

## Jottings from Algoma.

BY THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

IN order to keep the many friends of our Missionary Diocese, abreast with the story of the Church work there, we resume our narrative at the date of the Bishop's removal from Toronto to his summer headquarters, at Sault Ste Marie, where he arrived with his family in time to hear the thunder of the village gun, announcing to the loyal inhabitants, as well as to their American cousins across the river, another anniversary of the birth of that Gracious Queen, whose name is a synonym, the wide world over, for all that is good and pure and noble in womanhood, and the influence of whose example, radiating from the central throne of an empire on which the sun never sets, has done so much to elevate and purify society, down even to its lowest strata.

Several days of the week previous to the Bishop's arrival had been devoted to the examination, by his chaplain, the Rev. E. F. Wilson, of three candidates for ordination, Mr. F. Frost (catechist at Sheguindah), for the Diaconate, and the Revs. R. Renison (our indefatigable Missionary to the Neepigan Indians), and H. Beer (our equally faithful representative in St. Joseph's Island), for the Priesthood, with a view to the administration of the rite on Trinity Sunday. But as the Bishop found it impossible to arrive in time, the date was changed to June 3rd, when the two first gentlemen were to present themselves to receive, in the laying on of hands, that larger equipment for their sacred duties, on which their hearts had been so long set, and for which the report of the Examining Chaplain shewed that they had made more than ordinary preparation. (Mr. Beer's ordination had been postponed to a later date, in the hope of its being combined with the opening and consecration of the new church he has built at Mud Lake, at the cost of much patient, self-denying labor.) For the ordination on the 3rd all the arrangements had been completed—"si quis" read, "letters testimonial" furnished, "oaths" taken, "declarations" made, private interviews held with the Bishop, in which opinions were freely expressed, and counsels given on various practical aspects of the work of the sacred ministry, closing with prayer for the Divine blessing on the services of the morrow, and the toil of the labourers about to be sent forth "into the harvest."

Sunday morning dawned auspiciously, but very soon its early promise disappeared in certain tokens of coming disappointment. The clouds suddenly rolled up in heavy masses, like armed battalions mustering on the battle field; the heavens grew blacker and blacker, and presently a very torrent of rain descended, which was at its heaviest when Mr. Renison, drenched through and through, was seen hurrying to the See House to announce (what one of its occupants had already seen with dismay) that the S. S. "Manitoba," by which he hoped to have sailed for his distant Mission in the afternoon, or evening possibly, had arrived, and was about to leave again for Red Rock immediately, i. e., about two hours before the ordination service! What was to be done? If he remained, he lost the opportunity of meeting the Pagan Indians at their great annual gathering at the "Post," as in all probability no boat would leave for Red Rock for ten days later; if he went, he must go unordained. After a hurried consultation, it was decided, as the least of two evils, that he should go, in the hope that the ordination might possibly be held at Neepigan, a hope, however, which, for the present, seems unlikely to be realized, as after going to Red Rock, and starting up the river with Joseph Esquimaux and Paul Bukkwassenene, who had come down to meet him, Mr. Renison was taken so seriously ill as to be compelled to turn back at Split Rock Portage, and make his way home to Garden River as best he could. Meanwhile, Mr. Frost's ordination was proceeded with, the Rite of Confirmation being administered on the same occasion to a class of 20 persons, the large and liberal first-fruits of the faithful labours of the

Rev. G. B. Cooke during his first winter in St. Luke's. Morning Prayer was said at 10.30, then the laying on of hands in Confirmation, followed by a brief address by the Bishop on some practical aspects of the Christian life, then, for the first time in the history of the Diocese, the ordination (of Mr. Frost) to the Permanent Diaconate. The Bishop preached from 2 Cor. v. 18, after which the Holy Communion was administered to the newly confirmed and a number of other members of the congregation. In this connection it is not too much to say that during his as yet brief tenure of the Incumbency, the Rev. Mr. Cooke has already wrought wonders in the parish, and the Diocese is to be congratulated on the increase of its little staff of clerical workers by one who is not only indefatigably zealous in his labours, but combines with this zeal a knowledge of human nature which enables him to steer his way wisely and judiciously through the intricacies of parochial life, even when, as in this case, the difficulties of navigation are rendered more than ordinarily perplexing by local peculiarities connected with its past history and administration. In the evening the Bishop preached again from Ezek. xxxvii. 1-10, making a threefold application of the passage to the national condition of the Jewish people, the fact and doctrine of the final general Resurrection, and the state of human souls "dead in trespasses and sins."

(To be Continued.)

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Books for the Clergy.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—A letter signed G. M. Wrong, Librarian, Wycliffe College, Toronto, (*Evangelical Churchman*, 28th June), directs attention to the very liberal offer of Mr. S. H. Blake, to present to any of the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto who may desire it, a yearly volume for their library, and intimates, quoting Mr. Blake's words, that the "first book of the series" will be the "Life of Dr. Duff." Now, without wishing in any degree to depreciate its usefulness as a Missionary study, may we not, as Churchmen, suggest that a Life of Henry Martyn, Bishop Pattison, Bishop Selwyn, or other of our own devoted Missionaries, Martyrs, some of them in will, others in will and deed, would be equally instructive, and certainly more appropriate, and in many instances more acceptable as a gift-book to clergymen of the Anglican Church. Doubtless, many of the young and newly ordained graduates of Wycliffe College will avail themselves of Mr. Blake's offer, and will have presented to their admiration and imitation the life and labors of the subject of the work. And what of that? some will ask. Simply this. The Clergy of the Church should study first the lives of their own Spiritual heroes.

To give such prominence to the work in question, to send it forth as a herald amongst our clergy, is to invest it with a dignity and importance quite incommensurate with its value to Churchmen, and quite out of taste. Dissenters never make mistakes like this. It is reserved for the liberal Churchmen of our day to play into the hands of those who, if not against us, are certainly not, as a rule, for us. There is a zeal which is not according to knowledge.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

E. N. D. S.

Diocese of Montreal, July 3, 1883.

## Increased Confirmations.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—Your correspondent "Ecclesia" is on the right tack. A Bishop should be in each and every Parish once a year, and I think that our Dioceses would readily provide the means for an increased episcopate. If the "means" stand in the way, then better a Paul and his tent-making, than no Paul at all. A mighty worker of a Bishop on

\$800 a year! What a splendid sight, if we could see it.

Concerning Confirmations. Every clergyman knows that he loses many younger members of his congregation who go away before the Bishop arrives. Sad to say, many others have been prepared for the Sacred Rite, but a loving Father took them before the full privileges of the Church were theirs. The Church, if she wishes to increase, must fairly face these facts. We need an increased episcopate, and the sooner we bestir ourselves about it, the better.

ATHANASIUS.

## BOOK NOTICES, REVIEWS, &amp;c.

"Life of the Right Reverend Samuel Wilberforce, D. D., Lord Bishop of Oxford and afterwards of Manchester, with selections from his Diaries and Correspondence, by A. R. Ashwell, M. A., and Reginald D. Wilberforce, abridged from the English edition, with portraits and illustrations. New York, E. P. Dutton & Co. Price \$3.00.

This is an American abridgment in one volume of the large three-volume English edition of a book which our readers know attracted so much attention and provoked so much adverse criticism when first issued. Indeed it is said that the sale of the third volume has been stopped by authority in England. The first volume was by Canon Ashwell, who, however, did not live to see it made public. The second and third are edited by the Bishop's eldest son, and these are the volumes which have called forth the largest amount of indignation in some quarters. The abridgment, like all abridgments, is open to criticism. It is a difficult matter to condense two or three thousand pages into five hundred, and yet preserve all that is of value in such a book as the Life of a great and important personage, and not only a great and important personage for a few of the last years of his life, but a great and an important man nearly the whole of a long and eventful life. And yet while the task was an extremely difficult one, the abridgment has been exceedingly well done, as any candid person in examining both editions will readily admit. Very much, of course, has been eliminated—some things that we should like to have seen retained—but taking into consideration the differences which must exist among many minds as to what shall be retained and what shall be removed in order to effect the needed reduction, we are quite prepared to speak in warm praise of this American abridgment. Of the work itself it would be superfluous for us to speak. It is the life of one of the most wonderful men that ever sat upon the bench of Bishops. He was not only a great Bishop, but he was a great man in almost every particular which goes to make greatness, and was so recognized by universal consent. This Life ought to be in possession of every one who would wish to understand something of the remarkable revival within the Church which began over forty years ago, and who would become acquainted with the leaders in Church and State during that eventful period. To the clergy, as well as to others who cannot afford the money for the English edition, this abridgment will prove a boon, and will be read with absorbing interest from first to last.

The July Homiletic Monthly, Funk & Wagnalls, New York, is a good number, and possesses some features not to be found in other works of the kind. It is principally a magazine of sermons by eminent men of the Church as well as of the denominations.

"The American Church Review" for July is no less valuable than its predecessors, which is saying a very great deal in its favor. We should like to see this monthly in the hands of every clergyman in our Canadian Church. It will not only prove interesting, but highly valuable and instructive. The price is \$3 a year. American Church Review Association, New York.

"The Wheelman" for July is full of fresh and entertaining reading, and well maintains its past good character for cultured discrimination in the selection of its articles. The illustrations are excellent.