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AGENT—The Rev. W. H. WADLEIGH, Toronto, is authorized to collect subscriptions for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

Notes by the Way.

"FIND out man's wants and wills,
And meet them there—All worldly joys go less
To the one joy of doing kindnesses."
—George Herbert.

"SPIRITUAL service lies in the consecration of the simplest duties."—Bishop Westcott.

WHEN men lost the spirit of reverence, says the Bishop of Manchester, they lost the spirit of piety.

THE Standing Committee and the Committee on Synodical Organization are summoned to meet at Bracebridge, on Monday, January 10th.

UNDENOMINATIONALISM confounds religion with morality, and reduces Christianity to a system of moral philosophy and leaves it there.—The Bishop of London.

FROM the Marazion (Cornwall, Eng.) parish magazine, we learn that Rev. Mr. Machin was in the West country in the performance of his duties as S.P.G. deputation.

"If man would but work along with God, how wonderfully should we find God ready to work with man for the advancement of the Kingdom of Light."
—Rev. R. M. Benson.

"We must be always in the Hand of God if we would be used by Him. The tools He loves He keeps bright and keen-edged. . . . Thoroughness is the best proof of devotion."—Bishop Ridley.

DURING this month (January) vestry meetings must be held in our several parishes and missions for the nomination of gentlemen who are willing to serve as lay delegates to the Provincial Synod.

To facilitate the work of the S.P.C.K. deputation in the Diocese of Algoma, the Bishop has appointed a Committee composed of Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd (convenor) and Revs. James Boydeell and Charles Piercy.

"We cannot rise to the highest life all at once. There must be frequent Communion, and quiet days, and silence, and solitude, and self-restraint, and works of love,—*little* acts of love, if we would attain unto it."—Bishop Wilkinson.

THE BISHOP OF DURHAM, speaking at his diocesan conference lately in favour of the admission of the faithful laity to the counsels of the Church, said: "To speak generally, the full force of the Church will not be brought to bear on the national life till every Churchman makes the cause of the Church his own. To this end every Churchman must feel that he is in his measure responsible for its success and for its failure. And the sense of responsibility comes with the sense of power. We must concede real authority to those from whom we ask substantial service."

Is a letter lately to hand from A. B. F., one of Algoma's very true friends in England, there are some sentences which we are pleased to have permission to print below:

I think the Bishop's visit to England gave considerable stimulus to the work and drew in several fresh workers, besides causing the diocese to be more generally known. One still wishes that more money were forthcoming, especially just now when it is so greatly needed and would be such an immense relief, but for this, as for everything else, we have to wait in faith. I do hope, however, that our Association finds a *definite and regular* place in the prayers and intercessions of the Algoma clergy, so that we may act and react one upon another, and no link in the chain be wanting. If they need to be strengthened and helped in their arduous labours, not less do we all require to be roused to greater zeal and diligence in the work, in season and out of season; *i.e.*, not merely at intervals, but in every day faithful and loving effort; not merely to do something, but to do *all* that we can. Surely, then, we might more truly realize the motto of our association, which is likewise the living strength of every member of Christ's body: *Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, with the Lord of Hosts.* We should learn, then, that all things are possible, and that if there are limits it is we who set them and not God. It was said in a church paper only a week or two since, by a Canadian correspondent, that "the Diocese of Algoma" was "in a bad way." Let us hope not; let us hope that spiritual results will be obtained by spiritual means—by the spirit of prayer and supplication—and that all its poverty and suffering are but channels of God's loving education and discipline for it, whilst, at the same time, they are channels also for our sympathies and our alms.

THE BISHOP OF DURHAM recently spoke at the annual meeting of Church Workers at Sunderland, referring, among other things, to that of Church reform—a subject fast coming to the front in England. He said: "With regard to Church reform, the object to which their efforts must be directed was self-government, resting upon adequate representation of the clergy and laity. And one greatly desired that far greater power might be given to the laity in ecclesiastical matters than they had enjoyed in the past. In this case they should be able to claim from the laity more service than they had rendered in the past. It was service which was the foundation and justification of power. It seemed to him that the duty of service required to be forced