

FIRST REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS

FOR THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

(Established by the Diocesan Synod 1881.)

To the Lord Bishop of Fredericton,

and members of the Diocesan Synod :

Your Board of Domestic Missions, having been only established one year, has no lengthened report to make of its labors; nevertheless, there are several points of interest connected with its work to which it gladly draws attention.

We record with pleasure that a much larger sum than last year has been contributed to the Diocese of Algoma, and that some contributions have been received for the North-West Missions. By the Treasurer's report of last year, it will be seen that the total amount raised for that Diocese was \$464.72; while during the year just ended it was \$788.52, showing an increase of \$323.80. This sum does not include all that is contributed to Algoma, as some parishes which support children in the Indian Homes send direct to the Homes, and not through our Diocesan Treasurer. Seventeen dollars and fifty-three cents have been received for the North-West. The details of these amounts will appear in the Treasurer's report.

In the month of April an appeal to the Clergy and Laity was issued, calling attention to the claims of Algoma and the North-West Territory, as well as reminding them of the appointed day of Intercession for Missions. As regards that day we would here say, that it seems to be very generally considered an inconvenient season for its special work. We nevertheless trust that until any change be duly made, it will be regularly observed in every Parish, that so united intercession may not cease to be offered up on behalf of the Church's unity, and the extension of her Missionary work.

Turning to the field of labor committed to our care, we find several points worthy of record. On the 7th December, 1881, the Bishop of Algoma was taken to his rest, and our Missionary Diocese was deprived of its faithful, loved, and devoted Head. During the eight years of his Episcopate his labors were abundant, and were carried on amid much discouragement, and with much self denial. His untiring zeal, his simple devotion, and his deep piety, made him the loved friend and trusted counsellor of his Diocese, and leaves an example worthy of close imitation. His work, necessarily arduous and difficult, was eminently