

Rev. W. G. Eccleston...	<i>Little Current</i> Sheguindah (English) Sucker Creek (Indian)
" William Evans.....	<i>Parry Sound</i> Rankins Christie
" W. H. French.....	<i>Aspelin</i> Allansville Lancelot Stanleydale
" Frederick Frost....	<i>Garden River</i> (Indian) Sylvan Valley
" George Gander.....	<i>South River</i> (Deacon) Eagle Lake Commanda
" Gowan Gillmor ...	<i>Rosseau</i> Ullswater <i>Bent-riverdale</i> Cardwell Rosseau Falls Raymond
" Thomas J. Hay....	<i>Murillo</i> (Deacon) Oliver Township Stanley
" E. J. Harper, M.A.	<i>Fort William</i> West Ft. William
" W. A. Hazelhurst ...	<i>Bayville</i> Stoneleigh Dorset
" James Hickland	<i>Haileybury</i> (Lake Tenniscamingue) Liskeard Dawson's Point Baie des Peres Gordon Creek
" D. A. Johnston.....	<i>Magnetawan</i> Dunchurch Midlothian Chapman Valley Spence
" Thos. Llwyd.....	<i>Huntsville</i> (Archdeacon of Algoma and Bishop's Commissary) Grassmere Emhetson
Rev. C. J. Machin, Mus. Bac.....	<i>Grazenhurst</i> (Rural Dean of Muskoka) Northwood
Rev. A. R. Mitchell	<i>Port Sydney</i> Beatrice Ufford Newholmie
" Rev. J. Pardoe.....	<i>Nozar</i> Ilfracombe Ravenscliffe
" Chas. Piercy.....	<i>Sturgeon Falls</i> Cache Bay Warren
" Robt. Renison, M.A.	<i>Sault Ste. Marie</i> (Rural Dean of Algoma)
Rev. W. R. Seaborne.....	<i>Thessalon</i> Blind River Algoma Spragge
" L. Sinclair.....	<i>Gore Bay</i> (Manitou- lin Island) Kagawong Mills Silverwater
" J. P. Smitheman	<i>Korah</i> Goulais Bay Tarentorus
" W. J. Thursby	<i>Port Arthur</i> (Rural Dean of Thunder Bay)
" F. C. H. Ullbricht...	<i>Sudbury</i> Coppercliff Cartier Wahnapiatae
" A. J. Young.....	<i>Manitoulin</i> (Man- itoulin Island) Purple Hill The Slash

The missions of Webbwood, Sheguindah (Indian) and Seguin are being served by lay readers. The Rev. G. Prewes, of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, has temporary charge of Schrieber and Nepigon. Bruce Mines is vacant.

By the mercy of God our ranks still remain unbroken by death.

FINANCES.

The finances of the diocese fall naturally into two divisions: (1) The invested funds; (2) current income and expenditure.

(1) *Invested Funds.*—Chief among these funds are the "Episcopal Endowment Fund" and the "Widows and Orphans' Fund," both of which are in a fairly good condition. The remaining funds are still in their infancy. They are the "Superannuation Fund" and the newly established "Mission Sustentation Fund." The very great importance of these funds is obvious. The Superannuation Fund, amounting to only \$2,590.42, is the only provision made as yet for the support of our aged and disabled clergy. The "Mission Sustentation Fund" was established, a few months ago, in view of the speedy withdrawal of the S.P.C.K. grants, upon which so many of our missions depend for their continued existence. Only by such a fund can we hope to keep our present number of missionaries in the field. And the S.P.C.K., realizing its importance, has made toward it a grant of £1,000, payable on condition that we ourselves raise within five years, from other sources, the sum of £9,000 to meet their gift. This will be a heavy task. But we are not dismayed. And the society having agreed to pay the grants by instalments of £100 each to meet each £900 raised by us, we have a not unreasonable hope of realizing something from their generous offer.

The fund now stands at \$2,857.32, a little more than half the sum which will be required *annually*, if we are to raise the whole amount within the five years assigned to us. I earnestly hope the Church people who have large means at their disposal will help this most essential work either by gifts or by legacies. It would be a grievous thing to forfeit, even in part, the grant so generously offered us.

I may mention here that, included in the \$2,857.32 at the credit of this fund, is a sum of \$500 realized by the sale of the Church yacht, *Evangeline*. Her unseaworthy condition, and the fact that, owing to improved facilities for travel by land and water, she had become, comparatively speaking, a somewhat expensive mode of conveyance, disposed me to adopt the advice of those I consulted on the subject, and I sold her in May last for what she would bring.

Appended is a formal statement of the various funds rendered by our Hon. Treasurer, J. A. Worrell, Esq., of Toronto.

In consequence of increasing infirmities, our former Hon. Treasurer, A. H. Campbell, Esq., who first as General Treasurer of the Diocese, and afterwards as Hon. Treasurer of our invested funds, has laid Algoma under a debt of gratitude which it cannot easily discharge, was compelled in November of last year to resign his office; and, after consultation with the Bishops of Toronto and Niagara, I ap-

pointed Mr. Worrell Hon. Treasurer in his place.

CURRENT FINANCES.

When I entered upon the duties of my office, as Bishop of Algoma, the funds of our Treasury, according to our Treasurer's statement, presented to Your Grace at the last Provincial Synod, were overdrawn to the extent of \$4,907.74. (General Fund, \$4,434.40; Church and Parsonage Fund, \$473.34.)

The same statement showed that a sum of \$5500 had been transferred from what was known as the "Missionary Reserve Fund" to current account, making the total shortage for the period reported upon \$9,934.45.

The statement referred to was made on Oct. 31st, 1896. I entered the diocese three months later, reaching Sault Ste. Marie on the 27th January, 1897. The first formal and complete statement of our financial position was made to me after my return from the Lambeth Conference.

It covered the financial year ending 30th June, 1897. This statement reported the overdraft was \$5,415.27 (General Fund, \$4,945.58; Church and Parsonage Fund, \$469.69). It also showed that the remaining \$4,500 of the "Missionary Reserve Fund" had all been used. The shortage for the year, therefore, was \$9,915.27.

The situation was critical indeed. Appeals, issued by me to our own people and to the Canadian Church through the various Bishops, had brought no response worth mentioning. I had raised in England some \$2,000, and in October the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board gave us a generous grant of \$2,000. But these benefactions afforded only temporary relief, and I saw that, unless the stream of the Church's liberality, already very large, was speedily broadened and deepened, it would be necessary for me to adopt a thoroughgoing policy of retrenchment.

I naturally wished to hold all the ground taken by my predecessor in office; and to that end determined to make no serious changes in the work of the diocese until I had convinced myself that aid was not forthcoming to enable me to continue the existing order of things. Of this I was fully satisfied by the end of 1897. And, since I could see no way to make our annual income equal to our expenditure, I began to take decided steps to reduce this expenditure.

I looked with care into the condition of our various missions, and in as fair a manner as possible made reductions in their grants, giving due notice of these reductions at Easter, and calling upon the people in each case to make up the sum withdrawn, that the clergyman might suffer no loss. With a few exceptions the missions responded nobly to this appeal.

I also withdrew the resident catechist from Dunchurch, and re-united that station with the Mission of Magnetawan,