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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Diocese of Algoma is far from dying! It is rather very much alive and growing rapidly. Some idea of its vitality can be gleaned from an article in this issue with the title "Algoma Highlights." Some time ago our Bishop asked the various parishes to send in accounts of the highlights of their parish life during the past year or so. These were passed on to us by him and we are including them in this and the next issue of the A.M.N. They make fascinating reading and should give us many reasons for thanksgiving and also a greater appreciation of what is being done throughout our whole Diocese.

Just recently, the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Bracebridge, celebrated its twenty-first anniversary in Muskoka. We wish to record our congratulations and our thanks to the Society for the significant contribution which its members have made to the life of our Diocese and the whole church during that time. The vitality of many of our missions in Muskoka is largely due to their efforts and many of the Society have become well-known missionaries throughout Canada and the United States.

The Deanery of Manitoulin has thrown down the gauntlet to the rest of Algoma in the recent li-

ensing of six new lay readers by Archdeacon Smedley. An account of this service is contained in this issue. We offer our sincere congratulations to the laymen who worked hard to achieve their objective and are grateful to the clergy who gave of their time to lecture on their particular subject. What a great boon it would be if there were six or eight men from each deanery who would prepare themselves as thoroughly as the laymen of Manitoulin for the more intensive work of the Church. What a powerful witness it would be throughout the deaneries and how useful they would be in opening up work in the new and growing areas. We hope and pray that the men of the other deaneries will take up the challenge.

Is your subscription to the A.M.N. overdue? Have you looked at the expiration date lately? It can be found after your address on page one. During the last Triennium the A.M.N. had to ask for a total advance of \$1,000 from the Diocesan Expense Fund to maintain its operations. Plans are under way to reduce this figure, but you can help us do this greatly by making up your lapsed subscriptions and by keeping them strictly up to date. Thank you.

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REFLECTIONS OF SYNOD 1953

The Diocese of Algoma is celebrating its 80th Birthday this year. It was in 1873 that the Diocese was formally set apart from the Diocese of Toronto, although missionary work had been undertaken at various points such as Sault Ste. Marie, Manitowaning and Parry Sound many years earlier. In 1877 the first Triennial Council was formed, and on June 20th, 1896, the first regularly constituted Synod was convened at Sault Ste. Marie. Our Diocese has been advancing from strength to strength since its formation, and we set our sights higher once again at the sessions of the Seventeenth Triennial Synod.

On Monday night the Laymen of the Sault and District held a banquet for all the delegates and local Laymen. Mr. Fred Dent was Chairman and a fine programme had been arranged. The main speaker, introduced by Mr. Harry Waite, was the Reverend R. F. Palmer, D.D., who gave an informative address in his own refreshing style on "Our Heritage in Algoma."

The Synod convened at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9th, with the majority of the 140 delegates present at a Celebration of the Holy Communion. From then on there was a full agenda until Synod was prorogued on Thursday, June 11th, at 2:00 p.m. On Tuesday, morning and afternoon sessions were held, with the Synod Service in the evening. Wednesday was a busy day with morning, afternoon and evening sessions, and the Thursday session lasted until 2 p.m. Each day began with Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m.

After Synod was convened the Bishop read his Charge. The Charge is always an important part of Synod for in it the Bishop reviews the highlights of the past three years and sets forward his policies and recommendations for the future. During his Charge the Bishop announced the formation of a new Archdeaconry—the Archdeaconry of Thunder Bay which will include all the parishes from White River to the Lakehead. He appointed the Reverend W. W. Jarvis as the new Archdeacon. In reviewing the condition of the Diocese, Bishop Wright presented the Synod and all the Diocese with four Challenges: (1) More Candidates for the Ministry and other full time Church work; (2) A minimum stipend of \$2,000; (3) The need for new buildings in six growing communities, and a fund for extension work; (4) A move towards self-support for the whole Diocese. In the matter of a greater number of Candidates for the Ministry he urged that much greater emphasis be given in our homes, in our parishes and in our schools upon the vocation to the Priesthood of the Church. Parents are urged to encourage their boys to think of the Priesthood if they show any marked interest in the life and work of the Church. In the matter of new buildings, the Bishop stated that the possibility of using prefabricated buildings which could be moved to other centres when a permanent buildings was established, was being seriously considered.

In reporting on the Bishop's Charge later in the Synod, the Committee urged that the Diocese work

towards the goal of self-support within the next three years. At the present time our Diocese apportionment to the M.S.C.C., G.B.R.E., C.S.S., is \$8,500 per year. But we receive back from the M.S.C.C. for our Missionary work about \$15,000. This means that we must strive to reduce the grant of the M.S.C.C. by \$5,000 each year for the next three years. The motion to adopt this objective was passed by Synod and the details of the plans were left to the Executive Committee of the Diocese. It was in connection with this matter that the Reverend F. F. Nock presented to Synod the principle of tithing or "Percentage Giving," as the one basic way of strengthening our financial structure and achieving self-support within the Diocese. He explained that tithing or "percentage giving" ought to be the basic method of giving to the Church because it is founded firstly on Scripture; secondly, it is founded on the realization that all our possessions and resources come fundamentally from God, and that we owe to Him a definite part of what He has given to us. Other members of other Christian Communion in exactly the same situations practise tithing and there is no reason why Anglicans should not be able to do the same. If the Anglicans in this Diocese established the custom of giving 5% to the Church and 5% to other charities (such as Red Cross, Red Feather, etc) we would have more than enough to meet our Parochial needs and to achieve self-support within the Diocese. It is hoped that when the details of this principle are presented by the Executive to each Parish, it will receive the willing support of the whole Diocese.

One of the most interesting of the reports was the report of the Dio-

cesan Council for Social Service presented by the Rev. J. F. Hinchliffe of Huntsville. It covered a broad field of social problems such as marriage and family, counselling, Children's Aid, Society, Alcohol and Narcotics, displaced persons, unmarried mothers, Sanitaria, Burwash Chaplaincy. It was encouraging to note the number of Clergy and laymen who were giving generously of their time and leadership ability in the complex work of the Children's Aid Societies within the Diocese. The problems of the aged is now in the forefront, and the W.A. of this Diocese is building up a fund to establish a home for aged persons. There are four Sanitaria now in Algoma—at Gravenhurst, Fort William, Hailybury and Sudbury.—and the Anglican Clergy in these centres spend much time in ministering to these patients.

The Burwash Chaplaincy has not yet been filled, and the Rev. F. F. Nock and Mr. L. Shaffer still hold Anglican Services for the staff once a month.

Two sections of the report deserve special mention, as they are wise and thoroughly Christian in their approach—Sunday Hunting and Alcohol and Narcotics. Information was received to the effect that pressure was being applied to the Provincial Government to permit Sunday shooting. This is a question which vitally affects our Diocese, exercise thoughtful restraint and consideration for others, both human and animal. The obvious need for encouragement of worship, and personal witness to the primacy of God in the affairs of men and nature, is a mission to which those who have resources to take part in expensive sports are especially called. Regarding Alcohol and Narcotics, the

teaching of the Church is quite clear. Drunkenness or intemperance on anything has always been ruled a sin, and it has not changed its character. However, total abstinence, while most necessary for some, and desirable for others, has never been held by the Church to be "generally necessary for salvation." It may be that more attention to those things which are held by the Church to be "generally necessary to salvation" would eliminate many of our social excesses.

Canon Cyril Goodier of Haileybury presented the report of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, which afforded the Synod much interesting information. The Church Boys League is doing valuable work within the Diocese, although there were only four branches reported in 1952. However, since that time new branches have been organized in Fort William, Sudbury (2), and Lively. There is a unique group at Little Current which might well be copied elsewhere. The Junior boys and girls meet together as a Junior Auxiliary, and the work of the C.B.L. and the J.A. is combined and the programmes are planned in joint lines. A number of parishes use the G.B.R.E. Sunday School examinations, but far more should be using these papers. In the matter of Sunday School by Radio the report asked the Bishop to appoint a Committee with responsibility for the promotion of local religious broadcasting. The number taking the S.S. by Post was large but those making full use of them relatively small. It was encouraging to note that out of 3,500 Public School Boards only 21 have asked exemption from Christian Teaching in the schools.

After a discussion on the question of a minimum stipend of \$2,000, as mentioned in the Bishop's Charge, the Synod voted that the minimum stipend be set at \$2,1000 effective July 1st. This increase of \$300 is to be met from contributions to the Algoma Mission Fund. (The present minimum is \$1,800.)

In connection with the Extension Fund for Church building, it was passed by Synod that any legacies not delegated as Trust Fund be placed in the Anglican Advance Appeal Fund or in the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund. Both these funds are concerned with Church Extension.

The Youth work of the Diocese was considered at Synod and encouraging reports were presented on the various Youth Camps. At Whitefish Falls the Youth Conference is now in the twelfth year. In addition, there is a Choir Camp and two Junior W.A. Camps held during July at Gitchigomee Camp, Sandstone Lake. Many age groups are accommodated during the Summer. This year a Pilot Camp of twenty teen-agers is to be tried at Ilfracombe in Muskoka. If this is successful it will mark the third Youth Camp in Algoma.

The report of the Women's Auxiliary revealed the magnificent support which the W.A. is giving to all phases of the Church's work. The Board has increased its grants to the Algoma Mission Fund to \$4,500 and meets many appeals of the Bishop and Missions for specific aid. There are 96 senior branches with 1823 members; 10 Girls Auxiliaries with 117 members; 29 Jr. W.A.'s with 412 members, and 36 Little Helpers Branches with 2,354 members.

Mr. R. Dudley of North Bay presented a detailed plan for a Revolu-

ing Car Fund to meet four specific needs—(1) assistance in purchasing cars for the Clergy; (2) supplying cars for use in Mission parishes; (3) Group purchase of parts; (4) a cost system of mileage. He estimated that a fund of \$50,000 would be needed to properly finance the plan. There was a spirited debate on this plan, and it was unanimously passed that the Executive Committee be empowered to implement all or part of the foregoing plan and that a Revolving Car Fund be established.

The following are the results of elections to various Synods and Committees, and appointments by the Bishop:

General Synod—Rev. R. F. Palmer, Very Reverend W. B. Jennings, Archdeacon W. W. Jarvis, Canon F. W. Colloton, Archdeacon J. S. Smedley, Reverend S. M. Craymer, Messrs. Dent, Corless, Babe, Bishop, Dudley, Irwin.

Provincial Synod — Archdeacon W. W. Jarvis, Very Reverend W. B. Jennings, Canon F. W. Colloton, Archdeacon J. S. Smedley, Reverend R. F. Palmer, Reverend S. M. Craymer, Reverend F. F. Nock, Reverend C. Large, Messrs. Corless, Dudley, ★

Dent, Bishop, R. Brown, Dopson, Bahr, Neibel.

Executive Committee of the Diocese—The Dean, the Archdeacons, the Rural Deans (Jarvis, Dixon, Stump, Peto, Thompson, Goodier), Secretary-Treasurer, the Registrar, the Chancellor, W.A. President and Treasurer, Reverend C. B. Noble, Reverend G. Honour, Reverend S. Craymer, Reverend C. J. Passey, Reverend J. Hinchliffe, Reverend E. R. Haddon, Reverend N. Knox, Reverend R. F. Palmer, Reverend F. F. Nock, Messrs. Monteith, Dwyer, El-lard, Irwin, Russell, Hutcheson, Corless, Woods, Dent.

Deanery Laymen Representatives—Messrs. Dent, Patterson, Hardacre, Menzies, Dudley, White.

National Laymen Representatives—Messrs. Robertson, Dent.

Board of Management (M.S.C.C.)—Reverend R. F. Palmer, Archdeacon Jarvis, Messrs. Monteith, J. H. Elliott.

D.B.R.E.—Clergy: Goodier, Holdenby, Nock; Laymen: J. H. Elliott, Brook, Dwyer.

D.C.S.S.—Clergy: Hinchliffe, Chabot, Palmer; Laymen: J. H. Elliott, Dwyer, W. Lee. ★

ORDINATION

The ceremony of the Ordering of Deacons took place at All Saints' Church, Huntsville, on Monday of Whitsun, May 24th. The Service was conducted by the Right Reverend W. L. Wright, Bishop of Algoma, and the Candidate was Gordon McDermott Madge, B.A., now in charge of Emsdale Mission.

Immediately after the first Hymn, "Blessed City Heavenly Sailing," the Bishop preached a sermon. In it he outlined the meaning of the

Ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons as a sacred trust in the Church of England, from Apostolic times. He also gave a charge to the Candidate and to the Ministry, and outlined the duty of laity to present themselves for consistent teaching, and to support the work of the Church.

Following this Mr. Madge was presented by the Venerable J. B. Lindsell, Archdeacon of Muskoka.

During the Communion Service

the Epistle was read by the Reverend Canon Pinnington of Port Sydney. The Litany was sung, unaccompanied, by the Rector, Reverend J. F. Hinchliffe, and the Choir of All Saints' Church.

At the actual ordination the Bishop, laying his hands upon the head of the Candidate, said "Take thou authority to execute the Office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed unto thee; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." He then presented a copy of the New Testament, saying, "Take thou authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if thou be thereunto licensed by the Bishop himself." Mr. Madge was then vested in a stole by the Archdeacon.

The Bishop continued the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and, as a first duty, the newly ordained man read the Gospel appointed.

After the consecration the Candidate and his immediate family made their Communion. The beautiful service was brought to a conclusion with the singing of the Hymn, "Al-

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THE NEW DIOCESE OF AMRITSAR, NORTH INDIA

April 14, 1953, was an important day for the Church in the East Punjab, India. The Diocese of Amritsar officially came into being.

Word has been received at the M.S.C.C. headquarters that the Right Rev. C. R. H. Wilkinson, M.A., D.D. was to be enthroned on April 14th in St. Paul's Church, Ambala, as Bishop of Amritsar. The inauguration of the Diocese would take place

leluia, Sing to Jesus."

A large number of Clergy from the Diaconary of Muskoka were present, including representatives from the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Bracebridge, of whom the Reverend J. W. Hawkes acted as Bishop Chaplain.

Also present were—the Reverend O. R. Orr, M.A., S.T.D., representing the University of Trinity College where Mr. Madge is studying and the Reverend C. F. Large, Rector of the Church of St. John the Divine, North Bay. Servers were Kenneth Robinson and Hal Cairns. Mrs. Wesley Antcliffe fulfilled with complete ability the exacting task of playing the organ for the ceremony.

The Bishop and Clergy, the Wardens of All Saints—Mr. Charles B. Baker and Mr. Dennis A. Hutcheson—and the Wardens of the Emsdale-Sprucedale Mission and their wives were given a dinner in honour of the occasion by the three Women's Organizations of the Parish, the W.A., Senior and Evening Branches, and Parish Guild.

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immediately prior to the enthronement.

This new Diocese of the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon was necessitated by the partition of India in 1947. The new international border, which was most difficult for the Indian people to cross, cut through the middle of the Diocese of Lahore making the administration of the Church from its headquarters in the City of Lahore in Pakistan almost impossible.

Bishop Wilkinson will return to Canada on furlough in the early summer.

NEW LAY READERS

A service which the Venerable Julian Smedley, Archdeacon of Algoma, described in his sermon as "unique in the history of the Diocese" took place in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya, on Ascension Day this year. The entire Manitoulin Deanery took part, and the Church was packed to capacity.

The service was the climax of the work which had been going on in the Deanery for the previous few months. It had been realized that there was a great deal of scope for assistance from the laity in conducting services in the area, and so the clergy prepared seven laymen for this most important work. They were all successful in passing the examinations which were set for them at the end of their course, and a very high percentage of marks was obtained. The Candidates on this occasion were William Stadyk, Peter Niblock and William Russel of Espanola, John Hardacre and John Kenny of Whitefish Falls, and Clarence Taylor and Maurice Weight of Little Current.

The amalgamated choirs of the Deanery led the singing, and Mrs. Stump, the wife of the Rural Dean, played the organ. The service commenced with the hymn "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise." Evensong, which was conducted by the Incumbent, the Reverend Michael P. Thomas, followed. The lessons were read by two of the Lay Readers about to be Commissioned. After the third collect the Rural Dean, Canon R. W. Stump, gave an address of welcome to the Archdeacon.

Then the Archdeacon, accompanied by his acolytes, moved from the Sanctuary to the Chancel steps,

and the Commissioning took place. The Candidates from Espanola were presented by the Reverend S. Gilbert, those from Whitefish Falls by the Rural Dean, and those from Little Current by the Reverend Allan E. Haldenby. This ceremony was followed by the singing of the hymn "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak," and the Incumbent then read the State Prayers. After another hymn, "The King of Love my Shepherd Is," the Archdeacon preached.

In reference to the uniqueness of the occasion, he said that he had known of similar services, but never of one at which so many men had been Commissioned. He congratulated the Candidates on their work and expressed the hope that other Deaneries might be encouraged to follow the example of the Manitoulin Deanery. At the end of the sermon the hymn "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" was sung, and, after the Archdeacon had pronounced the Blessing, the recessional was, appropriately enough "Rise Up, O Men of God."

The evening concluded with refreshments in the Church Hall, provided by the W.A. Group of Mindemoya. Other clergy who were present, besides those already mentioned, were the Reverend C. J. Passey of Manitowaning, the Reverend Douglas Sissenah of Spanish and the Reverend Alexander Stringer of Blind River. The general impression of the whole occasion was one of vitality and action, and the key-note as Service. The enthusiasm of these Laymen, and what they have attained, are proofs that Christianity is still a driving force in the hearts of our people. M.P.T.

NEW CHANCEL

A solemn and beautiful service took place at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels Sunday morning, May 10th, when the new chancel and sanctuary were dedicated.

The dedication followed the procession of Bishop W. L. Wright, the chaplain, and the priest, from the font, where a Cross and candlesticks had been dedicated.

During the service, D. Bradford was licensed by the Bishop as a parochial lay reader, and eight candidates were presented for confirmation. In his sermon, the Rt. Rev. W. L. Wright spoke of the continuous progress of the church in recent years. He stated that the spirit of adoration, adventure and accomplishment were necessary in a very particular way both in the office of

a lay reader and in the lives of those who are confirmed.

The ladies of the W.A. provided a luncheon for the Bishop and candidates after the service. Words of welcome were expressed by M. Miller, rector's warden, and E. Jowitt, people's warden. Mr. Brooke of St. Thomas's Church, Fort William, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, brought congratulatory words from that parish. A letter expressing the good wishes of St. John's rector and the wardens on behalf of the people, was read.

The feeling of the congregation who attended the service was expressed by Mrs. Greaves, in whose father's home the first services were held, when she said, "I love this church."

★ ★ THE VISION AND THE CALL

Every religious House depends upon some special vision of God which the Founder saw and to which groups of men or women, brought up in widely different circumstances, may owe obedience. Fr. Bryant, Assistant Superior-General of the Society from Oxford, drew our attention to the Biblical foundation for Fr. Benson's Vision of God, and our acceptance of that call. The vision and the call to the Religious Life can be kept fresh and fragrant only by the silence and the "meditation" character of a Retreat. Our Society has two major retreats every year—one week near Christmas and two weeks in Eastertide. During those precious weeks we take in Christ in His written Word, the Bible and His spoken Word, through the Retreat Conductor. Our Society

tries to live that most difficult pattern, called the Mixed Life. Our active works are only acceptable to God, insofar as they arise from our contemplation; our meditation will bear its fullest yield of fruit by giving depth to all our activities.

Fr. Bryant used the 'Vision of God' which Isaiah (Chapter 6) saw to describe the vision we must see, as well as the nature of the call we must accept. With the mighty example and the writings of St. John, it might seem strange that we should use an Old Testament Writer, but Isaiah's vision is fundamentally sound. It is inadequate for the Christian who remembers the manger and the cross. We need to love God for Himself and not for any supposed reward. This is difficult and in fact more difficult for Re-

ligious, because the worldly man delights to please himself. This worldly man many even endure some inconveniences for the sake of "seeming to be a pillar." The vows of poverty, chastity and obedience depend, for their successful living, upon the prayer of simplicity i.e. simply loving and adoring God. We are not to be poor so that passers-by will mistake our rags and emaciated expression for the blessedness of "being poor in spirit," but Holy Poverty will increase our dependence on God and give us detachment from temporal things. The white garment of chastity is not designed to condemn the married state which Christ adorned and beautified with His presence at Cana of Galilee, but the vow is but a special following of that purity of thought, word and deed which the baptised are called to manifest in their lives. Without doubt obedience is the most difficult to describe, and more difficult to keep. It is so easy to assume that we have the correct ideas and that all men must obey us. Secretly, we may be trying to please ourselves, and get others to obey our plans. Our Lord Jesus learned obedience by the things which He suffered. We should remember that St. John's use of the word 'patience' in Revelation, really implied suffering.

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W. A. ANNUAL

The Annual Meeting of the Anglican Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Algoma was held at Parry Sound, May 26th, 27th and 28th, 1953.

Sixty-one of the hundred branches were represented and the following officers were present:

The second week of the retreat carried us further into the mystery surrounding Isaiah's vision. At first he is afraid because he is unworthy. He deserves to die, but the fire (of the coals) purifies his prophetic tongue, as the savour (smoke) of the sacrifice ascends to God. Fr. Bryant reminded us that 'smoke' in this passage refers, primarily, to the refining power of the burnt offering. The point is that Isaiah had to see himself unworthy; had to be burnt in sacrifice; had to glorify God, before he could do any mighty works of God. This is surely a lesson for us. We cannot fulfil our active ministry until God has accepted the sacrifice of ourselves; we have listened to His Voice and seen His Shape, in our daily Mental Prayer. No matter what interruptions there might be, we must endeavour to obtain the full hour for meditation. When the resolution time comes in meditation, let us make simple, but definite resolutions, having the glory of God for their purpose. We are then in a fit state to say: "Here am I, send me!" When we have endured and become faithful, Christ will reward us with the crown of immortality.

"The Little Paper."

Hon. President Mrs. W. L. Wright; President Mrs. E. L. Allen; Third Vice-President Mrs. Cameron Milner; Fourth Vice-President Mrs. A. E. Minchin; Fifth Vice-President Mrs. F. Lewis; Sixth Vice-President Mrs. W. Tilston; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. H. M. Monteith; Record-

ing Secretary Mrs. A. R. Priddle; Treasurer Mrs. W. Cole-Bowen; Assistant Treasurer Mrs. G. H. Taylor; Junior Secty.-Treas. Mrs. A. W. R. Stump; Dorcas Secty.-Treas. Mrs. G. Howard Smith; Extra-Cent-A-Day Secty.-Treas. Miss Gwenyth Dent; Educational Secty.-Treas. Mrs. R. Loffree; "Living Message" Secty.-Treas. Miss Gwenyth Dent; Prayer Partner Secty. Mrs. Cyril Goodier.

The meeting was opened by a celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Tuesday with Rev. C. H. G. Peto as celebrant and Right Rev. W. L. Wright, Bishop of Algoma, as preacher.

Delicious noon-day meals were served by the Woman's Auxiliaries of Parry Sound assisted by Bala, Rosseau and MacTier.

Reports from six Deaneries and the many departments of the W.A. showed a very encouraging over-all picture of the work in the Diocese.

Among the special speakers were His Worship Mr. A. M. Miller, mayor of Parry Sound, who welcomed the delegates. Dominion Treasurer Mrs. H. L. Wiglesworth, who spoke on funds and finances, Mrs. J. H. Elliott, Dominion Secretary of Junior Department, whose topic was "The Church at Work and Her Children." Mrs. Salter from Toronto, who spoke on "The Church Year," and explained the project very clearly.

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J. A. RALLY

Approximately one hundred little girls, with twenty-four leaders, clergy and members of the senior branch of the W.A., representing the parish of St. Luke's, St. John's, Christ Church, Korah, and the Shingwauk School, gathered in the Parish Hall of St. John's on Saturday after-

noon, May 9th, at two o'clock.

Canon Dixon gave a splendid address; he built up a picture of the Canadian Church from its first inception under the auspices of the S.P.G. to its present self supporting status.

Mrs. Gilbert Thompson, Copper Cliff, who gave an enlightening talk on "Work in the North." Along with her talk she gave many constructive suggestions as to what would be useful and welcome in bales sent to Northern Posts.

The Lord Bishop of Algoma, who presented and outlined his Diocesan Appeals. The appeals were met as requested.

Rev. R. J. S. Inshaw delivered the closing address, and noon-day service was conducted by Rev. J. S. Ditchburn.

A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. G. H. Smith, Sault Ste. Marie, Dorcas Secretary, and the members heard with deep regret that she was forced to resign her office, as she is leaving the Diocese.

Under the able direction of our President, Mrs. Allen, another successful and enthusiastic Annual Meeting has been brought to a close, and our hope and our prayers are for more and still more interest in missionary endeavour, through the Love of Christ which Constrainseth Us.

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The programme was conducted by Mrs. H. M. Monteith and was opened with the singing of "O Canada," followed by the members' prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. J. S. Smedley acted as pianist for the afternoon. The address of welcome

was given by Noella Fletcher, president of St. John's J.A., to which Sylvia Ramsay, president of St. Luke's J.A., responded. Mrs. A. R. Priddle, president of St. Luke's W.A., invited the children to come to St. Luke's for the 1954 meeting and spoke briefly regarding J.A. responsibilities.

The chairman then introduced Mrs. R. W. Stump, the Diocesan J.A. Secretary-Treasurer, who came up from Whitefish Falls to be present. Mrs. Stump brought greetings to the girls and expressed her pleasure in the fact that this Rally had been planned and that so many were present, with a reference to the successful Festivals which Mrs. Smedley had planned when she was in Port Arthur.

Karen Fletcher then conducted an enjoyable Sing Song which was followed by a game "The Foolish Kingdom" under the leadership of Mrs. Smedley.

Dramatization of four of the J.A. Pledges, "Sunday School by Post," "The Mission ship "Gwa Yee," "Hospital at Aklavik" and "Day Schools in India," by St. Luke's, Shingwauk School, St. John's and Christ Church, Korah, J.A.s respectively, was very much enjoyed by all.

The children then formed up with their Banners and marched into St. John's Church, where the Ven. Archdeacon J. S. Smedley conducted a short devotional service, after which the members of the W.A. of St. John's served refreshments to all. On a table apart, were fifty cup cakes each topped with a small candle burning, the significance of which was explained to the children by Archdeacon Smedley—to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada which is be-

ing celebrated this year. The candles were blown out by the four Presidents of the J.A. present. The Doxology was then sung and thus closed a most enjoyable afternoon for both J.A. members and those interested in the work of the youth of our Church.

It is the hope of the leaders that this Rally may develop into an annual Festival.



A.Y.P.A. DEANERY CONFERENCE

On Friday, May 8th, the Anglican Young People's Association of Algoma Deanery held a most successful conference at the Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon. There was an attendance of fifty-five members, and representation from St. Saviour's Branch, Blind River, Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon, Shingwauk School, St. John's and St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie.

At this meeting plans were formulated for the holding of the Deanery Drama Competition for the Bishop Rocksborough Smith cup. It is hoped that this competition might be held early in October.

The main purpose of the Conference was the reorganization of the Algoma Deanery Local Council. The Very Rev., the Dean of Algoma, took the chair for the election of officers.

The officers are as follows:

Honorary president, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; Chaplain, the Rev. G. S. Honour, Thessalon; President, Dorothy Lye, St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie; Vice-Presidents, Miss Sally Shames of Blind River, and Mr. Glen Turner of Thessalon; Secretary, Miss Joan Cusack, St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie; Treasurer, Miss Norma Robertson, St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie.

PRO-CATHEDRAL

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an excerpt from a letter by Dean Jennings to his parishioners. As we are all interested in the progress of the Pro-Cathedral we have included this extract.

Dear Friends and Parishioners:

The first subject that must receive attention this month is that of the Rebuilding of the Cathedral. For historical purposes it is recorded that the Building Committee met on Friday, April 10th and unanimously approved the proposed plan of enlargement and alteration. This involves the demolition of the North Wall and the extension of the Nave to 47 feet in width (double the present size.) An extension (or transept) on the North East would include a Chapel, Choir Rooms for Men and Women, Office, Robing Room and Vestry. A central heating plant, behind the present Parish Hall was in the plans. Space was reserved in the South Transept for a Pipe Organ. The seating capacity would be approximately 500. This plan was submitted to the Advisory Board after the morning service on Sunday, April 12th, and again was unanimously approved. At the special Vestry Meeting after the service on Sunday evening, April 12th the Architect, Mr. Fred Rounthwaite, showed and explained the plans to those assembled. After considerable discussion and questions, the motion to accept these plans was unanimously approved by the congregation. It was hoped that the cost of the building would not exceed the amount already raised through gifts and pledges, plus the insurance, an

amount over \$136,000. Fixed prices can only be given after complete specifications have been received by the contractors. The calling for tenders is in the offing as this is being written, and we hope shortly to be able to say that the contract has been let and work begun. Another big decision had to be made quickly with regard to the organ, and for that purpose a special meeting of the Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, April 22nd. After much careful study of the possibilities and proposals, it was moved that we accept the tender from Keats Organ Company of Lucan, Ontario at \$15,000. To all intents and purposes it will be a new organ with a 5-year guarantee, although most of the pipes, motor and some other parts will be that of the old instrument. A new console (the heart of the organ) is included. This motion was accepted with one dissenting vote recorded. At a meeting of the Diocesan Executive held on April 14th the plans were accepted. I know it must seem to many that we have taken a long time to get this far with the rebuilding, but a little thought will convince everyone that things are moving as quickly as possible and that ultimately we will have a Cathedral of which we will be justly proud.

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IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION OVERDUE?

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YOUTH'S CONTRIBUTION

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a speech prepared and delivered at an A.Y.P.A. Oratorical Contest in Sudbury. Its frankness and sincerity are refreshing and we have included the manuscript without any changes.

If someone asked you to give something to the Church, what would you give? It would be nice if you gave some money, it would be thoughtful if you gave a few hours a week to spend in some welfare work. But what would be the most thoughtful, most precious gift anyone could give to the Church? If you do not know, I will tell you. The best contribution that even the poorest or the weakest in physical health can offer is yourself!

Now just what does that mean? Most of you here attend weekly A.Y.P.A. meetings regularly, some of you teach Sunday School. But, how many go to Church every Sunday even when there is not Corporate Communion? How many volunteer willingly to help in any Church functions whether they are A.Y.P.A. projects or not? How many will serve on what seems to be the most boring or the hardest working committees without complaining? Not very many people can stand up and say truthfully, "I do all these things."

I am certain that it is quite impossible for any mortal to give himself so completely to the Church as Christ did, but I wish that more people would make an effort to emulate him.

I speak about myself and many others when I say that the majority of young people today are lazy and selfish! Lazy, because although they do what they are asked, and very often, quite willingly, they will do

no more. I suppose you all remember the story of the boy, who when told by a Roman soldier to carry his pack, did so, but, when the two reached the destination, the lad offered to go a mile further. How many of you would have done the same thing? I called the young people of today selfish, because they think only of themselves. I know that some A.Y. organizations have done a wonderful job at not only supporting themselves, but also in giving a liberal donation to the Church, but some organizations can't even afford to pay for the rent of their hall. Of course, sometimes, there is a good reason for this. Perhaps they carried on non-profit projects and gave their service instead of their money. But often, perhaps, they were so busy having dances and parties, and social events, they didn't have time to think of such things as a donation to the Church, the Golden Jubilee Fund, or any other such deserving cause.

When I speak of giving yourself to the Church, I don't mean that you should rush out and enter a convent or a monastery. It is a very good idea, but I think that some of you would not be quite acceptable. You can do good and get the same amount of satisfaction if you stay at home, visit the sick, help your local spiritual guide as much as you can, and generally be so enthusiastic about your Church that you influence others to come to Church, also.

I wish I could convince you that although your social life is important, it is not absolutely essential. The average A.Y.P.A. weekly meeting lasts three hours. A Church ser-

vice lasts (well, let's be lenient with the clergy) one to 1½ hours. But, how many hours do you spend in social life? I'm sure none of you could admit that you spend less than 10 hours a week just enjoying yourselves. That means that you spend twice as much time having fun as you do in spiritual betterment.

And when you do go to Church what do you do? Naturally you have enough intelligence to kneel when you are supposed to, and stand up and sing at the right times, but how much attention do you pay to the sermon? I know most of you think about what a good time you had the night before or about what a delicious lunch you intend to have, or why in the world does the minister have to talk about sin? You are not the sinners, if you were, you wouldn't be there.

The next time you go to Church, settle down in your pew, and put

yourself in a receptive frame of mind. You will be surprised at not only how interesting the sermon can get, but also how much of it can apply to you. And you may also find out that you are not quite the non-sinner you thought you were. But besides finding out that you are not so sinless, don't you think you will find some sort of spiritual uplift? Wouldn't it give you a kind of thrill to realize that you are in such close contact with the Almighty Himself? To know that the man who is standing in front of you is one of His disciples sent to preach His word, and that he is doing it in the best way he knows how. Your minister has given his life to the Church, and he is one of the best examples you could ever hope to follow.

Let me remind you that the Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Why don't you try it, and give yourself?

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ALGOMA HIGHLIGHTS

DEANERY OF ALGOMA

St. George's, Echo Bay

Memorial Cross given by relatives in memory of loved ones.

Garden River

Hall—remainder of interior finished. Gyproc wallboard and electric lights installed.

St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie

St. John's Church has been completely renovated, with new sills and floor; walls and ceiling insulated, and finished with plywood throughout. A new oil furnace has been installed and new wiring; plexiglass windows in nave; new steps, carpet, kneelers and altar. The chimney has been built to basement; pulpit remodelled. New Prayer and hymn books and new bracket for

almsbasin. The A.Y.P.A. have donated a number of new choir books.

St. John's Memorial Hall—Interior of upstairs painted and new stage lights installed. Room for S.S. Beginners' Classes and Junior W.A. Kindergarten table, benches and sand tray and cupboards. A.Y.P.A. cupboard built in basement.

Rectory—Most of the rooms redecorated. New joists under east side of house; tile floor and new ceiling in kitchen.

A double garage has been built.
Emmanuel Church,
Richards Landing

Improvements — Church ceiling and walls redecorated. Woodwork varnished; Outside woodwork painted; new marboleum in aisle, given

by W.A., also new lighting fixtures by W.A. Flower beds made outside and grounds levelled. Tennis court constructed. New Prayer and Hymn Books.

Holy Trinity, Jocelyn

Interior, walls and ceiling re-decorated and electric lighting installed. Cemetery cleaned up and levelled; re-mapped and all unmarked graves provided by the Church with inscribed cement head stones.

St. John's, Hilton Beach

Exterior walls of Church sided with asbestos shingles; new outer door. Interior varnished, exterior woodwork painted. Four new wall lights installed inside.

A new garage has been built at Richards' Landing, and new roofing placed on the parsonage.

DEANERY OF THUNDER BAY

St. Michael's, Port Arthur

Dedications — Oak Prayer Desk and Chair presented by Mr. and Mrs. McLaren in memory of parents (Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McLaren.)

Brass Processional Cross presented by Mr. and Mrs. E. Jowitt in memory of Enos William Oliver (father of Mrs. Jowitt) and Mrs. Alice Jowitt (mother of Mr. Jowitt.)

Pair of Brass candlesticks presented by Charles Mellor.

Fair linen altar cloth presented by Mrs. M. Arthur.

Silver lavabo bowl presented by J. Phalen in memory of her son, Joseph Edward Phalen.

Improvements — New lighting installed in church. Church Hall and exterior of Church painted, and many minor repairs effected. Work done by laymen of parish. The 45th Anniversary of the church in June marked by a successful campaign to purchase a rectory. Cost of the

rectory—\$11,500. Over \$3,000 raised by congregation. A new General Electric range furnished by Mr. and Mrs. S. Jago. Eight piece dining room suite presented by Mrs. M. Arthur.

Highlights — Branch of Little Helpers organized by W.A., with enrolment of 100 children. Successful Every Member Visitation and Canvass in November. New duplicating machine purchased for printing of weekly bulletin.

St. Paul's, Fort William

Improvements — New roof placed on church. The whole roofing has been well insulated and the finished job is excellent workmanship. The cost was \$5,000 and the congregation has paid it all in a very short time.

Nipigon Mission

St. Peter's, Red Rock

Dedications — Brass collection plate given by W.A. in memory of Mrs. Wm. Marchant. Lavabo bowl, green and violet Eucharistic vestments, Processional Cross (made by men of the congregation from wood given from St. Olave's Church, London, England). Missal given by Diocesan W.A.

White River Mission

Improvements — Twelve new oak pews installed in All Saints' Church, White River, at a cost of over \$1,000. New chalice and paten presented in memory of one of the Church members. Black altar curtains and super-frontal given by Rev. W. J. Parnell in memory of his mother. Black altar frontal given by Church Guild. Two dozen new hymn and prayer books bought by Church.

Franz—Inside of building transformed from two small rooms to one long nave, with a small vestry at the rear of altar. All furnishings have been given either by outside

donors or as gift from the church at White River.

St. Thomas', Fort William

Dedications — Two Prayer Desks and seats; set of cruets, pulpit lamp.

Highlights — Successful Every Member Visitation and Canvass. A drive instituted to extend Church and Sunday School accommodation, which will comprise 5 new rooms, for S.S. and other purposes, accommodation for 40% more in the nave and an inside entrance. The fund now stands at over \$7,500 with an additional \$4,000 in pledges.

Improvements — A new roof was put on Church and a completely new heating system has been installed and a new kitchen.

St. George's and St. Stephen's, Port Arthur

St. George's became a self-supporting parish, January 1st, 1953. A general improvement has been made, both in the property and in Church attendance.

St. Stephen's: Dedications — A Litany Fald, given in memory of Eleanor Esther Wren, by her daughter, Mrs. Dyer. A Missal, given in memory of Eileen Mary Hills.

St. John's, Port Arthur

Plans were made early in 1952 for a new entrance to the church from Pearl Street to provide choir rooms at West end of the church, a church office and cloakroom space. The font to be placed in the present vestibule, the door of which would be closed in and the room fitted up as a Baptistry. The drive for funds began March 16th when teams of canvassers went out. The immediate objective was \$15,000—half the estimated cost of the building. This objective was reached in a very short time, but letting of the contract was held up awaiting blue-

prints and details of construction on the part of the architect. The contract has been let, construction to begin early in 1953.

St. Luke's, Fort William

Gifts: Panelling; sanctuary end wall. Memorial to various members who have passed to their rest. Presented by relatives and friends, and Dedicated by the Bishop, May 16th, 1952.

Panelling, side walls sanctuary. Memorial to Mrs. George Coe, presented by family. Dedicated by Rector, October 19th, 1952.

Burse and Veil (Red and Violet) —presented by Mrs. Isobel Cameron in memory of her mother, Mrs. Ada Kennedy, and dedicated by the Rector, October 19th.

Hammond Organ — Memorial to members who made the supreme sacrifice in World Wars I and II.

Processional Cross—Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Frost, in memory of Mrs. Frost's father, and Mr. Frost's parents.

Radiators changed in sanctuary—contributed by Mr. P. S. Burton.

St. John's Church, Schreiber

Dedications — Carrying Pyx, donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bryson in memory of their daughter Jean.

Trinity Church, Marathon

Highlights — The Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England, paid a visit to Marathon, and a piece of marble from St. Paul's Cathedral was presented to Marathon. This marble was made into a Font.

DEANERY OF MUSKOKA

St. Thomas', Bracebridge

Dedications—1 set Riddle curtains given by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hutchison; 1 Chancel and Sanctuary carpet given by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hutchison; 1 Lavabo given in memory of Alfred Colson by Mrs. Colson; Set

of candlesticks and cross given by Mr. and Mrs. R. Best; 1 Baptismal shell given by W.A. in memory of deceased members; 1 Baptismal shell given in memory of Mrs. T. Peacock; 1 Prayer Book given in memory of Mr. Elliott; 1 Vestment Cabinet, given by Mr. Aubrey Shier; 2 Cruets.

Trinity Church, Parry Sound

Dedications — Processional Cross and Organ dedicated by the Lord Bishop, November 7th, 1952.

Highlights—The corner stone of the new addition to Trinity Church was laid on September 30th, 1952.

Beaumaris and Milford Bay

St. John's, Beaumaris—A gift of brass alms plate to St. John's Church, dedicated in loving memory of Anne Berger Collins, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Berger of Pittsburgh, Pa.

St. Mark's Milford Bay — New sink and cupboards in basement of St. Mark's Church, donated by Miss Dunbar of Buffalo.

Donation towards ceiling in basement from the Misses Hutton.

St. Andrew's Church, Dunchurch

St. Andrew's, Dunchurch, was renovated and reopened after a lapse of thirteen years, with a Thanksgiving service, on October 12th, 1952. Since the reopening the Church has been wired and new electric fixtures installed.

S.S.J.E. Missions

St. Mary Magdalene's, Dorset—New Prayer Desk dedicated in St. Mary's Church, given by the congregation in memory of Father Boyd. Improvement in congregations.

St. John the Baptist, Clear Lake—Charene Abbott gained the highest mark in the Dominion wide G.B.R.E. Junior Examination with 98% in 1952. From the same mission, Dorothy Conway gained the

highest mark in the Dominion wide examination (Junior) of the G.B.R.E. in 1951. Their Sunday School teacher was Mrs. Alice McCollum of Vankoughnet.

St. Mark's Church, Emsdale — Preaching Mission held at St. Mark's, Emsdale, October 25th to November 2nd, 1952, conducted by Rev. R. F. Palmer, S.S.J.E.

St. Paul's, Sprucedale—New Minshall organ installed. Grounds landscaped. New door for church. Bell from Depot Harbour (yet to be erected.)

St. Thomas', Orrville—First year as an active portion of the Mission. Old altar replaced with one from the Church at Depot Harbour.

St. Mary's Novar—Old organ replaced by another given in memory of the late Mrs. Hannah Shaw. Redecorating of sanctuary commenced. New curtains placed there, new lights to be installed in 1953.

St. Mary's Sand Lake—Grounds landscaped and clearing of rubble from around the church.

Bear Lake — Church interior repainted, new fence put around church, new doors for church and new chimney.

St. Mark's, Emsdale—Church interior repainted. New lights for sanctuary, dedicated by Fr. Palmer; new white altar frontal and curtains for sanctuary. An Altar Guild has been formed. New oil burner and furnace installed and chimney built. (Oil unit the gift of Mr. J. Conroy, St. Catharines). On April 25th, 1952, the Incumbent, the Rev. R. J. S. Inshaw, was raised to the Priesthood in St. Edmund's Church, Toronto.

Port Sydney — The south side of the church roof was resingled and the interior of the kitchen of the parsonage was remodelled and a re-

frigerator installed.

All Saints' Church, Burk's Falls

Dedications — Brass alms basin and two flags.

Rousseau

The exterior of the church building was completely painted by volunteer labour by the men of the congregation.

The ancient rectory was completely modernized by altering the roof and removing the wide verandahs; redecorating and painting; installing modern heating equipment and insulation. This was made possible by a generous bequest from the estate of the late Mrs. G. C. Hurdman.

The parish of Rousseau suffered a great loss in the death of Canon Swainson in April, followed by the death of his dear wife in July. Since then there has been no resident clergyman in charge. Mr. C. S. Raymond, the Layreader, has assisted in the services during the year. Rev. R. Inshaw is now rector.

Bala—A garage has been built for the rectory.

MacTier—All Saints' Church celebrated its 40th anniversary during the month of November. Repairs to the interior of the parish hall have been made. Brass candlesticks were presented by the Junior Auxiliary.

Torrance—The church was wired for electric lighting.

DEANERY OF TEMISKAMING

St. Paul's, Haileybury — Window given in memory of Catherine Melissa Caldbick by her son and daughters. The Church and Parish Hall have been decorated within and without, also two rooms in the rectory have been greatly improved. The Parish Hall has been furnished with new dishes. General improvement in church attendance and in parish organizations. The Sunday School won the Bishop's Shield for

1951 and 1952. A.Y.P.A. in course of formation.

St. George's, North Cobalt—Fair linen cloth given by Mrs. J. T. Leishman.

Christ Church, Englehart—In January, 1952, the Bishop dedicated to God's service the church hall. Several gifts of furnishings have been received; a stove has been donated to the church in Englehart by Mrs. Chas. Jones; With the aid of a W.A. grant the parsonage has been rewired.

St. Faith's, Charlton—Mr. Roland Attwater kindly repainted the interior of St. Faith's Church and revarnished all the woodwork. A new dossal curtain was supplied by the ladies.

St. John's, New Liskeard—In the Fall of 1952 a parochial mission was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Palmer, S.S.J.E. This was the first parish Mission to be held in New Liskeard. General attendance has shown an improvement and a strong A.Y.P.A. has been reorganized.

St. James', Cobalt—Three sets of altar curtains in liturgical colours, matching the chasubles which had been given to the church in 1951, have been given to St. James, by members as memorials. A violet chasuble was presented by a couple in memory of their granddaughter who was killed in an automobile accident. A set of violet altar curtains is now being made and will be presented to the Church by the W.A.

The Church was insulated and a small hall was added to the edifice, which was entirely paid for by the W.A.

St. Simon's, Temagami—Although small in numbers, Temagami has a group of people who are keenly interested in the Church. The church was entirely redecorated inside.