

Emsdale, Ebbelston and Sand Lake, as a memento of the self-denying and hard work of Mr. and Mrs. Chowne amongst hem during their sojourn of nine years in Emsdale.

BISHOP TUGWELL and his companions have started up the Niger on their mission to the Hausa people. Such a mission, episcopally led, is a return to methods of earlier Christian days, and presages success in preaching the Gospel to these people. In truth, so eager are Mohammedans to gain the Hausas that the struggle is in a great measure between the Cross and the Crescent. On the Church at large, in no little measure, is the responsibility laid to see that the Cross triumphs now.

In the course of an address on "A Native Ministry in Africa," given before a conference of the younger clergy connected with the S.P.G. and the C.M.S., by Canon Robinson, Cambridge University Lecturer in Hausa, the speaker strongly advocated the appointment of a commission to visit the mission stations of the Church of England throughout the world and report thereon. After an interesting discussion the conference unanimously expressed its opinion that it was desirable that "the Archbishops of Canterbury and York should take steps to appoint an independent commission, in which the *laymen* of the Church should have due representation, to visit the missions of the Church. And that the report of the commission should in due time be widely circulated at home."

LAKE TEMAGAMI, some few miles north of Sturgeon Falls, was a prominent item in the lecture recently delivered in Montreal by Miss Martha Craig. Lakes Temagami, Temiscamingue, Tomiko, are some of the beautiful and almost unknown inland waters in the Diocese of Algoma, within the boundaries of which is to be found some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. Many people from the country and continent each year cross the Atlantic to visit Mont Blanc, the Rhine, the Black Forest, etc., forgetting the beauties of their own richly-dowered land. Lake Temagami is in Northern Ontario, and contains some 1,400 islands. So beautiful is the region that the Algonquins have from time immemorial called it their heaven, their

"happy hunting ground." In the near future this "new world" will be not less the happy hunting ground of the tourist, and probably no part of the continent offers more in that connection. Lake Temiscamingue at some points is more than 1,000 feet deep, with bluffs lining its shores which rise to a height of 600 feet. On this lake we have a mission, but now vacant. The country around these lakes embraces thousands of acres, not to say miles, over which even the lumberman has not begun to operate, and concerning which there is really little known except that it is timbered and traversed by the Indian and white trappers and some French Canadian squatters. Archibald Lampman, one of Canada's poets, whose early death was much lamented two years ago, published some lines apropos to the foregoing. "Northwest" in the first line is true only with respect to the Province of Ontario:

Far in the grim Northwest, beyond the lines  
That turns the rivers eastward to the sea,  
Set with a thousand islands, crowned with pines,  
Lies the deep water, wild Temagami:  
Wild for the hunter's roving, and the use  
Of trappers in the dark and trackless vales;  
Wild with the trampling of the giant moose,  
And the weird magic of old Indian tales.

All day with steady paddles toward the west  
Our heavy-laden long canoe we pressed:  
All day we saw the thunder-travelled sky  
Purpled with storm in many a trailing tress,  
And saw at eve the broken sunset die  
In crimson on the silent wilderness.

### Lenten Pastoral.

*To the Clergy and Laity of Algoma:*

MY DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST,—It is my earnest hope that the approaching season of Lent will be a season of great spiritual blessing to the Church in Algoma. That it may be so, let us one and all give good heed to the Church's directions regarding Lenten observance. Let us make the season one of thorough self-examination, real self-discipline, and painstaking, prayerful effort after holiness.

In particular, let us resolve that no trifle shall be allowed to hinder our attendance at God's House during the Lenten season. Solemn and impressive as the season set apart to commemorate the sufferings and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ must ever be, its effects upon us will be only what we make them under God's blessing. Only by diligent seeking of them can we reasonably expect to obtain the blessings it is calculated to impart. As individuals, and as congrega-

tions, therefore, it behoves us to be much upon our knees during the solemn weeks of Lent. And for the furthering of this end I trust that in every parish and mission throughout the diocese such special opportunities as may be fitting and possible will be provided.

And since, of all our devotions, the most blessed must ever be the worship which we offer in obedience to Christ's specially solemn command, in the Holy Communion, it is my earnest hope that throughout Lent the clergy will be particularly faithful in providing, and the laity in using, regular and frequent celebration of the Holy Sacrament; and that at Easter no communicant will be willingly or needlessly absent from his place but coming prepared, with humble, contrite and thankful hearts, all who can will participate in the unspeakable blessedness of this holy service, and through it in the risen life of their Lord.

Again, let us resolve that our self-discipline shall be in accordance with the serious condition of things around us. Fasting, abstinence, the giving up of self-indulgent habits, the practice of special thought for others the subjugation of temper, lust for gain, pride of opinion, and whatever else in us needs bringing under the control of Christ—all these practices, rightly and wisely used in the proper spirit, must ever add untold value to our prayers and strength to our characters. But, at this time, we should recognize their especial fitness and value.

The British Empire is engaged in a terrible war. Our battles are being fought with a devotion and courage beyond all praise. But the enemy is strong and well prepared for the encounter, and God has permitted us to suffer fearfully at their hands. We believe the conflict to be a righteous one, not undertaken for the extension of our empire, but one forced upon us in the interests of justice and freedom, which were being threatened. Yet our progress has been strangely withstood and hindered. Were it not well, lest in heat of strife, or pride of heart, or thirst for vengeance, we suffer ourselves to think rather of victory than of righteousness; were it not well throughout this Lent to seek a special outpouring of the Spirit of God—the spirit of humility—upon our empire at large, and to cultivate that spirit in ourselves by Lenten discipline and prayer?

Again, our diocese is passing through a critical stage of its existence. Our income from outside sources is diminish-