

love, and the little we have done to His service may be the means of leading many to Christ the Lord.

C.M.N.

Stanley, January 4th.

Uffington Mission

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT

The Christmas tree gatherings here were bright, happy and successful. The Sunday school scholars mustered at each point in full force, and (after varied programmes) received their gifts with evident glee and appreciation. The attractiveness of the evening at St. Paul's, Uffington, was enhanced by the kindness of Mr. Geo. Simmons, Bracebridge, who exhibited and operated a graphophone, much to the delight of all present. The incumbent, Rev. A. H. Allman, occupied the chair on this occasion, as well as at Christ Church, Purbrook, and St. Stephen's, Vankoughnet, and superintended the distribution of the seasonable gifts. The trees were very pleasing to the eye, and their fruits were made possible through the generosity of St. Stephen's W.A., Toronto, and Church of Ascension Junior W.A., Hamilton.

An Episcopal visitation took place on Sunday, January 22nd, when the Bishop was present at each of the churches, and met the congregations that assembled, which, however, were not as large as they would have been had not the roads been drifted up. Indeed, owing to the furious storm of the previous day, the Bishop's journeys were made somewhat tedious, but the appointments were kept, although accomplished with difficulty. The incumbent read the prayers and the Bishop read the lessons, also preaching very telling and instructive sermons. At Christ Church and St. Paul's some young persons were presented for confirmation, and were very suitably and affectionately addressed during the Bishop's sermons. On the following day (23rd) a bedridden candidate was presented to the Bishop for confirmation, after which an administration of the Holy Communion took place. In the evening of the same day a congregational gathering took place in St. Paul's Church hall, when the Bishop gave a most valuable and encouraging address upon the affairs of the diocese. On Tuesday (24th) the Bishop was conveyed to Bracebridge, whence His Lordship proceeded to Port Carling in company with the Rev. T. E. Chilcott, attended by the Rev. A. H. Allman and Mr. Ernst Allman.

For Algoma's Funds.

The following statement speaks for itself:

4 Kent Street, Royal Avenue,
Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 28, 1898.

MY DEAR BISHOP,—I now enclose you a statement of my work and draft payable on London, Eng., to meet same:

Collected by me before leaving mission, \$34.73; collected by me at Pembroke, Ont., \$30.00	£	s.	d.
—\$64.73	13	0	0
Two collections on board S.S. <i>Torshire</i> , 11s. and 26s.	1	17	0
Sept. 18th—offertories at morning and evening services, St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast.....	5	5	0
Sept. 25th—offertory at vespers, St. Ann's, Belfast.....	2	5	0
Oct. 14th—lecture on missionary work in V.M.C.A. Hall, Belfast.....	3	10	9
Oct. 23rd—offertory at Ballymore and Ballyclare	1	0	0
Total	26	17	9
Oct. 30th—St. John's Church, I. Magee	£	s.	d.
Nov. 6th—subscription from Rev. R. C. Oulton	17	4	
Nov. 13th—offertory at Templepatrick	10	0	
Nov. 20th—offertory at Drumgooland.	1	13	8½
Nov. 27th—St. John's, Belfast.	1	7	0
Dec. 11—St. Columba's Knock.	1	5	0
	1	2	0
	33	12	10
To expenses for train fare, car tram, advertisements, light, postage, etc.....	3	19	3
To net amount for Bishop of Algoma's Fund.	29	13	7

J. HICKLAND

Powassan Mission.

REV. A. I. COBB, INCUMBENT.

A very successful concert was held at Powassan under the auspices of the newly-formed branch of the Woman's Auxiliary connected with St. Mary's. Great credit is due to Mr. Emmett Scarlett for the able manner in which the event was conducted. The proceeds go towards the parsonage funds.

A parsonage is to be erected at Powassan next summer.

On January 17th the Bishop held a confirmation in St. Mary's Church, Powassan, when seventeen persons received the apostolic rite of "laying on of hands." There was a large number of communicants at the early celebration on the following morning. In the evening a reception was held at the incumbent's house, when the people met the Bishop and enjoyed a social hour.

Powassan Church: people lost an energetic and loyal Churchman in the departure to London, Ontario, of Mr. Georgeson, who had been one of the Church family there for ten years past, during which period he had been church warden for eight or nine years. At the close of divine service on Sunday morning, January 29th, when the whole congregation were assembled, Mr. Georgeson was presented with an illuminated address and some hooks as a tangible token of the esteem in which he is held and a mark of appreciation of his services.

A CHURCHMAN is one who believes fully in the Church; a churchman, one who believes in it a little, and, sometimes, just as little as he can.

The Fourth "R."

I.

There can be little question but that the agitation in behalf of religious instruction in the schools of the Province of Ontario is slowly bearing fruit. Men—fathers—are having its desirability, if not its necessity, gradually forced upon them by being compelled to give some thought to the subject. And this in no small measure is due to those Anglican Church men who have sufficient faith in the righteousness and ultimate success of a cause they have brought to the front, to keep hammering away at it, though signs of encouragement come slowly and hostility and misconception give place no less slowly.

Among the agitators for the desired improvement in our common educational system none work harder, probably, than Mr. Lawrence Baldwin, of Toronto, who contributes an article on "The Ontario Educational System and Voluntary Schools," to *The Canada Educational Monthly* of December last. Before we make any note on the article mentioned, we cannot but commend the bringing of the subject before the teachers and others interested in education in the columns of their own magazine. Among such there are, doubtless, many who, if they cannot wholly approve methods suggested, are not only dissatisfied with things as they now exist but anxious to do something to supply that factor in our common education which Christians believe is the factor that really goes—is indeed absolutely necessary—to the building up of character.

Mr Baldwin does not fail to see much to be commended in Ontario's system, but hits a blot when he brings to the front the fact that people take so little interest in the election of trustees. "We never hear," he says, "of a trustee seeking election on any policy looking to the betterment of the system, or the work accomplished thereby." In the main this is true. The system is so mechanical that a trustee has little or no power to do anything in such a direction. He has little to do save to take a part in the management that collects money and expends it on teachers' salaries, fuel, etc. He notes, too, that the part of a school trustee is often a stepping stone to "aldermanic and parliamentary honours." Yes, it is 'prentice hands, too often, to whom are relegated duties that should be