesan Assessment in full and was therefore entitled to a vote at Synod. This announcement was gladly received as this was the first time in over twenty-five years that such had been the case.

Canon Colloton was elected Clerical Secretary and Dr. E. H. Niebel Lay Secretary.

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BISHOP'S CHARGE

The Bishop's Charge took the remaining part of the morning session. After a welcome to the members of Synod the Bishop paid tribute to the late Archbishop D. T. Owen, Bishop W. Geddes and Bishop Farthing. He then spoke of the valuable assistance to Algoma of the Algoma Association of England and of his intended visit to them in 1948. He dealt with the relationship of the Church and Labour, Prayer Book Revision, Christian Unity and Marriage and Divorce.

In the next section he dealt with some new appointments which he was pleased to make. He announced the appointment of Rev. W. W. Jarvis as Diocesan Warden of Lay

Readers; the Rev. R. H. Fleming and the Rev. P. R. Beatty as Canons; the Very Rev. J. H. Craig, the Rev. S. Turner and the Rev. F. F. Nock as Examining Chaplains.

Mention was made of the generous response on the part of the Church in Ontario, in Algoma itself, in England and in the United States to the Archbishop Thorneloe Memorial Fund. Almost the entire objective of \$100,000 had been reached. Mention was also made of the Canterbury Cathedral Appeal to take place between January 1st and April 30th, 1948.

The Bishop expressed the hope that Deanery Laymen's Councils would be established and that every parish would establish a Laymen's Council. In dealing with expansion work within the Diocese the Bishop noted that additional clergy were needed in and around Fort William, North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and on the north shore of Lake Superior. The retirement of the Venerable C. W. Balfour, rector of St. Paul's, Fort William and Archdeacon of Algoma, was announced by the Bishop who paid tribute to his long and faithful service to the Church. He also noted that Father Palmer had been given leave of absence from the Diocese to begin the establishment of a branch Mission House at Sorrento, British Columbia. He paid tribute also to the capable

and efficient work of Canon Colloton and Miss Doris Johnson in the Synod office.

After the Charge a committee was appointed to consider the Bishop's Charge and report on it.

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DEAN WATERMAN

In the afternoon Dean Waterman of Niagara Diocese presented a report on behalf of the Anglican Advance Appeal and the Budget Committee. He reported that the net total thus far received for the A.A.A. was \$4,100,000 and urged all present to make a determined effort to see that all pledges are paid in full.

He then dealt with Missionary Apportionments stating that the budget of 1947 which is \$372,527 must be raised nine per cent. in 1948 and nine per cent. in 1949. This, said Dean Waterman, was due to the increase in the minimum stipends of the missionary clergy to \$1,400, the acceptance of the Diocese of the Arctic as a full charge of the Missionary Society; the provision for transportation expenses of the missionary clergy and to the undertaking of certain interdenominational work. Acceptance of the two increases in 1948 and 1949 in missionary givings for Algoma was passed by a unanimous vote.

The assembly also heard a report from the Rev. J. S. Harrington, sec-

retary of the Upper Canada Bible Society. The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to consideration of notices of motion.

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SYNOD SERVICE

The Synod service was held in St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral on Tuesday evening. The Right Reverend G. F. Kingston, Ph.D., D.D., Bishop of Nova Scotia was the Synod preacher. He chose as his text "How many loaves have ye?" pointing out that in asking this question Jesus was asking His disciples what contribution they had to make to the multitude around them. He then proceeded to discuss the contribution which the Church at large had to make to the world. In the latter part of his sermon he dealt with the contribution of the Church of England in particular, referring to its contribution in worship, education and social service.

During the service the Rev. W. W. Jarvis was invested by Bishop Wright as Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers. Following this investiture, the Rev. P. R. Beattie and the Rev. R. H. Fleming were made Canons by the Bishop. The certificates were read by the Venerable J. B. Lindsell and the Venerable C. W. Balfour. They were installed in their rightful places by the Very Rev. J. H. Craig, Dean of Algoma and rector of St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral.

Wednesday, June 4th

The report of the Executive Committee took up most of the morning session. The report was adopted with one amendment, that the Bishop's travelling expenses come out of the Diocesan Expense Fund and not the Algoma Mission Fund as the Executive had previously decided.

One of the highlights of the report was the fact that the Algoma Association in England has continued despite the war, to contribute to the Diocese. It has concentrated its efforts on the Archbishop Thorneloe Memorial Fund and during the past three years contributed \$3,750.

It was announced that the objective of \$100,000 for this was well in sight.

Applause greeted the announcement that mortgages on St. George's Church, Espanola, and on St. John's Parish Hall and rectory, Port Arthur had been discharged. The payment of \$5,980.42 on the Espanola church was made by the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company.

In August, 1945, the parish of St. James', Gravenhurst, became self-supporting and became entitled to the privileges of a rectory, the report said.

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THE MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

Glimpses of war-ravaged Japan and the challenge presented to the Church of England in Canada to assist in rebuilding "that congregation of faithful people" were vividly pictured by the Rev. Dr. H. G. Watts, field secretary of the Missionary So-

ciety in the third day's sitting of the Algoma Diocesan Synod at St. Luke's Hall.

"In Tokyo alone only 3 of 25 former Anglican churches stand today," Dr. Watts declared. (He visited Japan with a mission a year ago.)

While expressing the view that the atom bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima was "only a mere pittance compared to the wholesale waste brought about by American Air Force bombings in other Japanese cities," Dr. Watts said that lay delegates and possibly some of the clergy too, were apt to think of the war damage to Japan in terms of wrecked buildings and factories.

"It is not the buildings but the lives and faith of these people that we will have to rebuild. We are most privileged in this task and yet we face our gravest responsibility."

The missionary staffs of the Church of England are almost back to normal in China, he said, and church work in India is returning to something of a normal state.

"Here in Canada our missionary work is continually advancing. We are making great strides, especially in the northland."

Dr. Watts said that he had nothing but praise for the Church's work with the Indians. At present there are 19 residential Indian schools and "we are taking every step to improve them," he said.

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ELECTION RESULTS

Announcement of the election of Diocesan delegates to the General

and Provincial Synods was made at the brief afternoon session.

Rt. Rev. W. L. Wright read the results of the elections to the assembly. Twelve clerical and lay delegates were named representatives to the General Synod and sixteen clerical and lay delegates to the Provincial Synod.

They were listed as follows

General Synod: Rev. R. F. Palmer; Rev. Canon F. W. Colloton, Sault Ste. Marie; Rev. P. R. Beattie, Sudbury; Rev. W. W. Jarvis, North Bay; Dean J. H. Craig, Sault Ste. Marie; Rev. J. S. Smedley, Port Arthur; Chancellor Fred Babe, K.C., Fort William; D. W. Jessup, Sudbury; Dr. E. H. Niebel Capreol; Ross A. Corless, Copper Cliff; J. H. Elliott, North Bay; Dr. L. V. Bell, Haileybury.

Provincial Synod: Rev. Canon F. W. Colloton, Sault Ste. Marie; Rev. R. F. Palmer; Rev. Canon P. R. Beattie; Rev. W. W. Jarvis; Dean J. H. Craig; Ven. J. B. Lindsell, Gravenhurst; Rev. J. F. Hinchliffe, Copper Cliff; Rev. E. R. Nornabell, Huntsville; Chancellor Fred Babe; E. W. Shell, Sault Ste. Marie; D. W. Jessup; J. H. Elliott; F. S. Dent; Ross A. Corless; Dr. L. V. Bell; Dr. E. H. Niebel.

Rural Deans: Algoma, Rev. J. D. Wall, Sault Ste. Marie; Thunder Bay, Rev. J. S. Smedley, Port Arthur; Manitoulin, Rev. R. W. Stump, Whitefish Falls; Muskoka, Rev. E. R. Nornabell, Huntsville; Nipissing, Rev. A. P. Carding, Coniston; Temiskaming, Rev. S. Turner, New Liskeard.

Diocesan Executive Committee: Algoma, Rev. A. E. Minchin, Sault Ste. Marie; Rev. E. Wright-

son, Blind River; F. S. Dent and T. J. Foster, Sault Ste. Marie.

Thunder Bay: Canon S. E. Yeomans, M. Cochran and L. C. Irwin, Fort William.

Manitoulin, Rev. G. Thompson and J. H. McMillan, Gore Bay.

Muskoka, Rev. F. F. Nock and H. Wilson, Bracebridge.

Nipissing, Rev. W. W. Jarvis and J. H. Elliott, North Bay.

Temiskaming, Rev. C. Goodier, Haileybury and R. R. Woods, New Liskeard.

Named as Registrar was Redmond Thomas of Bracebridge.

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RECEPTION AT BISHOPHURST

About 200 called at Bishophurst in the afternoon when Rt. Rev. W. L. Wright, Bishop of Algoma and Mrs. Wright were "at home" to the and other city and out of town clergy and lay delegates to Synod guests.

In the receiving line were Bishop and Mrs. Wright, Rt. Rev. G. F. Kingston, Bishop of Nova Scotia and his daughter Mrs. H. B. Greensted, Jr. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Greensted wore sweet pea corsages.

Guests of honour were Canon and Mrs. R. H. Fleming of Sundridge, Canon P. R. Beattie of Sudbury and Rev. W. W. Jarvis of North Bay.

Mrs. Wright was presented with a pair of white doeskin gloves by Dr. E. H. Niebel of Capreol, Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod, to mark the payment in full of assessment by each parish in the Diocese.

The beautiful spacious rooms of "Bishophurst" were adorned with

bouquets of cherry blossoms, daffodils, pansies and periwinkle and here and there were lighted tapers. The tea table had a centrepiece of arbutus flanked by lighted pink tapers.

Pouring tea during the afternoon were Mrs. E. L. Allen, Diocesan President of the W.A. and Mrs. J. H. Craig, wife of the Dean of Algoma. Assisting at the event were Mrs. A. E. Minchin, Mrs. J. D. Wall, Mrs. A. Greaves, Mrs. F. Gard, Mrs. N. Gilmore, Mrs. W. McLean, Mrs. A. Privett of Garden River, Mrs. R. H. Fleming of Sundridge, Mrs. Gilbert Thompson of Gore Bay, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes of Burk's Falls, Miss Nancy Minchin, Miss Kathleen Wall and Miss L. Staples.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The evening session was spent in a consideration of the Financial Statement of the Treasurer of Synod, Canon Colloton. It was accepted by the Synod after much discussion. A discussion of the principle of investments was lead by Mr. P. H. B. Dawson, who suggested a Finance Board to advise the Treasurer in the investing of Synod funds in other than Government bonds. His motion was lost by a close margin.

The evening session closed at 10 p.m.

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Thursday, June 5th

The morning session opened with the reading of the minutes of the previous day's proceedings.

The Synod passed a resolution establishing a Diocesan Board of Missions consisting of the Bishop and Treasurer of the Diocese as ex-officio members and two clergy, one a missionary priest who would resign as soon as he accepted a self-supporting parish, and one lay representative from each Deanery. The object of the new board is to stimulate interest in missions, review quotas toward stipends of missionary clergy and endeavor to increase amounts given for missionary objects.

The Mission Board, as elected by Deaneries, is as follows:

Algoma — Dean Craig, Rev. R. Webb and Mr. J. D. Tipton.

Thunder Bay — Rev. M. Goodman, Rev. C. Large and Mr. H. Haight.

Manitoulin — Rev. G. Thompson, Rev. R. W. Stump and Mr. F. Gard.

Muskoka — Rev. S. Craymer, Rev. E. Bowyer and Mr. H. Wilson

Nipissing — Rev. Canon R. H. Fleming, Rev. R. K. Bamber and Mr. R. Corless.

Temiskaming — Rev. I. Woolcock, Rev. J. Watson and Mr. J. White.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE

Proposed by Dean Craig and heartily supported by clergy and laity alike was the motion that the Bishop's expense to Lambeth Conference, June 1948, be paid. The raising of the funds was left in the hands of a committee of three prominent laymen.

A motion was presented by Canon Beattie to the effect that \$100.00 be set aside each year for a Lambeth

fund so that the Bishop's expenses to this important conference every ten years might be assured.

DIOCESAN REPORTS

A number of Diocesan reports were given. These included the Archives Committee report read by Canon F. W. Colleton, the Woman's Auxiliary read by Mrs. E. L. Allen, the Algoma Missionary News read by Rev. F. F. Nock, the Council for Social Service read by Rev. Canon H. A. Sims, Chapleau; the Youth Conference report read by Rev. W. W. Jarvis; Burwash Chaplaincy read by Rev. J. Hinchliffe. The report of the Muskoka Sanitorium Chaplaincy was presented but not read by Archdeacon Lindsell. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Archdeacon for his 30 years of service as Chaplain.

A lively discussion followed the reading of the report of the Algoma Missionary News and the recommendation of the report that the name be changed was vetoed. The suggestions of the report were referred to the Executive Committee for further study.

The need for improving Sunday School teaching was stressed in the report on Religious Education.

The Synod voted to send a note of appreciation to the Ontario Department of Education for the opportunity of teaching religion in the public schools. Almost all public schools in the province now have religious education, the report said. It was pointed out by Canon Yeomans of Fort William that one of the pupils of the Shingwauk School received the highest marks in the Diocese in the recent Sunday School examinations.

The report of the Council for Social Service dealt clearly and effectively with such questions as low cost housing, venereal disease, the fairer treatment of Japanese in Canada, etc.

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SPIRITUAL ADVANCE

Dean Craig presented an interesting report on the plans of the Spiritual Advance Committee of the Diocese. These plans for 1947 and 1948 embraced such ideas as the organization throughout the Diocese of Parochial Missions, Parochial Visitations and the wider distribution of inexpensive Parish Booklets which had proved so popular this past spring.

A motion of congratulations to the Bible Reading Fellowship celebrating its silver jubilee in London on June 5th was passed.

A letter of sympathy and condolence will go from the Synod to each of the bereaved families of the Lake Superior tragedy.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

The Bishop announced the following appointments: Diocesan Representatives to the Corporation of Trinity College—Rev. J. F. Hinchliffe; Rev. F. F. Nock; Father Loosemore, S.S.J.E. Bishop's Appointees to the Executive Committee—Rev. J. W. Hawkes, S.S.J.E.; Canon P. R. Beattie; Messrs. J. D. Tipton and F. T. Dwyer.

Elections to the Diocesan Board of Religious Education were as follows: Revs. C. Goodier, J. F. Hinchliffe, M. Goodman; Messrs. J. H. Elliott, F. Gard.

Elections to the Diocesan Council for Social Service: Revs. H. A. Sims,

J. F. Hinchliffe, W. W. Jarvis; Messrs. F. Matters, F. T. Dwyer, D. E. Jessup.

The Rev. F. F. Nock was re-appointed as Editor of the Algoma Missionary News.



ORDINATIONS

Ordination of three men to the sacred ministry of the Church of England was held at St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

The Rev. Arthur Privett, S. Th., of Garden River, was admitted to the office of priest and William John Parnell, who recently came from England and Gordon Byce, of Espanola, a graduate of Emmanuel lege, were ordained deacons.

Officiating was Rt. Rev. W. L. Wright, D.D., Lord Bishop of Algoma, assisted by Rt. Rev. G. F. Kingston, Ph.D., D.D., Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Very Rev. J. H. Craig, M.A., D.D., Dean of Algoma, and Rev. Canon F. W. Colloton, B.A., B.D., the Bishop's chaplain.

Following the time-honoured custom of the Anglican Church, the candidates were questioned and examined in front of the congregation and then after earnest prayer, they received the laying on of hands and were presented with a copy of the Bible as a symbol of their commission to preach the Gospel.

Dean Craig in his sermon said:

"We are living in great and strenuous days. This is one of those rare periods in history when civilization strikes its tents and moves forward. To what it is leading us, God only knows. At least it is evident

The votes of thanks, as prepared by the committee, were then read and the Synod officially closed with the reading of the Enactments by Canon Colloton and with prayers by the Bishop.

that this is a great time to be alive. Man's extremity is God's opportunity.

"Never neglect your inner life. One of the grave dangers of the ministry today is that it should be so caught up with the hustle and bustle of life that it loses its ability to listen to the voice of God. As the years go on, you will find an almost infinite number of calls made upon you. I am not suggesting that you should resist them all, but I am exhorting you not to be so taken up with them that you lose your essential contact with the living God. Preserve carefully the balance between the time you spend upon your knees and the time you spend upon your feet.

"Above all do not neglect the study of the Scriptures. A deep knowledge of the Bible will save your ministry from individualism and thinness. Your preaching will never be a burden if it is well founded on the Scriptures."

Mr. Privett will continue his work at Garden River and Echo Bay. Mr. Parnell is proceeding to White River, where he will also serve such neighbouring points as Missanabie, Franz and Wawa. Mr. Byce was ordained for the Bishop of Saskatchewan and will proceed to that Diocese.

The choir under the direction of Mrs. Douglas Johnson rendered an anthem Tchaikovsky's "Hymn to the Trinity." The Communion setting was by Martin Shaw. The last any was sung by Bishop Wright, the choir and congregation.

BEYOND ALGOMA BORDERS

INDIAN THRIFT CLUB

The Palampur Branch of the Women's Co-operative Thrift Club is one of the best means of contact with non-Christian women that our Mission has.

The monthly meetings, which are held in the comparative privacy of the President's (Mrs. C. R. H. Wilkinson) garden are an event in the lives of especially the Mohammedan women who otherwise never leave the seclusion of their homes. Covered from head to foot in a bourkha they arrive in the garden, then, shedding this covering, they enjoy the change of scenery and the society of other women—Christian, Sikh, Hindu and Moslem. (Hindu, Sikh and of course Christian women do not generally observe purdah.)

These Thrift Clubs are a government project but are sponsored by groups wishing to help the people.

Each woman has a type of bank book and deposits a certain amount each month, saving toward some definite object such as the education of her children. The money is invested by the government and once a year a dividend of perhaps 6% is declared and divided among the members. To draw from her savings a member must have the consent of the meeting, seldom withheld but at least a check on spending on less important things.

The meetings will include talks on health, travel or some other non-religious subject; or a health play or a programme put on by the pupils of one of our schools.

Though no religious teaching can be given at these gatherings the Christian influence is there and the way is opened for visits to the homes where the conversation can be brought around to this topic.

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THEY TRUST THE CHRISTIANS

It's an ill wind that doesn't benefit someone—even the riots in India, so tragic in themselves, give an opportunity to missions for service to the suffering. A recent letter from the Rev. Geoffrey Guiton, Principal of the Harriet Buchanan Boys' School, to individuals and Sunday Schools who are supporting his boys, tells of this opportunity:

“Well, the school is more alive than ever,” writes Mr. Guiton, “and filling a greater need. There have been so many refugees come here from places where there is terrible trouble going on, that we are simply over-crowded. It is difficult to turn these boys away. But we have reached the grand total of 830 boys this morning; all our class rooms

are crowded and still the refugees come. Here is a typical case that happened yesterday.

"An old Sikh gentleman came to see me, having arrived the previous

relief work and Missions have done their share. It is really amazing how these people, non-Christians of three or four different communities are bringing their wives and children to



SCOUT BAND

HARRIET BUCHANAN SCHOOL

night from the frontier. He had two small boys with him. He said to me: 'These are all that I have left, my two small grandsons. I have travelled for six days to bring them to a place of safety; all the rest of my family, and their parents, are killed; two weeks ago we were a happy family of thirteen, three generations of us living together. Eight have been murdered, my two daughters have been stolen away; I must go back to look for them. Won't you take the boys? I can pay for them.'

"What could one say. Surely Missions are just for times like these. I took the boys in and since then have taken six more, cases just as tragic as this one.

"Indian Christians everywhere have been playing a great part in

Missions for safety . . . and it is a great advertisement for Christianity.

"We are in a very safe area here; there has been very little trouble in our district, nor do I expect any. But we are constantly besieged by poor Indian Christians from districts that are far from safe to take their boys. We need to have another fifty boys looked after and helped as you are helping. Food is going up tremendously in price; it is now costing us ten dollars a month to feed each boy with the simplest food . . . and this covers the bare cost of foodstuffs. Wheat and rice are rationed, vegetables and fruit are unobtainable . . . but we have the eternal GOAT, although this has doubled in price since I was home last. Won't you help by trying to get some other church or group in-

terested in a boy here? Our waiting list has some pretty needy cases and I can assure you that the Indian Church of the future is going to need all the leaders that we can train.

"Again . . . thanks for all that you are doing. It may seem very little to you, but it is making it pos-

sible for one more Indian Christian boy to get an education, to live in safety and health and to have the chance to learn more about Christ.

"We have the Bishop with us now . . . twelve of our boys were confirmed last Sunday, eight of this group owe it all to you in Canada."

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

"When Thy word goeth forth, it giveth light and understanding unto the simple."
(Ps. 119, v. 130.)

On June 5th, this year, the members of the Bible Reading Fellowship throughout the world will be uniting in thanksgiving and prayer. Thanksgiving that the Fellowship which started as a parochial venture in South London, has grown during these twenty-five years to a world wide movement with over 5,000 branches and 340,000 members; prayer for God's continued blessing on this organization.

In 1922 the Rev. L. G. Mannering was vicar of the parish church of St. Matthew, Brixton, and he called together a few parishioners to discuss ways and means of quickening the spiritual life of the parish. This venture was first called "The Fellowship of St. Matthew," and its main aim was to provide help towards the regular, intelligent and devotional reading of the Bible. From this small beginning has grown what the late Archbishop Temple described as "One of the most important developments of the Church in our generation"—The Bible Reading Fellowship. Neighbouring parishes adopted the idea and the move-

ment expanded, not only in England but in many other parts of the world. The founder, now Canon Mannering of Bristol Cathedral, the Bishop of Gloucester, Chairman of the Council, and many famous names, not only connected with the Church of England but with all Protestant bodies are now linked closely to the movement. There are two executive councils outside England, our own Canadian council and a newly formed council in New Zealand. The monthly notes are printed in about a dozen different languages and more translations are contemplated. A special edition in Braille is available for blind readers and numerous children's books and various aids to devotional study are published from time to time.

To mark the twenty-fifth anniversary, special services are being held in St. Martin-in-the-Fields and in Westminster Abbey and a great public meeting is to be held in the Central Hall, Westminster (where the U.N.O. conference took place last year) on the evening of June 5th, where the Archbishop of Canterbury will preside and Her Majesty the Queen, who is herself a member of the B.R.F., has graciously prom-

ised to be present. There will be a Bible exhibition in one of the halls within the Central Hall, where many interesting manuscripts and exhibits will be on view, including the Bible taken into Newgate Prison by Elizabeth Fry, and a chained Bible. A special detailed programme of the services and evening meeting, with an inset giving descriptions of the exhibits and one or two articles of interest (such as a history of the B.R.F. by Canon Mannering) is in preparation and will be available (price 25 cents) at the Office of the General Secretary for Canada, Box 190, Port Hope, Ontario, where any inquiries about the monthly notes or other Fellowship publications may be addressed.

Surely all who value God's Word will unite in prayer with this world wide organization on this happy occasion. In many parishes special services are being arranged for Thursday, June 5th, or one of the Sundays preceding or following this date, but whether it is possible to attend a special service or not, the prayers of the whole Church are asked that God will continue to bless this undertaking and to further its growth throughout the years to come.

"Although we cannot be present at the gathering in London, we can all join in the Anniversary celebrations and be assured we are together 'bound by gold chains about the feet of God'." (From B.R.F. Note—June 5th, 1947, Series A.)



The Woman's Auxiliary

MUSKOKA DEANERY CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, May 14th, 1947, a W.A. conference of the Muskoka Deanery was held in Bracebridge.

At 10:30 a.m. there was a Celebration of Holy Communion at St. Thomas' Church, with the Rev. F. F. Nock of Bracebridge as celebrant, assisted by Rural Dean Nornabell of Huntsville. There were 92 communicants. Rural Dean Nornabell preached the sermon, using Rogationtide as his theme.

Following the service there was a conference of the Presidents of the various Branches of the W.A.

Delegates registered at R. M. Browning Memorial Hall after which a picnic basket of lunch was enjoyed

by everyone. Grace was said by the Rev. W. Hankinson of Milford Bay.

Mrs. Cameron Milner of Port Carling, Deanery Officer of Muskoka Deanery, presided at the afternoon session.

The meeting opened with a hymn, followed by prayers by the Rev. E. G. Bowyer of Emsdale.

Scripture reading was then given by Mrs. Smith of Huntsville.

Mrs. Milner gave her address in which she announced that there are four new W.A. Branches in the Deanery this year, namely, Baysville, Gregory, Rosseau and Ravenscliff. There are now three hundred and eleven W.A. members in the Deanery.

Mrs. G. H. O. Thomas then welcomed the delegates to Bracebridge, to which Mrs. Hayward of Emsdale replied.

An address was given by Miss McIntyre on her work in northern Saskatchewan. This was an inspiring account of a Bishop's Messenger, whose aim is to love, to serve and to teach.

Mrs. Campbell also gave an address in which she told about interesting places in the Diocese of Algoma.

"Bless This House" was sung by a trio consisting of Misses Shirley Parrett, Margaret Beckman and Carol Hutchison.

There followed reports from the eleven Branches of the W.A. which were present.

The report of the Presidents' Conference showed that Mrs. Wilson had been appointed Secretary of the Deanery Conference., Mrs. G. Jeffries of Bracebridge was appointed Treasurer.

Mrs. Williams kindly extended an invitation to hold the next Deanery meeting in Gravenhurst. It was decided that this meeting would be held in the autumn of 1947.

Questions from the Question Box were answered by Mrs. G. H. O. Thomas.

Mrs. Penny spoke briefly on the Girls' Auxiliary rally to be held in North Bay on May 24th.

The meeting closed with a hymn and the Benediction was pronounced by the Venerable J. B. Lindsell.

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THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Algoma Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in North Bay from May 25th to 28th, beginning with a service of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion at the Church of St. John the Divine, Sunday, May 25th. Rev. W. W. Jarvis was celebrant and Rt. Rev. W. L. Wright, D.D., was preacher.

Previous to the annual meeting a Girls' Conference was held with an attendance of 55 under the direction of Mr. W. M. McKibbin. A splendid program featuring craft work, games was enjoyed and supper was served in the hall. Speakers included Mrs. W. L. Wright, Mrs. D. Kenny and Miss E. Craig.

Over 100 delegates assembled for the annual meeting which celebrated 50 years of service in W.A. work.

Many messages of greeting and best wishes were received.

Address were given by Rt. Rev. W. L. Wright, D.D.; Mrs. R. E. Wodehouse, Dominion President of the W.A.; Mrs. E. L. Allen, President of the Algoma Diocesan Board; Mrs. Johnson Elliott, Dominion Junior Secretary; and Miss A. Edgar, retired missionary from India who was recently appointed Principal of the Women's Missionary Training School in Toronto.

Reports of all officers were received and indicated growth of the

work all along the line. Diocesan Life Memberships were presented in appreciation of faithful service to four members.

A Diocesan Tea was held Monday honouring the anniversary of St. John's Branch, North Bay. Congratulations were extended to the Rt. Rev. W. L. Wright on this occasion of the third anniversary of his consecration as Bishop of Algoma.

Members of the Executive Committee who were unable to be present through illness were remembered by flowers and messages.

Provision will be made to gather historical information for the compiling of a booklet on the W.A. in Algoma to be printed and ready for distribution in 1951, the 50th anniversary of the completed organization.



S. S. J. E. EXPANSION

It is with a great deal of regret that his many friends in Muskoka, both in his own communion of the Church of England and in other churches, bid "au revoir" to the Rev. Roland F. Palmer, S.S.J.E., Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Bracebridge.

It is twenty years since the Mission House was established in Bracebridge under Father Palmer's leadership, the property for the institution having been given by the late Rev. R. T. Sadler. When the Canadian House, in Bracebridge, was made autonomous in 1932, Father Palmer became its Superior. The ordained

Grants were made to provide for an increase in the Divinity Students and Regional Workers Fund and it was urged that the Branches make every effort to increase the number of contributors to the Thankoffering Fund, used for the training of missionaries owing to the great need of more workers in all fields.

Generous donations were made for the purpose of repairing mission churches and parsonages, assisting in building new halls, installing electricity and providing signs for mission churches.

In 1948 the annual meeting will be held in Huntsville, Ontario.

The closing address was given by the Rev. W. W. Jarvis, who based his remarks on the Book of Proverbs in likening the W.A. to a jewel of great price.

men at the Mission House today serve a large group of missions throughout this district and in addition frequently conduct missions in city churches in all parts of the continent.

Father Palmer leaves Bracebridge for British Columbia on leave of absence, where in the town of Sorrento he will take the leadership in instituting another such house. It will be thirty years on June 17th since Father Palmer was ordained at St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. He served in a number of Ontario parishes before going to Boston to enter the S.S.J.E.

On Sunday morning, May 4th, Father Palmer preached the sermon at St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, and assisted the rector, Rev. F. F. Nock in the service. He spoke from the gospel lesson for the Sunday, taking his text from St. John:16:7, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." After explaining these words

of our Lord, Father Palmer spoke more personally and made reference to the twenty years spent in one place. The twenty years had been happy ones and he has many memories of kindnesses.

After the blessing, Mr. Milton Bailey, the people's warden, presented Father Palmer with a bill-fold containing a cheque to be used for material for the new mission house at Sorrento.



A. Y. P. A. DISTRICT BANQUET

An advance in A.Y.P.A. work in the Diocese was marked by the holding of the first A.Y.P.A. District Banquet at Holiday House, Bracebridge, on Wednesday, May 28th. Seventy young people from the A.Y.'s of Port Carling, Port Sydney, Gravenhurst, Huntsville and Bracebridge attended. The chairman of the banquet was Bill Thompson, president of Bracebridge A.Y.P.A.

The visiting clergy were the Venerable J. B. Lindsell, Gravenhurst; Rural Dean Nornabell, Huntsville; E. Bowyer, Emsdale; and Rev. F. Father McCausland, S.S.J.E.; Rev. F. Nock, Bracebridge. After dinner several presentations were made and toasts were proposed and replied to by Miss Hilda Clark of Port Sydney, Miss Penny of Port Carling and Father McCausland. Miss Joan Waite sang two delightful selections "By the Bend of the River" and "Until."

The guest speaker was Rev. E. Bowyer of Emsdale who spoke on the words of St. Paul, I Corinthians: 13, "When I became a man I put

away childish things." The thought-provoking and inspiring address was greatly appreciated by all those present.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to music supplied by a local orchestra.



LAKEHEAD NEWS

Archdeacon and Mrs. Balfour were made recipients of a beautiful automatic toaster from St. Paul's choir at the choir's recent annual banquet. Every breakfast will now be enriched by the happy memories of the kind donors! Mr. F. S. Parish, the choir leader, made a felicitous speech referring to the coming retirement of the rector and his wife. A handsome Ronson lighter was also presented to Mr. H. Moorey, a senior member of the choir, who is retiring by reason of ill health. Mr. H. H. Browne, the organist, made the presentation on behalf of Mr. Moorey's fellow-members.



The "Four Star Jamboree" given by the Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies proved a great success. This was a new venture to bring these groups together and to give the parents and friends an evening's entertainment. Great credit is due the Commissioners and Leaders and

all who took part for the most creditable programme. This should become an annual event.

Parents' Night was again a notable event. A large number came to witness the "badge-giving" and the "going-up." St. Paul's is very happy in all its leaders in these various youth groups.



THE BISHOP'S ITINERARY

JULY-AUGUST, 1947

July 2nd—Webbwood for Evensong at 3 p.m.

Espanola for Evensong at 8 p.m.

July 7th to 12th—Youth Conference at Sandstone Lake (outside of Fort William).

July 14th—To Toronto.

July 23rd to August 1st—Sault Ste. Marie.

August 1st—Sprucedale at 8 p.m.

August 3rd—Beaumaris at 11 a.m. Novar at 4 p.m. Emsdale at 7:30.

August 4th—Sand Lake at 3:30 p.m. Kearney at 8 p.m.

August 5th—Orrville at 8 p.m.

August 6th—Burk's Falls at 8 p.m.

August 7th—Magnetawan at 8 p.m.

August 8th—Pointe au Baril at 11 a.m. Port Carling at 8 p.m.

August 10th—Gravenhurst Sanitarium at 8:30 a.m.

St. James' Church at 11 a.m.
Gregory at 3 p.m.
Rosseau at 7:30 p.m.

August 11th—Bent River at 8 p.m.

August 12th-13th—Lake of Bays Missions.

August 14th-15th—S. S. J. E., Bracebridge, etc.

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