

to the occasion, and the sermons were masterpieces of eloquence and learning, and pointed to the power of the British nation, her many victories, and the deeds of the brave volunteers in the North-West. A practical lesson was drawn from these victories, and the speaker's hearers reminded of Christ's command to fight manfully under His banner. The National Anthem was sung at both morning and evening services, and the congregations were large, many being present from the other churches of the town.

TILSONBURG.—The thanksgiving services, which were held at St. John's Church, for the safe return of our volunteers and the complete suppression of the North-West rebellion, passed off most successfully. There was a very large attendance at both services. The singing was excellent. The church was beautifully and appropriately decorated. Over the main entrance and the vestry door were four large Union Jacks, the joint handiwork of Mrs. M. Burn and Mr. James Canfield. Three very handsome banners, on which were emblazoned suitable texts and mottoes, made and presented by Mr. James Canfield, also graced the church. A beautiful floral device made by Mrs. A. Upton, stood over the altar and was universally admired, and a very tasteful wreath festooning the front of the altar, and made by Miss Mabel Canfield, added materially to the general effect. The thanks of the congregation are also due to Messrs. H. J. Canfield and Robert Wood for gifts of flowers, ferns, etc. A similar service was held at St. Charles' Church, Dereham, which was crowded. The National Anthem was sung there, also. The incumbent, Rev. R. F. Dixon, preached eloquent sermons, full of patriotic fire.

KETTLE POINT.—The annual picnic of St. John's Church Sunday School and congregation took place on the 28th ult., and was one of the most enjoyable and successful ever held on that mission. The day and the weather were most propitious. The picnic was held in the beautiful grove by the lake shore. At 1 p.m., everything was in readiness, the tables were spread with abundance of good things to satisfy the inner man. About 150 adults and children sat down to enjoy the beautiful feast. After the repast, games and awlwing were indulged in for sometime. At 4 p.m. the gathering were called to order. When a hymn was sung, and the pastor Rev. J. Jacobs offered a prayer. Chief Adam Shawnoo presided. Addresses replete with wit, humour, and good advice were given by Rev. W. Henderson, of Forest, and others, which kept the audience in good humour and listened to with profit and pleasure. The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by the pastor in charge, the Rev. J. Jacobs. At 6 p.m. the company again sat down to a bountiful tea, and shortly after dispersed. The brass band played occasionally some of their choice pieces.

Consecration of Churches.—In the Huron diocese we can safely say that churches have not been consecrated in haste. Of its more than one hundred churches very few have been consecrated. There has been, however, an advance in churchly feelings and principles. The Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin has consecrated ten churches: Bismark, Grace Church; Wardville, St. James' Church; Durham, Trinity Church; Invermay, Christ Church; Southampton, St. Paul's Church; Kinborough, Church of the Ascension; Bervie, St. John's Church. The consecration of ten churches in one year in this diocese, is marvelous in our eyes. At this rate of progress we may hope that the time is not far distant when an unconsecrated church will be quite an exceptional one in Huron; and we do hope not until there is every reasonable assurance of their being permanently used, as being set apart for public worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and no other. And may we not hope that the case mentioned by your esteemed correspondent Port of Perry is a solitary one in the Church of Canada.

ALGOMA.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge the following receipts on account of Diocesan Fund:—Rev. H. G. T. Meara, Leighton Buzzard, 5s; Mrs. Gladys Pett, St. Leonards on the Sea, £2; Mrs. L. Beresford, Tunbridge Well, £12 2s; Rev. H. J. Rhodes, collected by Miss Oxenden, £9 7s. 11d.; Miss Groome, \$25; A Widow's Mite, per W. H. Howland, Esq., \$1. Also collected through "The Net," for church at Sheganadah:—Miss Brown £2; F. W. B., £2 10s; Miss Roger £5; Miss Gurney 4s.; Miss Savell, 10s.; Miss L. Teaney, 10s. For general church building fund:—J. Cropper, Esq., £5; T. M. T., £5; Mr. Frith 5s.; M. A. C., 2s. 6d.

A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY.—On July 4th, the *Evangeline* steamed out from the dock of Sault Ste. Marie, having for her passengers the Bishop of Algoma and the Rev. J. F. Sweeny, incumbent of St. Philip's, Toronto, bound for the north shore of Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay, with a view to the discovery of any isolated settlements along those rock-bound coasts in which scattered members of the Church of England might be found in need of the sympathy, and public and private ministrations of their own communion. Bruce Mines was reached in five hours. Here the missionary, Rev. F. E. Berry, had commenced the erection of a church edifice, the people lending a very willing and energetic co-operation. The church promises to be a structure at once substantial and churchlike. The need of the Church has been sorely felt, as the congregation has been dependent on a partial use of a "Union church," an arrangement which according to all past experience, had worked very unsatisfactorily. The church people gave very unmistakable evidence of their desire for a church in a contribution list amounting, in money and freewill offerings of labor, to upwards of \$800. The Bishop was only too glad to be able to second this earnestness by a promise of assistance from the Diocesan fund, also of a grant from the "S. P. C. K." He was also able to say that a contribution of about £80 which had been given him while in England, would be transferred to the Mines, an announcement which was received with no little satisfaction. About \$200 more will be needed to complete and furnish the church. On Sunday the 5th, the *Evangeline* transferred us to St. Joseph's Island. After a hot and dusty drive Jocelyn was reached, and service held at 8 p.m. in the Church of the Holy Trinity, the Bishop reading and preaching, after which the return journey of twelve miles was accomplished, and the Bishop officiated again at Marksville. The congregations were large in both places, a fact which furnished no slight testimony to the missionary's faithfulness, as the Bishop's visit was wholly unexpected. On Monday morning the trip along the north shore was again resumed. Our objective point was Minissauga River, but while still several miles from our destination, the weather compelled us to abandon all hope of reaching the point at which we hoped to hold service, and to cast anchor for the night in a sheltered little nook. Just as everything had been made snug, we were overtaken by a boat full of fishermen, who gave us a warm invitation to their shanty, and strongly advised us to beware of the rocks in the narrow channel by which we hoped to make our exit next morning. Next morning the Bishop went ashore, and spoke to the fishermen whom he found mending their nets, leaving some bibles, tracts, and mission services with them, for which they were very grateful, giving us in return an ample supply of fish just taken from the water. On Tuesday morning we felt our way cautiously through the channel and round the fishing nets which stretched for at least three quarters of a mile out into the lake, and made our way to Blind River, where a thriving lumbering trade is carried on by the firm of Williams & Murray. Mr. Murray resides on the spot and treated us courteously, entertaining us most hospitably, and also acting as the Bishop's cicerone during a hurried visitation of the little settlement, in the course of which two Church of England families were found, who mourned sadly over their total religious isolation, and enquired anxiously as to the possibility of their having even occasional visits from a clergyman. A Presbyterian student, from Knox College, held services through this district during the summer, but they longed for the good old Prayer Book worship. What was to be done? It was hard to resist their appeal, but an appointment had been made for a service that evening at Algoma Mills, about eight miles further on. Could they not come with us? The proposal was accepted and by three o'clock the *Evangeline* was once more ploughing her way over by no means tranquil waters, her living freight increased by a party of no less than seventeen persons, while Mr. Murray's large sail boat was towed behind in readiness for the journey homeward. The Mills were reached by 4 p.m. No change has taken place in the visible aspect of this once busy hive since last year. A congregation of fifty persons, including the Blind River party, assembled here at 7.30 p.m. in the neat little school house, built by the company during the residence of the Rev. G. Gilmor, and entered heartily into the service, thanks largely to the introduction, and use, for the first time, of the "Mission Services," compiled by the Bishop from the Prayer Book. Doubtless this little pamphlet is capable of improvement, but even in this, its first and simplest form, the results of its use wherever the experiment has been tried, have amply vindicated the cost and trouble incurred in its publication. At the close of the service two little ones were presented for the sacrament of baptism. During our brief stay we were most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Y. and her sister, who, with their mother and brother, showed us most kind and thoughtful attention. Both here and at Blind River, very anxious enquiries were made as to the probability of the return of the Rev. G. Gilmor, who formerly travelled all through this district and along the main line of the C. P. R. on foot, ministering with unflagging zeal and an unstinted self-sacrifice to the religious wants both of the navies and settlers amongst whom his name is held in loving and honored remembrance, and more than once the story of his trip to Manitoulin Island last March was repeated, how he crossed the frozen channel more than twenty miles in width in the teeth of a blinding snowstorm, and the thermometer so low that several lives were lost on the same day, not far from the route he took, while he himself was so crippled by the intense cold, that though he had bread in his wallet his hands refused their office, unable to raise it to his mouth, and he was compelled to drop it on the snow, and go on his way famishing with hunger, in hope of reaching his destination at Blind River. This, however, he missed by two or three miles, striking a point to the east, where the only shelter to be found was a deserted fishing shanty. Here he passed the night, without fire, light, or blankets, resuming his journey in the morning, and astonishing his friends by his unexpected appearance in their midst. Weary and exhausted as he must have been, he resisted all their entreaties to lie down and get a few hours sleep, contenting himself with a quiet rest till evening, when he held service, and once more delivered his Master's message. Missionaries such as this are not likely to be failures. "O si sic omnes."

(To be continued.)

QU'APPELLE.

A PASTORAL TO ALL PERSONS IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.—Brethren, beloved in the Lord:—As it is just a year since, in the Providence of God, I was called to the oversight of this Diocese, I think that the time has arrived for me to place before you in a manner that shall reach a larger number than are reached by an Address at the Synod, some information concerning the present position of the work of the Church in the Diocese, its prospects and its wants. I feel, and I trust I am only in this interpreting the feelings of many others, indeed of all who have at heart a real desire for the welfare of our Church, that every member should take an interest not only in the congregation or Parish in which he happens to be placed, but as far as possible in the whole body. The Church, indeed, will never prosper as it ought until this is the case. We want, above all, more union and brotherly love, and wider sympathies. We want to realize more profoundly that the Diocese and not the congregation, is the unit of the Church's Divine system. Through the Diocese we are united with the whole body of the Church Universal throughout the world. The advantages of having such a large field of unity are many. Chiefly it enables the strong to help the weak, and the rich the poor, as members of one Body in which if one portion suffers, all suffer with it. It also, however, enables those who from some cause or another may be in adversity to rejoice as they look beyond their own small circle, and hear of the prosperity that has been vouchsafed to the Church in other parts, and in which they feel that they, as members of the same Body, are privileged to have a share. It is good for us, therefore, to know what is going on among our brethren. It helps us to take an interest in the general work; it encourages us in the task that lies more immediately about our path; it stirs us up to godly emulation. It is with this purpose, and with the earnest hope that it may be thus blessed by God, to the awakening of a more active interest in the work of our Church amongst its members, that I have determined to address to you this Pastoral. Let us first see how God has blessed our work. This time last year, there were in this Diocese, which, as most of you know, is coterminous with the District of Assiniboia, (450 miles in length by 200 miles in width,) three Priests and one Deacon. There are now, besides myself, nine Priests and three Deacons, and another Priest and a Layman (the latter to take charge of an Indian school) are on their way out from England. Of buildings there were, at the same time, two school rooms used as churches, and two parsonages. There are now, besides the above, two duly consecrated churches and one portion of a church sufficient for the requirements of the place in which it is situated, and two more houses for the clergy. Five more Churches are already in progress and will be finished, I trust, before the end of the summer. The clergy are situated at Moosomin, Fort Pelly, (Indian school and mission), Kinbrae (for York and Montreal colonies and all the country north of the Qu'Appelle), Grenfell, Qu'Appelle, the Fort, Regina, Moosejaw and Medicine Hat. The Priest, who is com-