

I was, and still am, most anxious to make the provision. I refer to the great need for improvement in our clerical libraries in Algoma, not so much by free grants of theological works to individual missionaries—the frequent migrations incident to ministerial life render this solution of the problem almost impracticable—as rather by the formation of “Lending Libraries,” to remain *the property of the diocese*. Each being placed in charge of a clergyman, at some convenient centre, accessible to as many as possible of the surrounding clergy. With this object in view, I opened communication while in England, both by letter, and by personal interview, with a number of societies, authors and publishing houses, to find in almost every case, a ready appreciation of the difficulties experienced by our ill-paid missionaries in replenishing their scanty store of books, and a generous ‘readiness of mind’ to meet them in any way that was feasible. Among the societies that responded to my appeal were the “Pure Literature,” the Christian Evidence,” and the “Church of England Book,”—authors such as Canon Liddon, Dean Vaughan, the Dean of Canterbury, the Bishop of Rochester, and Bishop Oxenden sent full lists of their works, while liberal grants were also made by Messrs. Longman, Green & Co., Kegan, Paul, French & Co., Cassel & Co.,—Kent, Shaw, Hatchard, Hodder & Stoughton, McMillan and others. Clerical friends, such as the Rev. Prebendary Wilson of Islington, Rev. Canon Clayton, Oxford, and Rev. C.H. Wallace, Clifton, also made contributions from their own libraries. The whole number of volumes given was about six hundred. These have been subdivided into three infant libraries, one being planted at Port Sydney in charge of the Rev. R.W. Plant, for the use of the missionaries in Muskoka, a second at Sheguiandah, in the care of the Rev. F. Frost, for Manitoulin Island, and the third at the cathedral city of Sault Ste. Marie, (population 800), for the remaining clergy of the diocese. Thus by means of this trip, our division of our available material we shall always be able to supplement local resources, and so preserve the clerical mind of Algoma from the total starvation which its isolation from the outer

world of thought must otherwise inevitably entail, as well as furnish to our scattered congregation a better quality of pulpit instruction than the comparative emptiness of the pastoral bookshelves could reasonably have been expected to supply. Meanwhile let it be understood that in this, as in other directions, we have, so far, only laid foundations. My English visit has merely given us the nucleus. I shall be most grateful to any member of ‘the church of England in Canada’ who will follow the beginning that has been made, and give our “clerical lending libraries” a place in their loving remembrance.

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### Port Arthur.

After long waiting and many efforts on the part of the congregation, the new St. John's church has at last been so far completed as to be fit for public worship. The opening services took place on the 27th July. For nearly three years and a half since the original edifice was destroyed by fire, the congregation has been confined in a room which was closely packed when 100 persons were present. Work was begun upon the new church last summer, the committee moving cautiously to avoid debt. The severity of the winter prevented its completion, but operations were resumed early in the spring. On the 23rd ult, however, when His Lordship, the Bishop of Algoma, visited the church, he found it still full of scaffolds and workmen's litter. The church was however ready in time and prepared for accommodating 400 people. The ladies and gentlemen of the congregation had profusely and tastefully decorated the chancel and windows with native mosses and beautiful exotics, everything betokening the gladness of heart which was felt in the privilege of once more going up to the house of God. The church is designed in a simple style of early gothic, the windows in the nave being small double lancets without tracery. The total length of the building, including nave and chancel, is 92 feet, the nave being 66 feet long by 33 feet wide. The windows will be filled with rolled Cathedral glass in rich warm colors. The traceried window in the chancel will con-

tain ecclesiastical figures and, together with the west window, will be richly decorated. The glass is being manufactured by Lyon & Co., Toronto. Externally the walls are of red brick with heavy buttresses, and the building does much credit to the architect, R.J. Edwards, Esq., of this place, and to the builder, Mr. Wm. Fryer, of Collingwood. The church was very crowded at both morning and evening service. Confirmation was administered to 8 persons, and at each service the Bishop was the preacher. The sermons were models of dignified and effective oratory. The total cost of the building will be about \$7,500, \$5,000 have already been expended, and funds remain sufficient to defray cost of glass and seats. The lighting and glazing were provided for by generous donations from friends in England, in response to a kind appeal made by Rev John Martin, of Hinckley. The holy table is the gift of friends in Kent England. The very handsome alms basin of polished brass (Cox & Sons), is the gift of Mrs. Whitcher and Miss Wicksteed. Four very nice alms dishes (Cox & Sons) were furnished by Rev. F. T. Russell, Waterbury, Conn. and two others of fine electro-plate, beautifully carved, were presented by F.J.C. Rodden, Esq., a member of the congregation. The offerings at the opening services amounted to \$257, and the debt upon the building, completed, will not exceed \$1,500.

### Arrival of The “Evangeline.”

The Bishop's steam yacht, “Evangeline,” arrived at Sault Ste. Marie, and lay up at the Shingwauk dock, just at midnight, Saturday Aug. 2nd. The following is a brief account by Mr. Wilson of her trip up from Toronto, a distance of 742 miles.

We started away from Church street wharf, Toronto at a quarter to seven on Monday morning July 21st, our crew consisting of Capt. Lundy as pilot, engineer, fireman (both French Canadians), and two of my boys from the Shingwauk Home, John Esquimaux and George Aundag, making with myself a party of six in all. The Evangeline is a neat tight little boat built of teak with mahogany and birds eye maple fittings, she is 69 feet over all, draws 5½ feet of water, 11 feet