

of four poor struggling congregations, to set things right and keep the houses of God and their accessories in decent repair?
W.H.F.

Diocesan Standing Committee.

This committee, which is Algoma's Advisory Board to the Bishop, was summoned to meet in Huntsville on Tuesday, February 16th, at 9 a.m. Promptly at the hour named the members assembled in the vestry of the Church of All Saints. There were present:

The Bishop of Algoma (presiding).
The Archdeacon of Algoma (Llwyd).
Rev. Rural Dean Machin.
Rev. Rural Dean Chowne.
Rev. J. Boydell, M.A., Exam. Chap.
Rev. Charles Piercy, Secretary.
Mr. G. S. Wilgress, B.A.

Business was preceded by the shortened form of Morning Prayer, read by the Archdeacon. Mr. Piercy read the lesson.

The Bishop then addressed the committee, which he for the first time met, assuring his hearers that in his oversight of the diocese he would be guided by sound Church principles. He would need the advice of the committee on some questions. His desire was to see the field on every side in order that his administration might be marked by strict impartiality. He then enumerated a list of subjects upon which he wished to consult the committee, and asked for a most free discussion. The Bishop stated that he had received notice of reduction in grant to the diocese by the S.P.G.

A full and free discussion on several matters of great importance to the diocese followed, and was continued during the afternoon session from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., at which hour the Bishop pronounced the benediction and the committee adjourned.

Magnetawan Mission.

REV. D. A. JOHNSTON, INCUMBENT.

The Bishop of the diocese was with us on Ash Wednesday. He arrived by rail at Burk's Falls on the previous evening remaining over night the guest of Rev. C. and Mrs. Piercy. On the same day the incumbent of this mission drove to Burk's Falls, in order that he might have fresh horses for an early start on the following morning. About 8 a.m. Mr. Johnston's "jumper" was at the door. No time was lost in getting away and the Bishop was soon on the road behind a fresh team on the way to Midlothian, the

most flourishing station in Magnetawan mission. By crossing the ice-bridged river and taking an "up and down" bush road the party reached their immediate destination after a drive of nine miles fully five miles less than by the highway. St. Peter's, Midlothian, contained a hearty congregation. The service consisted of Morning Prayer with Litany, the Communion and sermon by the Bishop. Dinner was partaken in the house of Mrs. Cuttridge, where quite a few of the Church people came in to shake hands with and welcome their Bishop. On the way to Magnetawan in the afternoon a stop was made at the would-be village of Spence in order that the Bishop could meet and say a word of cheer and approbation to Mr. G. B. Black, the superintendent of the little Sunday School there. Then on to the village bearing the name of the river. There at the parsonage the not very weary travellers were welcomed by a few Church people who had a table spread for tea. Among those present we are given the names of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, and Miss Nichol. The Bishop preached after Evening Prayer in the Church of St. George. We are in a position to state that the visit of the Bishop to Magnetawan Mission pleased and encouraged both priest and people. Mr. Hay, the catechist at Dunchurch, was on hand to take the Bishop to that mission and about 10 p.m. the Bishop started on a lonely drive of some twelve miles.
D.J.P.

A new correspondent writes from Magnetawan: At Christmas St. George's Church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, white flowers, and red berries. The font was wreathed in evergreen berries and flowers, suitable mottoes graced the walls, the pulpit, the lectern, and the reading desk; vases of flowers adorned the holy table, above which was a cross of white flowers, and over all the painting of an angel by Miss Walton, of Gladstone, Man. (once of this place). The mottoes hanging from the lectern, the reading desk, and the pulpit were very tastefully fringed with cedar leaves, but the most striking part of the decorations was a framework across the church before the chancel, covered with evergreens, and bearing the text in large, bright characters, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will towards men." Taken altogether, the decoration of St. George's Church reflects great credit upon Mr. Johnston's taste and untiring energy, for he worked upon them early and late till

they were all in place. St. Peter's Church, Midlothian, was also suitably and tastefully decorated.

The children of St. George's Sunday School gave a concert on Christmas night, in St. George's Hall, which was suitably decorated with evergreens, mottoes, and scriptural texts. The concert was a good one, consisting chiefly of Christmas carols and Christmas hymns, well rendered by children from four to twelve years of age. There were two Christmas trees hung with books, toys, cards, and other gifts, making a very pretty sight indeed. The thanks of this mission are due to the W.A. of St. George's Church and the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, for the goods which they so liberally and freely gave, and which enabled Mr. and Miss Johnstone to give the children so much pleasure.

On the night of the 30th December, at North Chapman, another Christmas tree entertainment was held after ample justice had been done to the good things supplied by the ladies. The tree was well loaded, and the programme was well rendered.

Altogether the Christmas services, entertainments, trees, and decorations reflect great credit upon Mr. and Miss Johnston, who have been indefatigable in their efforts to make everything in connection with this most joyous season harmonious and successful. W.

Mission of St. Joseph's Island.

REV. ROBERT ATKINSON, INCUMBENT.

The Bishop visited this mission on the 17th of March and administered the holy rite of Confirmation as follows: At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Jocelyn, where a class of eleven persons was presented, six males and five females. In addition to giving a most impressive address to the candidates, the Bishop preached a powerful sermon from the words: "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt." After the service an informal reception was held at the house of Mr. Christopher Young, a most enthusiastic and firm Churchman. Here was noticed the national flag, hoisted in honour of the first visit of Bishop Thorneloe to St. Joseph's Island.

After a brief but very pleasant stay at this hospitable place, we proceeded to Emmanuel Church, Richard's Landing, where a crowded congregation was assembled, and a class of twelve persons received the apostolic rite of "the laying