

In many country Missions and Stations no services were possible, and the attendance in the city churches was below the average. That this state of things did not altogether proceed from indifference was plain by the private subscriptions sent direct to the Treasurer about that time. Our people are not unmindful that the very life of Christianity is Missionary Enterprise, and where due opportunity was given many sent their returns upon the printed Collecting papers distributed in the Churches on the previous Sunday. Still the "prayers" are as needful for ourselves as the "alms" for our brethren, and it is to be hoped that the next day appointed for "Intercession" will be more generally and earnestly observed. The return for Intercession Day in this Diocese from all sources is \$325 61.

Algoma is still sufficiently a stranger amongst the Dioceses of the Province to make it desirable to repeat, from time to time, the manner of her maintenance.

There being no Endowment Fund, either for the Bishop or the Clergy, each Diocese is called upon to extend to her a helping hand. In a word, Algoma is altogether a mission field. The Synod of Montreal guarantees annually the sum of \$300 to the Bishopric Fund. The Missionary Association (a band of volunteers with the Metropolitan at their head) has hitherto sent \$800 to the Clergy Fund, and proposes this year to increase the sum to \$1000 if possible. The Mission of Parry Sound is to receive \$250, for the present year, and the Mission of Prince Arthur's Landing \$500. These sums complete the salaries of the Clergymen at the respective Stations. If the additional \$150 is forthcoming at the close of the Diocesan year in October next, and likely to be annual, our most Reverend President will consult with the Bishop of Algoma as to its application to new Mission work.

The Treasurer reports \$588.42 now in hand for the Clergy Fund, leaving \$277.38 to be collected during the year. The payments due Dec. 1st, 1876 (the first quarter of the Diocesan year) have been made and acknowledged. The country Churches have almost all sent in their contributions, and it is chiefly in the city that we must look for the balance. A little diligence and patience on the part of our collectors, a little good will and generosity on the part of our Clergy and Church Members and the material part of this year's work will be accomplished.

Mention must now be made of a useful and interesting branch of the Algoma work which we propose to place on a more satisfactory basis than heretofore. Having a separate Fund and requiring assistance in clothes, books, &c., the SHINGWAWK HOME affords occupation for a Secretary-Treasurer for itself alone. The association has been most fortunate in securing the services of Miss Alice Spragge, whose knowledge of this particular work renders her well fitted for the office. The Bishop of Algoma considers the Industrial Home to be the most hopeful part of his work amongst the Indians. It enjoys the constant superintendence of its able and devoted Principal the Rev. E. F. Wilson.

The boys' school is in full operation, but the girls are kept back for want of a suitable building. The sum now in hand for Shingwauk is \$9 35. St. George's and St. James' Sunday Schools are also respectively maintaining an Indian boy.

We ask for Miss Alice Spragge encouragement in her work in the form of additional subscriptions and other gifts.