

ous between clergyman and people; and holding the latter directly responsible to the Bishop for the faithful discharge of their financial obligations. There are difficulties in the successful working of such a scheme, but time and patience will surmount them.

2. *Canadian.*—The Treasurer's statement, appended below, will show the present condition of our mission and other Funds, with reference to the amounts contributed by the several Dioceses. It indicates a decided increase in the interest taken by Canadian Churchmen in our Missionary Diocese. Were our funds no more than equal to the demands on them, I would feel most devoutly thankful. That our "cup runs over" is owing largely to the fact that our clerical force is far from adequate to our needs. The accessions to our missionary staff, expected as the result of my visit to England, will strain our powers to the utmost. I would, therefore, express the hope that no Diocese will relax by even one dollar, in its efforts on behalf of Algoma.

A legacy of \$4,000 (to be paid within five (5) years), was recently bequeathed to our Mission Fund. Would that Churchmen would more frequently remember Algoma in their last wills and testaments!

*English Societies.*—The Diocese of Algoma still lies under weightiest obligations to the noble English Societies that have hitherto aided her so materially in her missionary operations. Indeed it seems as though they but needed to hear the simple story of our necessities, so prompt are they in responding to our appeals to the full measure of their ability. From two of them I am thankful to be able to report liberal grants for specific objects.

(1). The "Colonial and Continental Church Society," still continues its annual grant of £285.

(2). The "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" has manifested even more than its usual interest in our Missionary Diocese during the past year, having voted (a) £1000 towards Endowment, on condition of £4000 being raised for the same purpose by 1887, (b) an increase of £200 (over and above the £150 hitherto granted) for the benefit of four (4) new Missions in Muskoka, and (c) the sum of £100 in aid of the Bishop's "Steam Yacht Fund."

(3). The "Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge," has followed closely in the footsteps of the Sister Society by also voting (a) £1000 towards our "Endowment Fund," (b) £75 for studentships, and (c) sundry sums for the completion of Churches in needy places. We are also greatly indebted to the "S.P.C.K." for frequent and liberal grants of Prayer and Service Books, Bibles, &c., for use in our Churches, and of tracts and other publications for general distribution. I hope to meet the Committees of these several Societies during my approaching visit to England, and for myself, as well as for the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, make grateful acknowledgment of the ever-deepening obligations under which their sympathy has laid us.

#### ENDOWMENT FUND.

This Fund, like that for the "Widows and Orphans," is slowly and painfully struggling into existence. Until it rests on a sufficiently broad foundation, the several Dioceses will need to carry the burden of the maintenance of the Bishop of Algoma. The very promptness with which they have all discharged their voluntarily assumed and largely increased obligations during the past year, (not a dollar being

due on the stipend account), makes me the more desirous to relieve them as quickly as possible of this heavy responsibility. I shall, therefore, make this Fund a special subject of appeal while in England. The liberality of the two great Societies (named above) will aid me very materially.

#### STEAM YACHT FUND.

Funds sufficient for the purchase of a small steam vessel for the Bishop's use have been contributed, but not expended as yet, great caution being required in such a case, to ensure a wise and safe investment. Meanwhile a second summer in the diocese has only confirmed the opinion previously expressed, as to the absolute necessity of some such independent means of transit. My recent tour among the islands, and along the north shore of Lake Huron, involved a journey of upwards of six hundred (600) miles in an open sail boat, none other than "The Missionary." recently presented to the Rev. E. F. Wilson, by the Sunday School of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. This mode of travel is attended with great difficulties in the fulfilment of definite appointments, and in stormy weather with not a little danger. The annual maintenance of the Yacht will cost about \$800. This has yet to be provided.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

Under this head is embraced only the work done for Algoma by Christian women through organized agencies. Individual manifestations of interest and sympathy have been "for numbers numberless." In England and Canada alike, directly through the Bishop, and indirectly, through the clergy, for specific objects in various missions, an unceasing current of kindnesses has flowed into the Diocese from "women, which have labored with us in the Gospel, whose names are in the book of life."

(To be Continued.)

#### Christmas at the Indian Homes.

Santa Claus visited the Shingwauk Home on Christmas Eve. Only just a glimpse was caught of him by some of the boys, but the next morning their stockings were found all well filled with candies, nuts, apples, and various presents. On Christmas day the Wawanoosh girls all came to spend the day. The Shingwauk team went to fetch them, that is as many as could clamber on to the sleigh, and Hardiman, the gardener, brought the rest with his old grey horse. We had service in the chapel at 11. Mr. Wotton, the school master, and the Indian boys had all been busy decorating it the day before, and it looked very nicely. Mr. Wilson preached partly in Indian and partly in English and told the story of Bethlehem, and the offertory, amounting to \$4.58, was applied to the support of an orphan child in Palestine. About half past one, a grand dinner was spread out for boys and girls all together in the Dining Hall, roast beef and plum pudding, and the tables decorated with cedar sprays and sprinkled all over between the plates and dishes with apples, nuts, raisins, and candies, so that hardly any space was left. In the afternoon there were quiet games in the school rooms, and in the evening Christmas hymns, saying texts, and answering questions. All spent a most happy day, and after a cup of hot coffee each, the girls drove back to the Wawanoosh about 9 p.m.

The Christmas Tree was on January 4th, the last day of the holidays. There was a grand gathering of all the pu-