

ecclesiastical province, I leave it with your Lordship and the provincial Synod to decide. Appended is a statement of all moneys received for missionary purposes in Algoma, since my last report was rendered in September 1874.

I desire here, whilst upon the subject of finance, gratefully to acknowledge the liberal aid given by the Col. and Con. Ch. Society; it having granted the sum of 270*l.* sterling per annum since the formation of the diocese, towards the support of three missionaries, and a catechist to the Indians.

Also the kind and liberal response made by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge to all my applications, both for money grants to aid in building churches, and also for grants of books.

I would also state that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts has, in answer to an application made in April last, kindly made a grant of 100*l.* sterling for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1878, to help pay the salaries of two missionaries."

Before concluding this somewhat lengthy report I must beg respectfully to repeat the request made in my last report, in behalf of clergymen coming to us from other dioceses, that some arrangement may be made to secure to them on certain conditions, the privilege of establishing their claim to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and also the Surplus Commutation Fund of the diocese in which they may have been laboring previous to entering the missionary diocese of Algoma.

It must doubtless prove a very serious hindrance to any clergyman who may feel inclined to enter this mission field to find that in addition to "enduring hardness"

such as he might escape whilst remaining in more settled and civilized parts, he must at the very outset forego privileges which are secured to him so long as he remains in an organized diocese.

If the Church in Canada, as represented by the Provincial Synod, was in earnest to do the Master's work when setting off the mission diocese of Algoma, it ought to provide against penalties such as now exist, since they tend materially to check and discourage the very first promptings in the hearts of clergymen who may be willing to enter and labor in this her legitimate mission field.

Surely it is not too much to ask that the Synods of several dioceses which took part in setting off the missionary diocese of Algoma, should allow those of their clergy who may be ready and willing to labor therein for the good of souls, to retain their claims upon the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in behalf of which they may have labored for many years, by paying the annual subscription, which would have been required of them if they had remained within its limits, foregoing all other conditions in favor of the infant diocese, which they have been instrumental in bringing into existence.

Then as regards the Surplus Commutation Fund, it cannot, taking a catholic view of the question, be thought too much to ask, that a clergyman leaving any other diocese for that of Algoma should be recognized as still laboring for the diocese to which he formerly belonged, and be held entitled to the same privilege and claim upon the surplus commutation as if he were still living within its limits.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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NOTE.—Through a mistake the sum of \$200 paid by the Sec. Treas. of Montreal Diocesan Association, in 1875, was credited to the diocese of Quebec, so that the total, as it appeared in the Bishop of Algoma's triennial report, should have been Per Sec. Treas. diocese of Montreal \$3,450.15; diocese of Quebec, \$1,152.88.

Muskoka Missions.

PARRY SOUND:—On Sunday, Sept. 30th the new church which is just completed was opened by the Bishop of Algoma. A social was held in the evening, the proceeds of which together with the offertory, amounting in all to the sum of \$50, were devoted to the building fund. It is cheering to know that the church is free from debt, and that the building committee are determined to have it ready for consecration in the course of

a few months.

Another church is shortly to be built about eight miles out of the Sound. This shows that progress is being made in Church work.

MUSKOKA MISSIONS.—We are glad to hear that our travelling clergyman, Rev. W. Crompton, is forming several fresh stations in Stisted, Chaffey, McMurrich and Ryerson. By arranging to have some