



### Ten Years Old

The Diocese of Algoma already has a history, brought into existence before due preparation had been made for her support; nurtured on insufficient and not always wholesome food, tendered with but sparse care, she has nevertheless developed a healthy vigorous life, her existence is beginning to be known, no longer is it the cries of a neglected infant that rend the air, but a well grown child of ten, of unusual development, and of good promise, now claims the support, the sympathy, the good will of the Canadian Church.

Algoma is beginning to look forward to a hopeful future. She believes that the God who first brought her into existence, who has cared for and tended her in her days of weakness and neglect, will care for her still. Her heart thrills with hope as she pictures in her youthful mind the days that are in store for her, with a good Bishop to care for her, an increasing staff of clergy and other agents, to do God's work in her midst, a rapidly growing population, and a railway running from east to west over 800 miles of her territory. She believes that ere long it will no more be "Who will help poor Algoma?" but rather "Let us emulate Algoma, let us copy Algoma's example, in her struggle with difficulties, her determination by God's help to overcome all obstacles, and her earnestness in working for God."

Difficulties at the beginning generally augur success in the end. A stern determination to overcome impediments

must have its reward at the last, especially when coupled with a settled faith in and dependence on God's good providence. We say that Algoma has a history. Listen while we tell it:—We are an off-shoot of the Toronto Diocese. Bishop Bethune used to visit and confirm the Indians of Garden River and Manitoulin and the white settlers of Parry Sound and Bracebridge. On the 11th of December 1872 the Provincial Synod met in Session in the Synod House Montreal, and were reminded by the Metropolitan in the course of his address that "there existed a canon with reference to the election of a Missionary Bishop which passed the Upper House in 1868 but had not yet been acted upon by the Lower House, and it was the Metropolitans' desire that the Lower House should during the present Session take the necessary steps towards setting apart a missionary Diocese. In accordance with this suggestion, a committee was appointed to take the said canon on missionary Bishops into consideration, and report. The committee consisted of 21 gentlemen, clerical and lay, with Rev. Provost Whitaker as their chairman. The Report of this committee was submitted on the following day, and in due course, after some further debate in the lower house, the canon on missionary Bishops was adopted. It was then moved by Revd Dr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Gray "That this House do humbly suggest to the Upper House that it is desirable to proceed at once to the election of a Missionary Bishop for the District