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No one can glance at these figures without coming to the conclusion that there are many congregations far behind the mark in the way of striving for the world's evangelization. We hope to give, next issue, the names of those parishes that have contributed between ten and twenty dollars.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BISHOP OF ALGOMA.

The 'Triennial Report of the Bishop of Algoma should always be of interest to the Church people of Canada, and it is encouraging to know that the present Report shows that the diocese is in an undoubted state of prosperity and progression. There are 26 clergy besides the bishop and two catechists, four mission stations being vacant.

The bishop's official acts are: Baptised, 51; confirmed, 431; celebrations of the Holy Communion, 147; sermons, 334; addresses, 215; consecrations, churches, 7, cemeteries, 4; clergy ordained, deacons, 9, priests, 4; clergy received, 3; transferred, 9; dismissed for cause, 1; candidates for deacons' orders, 2; present number of missionaries, including the bishop, 27.

The bishop speaks encouragingly of his Indian work, for the details of which he refers to *Our Forest Children*, published monthly by Rev. E. F. Wilson, of Sault Ste. Marie. The facilities for travelling having increased greatly in the diocese of late years Bishop Sullivan speaks of selling his missionary boat the *Evangeline*. He speaks warmly of his indebtedness to the Woman's Auxiliary for assistance rendered him,—“words fail wherein to make adequate acknowledgment.” The bishop also acknowledges with many grateful expressions the aid which he has received from the English societies,—the “S. P. G.,” the “S. P. C. K.,” and the “Colonial and Continental Church Society.”

It is, however, in the matter of endowments that the diocese shows material advancement. Indeed, it is fast creeping up to the position of an established diocese. Of these funds the bishop speaks as follows:—

EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

The total amount of this Fund is now \$35,837.33. Of this the sum of \$30,000 has been invested. The position of the Fund causes me not a little anxiety, in view of the fact that the unpaid balance of the conditional grants of £500 each promised by the “S.P.G.,” “S.P.C.K.,” and the “Colonial Bishoprics Fund,” will lapse unless we are able to show by December, 1892, a sum total of £3,500 from other sources towards the second £5,000 of invested capital. Of this sum more than £1,500 is still lacking. Contributions to this Fund during the last three years amount to only \$200, and this chiefly from England. That the Church in Canada,

heavily handicapped as it is with other claims, should contribute very liberally to this object cannot reasonably be expected, but something surely might be done in its behalf were churchmen more generally to make their giving a question of duty and conscience, to be solved in the searching light of the great final account—were they, still more, to remember the religious destitution of the missionary field, when making final disposition of their worldly substance. Failing, as it seems we must, in a solution of the problem of Endowment in Canada, no alternative is left save either on the one hand, the loss of the balance of the grants referred to, or on the other, the labor and distastefulness of another appeal to the patient, long-suffering sympathy of English churchmen.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

This Fund exhibits a most gratifying increase, having grown from \$5,411.14 in 1886 to \$12,599.72 during the last three years. The principal element in this increase was the “Jubilee Memorial” scheme, prosecuted so successfully through the harmonious co-operation of churchwomen in all parts of the Ecclesiastical Province, under the leadership of one who, since then herself bereaved, found time in the midst of unceasing ministrations to one now “entered into rest,” to care for the future widows and orphans of the clergy of our missionary diocese. Happily for us no claims have yet been made upon this fund. In view, however, of the possible occurrence of such a contingency at any moment, a scheme was adopted, at our late diocesan Council, providing pensions for the family of any missionary dying in active service, graduated according to the duration of such service, ranging upwards from a minimum of \$100 for any period of, or less than, five years, and increasing by \$25 for every additional five years, the maximum being \$175. Further, the sum of \$20 per annum is to be paid for every child under 15, but in no case is the sum so paid to exceed a total of \$60. These amounts are the largest which, in the opinion of an experienced actuary, the present condition of the Fund, and the probabilities of the case, will as yet admit, but the fact that we are in a position to guarantee them, should necessity arise, has materially improved the status of the diocese, by removing one of the most serious obstacles to an increase in the numbers of our missionaries. We recognize God's goodness in this auspicious fact, and desire also to thank very gratefully all those whose co-operation has yielded this happy result.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE FUND.

The six churches reported in 1886 as in course of erection have been completed, and are occupied by their respective congregations. Two others are being rebuilt, and yet other two are advancing. Sites have been secured for several others, but lack of funds forbids active operations, church debts being contrary to the established rules of the diocese. Meanwhile “Union Churches” are being built at several points by the joint efforts of the