

own family. No bishop could be constantly brought into contact with men devoting themselves to hard toil, exiled from the delights of a refined society and often hemmed in by hardships and privations, without being moved in his deepest sympathies for them. There was one bright spot, however, that always cheered the heart of the Bishop of Algoma, and that was that (largely owing to his own personal and vigorous exertions), his clergy received regularly the stipend that had been promised them. It was no princely income, it is true, but still it was an income, and it had been reliable. In most cases it was all they had to rely upon. Their scattered flocks, fighting hard to keep the wolf from their own doors, could do but little for them: their monthly cheque, as far as temporal matters were concerned, was often their only comfort.

But this was beginning to fail. The mission fund of the diocese was insufficient to meet the demands upon it. To add to the troubles caused by this, some of the Bishop's most useful clergymen resigned their positions to enter upon work elsewhere, and among them the Rev. E. F. Wilson, whose untiring labours for the evangelization and general improvement of the Indians of this country, are among the leading missionary achievements of the age.

These serious difficulties weighed heavily upon the Bishop until at last one September day, as he was preparing to meet the Provincial Synod, his great strength broke down and he was ordered immediate rest and freedom from business. Thus, in the mysterious ways of Providence, Algoma was deprived of its able and devoted Bishop at the time of a great crisis in its history.

But there are bright spots also in the outlook for Algoma. During the ten years of his episcopate the Bishop has seen the Episcopal Endowment Fund grow from \$1,000, donated anonymously at the time of his consecration and under peculiar circumstances, to over \$45,000. This sum, increasing at compound interest and supplemented by occasional gifts, will be available some day as a permanent maintenance for the Bishop of Algoma, thus relieving us of the necessity of providing for his stipend.

He has also seen a Widows' and Orphan's Fund established for his diocese, a fund than which no greater relief could be given for the clergy. This fund has reached nearly \$16,000, and from it annuities can be paid to the wives and children of the clergy when necessary. This has removed a dark cloud hanging over the future of the missionaries in Algoma. There still hangs another, which in time must be removed. They have no fund to appeal to for themselves in case through accident or old age, they should become incapacitated for work. They have themselves commenced to form a Superannuation Fund by agreeing to pay an

annual assessment towards it of \$5. Here, again, we might ask, who are those Churchmen or women, blessed with means, who will help to lift this dark outlook which still hangs over the clergy of Algoma?

There are, then, many things in the missionary work of Algoma which should encourage us to render every assistance to it in our power. The health of the Bishop is improving, and he hopes that ere long he may be able to resume his work. From the nature of the work throughout the whole of that enormous diocese (for in territory, be it remembered, it is nearly as large as the whole of England), it is absolutely necessary that it should receive large, continued, and systematic help from this older and more wealthy portion of the Dominion. There are twenty-five regularly established missions scattered throughout that territory. Without steady help these missions cannot be supplied with clergy. To some it may seem not of any great importance that a man should buffet storm and wind, privations and danger, merely to stand by the bedside of a dying man, or woman or child; but if the presence of a holy man, carrying with him the authority and blessing of the Church of the living God, can give that solace and comfort that no one else can give, why should not the work be prized and the man of God supported in his deeds of mercy and love? May we hope that the wills of God's faithful people may, indeed, be stirred up so that they may give liberally of their substance to support these Christian missionaries, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of our good Lord in Heaven be plenteously rewarded.

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

EASTER MEETINGS, 1893.

 HE Board of Management met in the School-house of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, on Wednesday, April 12, 1893, at 10 a.m.; the Most Rev. the Metropolitan in the chair.

The following members were present: The Bishops of Toronto and Niagara, the General Secretary and General Treasurer; Rev. Canon Cayley, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Lawrence H. Baldwin, Diocese of Toronto; Very Rev. Dean Innes, Rev. Canon Young, Diocese of Huron; The Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston, Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, Mr. R. V. Rogers, Diocese of Ontario; Rev. Canon Houston, Rev. Rural Dean Fornet, Judge Senkler Diocese of Niagara.

The Dioceses of Nova Scotia, Quebec, Fredericton, Montreal and Algoma were not represented.

The Rev. Rural Dean Pollard kindly acted as Assistant Secretary.