

Synod Meets: June 3

It is a happy co-incidence that on the occasion of the twenty-first Synod to be held in this diocese we should have the honour of having as Guest Preacher at the opening Service, His Grace The Most Reverend Howard H. Clark, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and Primate of All Canada. On behalf of the Synod delegates, both clergy and lay, and indeed of all our diocesan family, I wish to extend a warm welcome to Archbishop Clark in this his first visit as Primate to the Diocese of Algoma.

WILLIAM L. ALGOMA

Busy Agenda For Members

Attendance at the Synod to be held at Sault Ste Marie, June 3, 4, 5, is expected to be about the same as that of the last meeting held two years ago when a record number of seventy-four clergy and eighty-eight lay delegates were registered. Whether the new arrangements for billeting the delegates at the Windsor hotel, the cost to be borne by the parishes they represent, will affect the number attending remains to be seen. One reason for accommodating most of the delegates under one roof was that such 'togetherness' would help to expedite the business of Synod. Those at Synod Office are to be complimented on the excellent job they have done on the *Convening Circular* for this session.

The "Notices of Motion" as published in the circular are mostly introduced to correct inconsistencies because of other changes which have come about and to "clean up" the book of *Constitution and Canons* before it is re-printed by omitting those sections which have since been replaced in the Church's government by similar canons of the Provincial and General Synods, to which all Bishops and Clergy subscribe by oath.

The attempt to open the door to elected women delegates which has been aborted at previous sessions, although it got as far as debate two years ago, will again be introduced by a motion which would allow a parish entitled to send three or more (at present three is the maximum) delegates, to elect one "female communicant." This is to apply the same rule to Synod delegates that has governed parish vestries since 1920, viz., that the majority must be men.

The debate on the motion will be watched with considerable interest, especially by the women in those parishes where there are more than two hundred canonical voters at the annual vestry meeting.

The Reports as presented to Synod in the *Convening Circular* are fresh, factual and forthright; which is something to be said when clergy have a tendency to become verbose! The W.A. report sets the best standard for summary and clarity. A newcomer, "Beaver Creek Correctional Camp" is the

ATTENDED TEACHING SEMINAR

Delegates from the Diocese of Algoma who attended the special introductory course on the New Curriculum to be used in teaching in the Canadian Church were The Rev. John Jordan of Port Arthur, The Rev. Donald Landon and The Rev. Harry Morrow of Sault Ste Marie, The Rev. Ronald Barnes of Blind River, Miss Linda Stanton of The Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, and The Rev. W. R. Thistle of Gravenhurst. The course was held for ten days, April 23-May 2, at Renison College, Waterloo to train leaders chosen from the Ontario dioceses and Montreal. The course was well received and those who attended will attempt to share their findings with other groups within the diocese.

most exciting. The Social Service Report should provoke some interesting discussion in view of the movement afoot to take a new look at the question of re-marriage after divorce; the author appears like *Hamlet* as he broaches this subject: "To be or not to be... since it is the bishop's prerogative!" There is no hesitation, however, about his insistence on the need for a "conference" on the matter of Christian marriage; this has been his "dream" for years — perhaps some day it will come true. Meanwhile, we don't know any better way "by which the ideals of marriage might be more effectively conveyed" than by the *Prayer Book*; it may be better if we learned to use it more effectively. However, we hope some sensible action will be taken to equip clergy to offer marriage guidance and to declare the Church's stand on some modern problems young married people face. Other matters touched upon in the report should bring forth the fruit of good resolutions, to say the least.

The longest report offered to the last Synod, that of the Board of Religious Education (over five thousand words), is missing from this session's agenda. Unless it is prepared and mailed to the members at least a week before the Synod meets it may not be fair to ask them to consider it. The Chairman of this board went to a lot of trouble to prepare a brief on the importance of having a Christian Education Director in the diocese; plans regarding the "New Curriculum" should also be brought to the attention of the Synod.

Among the financial statements, the Church Extension Fund will likely receive some verbal overhauling. At the last Executive meeting Archdeacon Peto made an eloquent plea for a moratorium on loans until the debt now owing the bank (\$113,000) had been paid; however, no one was prepared to second his motion and we may look for an even larger deficit when the budget for Thorneloe College is presented. The Archbishop Wright Church Extension Fund is a "revolving" fund, but the Archdeacon thought it was not revolving fast enough! He felt there was apathy on the part of parishes to which the fund had loaned large sums of money, and asked: "How are we going to tackle the projects which press upon us if we have a large debt holding us up?" Some of the parishes are not paying the interest on their loans which consequently is borne by the whole diocese.

Diocese To Have Anglican Congress Visitors

At the Synod Executive meeting held at All Saints' Church, Sault Ste Marie on May 3, The Venerable Gilbert Thompson, Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Missions, announced the list of Anglican Congress delegates who will be coming to fill speaking engagements in the Diocese of Algoma immediately before or after the Congress is concluded. Most of them will be visiting parishes on August 25, the Sunday following the Congress, and will include Bishops, Clergy, and Laity from seven different coun-

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Acting as Chaplain to a large group of young people on a trip to New York was the novel task The Rev. A. R. Cuyler, Rector of Sundridge-Burks Falls found himself doing during the Easter week school holidays! He is fourth from the left in the back row in the above photograph taken at the United Nations building, New York. Others accompanying the group were Dr. Wm. Copeman, the Lions District Youth Exchange Chairman, who organized the trip; Miss Nellie Mallander, R.N., Supervisor of Nurses at Burks Falls Hospital, and Miss Barbara Yeomans, a school teacher in Sault Ste Marie.

Writing in his paper *The Parish Messenger*, Fr Cuyler says, "It was really an tremendous experience. I was anticipating all sorts of problems that never occurred and I can say that I have never been with a nicer group of young people. Certainly, if tomorrow's world is in their hands, it will do well."

As well as visiting the United

Nations Building, they also toured the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest Gothic cathedral in North America; and visited the new headquarters of the Episcopal Church which is situated one block from the United Nations.

The tour lasted five days, and the thirty-seven students, who were chosen for their high scholastic

standing, were sponsored by the District A 5 Lions Clubs of Wawa, Sault Ste Marie, Loring, Torrance, North Bay, Burks Falls, Blind River, Mattawa, Parry Sound, Bala, Onaping, Levack, Ferris, Sundridge, Trout Creek, Powassan and Huntsville. "It was like a dream," said one of the children, as they arrived back in Sundridge on the Friday morning.

Primate Will Speak To Children At Cathedral

During their stay in Algoma, The Primate and Mrs. Clarke will be guests of Archbishop and Mrs. Wright at Bishophurst. A busy schedule has been arranged from the time they step off the plane in the morning. A publicity committee has been formed and newspaper and television interviews are being arranged. A huge service at the Cathedral in the afternoon to which all the Anglican children in Sault Ste Marie have been invited will give the young members of the Church the opportunity to hear the Primate speak to them personally. That night he will preach the sermon at the Synod Service and the following day at 12.30 p.m. he will be the speaker at a luncheon attended by all the Synod delegates

DOCTOR IN THE PULPIT

In observance of Canada's National Health Week, the special speaker at St. Mary's, Nipigon and St. Peter's, Red Rock on Sunday, May 5, was Dr. George Sittlinger

at the Windsor Hotel. His Worship, Mayor Elmer Anderson will bring the greetings of the city. Later in the afternoon a reception will be held at Bishophurst to which all the delegates and their wives are invited and the Primate and Mrs. Clark will be guests of honor.

Eighty Years Church Life Marked At Sturgeon Falls

On Friday, May 3, a special Service was held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Sturgeon Falls, to mark the eightieth anniversary of the first recorded Anglican Service to be held in that town. It was on Ascension Day, May 3, 1883, that The Rev. Forster Bliss, Missionary at Mattawa, then in the Diocese of Ontario, travelling along the construction line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, held a Service in

the village of Sturgeon Falls, which was attended by twenty-two persons and at which a child, the infant daughter of George Cornwall, was baptized.

This Service, held eighty years after to the day, filled the church and was attended by parishioners from St. Barnabas', Cache Bay and St. George's, Warren, as well as

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Bishop Edward L. Evans, of the Diocese of Barbados, B.W.I. to Bracebridge.

The Rt. Rev. J. A. G. Housden, Bishop of Newcastle, N.S. Wales, Australia, to Sudbury.

The Rt. Rev. J. C. Vockler, Bishop of Polynesia, to Huntsville.

Bishop D. A. Garnsey of Gippsland, Victoria, Australia, will visit Elliot Lake and also spend some time at the Youth Camp being held at Camp Manitou.

The Rt. Rev. James Wong,

Bishop of Jesselton (Borneo) and Archdeacon Philip Mbatha with Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, B.A. of Zululand (S. Africa) will visit Thunder Bay Deanery.

Mr. James Ndebele of S. Rhodesia, C. Africa, will be at Sault Ste Marie.

The Rev. J. R. Toyooka, Chaplain, New Life Sanatorium, Obuse, Mid-Japan, will visit the diocese in September; he will speak at services in Haileybury, St. John's, North Bay, and St. Paul's, Fort William.

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Benedicite

(Contributed)

"O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord: praise Him and magnify Him for ever."

It is very easy to become over-sentimental about "happy birds that sing and fly", but one has only to live close to them to know that their lives—like ours—are full of hardship and struggle. Sometimes it happens that snow covers the ground after the birds have returned in the spring-time, and we are reminded that our feathered friends must endure the cold and the storms. They spend their time in a ceaseless search for food. They fight among themselves. Their enemies are many, and tragedy is frequent. There is no sound more heartbreaking than the crying of a mother bird whose nest has been robbed. These are just a few of the hard facts that we must accept as part of the mystery of Creation.

We have to realize too, that the beautiful notes of the song-birds are no more, and no less, signs of joyful praise than the raven's croak or the duck's quack! They are equally using the powers God gives them: they are equally fulfilling the purpose for which He made them. But knowing these things need not prevent us from finding a symbolic meaning in bird-voices; indeed, the knowledge can enrich our thoughts.

Now that "the winter is past, the rain is over, the flowers appear on the earth, and the time of the singing of the birds is come" (Song of Solomon 2; 11, 12), let's find a quiet place somewhere, keep quite still, and listen to the bird-voices. In each one, joyful, sad, harsh or comic, we find for ourselves an echo in our own hearts of some aspect of praise. O ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord: praise Him and magnify Him for ever!

Listen! The robin is singing steadily, with clear serene notes; the purple-finch

sings almost continuously also, but with many ups and downs and trills—the overflowing of praise that can follow no set pattern. Every little while the Canada-bird sings his song of intense, yearning love that sometimes seems so joyful, sometimes so plaintive. The vesper-sparrow bursts in with his notes of pure childlike joy. The mellow notes of the hermit-thrush drift in from the far distance, an outpouring of praise almost too deep for expression.

There are other sounds also. Somewhere not far away a partridge is drumming on an old mossy log; the sound echos through the ground, felt rather than heard. In a treetop a woodpecker is hammering. Nearby, three or four starlings whistle and chatter in weird imitations of other birds. There is a steady cawing of the crows, and the occasional harsh croak of a raven. From the distant farm comes the sound of a rooster crowing. These sounds are not exactly musical, and remind us that for us, too, praise is not all joy and melody. So often all we can do is say from a joyless heart, "I want to praise Thee, O God." No doubt, in God's ears, these words of ours and the crow's "Caw! Caw!" are as acceptable sounds of praise as the glorious voices of the angels and the song-birds.

So let's gather all these sounds into our hearts, in all their infinite variations, and make their expressions of praise our own. And let's not forget to thank God for giving us the birds.

And can one ever think of birds without remembering our Lord's words, "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

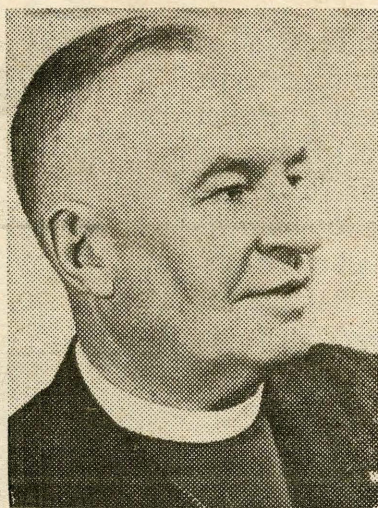
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ARCHBISHOP'S ITINERARY FOR JUNE

- June 9—St. John's, Chapeau
- 16—9 a.m. St. Mary's, Nipigon
3 p.m. St. John's, Schreiber
8 p.m. Trinity Church, Marathon
- 17—7.30 a.m. St. George's, Heron Bay
8 p.m. Church of The Holy Spirit, Manitowadge
- 18—8 a.m. Manitowadge
8 p.m. All Saints', White River
- 19—7 a.m. White River
8 p.m. St. Paul's, Wawa
- 23—St. John's, Kagawong
St. Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya
St. Paul's, Manitowaning
- 24—(St. John the Baptist's Day)
St. Mary's, The Slash
All Saints', Gore Bay
- 25—Holy Trinity, Little Current
- 26—St. Augustine's, Whitefish Falls

DIocese of Algoma Chain of Prayer

Week of	Parish	Clergy
June 9—Trinity	Minnow Lake, Lockerby	Colin P. Clay
June 16—Trinity I	Epiphany, Sudbury	Canon S. Maitland Craymer Anthony B. J. Whyman
June 23—Trinity II	Resurrection, Sudbury	Frederick G. Roberts
June 30—Trinity III	Ascension, Sudbury	Alfred G. Reimers
July 7—Trinity IV	Copper Cliff, Monetville	Archdeacon Gilbert Thompson
July 14—Trinity V	Lively, Creighton	Arthur Crisp
July 21—Trinity VI	Onaping, Azilda, Chelmsford, Biscotasing, Ramsay, Sultan	Lloyd S. Hoover



The Archbishop's Study,
Sault Ste Marie,
June, 1963

The Archbishop's Letter

Memo

August 13 - 23

Important



My dear People:

The Synod of the Diocese of Algoma has just convened and the important highlights will be printed in the Algoma Anglican in a later issue. All of you will be interested to read of this gathering which concerns you and your parish.

I wish to bring you up to date on the important function to be held in the city of Toronto, August 13-23; namely, the Anglican Congress. It is an important assembly as over eleven hundred delegates of our Anglican Communion from all parts of the world have already signified their intention to be present. You should make arrangements to be in Toronto for part of this time and "sit in" on the deliberations. It will be worthwhile. You will experience something concerning your Anglican Church that you may never see again in your lifetime. Let me give you some of the latest details. I have been in constant touch with the Committee on Arrangements as I happen to be the Convenor of the Travel Allocations Committee. What an undertaking this has been! Our committee has been charged with the responsibility of distributing money raised by the Church of Canada, in which our diocese has had a part, to those delegates from India, Malaya, Fiji Islands, Nigeria, Jerusalem, Japan, Pakistan, South Africa and many other places in helping with their transportation costs.

The Aim Of The Congress

"The Church's Mission to the World" has been chosen as the main theme of the Congress. The theme is intended to be provocative. It is hoped deliberations will engender critical and realistic concern for the future Christianity and Anglicanism in particular.

The propagation of the Christian Gospel, and Anglicanism's witness to all that it implies is the prime motive for a gathering of this nature. But there is more to it than that. It is time for Anglicans to take a long hard look at the Church, under pressure on all sides by atheistic ideologies, humanistic and "scientific" philosophies, to say nothing of the resurgence of non-Christian faiths.

Under the general theme, Congress delegates will consider the Church's future on the religious, political and cultural frontiers, the challenges they present and the organization required to meet them.

The word "frontiers" is old-fashioned. Nevertheless, when Western Anglicans think of their Communion with a world membership of forty millions and dream of a world rapidly becoming Christian, they are shocked to learn of the resurgence of other religions. Islam is making great inroads in Africa—there are some 450,000,000 Muslims in the world; and Buddhism, recently made the state religion of Burma, has 400,000,000 adherents on the march in Asia where there are also 370,000,000 Hindus.

In these countries Anglicanism's Anglo-Saxon background means little. There has to be a new, vital approach in the lands where national independence is the forerunner of religious independence. Men like Bishop T. C. Vockler of Polynesia, Bishop H. L. J. deMel of India and Professor Y. Endo of Japan, in discussing the Church's mission are expected to challenge Congress delegates to do some deep thinking.

Discussions will range on other subjects:— to list only a few,

- (a) The growth of Marxism and the various scientific and humanistic philosophies stemming from science and technology.
- (b) Theological education.
- (c) The Christian unity.

Why don't you drop in at the Royal York Hotel during the Congress and listen to the

leaders in these discussions? The Canadian room will have a thousand vacant seats daily for visitors. Here is your chance of a lifetime—to see Bishops, Priests and Laity of the world-wide Anglican Communion engaged in the contemporary problems of our society.

Our Diocese and the Congress

Each diocese is entitled to three official delegates. Algoma will be represented by the Archbishop, the Dean and Mr. William Wadley, the diocesan Treasurer.

We are expecting a number of Overseas delegates to address the congregations of our diocese following the Congress. Ask your Rector or Priest in charge who is coming to your area and then invite all your friends to that service. Archdeacon Gilbert Thompson of Copper Cliff is responsible for sending the names of those delegates we wish to come to us to Archdeacon C. J. Queen, London, Ont. who has the responsibility of "distributing" the delegates who have volunteered to speak in the dioceses of Canada. What a Herculean job! I wish to encourage all of you to share in the Congress if you are in Toronto or by making plans to hear one of our distinguished visitors when he or she visits Algoma.

Another suggestion—be sure and follow the Press, Television and Radio programs, August 13-23. As you read this in the month of June, these August dates seem a long way off. Why not clip this letter out and pin it up at the eye level in your home or cottage during the intervening weeks? I am attempting to get you to become enthusiastic about the Congress. Believe me it is the great event in the Church's life and I want every Algoma Anglican reader of all ages to be enthusiastic as I am about this great event.

The opening service will be in Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 13. There will be a 750 voice Choir and addresses will be given by the Primate of All Canada and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Canadian Archbishops will take part in the opening service. On Sunday, August 18, at 8 p.m., there will be a Missionary Rally in Maple Leaf Gardens. The speakers will be The Rt. Rev. K. D. W. Anand, Bishop of Amritsar, India; The Rt. Rev. Roland Koh, Bishop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya and the Rt. Rev. J. C. Vockler, Bishop of Polynesia, Fiji Islands. There will be a choir of 750 voices at this service.

Here is something else which will be of interest. Daily throughout the Congress, Holy Communion will be celebrated in St. James' Cathedral. Each day the Prayer Book for a different regional Church will be used. Among the Liturgies to be used are the American, Scottish, Indian, Canadian, Japanese, English, New Zealand, West Indian and South African.

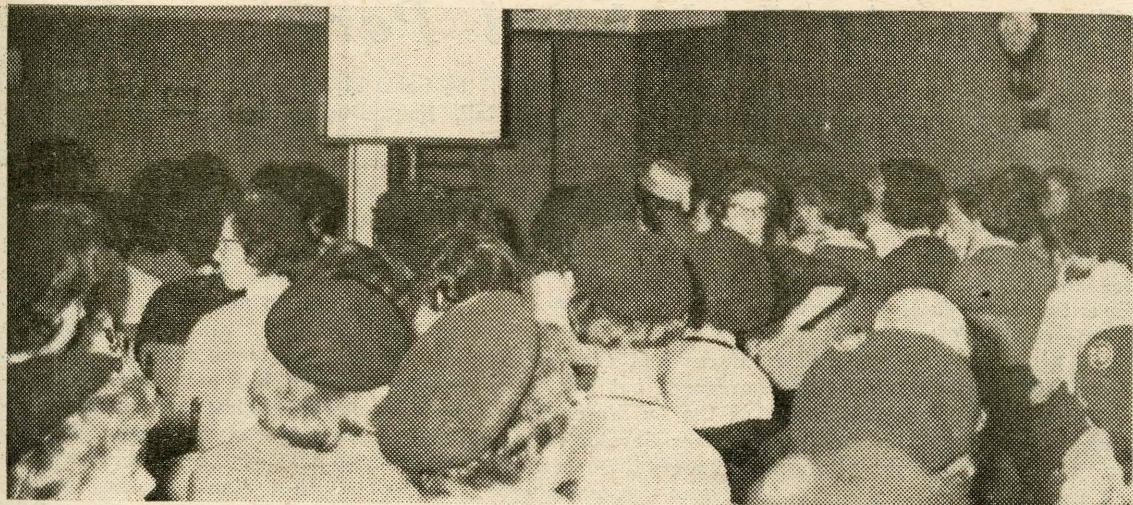
The closing service of the Congress will be held in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, on the afternoon of August 23. The Archbishop of Capetown, The Most Reverend Joost deBlank will be the preacher.

And what is important above all is to pray fervently for God's blessing on the Congress. The prayer, published elsewhere on this page should be used weekly and I trust you will uphold us all as we enter the final stages in this momentous gathering.

Your friend and Archbishop,

William L. Wright

GIRLS' FESTIVAL GREAT SUCCESS



Miss Linda Stanton is surrounded by a sea of G.A. berets as she answers questions after her address.

The Annual Festival of the Girls' Auxiliary in the eastern part of the diocese was held at St. James', Gravenhurst, during Easter week, when two hundred girls and leaders participated in a busy and helpful program. The parish of St. Thomas', Bracebridge, was co-host with Gravenhurst and assisted with the billeting and meals; several of the sessions were held in the Gravenhurst High School. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated each morning at St. James' with the Rector as Celebrant and the Rector of St. Thomas' as Deacon, and at the closing "Candlelight Service" the veteran priest of Muskoka, The Venerable John B. Lindsell, gave an address to the girls on "The Love of Life, Friends, and The Divine Restlessness".

On the first morning an interesting Bible Study, with a short examination, on the Resurrection story was conducted by the Rev. Geo. Sutherland, Rector of All Saints', Huntsville. A session of handicraft classes was conducted by several leaders, the girls arranged in small groups. Competitions included demonstrations by groups from each deanery of: Singing (including an original song about the G.A. and its motto, "Walk In The Light"), Dancing, Handicrafts, Drama, Dorcas work (knitted sweater and toque) and Mission Study.

Recreation was provided by swimming at an indoor pool and a program at the Church hall arranged by the A.Y.P.A. On the second afternoon, conducted tours took groups of the girls to The Rubberset Co. plant or the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst, or the S. S. J. E. Monastery in Bracebridge.

Rings of Honour were presented to six G.A. members from Muskoka Deanery during the Eucharist on the second morning. Sandra Borneman, Kathleen Simpson and Anne Millington of Gravenhurst,

NURSE WANTED FOR CAMP

The services of a graduate nurse are required for Camp Manitou, the central diocesan camp, near Whitefish Falls. The salary paid is fifty dollars a week with board and lodging. The Camp will be in operation from June 30 until July 6 and again from August 18 to Sept. 2. Although they would prefer someone who could be at both sessions, perhaps a nurse could come for one period and another nurse for the other. Here is an excellent opportunity to take duty and enjoy the holiday surroundings at the same time. Apply to The Venerable Gilbert Thompson, Box 631, Copper Cliff, Ont.

Elizabeth Mitchell and Yvonne White of Bracebridge, and Diane Eckford of Bala were presented by their leaders for this recognition of their service to the Girls' Auxiliary and the Church.

The feature address during the Festival was given this year by Miss Linda Stanton, Director of Christian Education and Youth Work at the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury. Miss Stanton, a native of Huntsville, is a graduate of The Anglican Women's Training College, Toronto, and illustrating her talk by slides, presented a vivid picture of the training the students receive in the work of the Church. The training is three-fold and includes the spiritual life, academic work and practical experience. Sixty students can now be accommodated at "A.W.T.C." and it is open to girls nineteen years of age and over who are confirmed and faithful communicants, with Grade XIII, and are suitable material for Christian leadership. University graduates take honour courses, and nurses are also among the students. Miss Stanton told the girls that the parish training, from Little Helpers to J. A., G. A., A.Y.P.A., Chirho, Sunday School teaching, Choir, etc., is wonderful experience for a student to have before entering the College. She outlined the various types of service in the Church the graduates perform, from kindergarten teaching in Japan to becoming wives of clergy in Canada! Another Muskoka student was mentioned, Miss Helen Hannon of Orville, who was Senior Student at the College last term and has since graduated and is now a worker at the Japanese Mission in Toronto.

Following the Candle-lighting Service a banquet was served in the crypt of the Church. Cups and ribbons were presented to the winning branches in the competitions by The Ven. C. H. G. Peto, Archdeacon of Muskoka-Parry Sound. The Archbishop Wright trophy went to Algoma Deanery G. A. for the highest aggregate of points. G. A. branches represented at the Festival came from Sault Ste Marie, Thessalon, Elliot Lake, Korah, Espanola, Manitoulin, Copper Cliff, Sudbury, Garson, North Bay, as well as the Muskoka branches. Mrs. A. P. Meston, on

LECTERN BIBLE DEDICATED

The dedication of a new Lectern Bible recently presented to St. Mary's Church, Novar, took place during the Service of the Holy Eucharist held there on Easter Day at eight o'clock in the evening. Celebrant was the Parish Priest, The Reverend Harry Garbutt, and was his ninth Service that day. The Dedication was made by The Reverend Roy Locke of St. Paul's, Manitowaning, who also preached the Sermon. The Bible was given in memory of his uncle, the late George H. Locke, and presented to St. Mary's by the deceased's wife and daughters.

There is a danger in a too subjective religion which constantly on its own soul and its feelings. We need as well the great objective hymns which tell of the wonderful things God has done for us and so lift our hearts up to Him and away from self. This is the best preservative from melancholy.

Cathedral Chats...

by The Very Rev. F. F. Nock,
Dean, St. Luke's Cathedral

THE VALUE OF PERSONALITY

Thorneloe University is now officially federated with the Laurentian University of Sudbury, along with Sudbury University (Roman Catholic) and Huntingdon University (United Church). Often people ask, "Why do we need another Church-centred University — why wouldn't the Laurentian University be sufficient in itself?" In speaking to the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Algoma in February Mr. E. G. Higgins, Chairman of the Board of Governors, put the matter in a nutshell: "Because we are not interested in producing something, but somebody!"

Here is the crux of the matter. Education must be concerned with producing a "somebody", not a "something". But to produce a "somebody" means that we must recognize the immense value of the human personality. This is what the Christian Faith has stood for

and what the Church has upheld century after century. We cannot separate the spiritual and intellectual if we desire to develop a human being as God meant him to be.

The Church is fighting against many pressures to devalue our personality—mass communication, mass production, automation, the rapid growth of government social agencies and totalitarian states. As the Lambeth Conference of 1948 stated, "Christianity believes in man as no other religion could, since it knows what God can do for man and in him. Moreover because at the centre of its faith is the conviction that the living God has himself entered into human life, giving men the right to become children of God and summoning them to an eternal destiny, it regards man's personality as sacred." This is the truth enshrined in the book of Genesis, "And God said, let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." This is why the Church is so intensely sacramental. Baptism, the Eucharist — these and other Sacramental rites of the Church — are sheer nonsense, as far as we are concerned, unless we accept the principle of a personal relationship between God and man.

—Moral education is impossible without the habitual vision of greatness.

So writes a great educator. The "habitual vision of greatness" cannot be complete without a vision of the value of personality. In this vision the Church and the University must walk hand in hand. Here is strong justification for the establishment of our Anglican University, to be named after a great saint and scholar of Algoma and of the Church, Archbishop Thorneloe.

GIFTS DEDICATED

A Lectern Bible, given to St. Mary's Church, Nipigon, by Mrs. A. Stanley, and an Altar Missal, given to St. Peter's, Red Rock, by the St. Peter's Altar Guild, were dedicated by the Rector at Services held on May 12 and May 19 in those churches.

Children Take Part In Service

A special service of "Worship in Song" was presented by the members of the Junior and Intermediate Choirs of St. Luke's Church, Fort William, on the Sunday after Easter when the presentation of the Children's Lenten Offerings was made. The children were directed by Mrs. Marion Beecher, Organist and Choir Leader, and the church was filled to capacity by the children, their parents, the Sunday School Teachers and others.

The lessons were read by two members of the Sunday School, Janice Hill and Karl Krasnichuck, and the Superintendent, Mr. E. Thomson, explained the missionary work to be done by the offering given by the children.

During the service, five children were inducted by the Rector, The Rev. H. A. Vallis, into the Junior Choir, after having regularly attended choir practice and proven their intentions to become loyal and faithful members of the choir.

Blind Girl Among Confirmees

By Hilda Mitchell

On April 21, Archbishop Wright visited the Church of the Resurrection, Sudbury, and confirmed a class of candidates including several adults, and received four others into the Anglican Communion. Fr Whyham, Assistant Priest of the Church of the Epiphany, presented a candidate

from that parish. Among the persons presented by the Rector, The Rev. Fred. Roberts, was Miss Sarah M. Coleman, of Cambrian Hall, the Home for the Blind. The Archbishop celebrated the Eucharist following the Confirmation Service and the newly-confirmed members received their first Communion. Assisting in the Service were Lay Readers C. Varney as Bishop's Chaplain, and A. Maddison, who read one of the lessons. After Evensong that day, the members of the Adult Class were guests at a reception and buffet lunch at the Rectory.

NEW CURRICULUM EXPLAINED

On behalf of the W. A. branches of North Bay extended an invitation for the 1964 Festival to be held there. Mrs. H. B. Clinch, Diocesan G. A. Secretary, was Convener of the Festival and was assisted by the G. A. Leaders and W. A. Presidents in Gravenhurst and Bracebridge.

One of the first groups in the diocese to hear of the insights gained from the Teachers' Institute held at Renison College was the W. A. of St. Matthew's Church, Sault Ste Marie. The Rector, the Reverend Harry Morrow, was one of the delegates from the Deanery of Algoma who attended the Institute, and on May 7, the week after his return, was scheduled to speak to them on "The New Look in the W.A." The New Curriculum is meant to involve the whole parish in the teaching-learning process.

Canadian Church Hymns

3. What A Friend We Have In Jesus
by
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Just over a hundred years ago there lived on a farm beside Rice Lake just south of Peterborough, Ontario, a man whose name was Joseph Scriven. He had been born and brought up in Ireland and was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. He was a very pious man, and had come under the influence of the Plymouth Brethren, but had never left the Church for any particular denomination.

Almost every week Joseph Scriven would drive his team and wagon into Port Hope. He might have a load of wood, or a wagon full of vegetables from his farm. But he did not take them to market. He went to various little shacks where the poor and aged lived and gave his stuff away. One day a lady seeing him deliver wood to a cottage said to her neighbour, "I will ask that man to sell me a load of that nice maple wood." — her neighbour said, "You may as well save your breath, for he will not sell any; he only gives to the poor."

It was Joseph Scriven who wrote the hymn *What a Friend we have in Jesus* (Hymn 779 in the Canadian Book of Common Praise). It is not a great piece of poetry, but it has expressed the longings and desires of multitudes of simple-hearted Christian people. This hymn, written by an obscure man in the backwoods of Canada,

has come into use all over the English speaking world, and has been translated into dozens of other languages; yet he wrote it to comfort his old mother in far-off Ireland, little knowing that anyone else would ever see it!

Like the poet William Cowper, Joseph Scriven fell into a state of melancholy. His grave is on the Pengelly farm beside Rice Lake; but his memorial is the hymn he wrote as a gift to his mother. It is one hymn that people seem to know wherever you go. Our Canadian Anglican composer, James Edmund Jones (to whom further reference will be made in this series), wrote a tune specially for it, which he called "Rice Lake", but it has never been as popular as the earlier, American "What a Friend". In little churches where few hymns are known I have used this well known tune for that noble, objective hymn: "Alleluia, saint to Jesus", and the people raised the roof!

