

of Kingston, one of the Diocesan vice-presidents, supplementing the record with an expression of the deepest sympathy for the sorrowing family. We desire to be permitted to associate with others in an expression of sympathy with the bereaved. Rev. J. K. MacMorine was at one time the missionary at Port Arthur—one of us. "And we also bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear."

OUR paper had not reached the hands of the members of the Council when they assembled at North Bay on May 31st. Few, therefore, knew anything of the burning of the schoolhouse on the Indian Reserve at Spanish River. However, as soon as it was learned that Miss Morley, the teacher, had by the fire lost much of her personal effects, the suggestion was made by some one that at matins, next day, June 1st, there be an offertory in Miss Morley's behalf. At the service the sum of \$10 was contributed and duly forwarded.

THE late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone was one of the committee appointed in England, in 1852, by the first Bishop of Toronto (Dr. Strachan) to aid him in his noble object of establishing a Church University in Toronto. In the reply of the late Archdeacon McMurray to the toast of the day at the luncheon which formed a part of the Toronto Diocesan Jubilee in 1889, from which we learn the fact above stated, the speaker referred to his own trip and sojourn in England on behalf of Trinity College, and said that Mr. Gladstone "gave me the first contribution and introduced me to persons of the highest distinction, both in Church and State." One member of Bishop Strachan's Committee in England survives in the person of Lord Nelson.

IN our synopsis of the business transacted at the Triennial Council we have said no word about the festal evening spent on the grounds of Mr. D. Purvis. It was the only moment of relaxation for some. The ladies of the Church at North Bay prepared for a garden party. The evening was not dark early, so the Chinese and other lanterns had but a brief while to shine. But we all enjoyed ourselves. The visitors strolled about, exchanging greetings with each other or indulging in short chats, anon to be agreeably interrupted by an invitation to accept ice-cream, or coffee and cake, etc.,

and all the time, helping the moments to fly imperceptibly and pleasantly away, were to be heard the strains of music from an improvised orchestra. Soon after 10 o'clock the party melted away.

A LETTER recently to hand from a loyal Churchwoman and friend of Algoma in the capital says: "At the annual meeting of the W.A. of the Diocese of Ottawa, the thank-offering, amounting to \$104.97, was voted to the Clergy Endowment Fund of the Diocese of Algoma. We also passed the following resolution, which will be brought before the Triennial meeting of the W.A. in September: 'That, in deciding the objects for the Triennial offering of 1901, the Clergy Endowment Fund of our missionary Diocese of Algoma shall receive consideration.'" If there be any who think that the establishment of our Sustentation Fund is like attempting the impossible they may well take heart when the love and faith of others is thus shown. It can be done. Most respectfully we beg to draw the attention of the W.A. in other dioceses to the action of Ottawa W.A. above stated, and to solicit sympathetic support.

IN accordance with the request made to the editor at the last session of the recent Triennial Council attention is directed to the resolution adopted, without a dissenting voice, regarding lay-readers' licenses. In some quarters trouble has been caused to clergymen by those who imagine that licenses issued in years past by the first and second bishops of the diocese are still in force. In some cases those who hold such licenses have insisted, even in opposition to the will of the incumbent, in holding services. It is a great mistake. A lay-reader's license is issued by the Bishop at the request of a missionary, and continues during the Bishop's pleasure, or until the clergyman who desires its issue shall signify to the Bishop and to the holder of such license in writing that he no longer desires to avail himself of the services of the lay-reader, when it shall cease and determine. (See Canon XVII. of the Provincial Synod of Canada.) It may be noted, too, that voidance of the see or change of incumbent makes all lay-readers' licenses lapse. The resolution above referred to is to be found in the report of the Council's proceedings in another column.

A HOLY life is a continual sermon.

For the Church in Algoma.

The anniversary of the Algoma Missionary Association was kept in the Clifton Branch on the Tuesday in Whitsun week, May 31st. Service was held in the Lady Chapel of Bristol Cathedral, at 5 p.m., when a Litany of Intercession was said by the chaplain, the Rev. H. R. Wilkins, of St. Anselm's, and an address was given by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol, the Very Rev. the Dean presiding at the harmonium.

The Bishop said that the diocese was a large one, situated near the Great Lakes of Canada, and, though sparsely populated, it was in length longer than all England, being 50,000 square miles. There were only thirty three clergy for this large diocese, and soon it was feared that number would be reduced by three. The Diocese of Bristol, from the borders of the Severn to the other side of Chippenham, was a third part the size of the average district which each of those thirty clergy had to work. In the present day it was said how difficult it was for an English bishop to visit every parish once in one, two or three years, so that they might realize what a great work it was having a parish three times the size the Diocese of Bristol. Yet in some cases the Bishop of Algoma had to double parishes—put two parishes into one—on account of there not being clergy enough. . . He deplored the necessity of closing the Indian Girls' School, the influence of women being so great in spreading the Gospel in the household. A great depth of missionary work must result from bringing up young girls in the knowledge of the Gospel, and it would seem as if anything could better have been given up. The withdrawal of the S.P.G. grant was also a great blow to the diocese, though mitigated this year by a liberal donation. The S.P.C.K., however, was still giving important help. The Bishop appealed for assistance on behalf of the work, and said the value of such an association was that it enlarged our sympathies, lifting us out of ourselves. Missionary work tested our own belief, and was as a mirror showing us the value we set on our own Christian privileges. Our hearts should be stirred within us when we heard of such things as the closing of the school, the "doubling-up of missions," and of the distances to be traversed to obtain means of grace. It reminded him of a story heard when he was a young man of a mother anxious for the baptism of her child, and the father travelling with it forty miles to the nearest clergyman. On the journey, which was performed on horseback, he had to cross a river with the child in his arms. He felt it slipping and clasped it tighter and tighter to his breast, but when he landed he found the little life was gone—he had crushed it out. This story made a deep impression on him, and in-