

The Bishop's Appointments for May.

2. Sunday—Preach in Quebec Cathedral in the morning, and in St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, in the evening.
4. Tuesday—Address the Quebec Church Society in the evening.
5. Wednesday—Address the Woman's Auxiliary at 9.30. Celebration in St. Matthew's Church.
6. Thursday—Address the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Toronto in the evening.
9. Sunday—Preach in Montreal.
15. Saturday—Sail by the *Parisian* for Liverpool.
31. Sunday—Preach in South Acton, London.

The Bishop's Appeals to the Diocese and to the Church in Canada.

The Bishop addressed the following to every clergyman in the diocese :

I.

Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie,
March 29th, 1897.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER,—I regret to inform you that the mission fund of the diocese—the fund, that is, upon which our missions depend, under God, for their maintenance—is still in arrears to the extent of \$3,208. This being the case, it is my duty to take such steps as I may to make up the deficiency.

I propose, among other measures, to make : (1) An appeal to our own Diocese of Algoma. (2) A similar appeal to the whole Church of this Ecclesiastical Province. And (3) a personal appeal to the mother Church in England.

First of all, as a matter of right and duty, I appeal to our brethren in this diocese, entreating them to pray for the divine blessing upon our efforts, and to do their very utmost in the way of contributions towards the liquidation of our debt and the replenishing of our depleted treasury. And I look forward, I need hardly say, with confidence to the result of this appeal, for I am persuaded that the self-respect of our people will teach them that only when they have honestly done their best to help themselves can they with propriety or justice ask their outside brethren to help them.

I ask of you now three things in particular :

(1) To read this appeal to all your congregations on the first opportunity after receiving it.

(2) To offer regularly at your various services, till my return from England in August, the accompanying prayer for God's blessing upon our efforts.

(3) To send out, if possible before Easter, a special collector, or special collectors, from house to house throughout your parish, asking for contributions towards the Mission Fund. And I would suggest that this house to house canvass

of our parishes and missions is work which the devout women of our congregations may do and appropriately undertake.

Commending you to the grace of God, by which alone your endeavours can be, in the best sense, fruitful,

I remain,

Very faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

GEORGE ALGOMA.

N.B.—Contributions resulting from the above appeal should be sent immediately, with names and amounts, to His Honour Judge Johnston, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. It is the Bishop's earnest hope that returns will be made before his departure for England at the beginning of May.

SPECIAL PRAYER ON BEHALF OF THE ALGOMA MISSION FUND

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who didst give Thyself for the life of the world, and hast ordained that Thy Church shall live by the constant offerings of her people: look mercifully upon us, we pray Thee, in this our time of need, and send Thy gracious Spirit upon Thy servants in this diocese and province and in the mother land, that by their ready liberality our needs may be supplied and Thy Church in our midst made prosperous, to the further diffusion of Thy Gospel and the glory of Thy holy Name, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

II.

The appeal following is being mailed to clergy and others :

To the Friends of Algoma in the Various Dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—As Bishop of the great Missionary Diocese of Algoma, called to that office by the voice of the united Church of this Ecclesiastical Province, I regard it as no less my privilege than my duty to address to you a few words of grateful acknowledgment and of appeal. I feel grateful because, as Bishop of Algoma, I can hardly forget how largely the Canadian Church has contributed, of its money and of its men, to make its offshoot, the Diocese of Algoma, what it is. And I feel it necessary to appeal to you because there probably have been few occasions in the history of our diocese when its needs have been more urgent than they are at present.

It is of these needs I wish particularly to speak. And I do so confidently anticipating a sympathetic hearing, because, as the one missionary bishop of the Canadian Church, I have a claim upon your sympathy and aid which, I feel sure, you will be quick to perceive and to acknowledge.

The facts are these : (1) Our mission fund—that is, the fund upon which our missions, and, of course, our missionaries, with their wives and little ones, depend for maintenance from year to year—was in arrears, at the beginning of the present month, some \$3,208. (2) Our Treasurer, Mr. Kemp, of Toronto, has made an estimate for the present year, basing his calculations upon the receipts and expenditure of the previous year, and finds that, unless we secure additional contributions, there will be a deficit at the

end of this year of some \$8,000. (3) This alarming state of things is aggravated by the fact that, instead of increasing, certain important sources of revenue are this year diminishing their contributions—notably the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whose grant for the current year is some \$400 less than that of previous years. And, (4), there is one other fact that must not be lost sight of in this consideration of our affairs; it is this: We have not as yet one dollar of mission endowment to which, in time of emergency such as the present, we may turn for help.

Such is the present unpromising state of our finances. Yet the missionary bishop is not discouraged, for first he believes that God, who has called him to the work, will enable him to perform it; and then he is persuaded that you will do your best, one and all, to succour him in his time of need.

Besides, I find that there are many reasons for taking heart. It is not, perhaps, surprising that the long illness and consequent resignation of my predecessor, that noble worker, Bishop Sullivan, together with the period of interregnum which followed, and the final transferring of the reins of government to new and untried hands, should have the effect of unsettling and disturbing the affairs of the diocese in general and its finances in particular. But, on the other hand, the many kind things said and done throughout the Canadian Church, apparently to assure the new Bishop, as he entered upon his work, that he had the confidence and sympathy of the Church at large, could hardly lack a deeper significance. And I venture to interpret them as meaning, among other things, that there are hosts of willing hearts in all directions, throbbing in sympathy with me in my work; and hands innumerable—yes, and with offerings in them—ready and eager to be outstretched for the succour and benefit of our struggling Church. And so I believe that I have only to appeal, as I am now doing, to the Church throughout the land, to call forth a large return of practical sympathy and help.

And then I am not without hope that *in due time* we in Algoma may be able to contribute much more largely than we are at present doing towards our own support. Our country is improving and opening up. It is capable of sustaining, when properly developed, a large and thriving population. There is, I am persuaded, a future in store for it. If it has much rocky and stony land, it has also much soil that is fertile, and many sources of wealth which capital will in time develop. And although—because there are no cities or large towns in the diocese capable of helping the poorer districts, and no wealthy people living within its limits, able and willing to contribute largely to our mission and other funds—Algoma must for the present, and probably for some time to come, look to the Church outside for aid; still we may surely venture to hope that in some small degree, as time goes