

life and our work must not find us to-day only where we were yesterday. The lifting-up of heart and life must be continuous not spasmodic. Our circumstances, whatever they may be, must yield the tribute we owe to God, the tribute of that love and gratitude which ministers ceaselessly and unremittingly to His glory. For if the love of God be the highest incentive to service, it is prompted surely by gratitude to Him, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, and from Whom cometh also every good giving, and every perfect boon. How much less, therefore, that is evanescent, fluctuating, incongruous, and disorderly will there be in our lives, when the glory of God is our single aim, when His eternal interests are ours also, and our one desire, the coming of His kingdom.

May the Spirit of Life so animate us to this end, that of us, in our measure, it may be said, as it was said of the living creatures in Ezekiel's vision: "They turned not when they went. They went every one straight forward; whither the Spirit was to go they went."

As helpers and associates of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma, thoughts such as these may encourage us to persevere in that which we have undertaken. "Every endeavor," the Bishop assures us, "will be made to develop to the utmost the power and will of the Diocese to contribute to its own support." Most of us, however, are now sufficiently well acquainted with its difficulties and its poverty to feel, beyond doubt, that it must claim our sympathy and our help for at least several years to come. Whilst therefore avoiding with dread any narrowing or confining of our interests to one particular portion of God's world, we may, nevertheless, so far as Algoma is concerned, seek that concentration of purpose, in prayer and work, which shall more effectually fulfil the injunction: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

So, we may continue to hope, will our work be lasting, small though it may be, and bear fruit in the future, others reaping where we have been permitted to sow.

Mission of Huntville

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, INCUMBENT.

The usual annual vestry of All Saints' Church was held on the evening of Easter Monday, the incumbent in the chair. The churchwardens presented the financial statement, and the chairman read the annual statements of the Sunday School, Burial Board, C. W. Committee, and the Guild; all of which made a very satisfactory showing of the work of the Church for the year. There has been a slight growth in the parish during that time, which has made itself felt in various parts of the Church's work, but more especially in the Sunday School. The incumbent reappointed Mr. E. J. Ecclestone as his warden; Mr. M. Kinton was elected people's warden; Mr. G. S. Wilgress, vestry

clerk, and six gentlemen were appointed sidesmen; Messrs. H. C. Llwyd and W. J. Morgan were elected organist and choirmaster; and Messrs. E. Flaxman and E. J. Fisher, auditors. The incumbent warmly expressed his acknowledgments to the retiring officers and the members generally for their kindly and sympathetic co-operation during the past year.

Korah Mission.

REV. W. J. SMITHEMAN, INCUMBENT.

The Bishop held a confirmation in Christ Church on Easter Sunday, when seven persons received the apostolic rite of laying on of hands.

At the Easter vestry meeting Messrs. Ira Allen and Robert Coulter were selected as clergyman's and people's wardens respectively. The financial statement showed the people to be generous.

At Goulais Bay Mr. H. Bye and Mr. W. Maclean are the wardens for the current year.

Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

The vestry meeting of St. John's Church, adjourned from Easter Monday, was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening, May 2nd. Rev. J. W. Thursby addressed the assembly, drew attention to and reviewed the progress of the Church in Port Arthur during the past year, and, in conclusion, requested Mr. Keefer (churchwarden) to read the Bishop's mandate, licensing him (Mr. Thursby) to the incumbency of this parish. The reports of the churchwardens, the Woman's Auxiliary, St. John's Circle of King's Daughters, and other organizations, were read and adopted. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring wardens, the choir, and the outgoing vestry clerk, also to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary for their valuable assistance, financially and otherwise. Mr. J. W. Morgan was nominated by the incumbent, and Mr. W. H. Nelson was elected by the vestry to the position of churchwardens for the ensuing year, while the following gentlemen were appointed sidesmen: Messrs. Ross Thompson, J. R. McMullen, and W. S. Percy, F. H. Keefer, C. H. Shera, and Richard Birmingham. Dr. McKnight was appointed vestry clerk.

On Thursday, May 6th, a celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 10 a.m., in connection with the induction of the Rev. J. W. Thursby to the incumbency, the office for the same, as appointed by the Provincial Synod, being said at 8 p.m. A large congregation was present and listened to a most interesting sermon, preached by the Rev. E. J. Harper, of St. Luke's, Fort William.

Mr. Bell, of Toronto, who goes to Oliver as lay reader during the absence of the Rural Dean (Mr. Kirby), was a guest at the parsonage, and assisted at the induction service last week. H. B

Bruce Mines Mission

REV. J. M. M'CONNELL, DEACON IN CHARGE.

The Bishop of Algoma visited this parish on Wednesday, the 23rd of April, and preached in St. George's Church in the evening. This church has just been painted inside and out, and augmented with a tower and bell at a cost of \$200, paid for by the congregation. There was a full church, and the Bishop had a very impressive service in the dedication of the tower and bell, after which he thanked the people for their liberality in completing for the glory of God one of the nicest little churches in Algoma. His sermon on the resurrection was a most solemn and searching address, which was listened to with profound attention.

Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

The Lenten week-night services of 1897 were better attended than those of any previous season in this mission. Good Friday, unfortunately, was marked by copious rains, and, as a consequence, the congregations were not half what they would have been. That fact was painfully emphasized by the reduced offertories for the Jews. Since then three female canvassers (the Misses Allman, Thompson, and Colson) have been doing what they can in the collection of varying sums towards the reduction of the diocesan deficit.

Easter Sunday brought good congregations and bright services. The singing was hearty and inspiring, and the celebration of the Holy Communion was well attended.

The annual Easter vestries followed during the week, but the members present were not very numerous, owing, probably, to the state of the roads and weather. The following items are among those of chief interest:

St. Paul's, Uffington.—Messrs. W. H. Tinkiss and W. T. Kirkpatrick, wardens; Messrs. Wm. Ketching and T. Fielding, sidesmen; Mr. John Irving, auditor. Income, \$225. A new church hall to be erected. Funds urgently needed.

Christ Church, Purbrook.—Messrs. J. T. Colson and A. Crozier, wardens. Income, \$31. The wood-work of the interior of the church edifice, which has been recently oil stained, to be varnished. Small balance in hand.

St. Stephen's Vankoughnet.—Messrs. A. Cooke and Keith Moffat, wardens. Income, \$33. The graveyard to be cleaned up, and laid out in plots, pine stumps to be grubbed out, and fences repaired. Driving-shed to be improved.

The past year had been a trying one to church officers, but re-elections took place all round. Never was money more scarce, nor complaint more frequent. Prices and wages, too, have been abnor-