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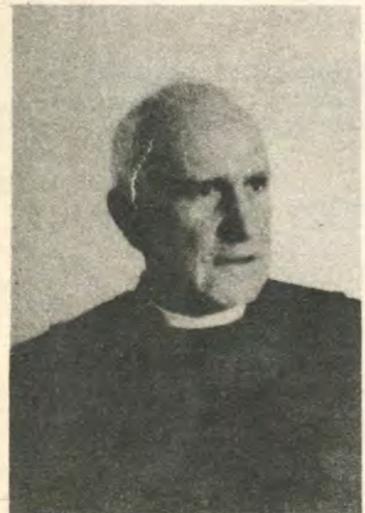
African Church "Comes of Age"

The annual spring retreat for members of the Society of St John the Evangelist at the Mission House, Bracebridge this year was conducted by a former Superior-General of the order, The Reverend Francis B. Dalby who had just returned from a six-year ministry in South Africa where the Society had operated a mission since 1904. Following the retreat at Bracebridge Fr Dalby went to the American Branch house at Cambridge, Mass. and from there intended to travel to Japan to visit the members of the Society in that country.

A native of England and a graduate of Keble College, Oxford, Fr Dalby was professed as a priest of the Society of St John the Evangelist in 1942, becoming Superior General seven years later, and serving in that capacity from 1949 to 1964.

Although when Fr Dalby left South Africa it marked the end of the Society's work there, he emphasized that it had nothing to do with the policy of the government in that country. Their relations, he said, were always quite cordial. It was a case of the African Church "coming of age" and taking the responsibility for the work of the Church themselves.

Most of the Society's work was based at St. Cuthbert's Mission, Tsolo, in the Cape Province of South Africa. When the Cowley Fathers went there they travelled on horseback over a large area, taking services in huts, starting day schools wherever possible. Today the original mission is divided into several parishes all ministered to by native clergy. The schools are now under the control of the government.



FATHER DALBY

Fr Dalby said he found real good-will among the peoples of South Africa. The social problem is unique, he said, in that there is a "colored"

Thorneloe Dean Receives Degree



Archbishop Wright with Bishop Abdullah and Archbishop Scott at the Trinity Convocation.

His Grace, Archbishop Wright as pro-chancellor of Trinity College, Toronto, presided at the Divinity Convocation held there on May 5 when before a large audience that filled Seeley Hall he conferred degrees on twelve men who had successfully completed studies in Sacred Theology. Among the graduates was The Reverend Henry Ross Kreager, B.A., S.T.B., who received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology. Fr Kreager is a native of North Bay and was ordained Deacon by Archbishop Wright in 1961, before beginning his ministry in the Diocese of Caledonia. While still on leave from that diocese he has returned to Algoma and will be on the staff of Thorneloe College at Sudbury.

administration within its own borders. Europeans are in control of six-sevenths of the whole country, while the Africans have one-seventh. To exist they have to go to work in the towns and mining districts where "apartheid" is a social system, segregating the blacks from the whites, where education is limited and no intermarriage allowed. He mentioned the case of Bishop Zulu's daughter, who is now an exile because she married a white American.

Because of apartheid many kinds of work were not open to the Africans—they have, for instance, not been allowed to operate taxis; however, despite the strict regulations Fr Dalby said that Africans are being trained for work where skilled labour is urgently needed.

UNITY OBSERVANCE

An exchange of pulpits was planned between the Anglican and United churches in New Liskeard as an observance of "Unity Sunday" on Pentecost, May 30.

The Archbishop also presented several prizes to the graduating class as well as to students in their second and third years. He also conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree (honoris causa) on the Primate of All Canada, Archbishop Scott; and on a distinguished Trinity graduate, The Rt. Rev. Clive Abdullah, Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago.



FATHER KREAGER

The graduation address was given by Bishop Abdullah and entitled "The Emerging Church of the West Indies". As the first native-born West Indian to become an Anglican bishop he envisaged a new era for the Church here, which he said has never reflected the West Indian ethos—it had simply been a transplant of the Churches which had brought Christianity there. His address was a devastating indictment of the "state patronage" system in the past which resulted in a colonial, white-dominated society. He said the West Indian man had come of age but the Church has yet to emerge as the Church of the West Indies.

Archbishop Wright praised Bishop Abdullah's statesmanlike presentation, and the Primate in a short ad-

Month Begins With Synod

The twenty-fifth session of the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma was scheduled to be convened on Monday, May 31 at St Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste Marie, by His Grace, Archbishop Wright. The list of clerical and lay delegates released shortly before synod showed that more than fifty clergy and about a hundred lay delegates were expected to attend.

Following the plan that was carried out so well at the last synod, the formal organization takes place at the Synod Service on the first evening and the Archbishop delivers his Charge in place of a sermon at Evensong.

Reflecting the larger attendance which of late years has seriously cramped the seating accommodation at St Luke's Hall, the meetings this year are planned for St Andrew's United Church Hall, just a block north of the Cathedral. On the first morning the synod is to hear an address by The Right Reverend John Howe, Secretary-General to the Anglican Consultative Council who is visiting Canada at this time.

We hope in the summer issue of THE ALGOMA ANGLICAN to give as complete a record as possible of the business of synod. Judging from the scarcity of motions and reports to be considered this session should be concluded in record time, which will suit those delegates who travel from a considerable distance and are always anxious to get back to their parishes, but there may be some surprises.

With about twenty women eligible to attend the session, and the inclusion in the agenda of a resolution dealing with Anglican Churchwomen "integration" (whatever it means) as well as a motion to remove the restriction of Churchwardens having to be "male" communicants, this synod could well develop a "Women's Lib" movement.

A few familiar faces will be missed at this diocesan gathering; among the clergy the name of Arthur Crisp will be remembered; he probably never spoke at synods, but his genial, kindly manner was well known. A reference to the death of this beloved priest is elsewhere in this issue. Canon Stump has also died since the last synod. Then four of the more active clergy have left the diocese since 1969, The Rev. A. R. Cuyler to Toronto; The Rev. W. R. Thistle to St Catharines in the Diocese of Niagara; The Rev. R. L. Barnes to Vancouver; Prof. David Forth to the United States. Three other priests have left for secular work.

Among the laity whose names are not included in this year's line-up is the Lay-Secretary who has served so many synod sessions, Mr Frank Boland. The synod will not seem the same without his help. Another layman who will be missed for his executive ability is Alex. Godfrey. However, more than a third of the lay delegates will be the same as last synod.

Six Weeks Camping Program

We don't know why the Thunder Bay Deanery, which operates the oldest consistent camping program in the diocese at their well-equipped site at Sandstone Lake should be so reluctant in advertising each season. We had to wait until the parish

magazines which are sent to the editor from that area have published the camp dates. We have already listed the camping programs offered by the Muskoka Deanery (April issue), and the Central Diocesan Camp at Manitou and Camp Temiskaming near New Liskeard (May issue).

LAY CHAPLAIN

The Missions to Seamen at Thunder Bay will be served this year by Bill Tozer as lay chaplain. He will be stationed at the Missions trailer on the waterfront and visit the ships as they arrive, distributing books and magazines to the sailors. The chaplain is assisted each season by a committee who act as hosts at the trailer in the evenings, arrange tours for the visitors and extend hospitality in many ways.

dress said the white man's attitude to West Indians was reflected also in our policies towards the Indian people in this country.

Five camping sessions are scheduled at Camp Gitchigomee at Thunder Bay; they are:

- No. 1—July 4-10: Intermediate Girls, ages 11 to 13
- No. 2—July 11-17: Junior Girls, ages 8 to 10
- No. 3—July 18-24: Junior Boys, ages 8 to 12
- No. 4—July 25-31: Senior Girls & Boys, ages 13 to 16
- No. 5—Aug. 8-14: Senior Boys' Canoe Trip, ages 13 and over; this is limited to fourteen boys.

Camp Director is The Rev. M. S. Conliffe, Rector of St. Michael's, Thunder Bay.

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The Archbishop's Letter

Our Supreme Need

The Archbishop's Study,
June, 1971

My dear People:

One of the greatest pictures in the New Testament is a dark house showing dimly through the gathering gloom. On the threshold, in a listening attitude, stands a radiant Form. With upraised hand He knocks, and listens, and then knocks again. The face is patient, gentle, and sad. It is the spirit of a Church that had fallen asleep. Inside the room was cold and dark. The table was bare; the ashes on the fireplace are burnt out.

It is the same old picture today. Christ is present always with His Church on earth, but it makes all the difference whether He is within the house, sitting at the table, breaking bread with us, our Guest, our Host; or whether He has been compelled by our unfaithfulness to stand outside knocking at the door.

The only thing that will silence the criticism of the Church today is the realized presence of the Lord in her midst again, making her rise up to do His service with a new conviction, a new consciousness of power, a new assurance of hope that will draw a wondering world. That is the supreme need of the hour.

Are we not suffering from a sense of disillusionment, a sense of impotence—in some quarters at least? And is it not true that it is because the faith, the assurance of His presence has grown somewhat dim?

For one reason or another an "estrangement" has fallen between us and our Lord. And the fault is certainly not His. In many a corner of the Church, and in more than one heart in every congregation, His presence is recognized with joy. But for many He is not alive.

Our supreme need is not to get with "it" but with "Him". As a nation we have been living too long

on the surface of life. In the Church we have been covering too long the poverty of our faith by a babble of religious small talk. We must get alone with ourselves in the presence of God. When this is done the knocking at the door will be heard. Then let Him in! Make a fresh beginning with Him in prayer, penitence and humility. And He will make a fresh beginning with us.

There is another thing I must mention — we have to learn all over again the true secret of Christian fellowship. This is not found in big conferences. We come into the presence of crowds not to discover truth but to proclaim it. It is the secret of the quiet gatherings of the two or three we need to learn again. For it is there that we wait on God, wait for God, there we discover new sources of power.

I am becoming a little weary of the clanking grinding sound of organization — possibly I become super-saturated with the contemporary rain of verbal task forces and seminars!

Let us get the Pentecostal fire of the Spirit rekindled—the radiant reflection of the fire through the windows symbolizes joy, hope and optimism. It is the fire of the Holy Spirit which warms and cleanses. That is our supreme need. Then it is that people who are unsure of themselves and critics of all that is good will see in us as was seen in St. Francis of Assisi, that which is "fragrant with a wondrous aspect."

Your friend and Archbishop.

William L. Wright

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Henry Ross Kreager, BA, STB, STM, has accepted the position of Dean of Men at Thorneloe College and will be part-time assistant at the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury. Fr Kreager is a native of North Bay and after graduation from Trinity College, Toronto, was ordained to the Diaconate in this diocese, May 1, 1961. He went to the Diocese of Caledonia where he was priested and worked for several years before returning to Trinity for post-graduate studies. His new duties commence this Fall.

Canon Edward Raymond Nornabell, LST, retires as Rector of the parish of Espanola on June 30. A graduate of Bishop's University, he was ordained forty years ago and after serving his curacy at St. Thomas', Toronto for two years came to Algoma as Rector of Huntsville. From 1948 to 1956 he was Rector of St Barnabas', St Catharines in the Diocese of Niagara, but returned to this diocese where he was priest-in-charge of Burks Falls for four years before taking the parish of Espanola.

Diocese of Algoma Chain of Prayer

Week of	Parish	Clergy
June 20—Trinity 2	Sundridge-Burks Falls	Lloyd S. Hoover
" 27— " 3	S. River	
	Haileybury, Cobalt, Temagami	Frederick G. Roberts
July 4— " 4	Englehart, Charlton, Chamberlain	Teunis Koning
" 11— " 5	New Liskeard	Henry Morrow
" 18— " 6	Summer Missions	Canon Harry A. Sims
		See list above

Truth, Unity and Concord

by Muriel E. Newton-White

Do we really want Church union? Perhaps our answer will be "No". But whether we realize it or not, all of us who have been church-goers have been praying for it.

In the Intercession at the Eucharist we have prayed for "the unity of all Christian people," asking God to "inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord," and to grant that "we may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love".

In the Intercession at Morning Prayer we have asked that we "may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace."

If we have used the occasional prayers on pages 39 and 40 of our Prayer Book we will have asked for a great deal more; we will have prayed that where the Church is "divided and rent asunder" God will "make it whole again"; that "all things may return into unity"; that God will "grant unto (the Church) that peace and unity which is agreeable to His will"; that He may give us grace "seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions" and that He will "take away all enmity and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord"; that "we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify God." We have asked for the very highest.

Do we feel that the *Plan of Union* can be God's answer to these prayers

of ours? Or do we feel that it is man-made, lukewarm and unsatisfying?

Dare one suggest that this *Plan* is the answer to our lukewarm prayers? That if we had prayed those prayers from our hearts God's power would have been set free to answer them in their fullness?

Mercifully, we have been given time to study the *Plan* — and this means we also have been given time to pray with greater sincerity and urgency. The prayers in our Prayer Book can be our guide, because they guard against a narrow approach. They are a framework; not a framework such as the restricting bars of a cage, hampering our thoughts and longings, but such as that of a house, to be built upon and to give a sound underlying structure beneath the free expression of these thoughts and longings.

We pray, and pray hard, either for or against this proposed union, according to our deepest and most honest feelings about it, beginning with those areas which touch us most closely. But we must qualify our prayer, whatever it may be with our Lord's words, "nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt".

Then, whatever else may come of our prayer there will be one sure result; we ourselves will change and grow as we pray, until, perhaps we come to accept with joy the very thing we began by praying against, or conversely, to realize the un-wisdom of that which we began by praying for.

So we are faced with a challenge: are we equal to it?

SUMMER STUDENTS

Mr. Brian Hoover (Thorneloe College) will assist in the Magnetawan area under the direction of his father, the Rev. L. Hoover, Rector of Sundridge-Burks Falls.

Cadet John Locke (Church Army) will assist in the CPR Line Missions under the direction of the Rev. K. Gibbs, Rector of Chapleau.

Student Sister Ruby Symes will assist in the Shebandowan area under the direction of the Rev. D. A. P. Smith, Rector of West Thunder Bay. Miss Symes is a Church Army Sister-in-Training.

As we go to press no appointment had been made to the Bear Island Summer Mission.

The Rev. H. R. Kreager will be summer priest at St. Christopher's, McGregor Bay.

ORDINATION

On St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, at 7.30 p.m. in St. George's Church, Espanola, Mr. Roger W. McCombe, BA, BTh, will be ordained Deacon.



Mr. John Locke, who has assisted with camping programs and also with services in the Deanery of Temiskaming returns this summer as a Church Army student.

The Archbishop's Itinerary

June 6—(Trinity Sunday)	9.15 a.m. Kagawong
	1.30 p.m. Silverwater
" 7—Little Current	
" 8—Manitowaning and South Bay Mouth	
" 9—Spanish River Indian Reserve	
" 10—Hamilton	
June 11—(St. Barnabas' Day) Consecration, Canon John Bothwell, Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton	
" 13—	9.30 a.m. New Liskeard
	11.00 a.m. Confirmation, New Liskeard
	3.30 p.m. Cobalt
	7.00 p.m. Haileybury
" 14—	2.30 p.m. Charlton
	8.00 p.m. Englehart
" 15—	9.30 a.m. Seminar of Clergy and wives, Haileybury
	7.00 p.m. Temagami
" 16—	7.00 p.m. Powassan
" 17—	7.30 p.m. Christ Church, North Bay
" 18—	7.30 p.m. Church of the Resurrection, Sudbury
" 20—	11.00 a.m. Chapleau
" 23—Espanola	
" 24—(St. John Baptist's Day) Ordination, Roger McCombe, BA, Espanola	
" 27—	9.30 a.m. Burks Falls
	11.15 a.m. Magnetawan
	7.00 p.m. Lake of Bays

Churchwomen Will Study Integration

More than one hundred delegates gathered at North Bay on Sunday, May 2 for the annual meeting of the Anglican Churchwomen of the diocese. Feature of this year's program was the presentation by the Cathedral Players, a drama group directed by Kathleen West, of a contemporary interpretation of the Passion Story, entitled "Christ in the Concrete City".

Host parish to the women was Christ Church, assisted by St John's and St Brice's, the other parishes in the city. The play was presented in Christ Church on the Sunday evening and the following morning at St John's Church. The Rev. N. Goater, Assistant Curate of St Luke's Cathedral conducted two periods of quiet meditation on the lessons to be found in the message of the play.

Business meetings continued at Christ Church and it was estimated that up to one hundred and fifty women were present during the sessions. They represented parishes from all parts of the diocese. The main topic at this year's "annual" was how to implement the program of "integration" and was carried on until the closing hour of the meetings when during their dinner at St John's Church hall they approved a resolution to follow the guidelines of "integration" laid down by the central executive of the ACW in Canada.

In what was described as a "wholesale exodus" of executive members we could imagine what headaches the nominations committee members were having in trying to fill the vacancies. In the end the President, Mrs. C. H. Yeomans consented to carry on for a while until her job could be filled.

Despite the pre-occupation



The Archbishop with Mrs. Turnbull, Education Secretary, and Mrs. Yeomans, President.

with "integration" the activities of the Churchwomen in the various parishes seemed to indicate a great deal of enthusiasm as the financial reports revealed.

The closing Service at the meeting was held in St John's with the Archbishop Celebrant at the Eucharist assisted by the Rector, Canon C. Large. The sermon was preached by The Rev. L. Peterson, Rector of Christ Church.



KATHLEEN WEST

goes entirely to Pakistan village women.

During the evening an interesting fashion show of Pakistani costumes was held with Mrs Chabot, wife of the Rector giving the commentary as they were modelled. Among the garments loaned by Mrs Paul Deol who came from Lahore, Punjab, was a bridal sari made of silk interwoven with gold thread, worn over a blouse of heavy gold material and complimented with gold jewellery.

Adding still more to the enjoyment of the evening was a display of ingredients popular in Pakistani cooking. Pakoras, Samosas, Parathos, Cahpattis, Khur, Gajar Halva and Lurka Logs were available for sampling and savouring. The evening concluded with tea served in the aroma of ginger, baked goods, and a hint of teak lingering in the air.

LATE EVENING SERVICE

This summer again the parish of St. Thomas', Thunder Bay will hold an evening service at 9 p.m. on Sundays. People are asked to "come as they are" from their cottages or picnics.

No Enthusiasm for Union as Commissioners Give Answers

After weeks of preparation for the visit of the Church Union commissioners, Canon R. R. Latimer and The Rev. R. B. Craig, to North Bay, only one hundred and fifty persons were present at a meeting held in Trinity Church Hall to hear them and take part in an open discussion of Church Union. This included a large number of clergy who had attended a dinner with the commissioners before the meeting, and also several lay persons from outside the city, from as far as Sundridge and Burks Falls.

Both Dr. Craig and Canon Latimer urged those present to become more involved in the Plan of Union and welcomed their questions and comments about it. Copies of the various documents produced so far were offered for sale. Dr. Craig told the audience that mentioning Church Union would help to get better United Churchmen and better Anglicans! He said the purpose of Church Union would be the renewed power and mission of the Church. In showing it was not a modern idea he

went back to Abraham! Dr Craig went on to stress that union would not mean conformity — just as he observed many differences in practices among both Anglicans and Uniteds in this age of liturgical experimentation, so we will have same sacraments but diversity in services according to the customs of each local church — "we will not have a monolithic Church". (after studying the lengthy proposals for a tightly governed bureaucracy in the Constitution and By-Laws of the "new" Church, we wondered which would be worse!)

The rest of the meeting could have been called "Twenty Questions" for that is about as many as were heard. They included a wide range of subjects from why other Churches were not being included; whether the same split would occur as in 1925 when a third of the Presbyterians refused to join; who will be the voters in each Church; what will happen to the Church buildings; and whether communion would be with wine or grape juice.—the answer to this last, asked by a United Church lady, was "it depends on where you live" — (apparently there will have to be some votes on "local option" in the "new" Church even though the Plan doesn't mention grape juice as an element in the Eucharist.)

Some questions showed a concern about the ministry — what the role of bishops would be, or the work deacons would do. One asked "how far a woman could go". The reply, of course, was that all orders of the ministry would be open to women, and the customs of other Church bodies, as well as a recent Anglican decision were mentioned in support of this position.

LEGION SPEAKER

Speaker at the annual convention of the Manitoba-North-Western Command of the Canadian Legion held in Winnipeg, June 6, will be Canon E. R. Haddon, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay, Command Chaplain.

VESTRY AND FLAGS DEDICATED

During the Archbishop's visitation to Thunder Bay he officiated at Confirmation in St Stephen's Church following which he dedicated a new addition to the church vestry and new Canadian and Anglican Church Flags for the church.

Pakistan Program at Marathon

The story of Pakistan, its people, customs, and their way of living was the topic of an evening's program sponsored by the Anglican Churchwomen of Trinity parish, Marathon, held in the church hall on April 30.

Many items loaned by Pakistani natives now living in Marathon and by friends from Pakistan now living in other parts of Ontario, were displayed and lent atmosphere to the evening. There

were tables of hand-carved wood inlaid with ivory, enamel inlaid brass vases, embroidered stoles, capes, silken bedspreads, intricately designed rugs, water pipes, and carved teak and ebony elephants.

A mural and sketches of Pakistan decorated the hall and figures were created depicting various activities of life in Pakistan. The ladies also sold the popular Pakistan embroideries. All money raised by their sale



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Some of the boys in St. Luke's Cathedral all-male choir. There are twenty-five members including ten boy sopranos. They recently sang the difficult Haydn's Imperial Mass in D Minor.



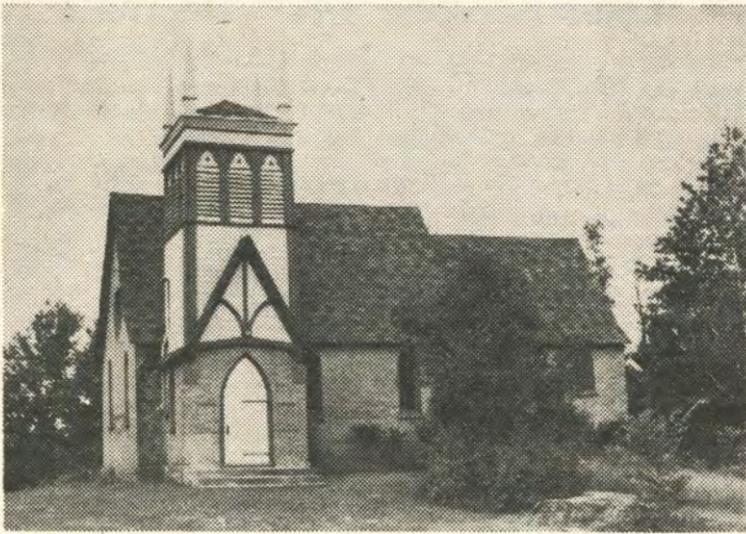
—Photo, North Bay Nugget

In skirts or trousers the women came; from left to right: Mrs. Thomson, Thunder Bay; Mrs. Renouf, North Bay; Mrs. Elford, Sault Ste Marie; Mrs. McCracken, North Bay, who was the convener.

Rural Confirmations

Wawa and Lively

Willing Laity Faithful to the Church



St. John Baptist's Church, Ravenscliff

The Diocese of Algoma is surely blessed with its loyal and enthusiastic parishes which prove from time to time their ability to carry on in the absence of a parish priest; in many instances the true test of the Church's strength has been shown by the co-operation and willing service of the laity. Early this year this has been especially true in two parishes, Wawa and Lively.

Under the capable direction of the Rural Dean of Algoma, The Rev. D. M. Landon, regular services have been held at St Paul's, Wawa and St Giles', Hawk Junction while the parish was vacant. Most of the services have been conducted by the laymen with clergy going to take a monthly Communion. The sermons read by laymen have been taken from the book, *Seeing the Bible Whole*,

written by Bishop Stephen Neill. People from both congregations had the opportunity of meeting their Rector-elect, The Reverend Benjamin Cooper, on Pentecost, May 30, when he visited the parish over the week-end, celebrating the Eucharist at Wawa at 11 a.m.

For four months the congregation of Christ Church, Lively was not only faithful in maintaining a "lively" interest in the Sunday services, and in this they were greatly helped by neighbouring priests; but the varied activities in the parish kept the people at work while they waited for their new Rector, the former Archdeacon of Thunder Bay, The Reverend James F. Hinchliffe.

The *Christ Church Chronicle*, the "liveliest" parish paper to be found anywhere, was produced every month and told of the faithful work of Lay Readers, Choir, Sunday School, preparation of a Confirmation Class, and many projects sponsored by the groups of Churchwomen, in all an inspiring record of service.

In Holy Week a note of sadness was emphasized as the parish mourned the death of their former Rector, Fr Crisp, who had died after a short illness in Toronto where he had gone to live. Several members of the congregation attended the Funeral which was held in St Cuthbert's Church, To-

ronto, conducted by Archdeacon Thompson with Canon R. F. Palmer, SSJE, celebrating the Requiem Eucharist.

Fr Crisp's ministry was unique in that it was spent entirely in the one parish. He had been ordained in 1952 and appointed to Lively where he saw the congregation mature from a mission parish in a basement church to become self-supporting and the church building completed.

Preaching in Two British Churches

Among clergy travelling to Britain this summer will be Canon E. R. Haddon, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay who goes there during July. He has been asked to preach at Leicester Cathedral at Matins on Sunday, July 18. The cathedral is celebrating its 450th year of operation and the fiftieth anniversary of its restoration as a Cathedral. Canon Haddon, a native of Leicester, is one of a number of special preachers to be invited during the anniversary observances.

Canon Haddon has also another preaching engagement during his visit; it is at St Silas' Church, Glasgow, the church where he was confirmed in 1938 before he came to Canada to study for the priesthood.

Today when so many little country churches are becoming redundant because of easy access to the towns and cities, or are in danger of being swallowed up by the sprawling lava of urbanization, it is a tonic to the soul of town-dwellers to visit a wayside church and find the people of God still faithful in their Christian observances and the ministry still active in the rural areas.

Nowhere in the diocese is this more true than in Muskoka; here there are more small country churches than in any other deanery. This spring during the Archbishop's visitation we were able to attend two Confirmations; one at Ravenscliff, about ten miles from Huntsville; the other at Gregory, between Port Carling and Rosseau.

On a Sunday afternoon the Church of St John the Baptist at Ravenscliff was well filled for the Archbishop's visit; it had been five years since he had been there, and although that evening there was a Confirmation Service at the parish church in Huntsville, four young persons received the Laying on of Hands in their own church. They were presented by the Rector, The Ven. G. W. Sutherland, who also ministers to two other congregations in the vicinity of Huntsville, providing regular services with the help of lay-readers.

In this age of so much liturgical change it is refreshing to go to a church where one can see an "English" traditional altar "protected" by four riddel posts and undisturbed by modern innovations. Moreover, it blends with the whole architecture of the Ravenscliff church, which with its square tower, is a gem along a road that each year is seeing a larger influx of

tourists heading for lakeside cottages. The Archbishop complimented the Rector and people on the appearance of the church and spoke to the confirmation candidates about the "Rule of Life" as found at the end of the Catechism.



With the Confirmation candidates, Ravenscliff

Confirmation on a weekday evening was held at Christ Church, Gregory and although a smaller congregation at that time there was a fine community spirit evident in this place, and the church cottage, where a reception was held after the service, also serves as a meeting place and where a Sunday School is held. Two young people were presented for Confirmation by the Rector, The Rev. R. G. Charles; another had been prepared but was sick in hospital and couldn't attend. People from other parts of this Muskoka Lakes parish were also present. The Archbishop spoke to the candidates and congregation on the importance of preparation for a journey or a voyage. At Confirmation he said we receive the Holy Spirit to give us power to see us through and the assurance of Christ's presence.

Parish History Of Thunder Bay

Planned to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of *The Mission Bell*, West Thunder Bay's parish magazine, a well-written history of the parish was produced and distributed early in April. It is the work of Mrs Violet Woods, a member of St. Mary's Church, Vickers Heights, one of the five congregations which make up this rural and suburban parish.

We congratulate the author on the extensive and careful research she has done and on the interesting way in which she has presented the information. While it is an excellent climax to twenty-five years of communication in this area, we note that the parish had its beginnings nearly a hundred years ago and we can foresee Mrs Woods' effort probably being brought up to date and published in a more permanent form in another eight years.

Mimeographed on thirty-two pages of letter-size paper, just as *The Mission Bell* is done, and enlivened by several sketches by Muriel Newton-White, the history should be of great interest to anyone who has lived at the Lakehead and has known the area it describes. It is worthy of being read by many and of being included in the archives of the Diocese of Algoma and of the national Church.

PARISH HOLDS WALKATHON

A fifteen mile walkathon was organized by the parish of West Thunder Bay for the morning of Saturday, May 29, beginning at 8 a.m. All proceeds from the pro-

ject were towards the payment of the debt on the rectory. The walk began at St. Mark's, Rosslyn and included nine check-points along the way.



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A beautiful oak font was dedicated recently at the Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon. It was made by Mr. Fred Hibbert, shown here with the Rev. N. Hornby, parish priest. Mr. Hibbert presented the font in memory of his wife who died last year.



David and Bonnie Rogers after their confirmation at Christ Church, Gregory.