

little ones on their journey, found a purchaser in the secretary of our neighbour, the Women's Mission Association (doing the women's work of S.P.G.), who came looking for one big enough to hold her reports and magazines in their transit down for post from the top of S.P.G. House. And not only baskets gone, but everything, so that all our boxes came back empty, and in our purses £66 for the diocese. We are very grateful to all who helped in so many ways, and especially to the Bishop of Stepney, who opened the sale on the second day, and whose words enforced on us the spirit in which we should be working. His lordship said there were bazaars and bazars, and sales and sales; but in coming there that day he felt he was coming to a truly religious work, and one in which a bishop might be honoured to take a part, for several reasons. First, there were no raffles—as a member of the Anti Gambling League he did not think he could have come if there had been; secondly, there was no touting; and thirdly, there was nothing that could be described as “underhand,” or “cheating.” All was done in a fair name, and therefore it was not derogatory, but an honour, for a bishop to be present. He alluded to the work of those who helped to make the sale a success, and spoke of the self-sacrifice which he knew the making of all those things he saw below there on the stalls had involved.

It may be added that Canada's noble loyalty in sending troops to South Africa formed an appeal which opened the purse-strings of very many.

The Bishop Sullivan Memorial Fund.

Amount required.....	\$50,000 00
Amount received.....	11,227 70
Yet needed.....	38,772 30

The year closed with the hope that one-fifth of the sum we require to build up this Mission Sustentation Fund. We are devoutly thankful. The Bishop's friends in the Province of Quebec contributed generously in response to his appeals last month. We cannot omit to draw attention to one generous gift of a thousand dollars. May some of the many Church people in Canada who are able to do likewise be moved to see our need and respond in like manner. Let us with one consent pray that God will thus bless the Church's missionary cause in Algoma. Below we print a list of contributions since our last report:

St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, offertory at Conference.....	\$ 3 22
Rev. A. J. Balfour, Quebec.....	10 00
A grandmother.....	20
St. James' Cathedral—pledges collected by Miss Hawley.....	169 75
T. B., Toronto, being half of donation of \$20.....	10 00
W. Farwell, Esq., Sherbrooke, Que..	1,000 00
Oliver, per Rev. T. J. Hay.....	1 65
St. Michael's Branch W.A., Que....	27 00
Rev. A. H. Robertson, Cookshire, Q.	10 00
Miss Wiley, Gravenhurst.....	2 00

Col. Aylmer, Richmond, Q.....	10 00
Mary Ball, Sherbrooke, Q.....	1 50
Mrs. C. P. Reid, Sherbrooke, Q.....	25 00
Major and Mrs. Wood, Sherbrooke, Q.....	5 00
Joseph Winfield, Esq., Q.....	15 00
Mrs. Bown, Bury, Q.....	1 00
C. H. Tamba, Esq., Bury, Q.....	1 00
Mrs. Boydell, Bury, Q.....	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. W. Herring, Bury, Q.....	1 00
Dr. Wright, Montreal, Q.....	20 00
Mrs. Wm. Wright, Montreal, Q.....	20 00
Rev. A. Stevens, Hatley, Q.....	3 00
	\$ 1,350 32

Emsdale Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

The Church members at Sprucedale are rejoicing in the prospect of an early completion of their new edifice, to be followed by a visit from the Bishop for the purposes of opening and consecration. The members of the W.A. have again been exerting themselves, and on December 14th an “At Home” was given at the Agricultural Hall, which was crowned with good success, although roads were in bad shape. The male members had assisted the ladies in getting the necessary materials to the hall, so that decorations with evergreen were prominent, and two tables—one spread with good things for the appetite, the other spread with attractive things for sale—were immediately in evidence before the visitor. Tea commenced at 6.30 p.m., after which the sale table and a fish pond were well patronized. The wardens and their wives were very active, and all the ladies vied with each other in promoting the cheeriness and success of the occasion. Mrs. J. Watson kindly lent a beautiful organ, which made it possible to carry out a modest programme in a creditable manner. The incumbent took the chair about 8.30 p.m., and then songs, recitations, and speeches were intermingled, much to the delight of the audience. Messrs. W. E. Streatfeild, W. B. Hamlin, and E. Allman went over from Emsdale to assist, and were heartily thanked, as, indeed, were all who took part. Votes of thanks and the national anthem concluded an enjoyable time, after which it was found that the net proceeds would be about \$35, at least.

The Bishop Among His Old Friends.

The Bishop visited in the early part of December the parish of Sherbrooke, Quebec. He was there in the midst of friends, for there he was labouring as the priest of the parish when he was called to take up the office of a Bishop in the Church and the burden of the missionary Diocese of Algoma. From Sherbrooke he went to the city of Quebec, where on Sunday, the 10th, he preached in the Cathedral and in St. Matthew's Church. Thence he paid visits to other parishes in the old Diocese of Quebec, where he, too, met with a hearty welcome and plead-

ed for aid for the missionary cause of Algoma. From Sherbrooke papers we learn that he was present at the anniversary meetings of the St. Francis District Association, which were held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 5th and 6th of December. On the evening of the first day the Bishop preached the anniversary sermon, and on the evening of the second day he addressed the missionary meeting held in the Church Hall of St. Peter's Church.

In this connection the *Sherbrooke Gazette* says:

Next came the feature of the evening, the address of the Bishop of Algoma. Bishop Dunn, who presided over the meeting, happily prefaced the address by giving a few of the expressions he had heard, showing the strong hold which Bishop Thorneloe still has upon the affections and respect of the people of Sherbrooke. The address which followed was most eloquent and interesting, touching on the future possibilities and resources of Algoma, and urging upon the people of this section of the country to make the most of these resources before outside capitalists had taken the whole advantage of them. He impressed upon those present that while Algoma was rich in natural resources, the Church was still poor and would remain so for some time, and this was the reason for asking help from the richer Diocese of Quebec, of which Algoma was really the missionary field. He made light of the hardships which all know he must encounter, and ended by expressing his gratitude to his former people for their gifts, and especially their prayers, which had been such a comfort and support to him. The whole address was most interesting and was listened to with the deepest attention. After the collection the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the hymn: “Thou Whose Almighty Word Darkness and Chaos Heard,” sung to the tune of “God Save the Queen,” and closing with one verse of the National Anthem and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

What is the Good of Foreign Missions?

Those who ask this question are generally people who know little and care less about the subject. But here we have it viewed by three competent persons from widely different standpoints—that of a native missionary, an Indian Governor, and a traveller—and yet all agreeing as to the great good which is being accomplished.

Such testimony, by no means rare, well fits in with the appeal which the Church in Canada makes every Epiphany season on behalf of its foreign mission work.

First we have the Rev. J. B. McEwen, who writes from the Pongas Mission, West Africa:—