

on, our need of outside aid will gradually, though of course very slowly, diminish.

Meantime, it is only right that in making this appeal I should assure you of my constant purpose and endeavour to pursue and to inculcate a policy of self-help throughout the diocese, encouraging all our congregations to strain every nerve to increase their contributions towards the support of their own diocesan funds.

Finally, then, I appeal to you, one and all, as individual members of the Canadian Church, whose Missionary Bishop I am, to contribute something to the work which the Church has entrusted to my hands. I appeal to the Woman's Auxiliary in each and every parish throughout the land to work for their one missionary diocese, remembering first its *General Mission Fund*. I appeal to the young men of the Church, and especially to those who are members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to do what is specially the work of young men, namely, aid their brethren in their missionary diocese. If they do nothing more than obtain subscriptions for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, which every friend of Algoma ought to take, and which costs only 50c. a year, they will be doing much. This, at least, I entreat them to do. I appeal to every delegate to Synod to use his influence to secure the pledge of his Synod to devote the amount hitherto paid to the Algoma Episcopal stipend henceforth to the Algoma Mission Fund. And I appeal to the children of our Sunday Schools, through their clergy, superintendents, and teachers, to make a rule of contributing something year by year to the Missionary Diocese of Algoma. Some Sunday Schools are already contributing annually towards the support of boys at the Shingwauk Home. I should rejoice if, in like manner, others would contribute a fixed sum annually towards our mission fund.

For the convenience of those who need it, I append a list—in the order of their importance—of the objects which most need assistance at the present time.

May the blessed Lord, who gave Himself for us, give you all grace to prove the truth of His saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And may His divine Spirit rest largely upon you all, and give you each the "blessing of peace."

I remain,

Most faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,
GEORGE ALGOMA.

Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
March 25th.

LIST OF OBJECTS TOWARDS WHICH ASSISTANCE IS ASKED IN THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

(1) The General Mission Fund, for the support of missionaries, etc.

(2) Indian work. (a) Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie. (b) Indian missions.

(3) The Superannuation Fund, for pensioning worn out clergy. (Barely established).

(4) Fund for assisting in erection of churches and parsonages in poor districts.

(5) Various minor yet important objects, e.g., fonts, communion vessels, altar linen, prayer books and hymn books, etc., etc., for poor missions.

All contributions should be forwarded to our

Diocesan Treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod Office, Toronto, Ont., and will be promptly acknowledged.

Mission of Korah and Goulais Bay.

REV. I. P. SMITHEMAN, INCUMBENT.

Bishop Thorneloe consecrated St. James' Church at Goulais Bay on Sunday, March 21st. The wardens—Messrs. McAuley and Whelan—presented a petition for consecration at the west door; then the 24th Psalm was sung as the clergy proceeded to the east end. The receipt for the purchase of the land was laid on the Holy Table, together with a document, signed by the Bishop, testifying that he had consecrated the church and set it apart to be used only for the worship of Almighty God.

Morning prayer was read by the incumbent, Rev. J. P. Smitheman. After its conclusion the Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered to a large and devout congregation, the Bishop being celebrant. His lordship then preached from Psalm xxvii. 4, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in his temple." He first congratulated the people on having built a church and given it to God, and he prayed that the Divine blessing might abide with them. He then gave an exposition of the principles of Divine worship, and showed that, even by the arrangement of the church, the principal honour is given to the Holy Communion as the central act of Christian worship.

After concluding the consecration service at Goulais Bay the Bishop drove twenty miles to his next appointment, and reached Christ's Church, in Korah township, in good time for the evening service. A good congregation filled the building, and the Bishop delivered a spiritual discourse from the Gospel for the day, and concluded his day's work by driving another six miles to Bishophurst.

Sheguiandah Mission.

REV. F. FROST, INCUMBENT.

Under date of March 22nd Mr. Frost writes: I write to day a few notes for the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS about the visit we lately received from the Bishop of Algoma, and, as this is the very first visit of a Bishop of Algoma or, indeed, any other bishop, to the Manitoulin

Island in the winter, it will be of some interest to the readers of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. I drove over from Sheguiandah to the railway station at Massey to meet the bishop, who arrived by the evening train from the Sault. We then drove to one of the Indian missions on the Spanish River, where we held service, and the Bishop preached to the Indians, who had congregated there in the Church school-house, from the surrounding country—the woods and lakes, and rivers where they dwell. It was a good gathering, and the bishop was cheered to see evidences of God's work among the aborigines of our country. We stayed there that night, and the bishop slept on the floor of the school house, and enjoyed a beautiful night's rest.

Arising early on the following morning the Bishop administered the Holy Communion to a goodly number of devout communicants, and after some subsequent interchange of sentiments between the Bishop and the Indians, of a happy character chiefly, we went on our way towards the Grand Manitoulin.

It is a way that is interesting, both on account of its sameness and also on account of its variety; the sameness consists in the snow which is everywhere, and its variety in the nature of the country, which consists of rocks, valleys, mountains, lakes, rivers, islands, woods, and plains; ice and water which, in places, was up to the bishop's toes very nearly, as we were crossing part of Lake Huron. However, to proceed, we reached the Manitoulin in due course, and went to Rev. Mr. Ecclestone's, at Little Current, who kindly gave the Bishop and the missionary some dinner, and also did not forget the horse.

It was a matter for profound regret to find on our arrival at Sheguiandah that the conveyance that had come from Manitowaning to meet the bishop had returned without him just fifteen minutes before. Much time was spent in securing a team of horses to take him on his journey; finally an Indian at the village kindly placed his team at the disposal of the Bishop, and the missionary's son acted as driver. They arrived some time in the night. Services, Confirmation and celebration of Holy Communion were held in Manitowaning and the surrounding country in the mission of Rev. Mr. Aylwin, and the Bishop returned to Sheguiandah on Saturday.

There was an early celebration of Holy