

are getting on well in their studies. The food supplied is good and wholesome, and they appear to have plenty. A new bakery was to have been put up, but this I have not yet seen. Tailoring, carpentry, and farming go on satisfactorily. The clothes made by the boys are very good. Other branches of work are still continued, such as shoemaking, cooking, baking, and laundry work, the boys attending the school half of the day and spending the other half at their different trades. The recent improvements in the building were the work of the boys under the carpenter foreman, with but little outside assistance, and no little credit is due them for the manner in which they did the work.

I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

WM. VAN ABBOTT,  
*Indian Agent.*

### Diocesan Regulations.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in the Diocese of Algoma :

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—The following regulations, almost identical with certain instructions published by my predecessor in office, are all of a very practical nature, and will, I trust, commend themselves to your judgment as calculated, when given a fair trial, to promote the welfare of the Church in the Diocese of Algoma.

Yours faithfully,  
G. ALGOMA.

#### I.—ERECTION OF CHURCHES, ETC.

No church or parsonage may be erected in the diocese until the site of the proposed building has been deeded (for which purpose blank forms will be forwarded on application to the Bishop), and the plans, specifications, statements of local or other contributions have been submitted to him. This rule will also apply to all proposed alterations or improvements in churches or parsonages, and re-arrangement of church or chancel furniture.

#### II.—VESTRIES.

All male persons shall be entitled to a seat, and vote, in the vestries of the several congregations of the Church of England in the Diocese of Algoma, who (1) are baptized, (2) are of the full age of twenty-one years, (3) are habitual attendants at divine service in connection with said congregations, (4) have contributed to the funds of the parish during the year immediately preceding, and (5)

three months before the date of any meeting at which they claim the right to sit and vote have signed their names in a book, kept for that purpose by the churchwardens, as members of the Church of England, and of no other religious communion whatsoever.

#### III.—ELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, ETC., OF CHURCHWARDENS.

(a) At the annual meeting of the vestry (due notice of the same having been given on the Sunday previous) one warden shall be nominated by the clergyman, and one elected by a majority of those present, and entitled to vote. Should either the clergyman or vestry decline or neglect to appoint a warden, then the vacancy shall be filled by the other party, *i.e.*, by the vestry or clergyman, as the case may be.

(b) No person shall be eligible to the office of churchwarden unless he be a member of the vestry of the church which he habitually attends, possessing all the five qualifications enumerated in Section II.

(c) The churchwardens shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are appointed. Persons nominated or appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the next annual vestry meeting, or until their successors are appointed.

(d) It shall be in the power of the clergyman, or of the wardens, to call a vestry meeting when he or they shall think fit; and in any case it shall be their duty to do so upon receiving a written application signed by at least six members of the vestry.

#### IV.—DUTIES OF CHURCHWARDENS.

It shall be the special duty of the churchwardens of every church, within fourteen days after appointment or re-election in each year, to make a faithful inventory, in duplicate, of all the movable property of the church, and to insure the same, and all the buildings thereof, at their full assurable value, with some English or Provincial Fire Insurance Company, duly incorporated. The receipt and policy shall remain in the possession of the churchwardens; all policies shall be made payable to the Bishop of the diocese. At each appointment or re-election of churchwardens, the outgoing churchwarden or churchwardens shall present a true and faithful balance sheet, duly audited, of the accounts of the church, to be filed with the above-mentioned inventories in the vestry of the church, and also shall hand over to his

or their successors any balance of moneys remaining on hand.

To provide for the due care and preservation of the said movable property, together with the administration of the said real estate, during their tenure of office. Carefully to superintend and to enforce the execution of all contracts for furnishing, repair, and preservation of the church, parsonage, burial ground, and glebe, and to take the necessary steps to exact penalties in case of their non-fulfilment.

To secure the warmth, cleanliness, and ventilation of the church, and the supply of a surplice, communion linen, books, and bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Communion.

To provide and use such books and documents as the Bishop may from time to time require to be kept. A service register shall be kept in each station, in which are to be entered the days, dates, and hours of services held, names of officiating ministers, number of persons present, number communicating, and amount of offertory at each service.

To afford the incumbent every assistance in their power in supervision of the sexton, the organist, the choir, and the inferior officers of the church.

To provide strangers with seats during the celebration of divine worship.

To maintain good order and quiet in and about the church and in the adjoining roads during divine worship. They are not to allow the church to be used for feasts, plays, entertainments, or any secular purpose.

To collect subscriptions, alms, and offerings of the congregation, and to keep a faithful account of the receipts and disbursements of the same. Also, immediately after any service having an offertory, to proceed to the vestry, and, in the presence of the incumbent or the officiating minister, carefully count and enter the amount of the same, with the date, in the service register.

To notify the incumbent of any grievous sickness or destitution among the members of the congregation, and generally, and so far as in them lies, to promote the comfort and the welfare of the clergyman and congregation.

The clergyman and churchwardens shall not expend church moneys, or take any action affecting the welfare of the congregation except by joint consent.

These instructions shall be read aloud by the chairman of the vestry at each annual election of the churchwardens.