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CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, SUDBURY

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Something new in the Diocese of Algoma was attempted during Lent when Noon-day services were held at the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury and the Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie. Those in Sudbury were held all of Lent from Monday to Friday; those in the Sault from Monday to Thursday of Holy Week.

The response to these services was well worth the experiment and it is intended to have them again next year. Perhaps other large centres in Algoma might initiate this policy next Lent. One value that we see in the noon-day services is the witness which it makes in the community when that witness is so sorely needed. It was noted that the informal brief services appealed to many non-Anglicans as well as Anglicans. Their quiet devotional atmosphere makes a refreshing break in the midst of a busy life.



Plans are well under way for the two Youth Camps in the Diocese, at Whitefish Falls and Sandstone Lake. The dates for Gichegomee, Sandstone Lake, are July 4th-10th and for Whitefish Falls, July 11th to 16th. The Junior Camp at Gichegomee will be the second week in July. Both Camps are well worth

attending from both the spiritual and recreational viewpoint and it is hoped that large numbers of our Algoma youth will attend. The objective of those who plan the Camps is to show the Christian Faith in action in a week of study, fellowship and recreation and to foster leadership amongst young people. The staffs are carefully chosen from those who are young in spirit and who are well versed in their particular aspect of the Christian Faith.

It is not too early to plan to attend either one of these Youth Camps. You will never regret the decision to go. If you want details about the Camps, the courses of study, price, equipment needed, speak to your rector. He will be glad to give you every assistance.



In our next issue we hope to carry an account of the Ordination Service held in St. John's, North Bay, on Tuesday, May 3rd. This issue had gone to press before the Ordination. However, we would extend on behalf of the Diocese our prayers and best wishes to those who were ordained — as Priests, the Rev. A. Chabot, the Rev. G. M. Doolan, the Rev. A. Haldenby, the Rev. L. Willis, the Rev. A. Whyham; as Deacon, Mr. George Sutherland. We pray that they may have a long and fruitful ministry in our Diocese.

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A PIONEER REMINISCES

The Diocese of Algoma is noted for some grand pioneers who can tell of many interesting experiences of their early days in the North. However, the writer has a story which he believes must be a record for the Diocese.

One afternoon while making some pastoral visits it was his privilege to visit one of Algoma's oldest pioneers in the person of Mrs. Lillie, now living at Echo Bay in her ninety-first year.

Mrs. Lillie can clearly recall the early days of Sault Ste. Marie and Garden River. She lived in Sault Ste. Marie long before it was incorporated. She clearly remembers the cows and horses roaming at large in the village. Mrs. Lillie's father ran the first ferry boat (rowboat) across to the Michigan "Sault" for twenty-five cents a passenger. On good days he sometimes made as much as five dollars. Mrs. Lillie recalls the days when cotton goods were sold for seven to nine cents a yard, candy was unknown and life was of necessity quite simple.

It was during the early days of Garden River when the Rev. James Chance was the missionary in charge that Mrs. Lillie was baptized in the old St. John's Church. This was in 1866. The church was later destroyed by fire. Mrs. Lillie vividly recalls the Rev. James Chance and his family. She remembers his many visits to her home in the bush which later became known as Sylvan Valley. The Rev. Chance left this

mission for southern Ontario in 1869. It is believed that there are few pioneers living today who can take us as far back in memory to Algoma's earliest missions as Mrs. Lillie.

—A.P.



CONFIRMATIONS

March was a busy month for the Bishop in Sudbury District when a number of Confirmation services were held. The round of services began at 9:30 a.m. at Minnow Lake when nine adults were presented by the Rev. G. Doolan. At this service a solid brass hand-wrought cross was dedicated. It was made by Mr. Eldridge of Sudbury and given by him in memory of Grant Biggings, who died October 26th, 1946. Two beautiful candlesticks were also dedicated by the Bishop in memory of Grant Biggings. They were presented by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Biggings. This was the first Confirmation service to be held in the Minnow Lake Mission, which is now known as St. George's Mission.

The next service was held at All Saints' Church, Coniston, at 11:30 a.m. when four candidates were presented by the Incumbent, the Rev. A. Chabot. After dinner the Bishop travelled to Lockerby, just outside Sudbury, for his third Confirmation. Here 4 children and 4 adults were confirmed and one was received from the Church of Rome. This was also the first Confirmation to be held

in Lockerby, which is now known as St. James' Mission.

After a reception in honour of the candidates the Bishop returned to Sudbury for Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. Before a congregation of 450 the Bishop confirmed eleven adults and twenty children. Six adults were received from the Church of Rome and one was welcomed from the Greek Orthodox Church.

After the service a reception was held in honour of the Bishop and candidates. The Bishop delighted those present with a very interesting illustrated address of his visit to England while at Lambeth last summer.

On Monday, March 7th, the Bishop journeyed with the Rev. A. Chabot to Biscotasing for Confirmation at that thriving mission. Two received the Laying on of Hands.

Two weeks later the Bishop was in the Sudbury area once again. On March 20th he made an Episcopal visit to the parish of Capreol, Garson and Falconbridge. On Monday, March 21st a large class of twenty were presented for Confirmation by the Rector, the Rev. S. V. Hatt.

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TRIBUTES

**MR. AND MRS
GEORGE J. ELLETT**

As the "Mission Bell" goes to press we have the news that Mr. and Mrs. Ellett are to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on Monday, March 21st! Our very warmest congratulations are ex-

tended to the Elletts as they observe this great milestone in their lives, together with the hope that they may have many more years filled with the same happiness.

An account of Mr. Ellett's many accomplishments and experiences, in which we know Mrs. Ellett has been the moving and inspiring spirit, reads as a story of real adventure and pioneering in the service of the communities in which he has lived. Our space is limited; but let us give you a few of the highlights from the experiences and doings of the Elletts.

Fifty years ago George J. Ellett and Edith K. Lamb were married at Norton, England. They have two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

In 1906 the Elletts came to Canada and homesteaded in Saskatchewan, working for a time for the C.P.R. In 1908 Mr. Ellett started in business at Kaministiquia. At that time there was only the C.P.R. station, section house and one settler's home. He and Mr. Veitch started the first school, on Mr. Ellett's land, and paid the teacher until the Government grant was received.

The Elletts came to Murillo in 1921 and have been in business here ever since. Mr. Ellett has served on the School Board; been a Councillor for four years and Reeve 9 years (including 1949). He has served on the Board of Health for eight years and has been President of the Red Cross Branch since it was started here in 1939. He has been a Mason for 37 years.

All who are connected with the

Church know how very faithfully Mr. Ellett, and also Mrs. Ellett until latterly when her health has been poor, have supported and worked for the Church. Mr. Ellett has been People's Warden of St. James' Church since 1936 and has always shown the greatest interest and concern for every aspect of the life and work of the Church.

Truly a great example of which we may be both proud and envious.

MR. AND MRS. J. T. SHAW

On December 26th, 1948, at Kearney, Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Shaw celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. In the afternoon they, with their children and their families, worshipped in St. Luke's, Kearney. During the service a granddaughter was baptized. This service on the day of their anniversary was a mark of what throughout their years had been their duty and interest. They were confirmed on December 10th, 1901, by Bishop Thorneloe, when St. Luke's Church was newly finished and opened for the first time as a church. They were faithful to its services and work. Each of their five sons and two daughters was baptized there and also nine of their eighteen grandchildren.

They tell with delight their remembrances of the incumbents of this mission, who were always welcome at their home and table. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are still active in the Church work. Mrs. Shaw is President of the Ladies' Guild and Mr. Shaw is a Warden. Cards telegrams and gifts came from as far away as British Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Shaw have taken a leading part in the Church's work for fifty years.

—REV. ALLAN HALDENBY



JUNIOR AUXILIARY FESTIVAL

The annual festival of the Junior Auxiliary of the Anglican Churches at the Lakehead took place in St. Paul's, Fort William, on Thursday, April 28th. There were seven branches competing: St. John's and St. George's, Port Arthur, St. Paul's, St. Thomas' and St. Luke's, Fort William, St. Mary's, Vickers Heights, and Rosslyn Road.

The Juniors made entries in in dramatics, music, recreation and handwork which showed great activity on the part of these groups.

A sing song and group game was conducted by Miss D. Donovan of Port Arthur.

About 150 children were in attendance. The shield, which is presented annually to the group having the highest total mark was won by St. Thomas' of Fort William, with a total of 92 $\frac{3}{4}$ marks out of 100. St. John's, Port Arthur, came second with 88 $\frac{3}{4}$ and St. Luke's third with 80 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The judges were: Mrs. Ainsworth, Mrs. Kearney of Fort William and Mrs. J. Reid and Miss H. Durham of Port Arthur.

The shield was presented by Mrs. Malcolm Cochran, representing the Senior Woman's Auxiliary of the Thunder Bay Deanery and she also

brought greetings from the Senior branches..

Following the festival entries the children paraded behind their banner bearers to St. Paul's Church where the Rev. W. B. Jennings, rector of the church, conducted a short worship service and showed a film on China, the country being studied

this year by the Junior Auxiliary.

The W.A. of St. Paul's Church served supper to all and the festival closed with "the King." Mrs. J. S. Smedley of Port Arthur, Junior Auxiliary Deanery Leader, conducted the festival and congratulated the children and their leaders on the excellent showing this year.



A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK IN INDIA

Canon C. R. H. Wilkinson

Another eventful year has passed and as we enter upon the new year with all its hopes and fears, we send you greetings from Kangra with renewed assurance of our sincere appreciation of your continued help and support of our work.

The past year has seen many important developments in India, the foremost of which is the end of hostilities in Kashmir. The cease-fire order came into effect on January the first and the event was hailed with relief by all concerned. There have been hostilities in Kashmir for over a year with the result that there has been an uneasy feeling of apprehension that there might be a wider conflagration involving the two new dominions. Now the anxiety is over. Inter-dominion conferences of the leaders of both dominions have been highly successful and a large measure of agreement has been reached which has created a new atmosphere of good will and understanding. There is every hope that the bitterness of the past will be forgotten and that the two dominions will develop and progress

side by side in harmony and peace.

Another important matter is the consideration of the new constitution for India which has been under debate in the Central Legislative Assembly for some months, and is still under consideration. The section on the rights of the individual has been passed and this affords to all citizens the right to profess, practice and propogate their religion, thereby assuring us of full scope to carry on our Christian work. We had not in any case experienced any let or hindrance in doing so and have enjoyed a sense of closer relationship with people of all classes. On the 15th of August at the celebration held on the first anniversary of independence, I, a Britisher, was asked to be chairman of the public meeting in our town and that in itself is a significant fact.

The successful conclusion of the Hyderabad affair was another important development and the gradual movement towards the return to normal conditions in the country generally augurs well for the fu-

ture. There is still a great deal to be done as there is much poverty, illiteracy and unsettlement and very serious economic and administrative problems to be dealt with by the government. The opportunity for Christian service, work and

witness is greater than before and we ask your prayers that we may be able to make a worthy contribution to the welfare of the people of this great country and the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

—M.S.C.C. Publications Dept.

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SPANISH RIVER RESERVE

The Reverend Edwin Wrightson, Rural Dean of Algoma and Incumbent of St. Saviour's Church in Blind River, celebrated Holy Communion and administered the rite of Holy Baptism on Palm Sunday morning in the Gowan Gillmor Memorial Church on the Spanish River Reserve. He was assisted by Mr. Douglas Sissenah, the Lay Reader and Mr. Christopher Owl played the organ. Every pew was occupied and the communicants were many, some attending from distant parts of the Reserve. In his address the Rural Dean reviewed

the Gospel story of the Triumphal Entry and its significance as observed in the life of a Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Owl came by boat from down river to present for baptism their baby daughter Marjorie Anne. The mother, the Lay Reader and Mrs. Lawrence Pine were sponsors. The Banns of Marriage were published between Maurice Owl, bachelor, of the Spanish River Reserve and Eva Pine, spinster, of the Garden River Reserve. Following the service the Rural Dean visited the sick and administered Holy Communion.

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IN MEMORIAM

Entered into rest at his home, Inholmes, Ontario on December 18th, 1948, Thomas Fisher. The funeral service was taken by the Rev. C. Peto at St. Stephen's Church, Broadbent, on December 23rd, 1948.

He is survived by his widow, the former Kate Fisher, daughter Harriett, Mrs. A. M. Baker, Windsor, 3 grandchildren and four sisters,

Mrs. Brougham, Shelton Staff, England, Mrs. T. Hartley, Penetang, Mrs. Forest, Kirkland Lake, Mrs. G. Stewart, Toronto.

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CIRCULATION MANAGER REPORTS

19 new subscriptions for the month of March: Coniston 9, Toronto 1, Biscotasing 1, Brockville 1, Fort William 1, Gore Bay 1, Hilton Beach 3, Manitowaning 2.

ALL SAINTS' MISSION

CHURCH UNION

Following the usual Celebration of the Holy Communion at All Saints' Anglican Church, White River, on Sunday, March 20th, 3rd Sunday in Lent, a shortened form of the Greek Orthodox Liturgy was Celebrated by the Very Rev. V. Sahaydakivsky.

The service was well attended, there being 20 Central Europeans, who are working for the C.P.R., 3 of whom are sons of Fr. Sahaydakivsky, 3 residences of White River of the Orthodox Faith, and 9 of All Saints' congregation.

The Rev. W. J. Parnell, priest-in-charge of All Saints' Church, in his many train journeys on the C.P.R. throughout his large missionary area, meets many people, but this was the first opportunity of his meeting a priest of the Orthodox Church. Conversation was soon commenced to the joy of both. When it was found that Fr. Sahaydakivsky would be staying at White River over the Sunday, Fr. Parnell at once placed his church at the disposal of Fr. Sahadakivsky, thus giving the Orthodox congregation the opportunity of enjoying their own Liturgy, which no doubt few had been able to enjoy for some time.

Fr. Sahaydakivsky accompanied by his wife left White River the same afternoon for Toronto. It is understood that he is to be appointed priest-in-charge of the Orthodox Church at Welland.

Fr. Sahaydakivsky arrived from Austria 3 months ago and his wife on Friday of last week.

MISSION NEWS

The extensive mission of All Saints', White River, played host to the Bishop when he visited a number of the points for Confirmation. The mission consists of All Saints', White River, All Saints', Missanabie, Franz, Grasset, Swanson, Lochalsh, Renabie Mine, A.C.R. Mission, Wawa, Hawk Junction and Goudreau.

Confirmation was administered by the Bishop at All Saints' White, River on March 29th when six candidates were presented by the Rev. W. J. Parnell. Immediately preceding the Confirmation the Bishop dedicated the bell and tower. The Bishop's Chaplain was Mr. Earle Linklater. The congregation numbered nineteen. A reception was held after the service.

Nine candidates from Missanabie, Lochalsh and Renabie were confirmed at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following Confirmation the Bishop celebrated the Holy Eucharist and the newly confirmed made their first Communion from the hands of their Bishop—a rare privilege. There was a congregation of forty-eight with thirty-five communicants. Previous to the service the new electric lights were dedicated.

The first service of Confirmation for a number of years was held at the Church House at Franz on

March 28th. It was the first such service in the Church House. The House was taxed to capacity with an attendance of fifty-six. Seven were confirmed coming from Franz, Grasset and Swanson. The following morning at 7:30 a.m. the Bishop celebrated the Holy Eucharist at which the new communicants made their first Communion.

This is a thriving mission and the Rev. W. J. Parnell is to be commended on the results of his fruitful and devoted work.



REFLECTIONS ON A PALM SUNDAY MORNING

Under the shadow of Thy cross,

I lay my worries down.

To view again that sacred head,

That wears the heavenly crown.

No more my path in doubt is lost

When with Thy presence all
around,

I walk the path where Thou dost
lead

Where happiness doth abound.

The angels in the heavens above,

Look down upon us here.

And wonder why we do not love,

The trials that He held so dear.

To save us all from sin and greed,

He upon the cross did show,

The love and courage that we need,

To work and worship here below.

—C. R. WRIGHT,

Bracebridge

THE COMING OF SPRING

To one accustomed to living in cities, the marvel of the coming of spring in this beautiful Muskoka district is beyond expression. The

new life is awakening in all directions and in the country one can really see it. The light coming so early in the morning, the singing of the birds, the bright sunshine, the appearance of the pussy-willows and the bursting of the leaf-buds, all this and much more, is the loving expression of the great Creator. How we thank Him, with each new day! Do you not thrill at the quotation:

“Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.”

And now, we are worshipping in the “beauty of holiness,” the greatest Resurrection of all. What a very marvellous thing our dear Lord did for us and O! at what cost! How can any creature fail to respond to that overwhelming love, which meant an entering of the perfectly pure and holy One, into our lowly humanity. We cannot ever begin to comprehend what that voluntary limitation meant. The communion of the Son, with the Father, through all eternity, being, as it were, interrupted; and yet fulfilled too, in the glory of the Incarnation, the life on earth for our redemption, the awful apparent forsakenness of the Crucifixion and the marvellous Resurrection! We should thank Him every day of our lives.

“O for a thousand tongues to sing
Our dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of our GOD and King,
The triumphs of His grace.”

—“Hilltop and Valley”

SAULT STE. MARIE PARISHES

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

(Taken from History and Reference Book as compiled by the Rev. Cyril Clarke.)

The first services held in the church, then known as St. John's Chapel of Ease, of which there are records were conducted by Mr. Albert Lancefield who was secured by the Rector of Sault Ste. Marie as a helper in his work. Mr. Lancefield remained until April, 1902, and then returned to Trinity University to continue his studies.

During the same month the Rev. C. Piercy arrived to take charge of the rapidly growing mission and within six months a parsonage was built to house the missionary and his family.

The mission, set in the industrial area of the Sault, was already affected by industrial conditions. Friday, September 18th, 1903, was a "Black Friday" in Sault Ste. Marie. On that day, with but an hour's notice, the various industries operated by the Consolidated Companies were shut down and thousands of men were thrown out of employment. Their wages were more than a month in arrears and they were not paid off. Men had no money to pay their debts. Credit was stopped. There were grave fears of a riot.

For forty-eight hours the local volunteer militia kept order when a small mob began to break windows in one of the offices. Then arrived from Toronto a number of regulars — cavalry, infantry and

militia—in all some 250 men.

The Mission Church of St. John the Evangelist was situated in the midst of this strife. It had a very fair congregation which had taxed itself to the utmost limit to maintain services and pay debts. Moreover, there was a certain amount of discouragement existing on account of the bad repair of the Church building which was erected in a very imperfect way. These were sorrowful days for the mission which had only been established some three years. But she continued in spite of adversity.

In September, 1904, the steel plant began once again to turn out rails and the little mission took new hope and the little congregation began to put forth tremendous efforts to pay off the debts which had accumulated during the past year, and the history of the following years tells of untiring efforts and sacrifice in which the W.A. played a great part.

The year 1905 brought with it a most beautiful gift to the Church in the form of a stained glass window. The window came from England, through the solicitation and zealous interest of Miss Gurney. It was taken from the parish church of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, England.

The subject of the window is the Ascension of our blessed Lord. In the upper part of the centre panel is a representation of Jesus ascending into heaven, the panels on either side, above the cloud circle being filled with figures of angelic musicians. Below and upward looking, grouped across the five panels are

the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles. In the quarterfoils on either side above the lancets are figures of Moses receiving the Tablets of the Law and of Elijah in a fiery chariot. The circle above has six sections—in three of which are angels—while the other three each contain a "Sanctus," making a Thrice-Holy read around the circle.

During these years the congregation struggled bravely against many discouragements and after paying off the debt on the church at the end of 1905 they were brought face to face with the fact that the structure had become so unsafe that it was wrong to continue its use. Some practical men gave their verdict that the whole building must come down. But a scheme was adopted by which new walls replaced shabby ones, while the roof was held up by timbers.

In 1906, under Canon C. Piercy, another mission to the north of the steel plant in connection with St. John's, which we know as St. Peter's Mission, was started. In 1907 the Bishop formally set apart the mission of St. John's from St. Luke's parish, of which hitherto it had been an appendage.

Canon Piercy was succeeded in 1909 by the Rev. W. Hardy Johnson. The parish continued to grow under his leadership and in a very short period it became a self-supporting parish.

In 1916 another change was made and the Rev. W. H. Trickett took charge of the parish. For nearly two years he laboured and it was under his direction that the musical portions of the services reached to a higher level. Mr. Trickett presented

the parish with a very fine reed organ which served until a little more than a year ago and is still used in the parish hall. It was his sorrowful duty to conduct memorial services for the boys of St. John's who laid down their lives in foreign lands. During his short ministry in St. John's he laboured tirelessly and endeared himself to the hearts of the people. Just recently Mr. Trickett was given a very warm welcome by a large congregation when he preached at St. John's after labouring in England for some twenty-five years. He is now in charge of the mission at Manitowaning.

In July, 1918, the Rev. P. F. Bull was inducted as Rector by the Archbishop Thorneloe. Within twelve months of his arrival plans were being made for the erection of a War Memorial Hall to care for the ever-growing Sunday School and to provide for the social life of the parishioners, especially the young people. It was formally opened on November 11th, 1919. The hall, damaged by fire in February, 1948, has since been completely renovated and redecorated, now ranking second to none in the district.

The Rev. Bull was succeeded by the Rev. R. H. Fleming who did excellent work for eleven years.

In 1934 one of the most popular of the Rectors, the Rev. Cyril Clarke, was appointed priest in charge of the mission. It was during his ministry that St. John's was heard on Sunday nights over CJIC and the Church was filled for practically all services.

He was followed in 1936 by the Rev. J. D. Wall who did a good work and made many friends during his

twelve years. It was during his time that the mortgage was paid off and the Church was taken completely out of debt.

Just two weeks before the present Rector came to the parish on November 30th, 1947, on the request of Bishop Wright the mission voted to again become a self-supporting parish.

In February, 1948, a new electric Hammond organ valued at \$2800.00 was installed as a memorial "to those who served." The organ was dedicated by Bishop Wright in the presence of a very large congregation on Easter night, 1949. On the following Sunday night after Evensong, a special Vestry meeting voted to open a New Church Building Fund and this fine little congregation of faithful servants are anxiously looking forward to a new building within a few years to replace the old which holds many fond memories of the past forty-seven years.

A FEW FACTS ON THE LIFE OF THE PRESENT RECTOR OF ST. JOHN'S

Home—Truro, Nova Scotia, where he attended public and high school and Provincial Normal College.

Taught school in rural areas of Lunenburg County from September, 1936, to June, 1938.

Entered King's College, Halifax, in the fall of 1938.

First mission—Nobel, Ontario (C.I.L. cordite town of 1500 population, but employed 4500 men from Nobel, Parry Sound and district).

Came to Nobel in January, 1943.

Worked in Personnel Department

part time March, 1943, to February, 1944. When plant closed in February, 1944 came to Thessalon.

In January, 1945 Thessalon and Bruce Mines (included Bruce, Desbarats, Mount Zion) were combined into one parish.

Came to St. John's on Advent Sunday, November 30th, 1947.

Diocesan representative to Dominion Conferences of A.Y.P.A. in Kenora in 1945 and Rothesay, New Brunswick in 1947. Elected Dominion convener of Jr. A.Y.P.A. at both Conferences.

Married Mildred Hebb of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on September 29th, 1942. One daughter, Carolyn Ann, born February 14th, 1945.

Ordained Deacon by Bishop Kingston on December 15th, 1943 in Trinity Church, Parry Sound.

Elevated to the Priesthood in St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral on August 27th, 1944, by Bishop Wright.



ST. LUKE'S PRO-CATHEDRAL

Legend tells us that in the days before historical records were kept several tribes of Indians used to congregate at the river which joins Lake Superior and Lake Huron. There at a spot where Sault Ste. Marie was eventually to rise they loved to shoot the rapids in their birch bark canoes and fish for the famous whitefish and speckled trout. The first white men to visit the rapids and see Lake Superior were probably Etienne Brulé and his companion Grenolle who came in 1622. Jean Nicolet followed in 1834. The first missionaries were repre-

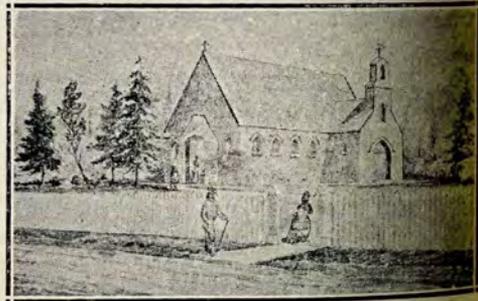
representatives of the Roman Catholic Church. They came in 1641 and they and their successors kept up the work till 1680; but then it ceased altogether.

A long gap in missionary effort ensued. Then the Anglican Church sent a student to Sault Ste. Marie in 1832. His name was William McMurray and he was sent by a society rejoicing in the title, "The Society for Converting and Civilizing the Indians of Upper Canada and Propagating the Gospel among Destitute Settlers." Despite its cumbersome name the society made a good choice, for William McMurray became very well-known in later years as the Archdeacon of Niagara and one of the founders of Trinity College, Toronto. So small was Sault Ste. Marie in those days that the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Sir John Colborne, admitted that he didn't know where the place was, nor could the Surveyor-General of Ontario, when approached assist the young missionary with information. He had to go to Detroit and follow the waterway by boat from there in the hope that he would eventually reach his destination.

Such was the background out of which St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral took its rise. Services were held by Mr. McMurray in houses and stores and schoolhouses. In subsequent years others took up the task. The Rev. F. A. O'Meara, the Rev. G. A. Anderson, Canon James Chance, the Rev. John Carry, all did yeomen service. Meanwhile the Sault itself was growing as well as the congregation and the time came in 1870 to erect the first permanent building. It was put up with remarkable speed on

a piece of property deeded by the Crown in 1859 for that very purpose, a piece of property which is still retained by the Church in its entirety. Few Churches in Canada have more commodious grounds or are better situated in relation to the life of the city which they serve than St. Luke's.

The old original Church pictured below was incorporated later in the enlarged building which was completed in 1896 and which still serves the needs of the congregation. The entrance tower seen in the picture was removed and a new entrance through the south transept added but the walls and foundation of the old church still stand as solid and fine as the day they were built.



It is impossible in this short review to relate in detail the steps in the growth of the city and the consequent growth in St. Luke's — the coming of the C.P.R., the building of the International Bridge, the cutting of the ship canal, the erection of the steel plant and other industrial works; nor is it possible even to list the splendid men who as Bishops of the Diocese or as Rectors of St. Luke's contributed so generously to the welfare not only of the parish but of the whole city. It is

a fascinating, romantic story in which the Church has played a part of ever-increasing importance. St. Luke's influence has been felt in every era in the Sault's life, not least through the life and work of some of her laymen, men like W. J. Thompson who was the first mayor of the Sault and guided the young city through stormy days. He is still a faithful member of the Pro-Cathedral and a regular attendant at its services despite his eighty-seven years.

A fine rectory was built in 1876. St. Stephen's Mission, an excellent outpost of the parish on Bruce Hill, was added in 1909 and a splendid parish hall was erected in the same year. Later, choir vestries were added to the Pro-Cathedral and a new organ was installed in 1918.

Meanwhile the growth of the city had led to the beginning of a new centre of worship in the west end of Sault Ste. Marie. This was arranged for by the Rector of St. Luke's, the Rev. Edward Capp, and it became in due course an independent mission. Today it is the self-supporting parish of St. John the Evangelist and is doing a splendid work.

Well-known among the Rectors of St. Luke's have been the Rev. Canon Robert Renison, M.A., T.C.D., father of the present Bishop of Moosonee, the Rev. Edward Henry Capp, whose book, "The Annals of Bawating" is the authoritative account of the early days of Sault Ste. Marie, the Venerable C. W. Balfour, Rector for some sixteen years, the Very Rev. P. A. Paris, now Rector of Little Falls, New York, and the Very Rev. W. L. Wright, D.D., now

Bishop of the Diocese. Affectionate mention should be made, too, of the magnificent contribution made to the life of the parish by the Rev. Canon F. W. Colloton, Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese and a Canon of St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral. Canon Colloton has been the guide and inspiration to a whole series of incumbents, who for more than a quarter of a century have prized his unflinching assistance in the work of the parish.

The present Rector, the Very Rev. James H. Craig, was appointed to the position on October 1st, 1944, and installed as Dean of the Diocese on October 18th of the same year. A graduate in Arts of the University of British Columbia, he secured his M.A. degree from the University of Toronto in Philosophy and his L.Th. and B.D. through Trinity College, Toronto. When the title of Dean of Algoma was bestowed on him the degree of D.D. (*jure dignitatis*) was granted him by Trinity College. A son of the rectory, the present rector was ordained in the Diocese of Huron by the Most Rev. David Williams in 1930 and began his work in the Ministry on the staff of Huron College and Western University in London, Ontario. After five years as Dean of Residence and Lecturer in Homiletics and Christian Ethics, he was transferred to the Pacific coast where for eight years he was Rector of St. Mary's Church, Kerrisdale, a large and growing parish in one of the loveliest residential areas in Vancouver. A member of the Executive Committee of the Diocese as well as other diocesan committees, he represented New Westminster in the Pro-

vincial and General Synods. He was also on the staff of the Anglican Theological College as Lecturer in Homiletics, Pastoral Theology and Religious Education.

In Vancouver he met and married Miss Elaine Morgan and they now have three children, Myrna aged ten, John, six and David three. Leaving the coast, Dean Craig came to Algoma in 1944 and has taken an active part in the life of the Diocese. During the Bishop's absence at Lambeth in 1948 he acted as co-commissary with Archdeacon Lindsell.

St. Luke's is again planning to expand its facilities. This time it is the east end of the city which demands action. A Sunday school is already in operation with an average weekly attendance of fifty pupils and the prospect of a greatly en-

larged enrollment when suitable quarters can be obtained. A group of active young women have banded themselves under the name "St. Mark's Guild" to work towards the erection of a suitable building for Sunday school purposes. The old mother Church, too, is suffering serious growing pains and steps are already being considered either for a complete renovation of the building or the erection of a new edifice. The old building erected in 1896 is full of associations for those who have worshipped in it over the years, but it can hardly be expected to be adequate for the needs of the congregation now that the city is growing so rapidly. It may be that some day there will arise in the centre of the See City a more commodious and more stately edifice to be the Cathedral of the Diocese.



THE BISHOP'S ITINERARY

May 15th—

Chapleau.

May 19th—

Executive Committee meeting,
Sault Ste. Marie.

May 22nd—

Bracebridge (11), Ravenscliff (3),
Huntsville (7).

May 25th—

Burk's Falls.

May 26th—

Emsdale.

May 29th—

Parry Sound (11), MacTier (3),
Bala (7).

May 31st-June 1st-2nd—

W.A. Annual Meeting, Sault Ste.
Marie.

June 5th—

Mindemoya (11), Kagawong (3),
Gore Bay (7).

June 6th—

Sheshegwaning (10:30), Meldrum
Bay (3), Silver Water.

June 7th—

Executive meeting, Little Current
(10), Manitowaning.

June 8th—

Manitowaning Missions.

June 9th—

Sheshegwaning—St. Andrew's
(10:30), St. Peter's (7:30),
Sucker Creek (4).

June 10th—

Whitefish Falls.