

On Tuesday morning, May 31st, the opening service of the Triennial Council Matins and Holy Communion will be held in St. John's Church, North Bay, at 9 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock, and the first session of the Council immediately after this service, in the school-room of the church.

Time brings many changes. At the Fourth Triennial Council held at Sault Ste. Marie in August, 1895, there were faces that will be missed at the coming gathering at North Bay. Our late Bishop, Dr. Sullivan, resigned in 1896, now rector of St. James', Toronto, Rev. Messrs. McLeod, Aylwin, and Kirby have left the diocese, while Rev. Mr. Renison is away on leave, and Rev. Mr. Lowlor through illness.

The war between America and Spain is making dearer the necessities of life. Whether it be possible or not for our people to grow wheat successfully in this section of the Dominion may be a debatable question. There is no debate, however, concerning the statement that our farming community are largely buyers of their breadstuffs, and of pork, too. In this there is something wrong. It is not all chargeable to poor land, or poor farming, or unsuitable climate, or grasping middlemen, or lack of local markets, or even to the abominable "truck" system of trade, but in some measure to all of these and other and minor causes.

The Bishop was present at the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Niagara. On the evening of the 3rd ult. there was an opening service in Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, at which the Bishop was the preacher. The Bishop's first visit to the "Ambitious City," as Hamilton is called, aroused no little interest. At the public missionary meeting on the evening of the 4th, the Bishop was one of the speakers. Niagara's sympathy with Algoma is shown by the donating of the W.A. Life Membership Fees (some \$135) towards the new church at Silverwater and a guarantee of \$25 to the Mission Fund this year.

The affliction which Rev. Mr. Cobb and his family have suffered has called forth much sympathy from fellow Church people outside the diocese. Bishop Sullivan made an appeal in the Toronto Church papers, and met with responses, which have been duly acknowledged. Dr. Sullivan's prompt action shows us, if

we needed to be shown, that his heart is with us in Algoma. Besides the Toronto W.A. generous gift towards a new parsonage, mentioned elsewhere, we record the practical sympathy of the Montreal W.A. in sending to him \$31 and a bale of goods. As yet we are without data regarding the gifts to Mr. Cobb from this diocese from all parts of which contributions have been sent.

The schoolhouse on the Indian Reserve at Spanish River was burnt to the ground on Monday, 18th of April. Miss Morley, the teacher, who lived over the school, lost a large part of her personal effects. With rare courage she moved at once into a deserted Indian cottage, which serves for a shelter, but is very ill-fitted for the purpose, and at once began preparing to re-open her school. Miss Morley writes that she lost, among other things, nearly all her supplies, her cooking stove, which she had just managed to pay for, every dish, bedstead, etc., etc. She would like very much to get a coal oil stove large enough to do her baking, etc. Coming so soon after the fire at North Seguin this second conflagration is very trying.

No report of the annual meeting of the Algoma Association in London having yet come to hand, we can now only state one or two facts concerning it which are contained in a recent letter from one of our devoted lady friends in the Old Country. The festival was held on the 28th of April last. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Ashley Gardens, the Hon. and Rev. Stafford Northcote, rector, who kindly lent his parish room for the committee and general meetings. He was also present at the latter gathering. Mr. Moody, of the C.P.R., occupied the chair and spoke sympathetically and well. He was followed by Rev. W. G. Woolsey, one of the Bishop's commissaries, who is looked upon by our correspondent as a valuable addition to the ranks of Algoma's helpers in England. Then Mr. Machin, "always interesting," and Miss Day, an old-time friend and loyal worker for Algoma.

#### Silverwater—Manitoulin Island.

The Wycliffe College Missionary Association has sent, at its own cost—except so far as his board is concerned—a student to Silverwater, for the summer months.

The people deserve this. Though forty miles from the nearest mission centre, and therefore cut off from regular ministrations, they have not lost their love for the Church and her services.

They have determined to build themselves a church, and Mr. Kemp, one of the leaders of the little band, writes to the Rev. L. Sinclair, of Gore Bay, who has *quasi* charge of the outpost: "We have our little church up. It is built on an eighteen-inch stone wall, 22x34. The building is all enclosed with inch lumber. It is shingled. The shingles are laid in mortar. And we have the siding bought and paid for. But we are getting very short of funds. We are in hopes that we may get a little outside help. We have only received \$3.50 from outside as yet. But we are in earnest and will not give up until we finish our little church."

Most opportunely there comes, at this juncture, the news that the Niagara Woman's Auxiliary has voted its life membership's fees, \$134, to Silverwater. This will suffice well nigh to complete the work. They do indeed deserve all this.

#### Huntsville Mission.

REV. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, HUNTSVILLE.

At the annual vespy of All Saints' Church on Easter Monday the following officers were elected: Wardens, Messrs. O. Wieler, and R. J. Hutcheson; sidesmen, Messrs. Clarke, Tipper, Tower, Down, Thomas and Gledhill. Mr. H. C. Llwyd, was re-elected organist. Mr. W. J. Morgan having to resign his position as choir-master, owing to his ill-health, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered him for his past services. Mr. M. Kinton was nominated lay-reader, and Mr. Wilgress lay-delegate to the Triennial Council.

The finances of the church showed a total church effort during the year of \$1225.92, with liabilities \$66.66, and a resolution was passed undertaking to raise the congregational quota of stipend to \$500. The meeting was hearty and united and a fair amount of progress was shown by the various reports.

FELLOWSHIP in treason is a bad ground of confidence.

GOD pardons us just as He bids us pardon our brethren, because it is the very nature of love truly to forgive.

FAILURE is often God's own tool for carving out some of the finest outlines in the character of His children; and, even in this life, bitter and crushing failures have often in them the germs of new and quite unimagined happiness.