



Report of the Missionary Bishop of Algoma.

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(3.) *Garden River.*—This old, and well-established Mission, thanks, under God, to Mr. Renison's having spent the winter here, has grown and prospered, not so much numerically, (for this there was little room,) as socially and spiritually. Regular services in Indian—weekly prayer meetings—a Bible Class for young men—unceasing pastoral visitation from house to house—bedside ministrations to the sick, blind, and aged—conversations, Bible in hand, by the wayside—all these agencies have been utilized, and with undoubted results for good. Meanwhile the material progress of the Church has not been lagging behind the spiritual. Already the new church, for which funds were so generously contributed in response to the Bishop's appeal, is drawing towards completion, the Indians themselves having contributed sixty (60) days of free and volunteer labor, while the Mission House has been removed to a better site, enlarged, and made more comfortable otherwise for the Missionary and his family.

(4.) *Our Indian Homes.*—These invaluable institutions still continue their blessed work of educating and Christianizing the rising generation of Ojebways. Founded in a spirit of faith, hope and charity—carrying out a sound system of education, and in the past, "approved of God by" many signs and tokens, the friends of these two "Homes" may still rally them with unshaken confidence. Their history, like the Christian Church itself, has been marked by not a few fluctuations, but their record is one of permanent and undoubted usefulness.

Only a person deeply interested and directly engaged in the work, like the Rev. E. F. Wilson is, can understand the force of the difficulties to be encountered: (1.) The ineradicable scepticism of Indian parents as to the disinterestedness of our intentions with regard to their children; (2.) the tendency of the children to rebel against the necessary restraints imposed on their liberty, and to take refuge in flight; (3.) the reluctance of parents to leave their children in the "Home," for a period sufficiently long for the formation of permanent habits of industry, and fixed principles of right; (4.) the constitutional unhealthiness of Indian children, terminating, as it has, in a few cases, in death, while residents of the "Home," so creating an almost insuperable prejudice in the minds of a people as passionately fond of their children as they are naturally timid and superstitious; 5

the all but impossibility of obtaining helpers for subordinate positions, such as teacher, housekeeper or servant, who regard the question of the evangelization of the Indian from any higher standpoint than the financial.

Against this formidable array of obstacles Mr. Wilson has not only struggled, but struggled successfully, till now these two institutions, over which he has watched with all the jealous vigilance of a mother watching her first-born child, stand on a basis of acknowledged success, as two centres for the diffusion of Gospel light and blessing among the children of a people who have been long "sitting in darkness and the shadow of death." During the past year sundry improvements have been made in the Shingwauk Home, which will largely increase the comfort of the occupants. The most notable event, however, to be recorded in this connection is the completion and consecration of the "Bishop Faugier Memorial Chapel," a beautiful, and truly ecclesiastical structure, designed, in even its minutest details, by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, and erected by means of funds sent mainly from England, in response to his earnest appeals for some tangible, enduring, and useful memorial of the life and labors of the late revered Bishop of this diocese. Long may it stand, as a hallowed centre for the diffusion of Gospel light among hundreds, yet unborn, of the Indian tribes he loved so well. The Chapel was formally opened and consecrated on Wednesday, August 26th, the Bishop preaching, and the Revs. Dr. O'Meara, of Port Hope, A. Stewart, R. D., of Orillia, J. S. Cole, G. B. Cooke, H. Beer, R. Renison, and F. Frost (of the Diocese of Algoma), and P. T. Rowe (of Michigan), being present, and taking part in the services. A Missionary meeting was held in the evening, at which addresses were delivered by the Bishop and several of the visiting clergy.

FINANCES.

1. *Diocesan.*—This Diocese has been, is, and will be for all coming time, very largely, a Missionary Diocese, supported, that is, in great part, by funds coming from extraneous sources. Two or three centres may, possibly, in time, rise to the dignity of self-support. Elsewhere local resources must be liberally supplemented from year to year. To develop these will be my constant effort. At present the amount contributed in many places is not commensurate with the ability of the congregations, while the method is eminently unsatisfactory. A new system will probably be introduced before long, abolishing all purely personal monetary transac-