

## The Missionary Diocese of Algoma.

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MY LORD, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,

Scarcely three months have yet elapsed since the exceedingly sad news reached us at Sault Ste. Marie that our beloved Bishop, who for eight years past had laboured unceasingly and untiringly amongst us, and who had been a father and a friend and a wise counsellor to us all,—was dead.

The shock, as may well be imagined, was a terrible one, to us,—coming as it did so suddenly, so unexpectedly, and so quickly after the announcement of the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Fauquier.

Our wide Missionary Diocese is still wrapped in mourning. The sheep of the flock are scattered and shepherdless. Never probably was a Bishop more loved, more respected, and more trusted by all who knew him than was the late Bishop Fauquier. So kindly was he, so genial, so upright in all his dealings. All who had anything to do with him felt that they could trust him.

We feel that it would be dishonouring the name of him who for eight years laboured so untiringly and devotedly amongst us, if this work which he was mainly the means under God of inaugurating, if this work which he so loved and cherished, and which in the face of trial and discouragement he persevered in continuing,—if this work, on which he expended his strength and for which we may truly say he laid down his life, were allowed at the present time to lapse.

I would remind you, my Lord, that this Missionary Diocese of Algoma, whose representative I have the honor to be, is the *Child of the Canadian Church*. The Canadian Church conceived the idea of setting apart the wild lands of Algoma and Muskoka as a Missionary Diocese to be fostered and cared for and provided for by all the older Dioceses represented at the Provincial Synod.

The Canadian Church gave the call to our late beloved Bishop, and appointed him the bounds of his work.

The Canadian Church made itself responsible for the maintenance of the Bishop and his little band of workers in those far off desolate regions, the land of the backwoodsman and the Indian hunter.

Now that our Bishop is dead, it is to the Canadian Church that we look to provide for the *continuance and strengthening* of that work for the Divine Master which has been so earnestly and perseveringly commenced.