

Norwich, Rev. R. F. Dixon; Thursday, Feb. 16th, Trinity, Barford, and St. Paul's, Princeton, Rev. W. Johnson; Friday, Feb. 17th, St. Peter's, Drumbo, Rev. J. Gander.

County of Grey.—Sunday, February 26th, St. George's, Owen Sound, Ven. A. H. R. Mulholland; Monday, Feb. 27th, St. Mark's, Holland, and St. Luke's, Williamsford—Tuesday, Feb. 28th, St. John's, Desboro, and St. Paul's, Chatsworth, Rev. J. H. Fairtie; Wednesday, Feb. 29th, Maxwell, and Christ Church, Markdale, Rev. W. A. Graham, B.A.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The following extracts from a letter by the Rev. R. Renison, to the Bishop of Algoma, will be read with pleasure by those interested in the Indian work in this Diocese:—

“NEGUINENAU, Lake Nepigon.

Although we have been sorely disappointed at not seeing you, we hope that the Lord's hand has been in it all—as I have said before, your annual visit has been to us the brightest spot in the whole year; and I might perhaps in all truth say, in the words of St. Paul, “God that comforteth those who are cast down has (always) comforted us by the coming of (our Bishop). But seeing now how your valuable time has been so completely occupied, I fear I have been unreasonable in urging you to come.

During our absence Oshkapikida and the women were decorating the little Church and entry, and an arch upon which Oshkapikida had written these words, “We are glad the Big Black Coat has come to teach the Indians wisdom.”

When we arrived the women and children (every one) were on the hill to meet us; the women fired the salutes, and it was not until we got close to the shore that they realized their great disappointment.

I think I forgot to tell you that Mishael was compelled to give up one wife. His first wife's father is the Chief of the Indians at Nepigon Post; his name is Wiuchauf, and he was always very angry with Mishael for ill-treating his daughter and her children, and so he made a complaint to the Indian agent, Mr. Donnelly, and when he arrived here to pay annuities, he was very kind, and at the same time very strict; and plainly told Mishael that the law of the land will not permit a white man to discard his first wife for the sake of a younger one, and that since the Indian is no better than the white man, and that as the law now extends to the Mission, he cannot do so either; and that if he persists in living with the two wives, he will be imprisoned for five years. This put an end to the matter, and he is now living with his first wife, and the Indians here are very kind to Jalias, the discarded wife, and her children.

Joseph Esquan is sworn in as Constable for the settlement, as there are now Indian Constables on all the Reserves. Mr. Donnelly was much pleased with the improvements, the gardens were in good order, and there are plenty of potatoes this year; he promises to give them a yoke of oxen, and a stumping machine, and a plough; he says we have done more here than at any other Mission under his care among 1,900 Indians. This speaks well for them, and I am now also delighted to be able to say, that I see a great improvement in their Spiritual life. He has also compelled the parents to send their children to School; if a child absents himself from school without any just cause, and continues to do so for any considerable time, that child's annuity is stopped. This has great force, and we shall have our schools well attended this winter. All this will strengthen my hands very much, as the Indians begin to see that the Law and the Gospel agree.

I think we may safely say, that the Mission is doing well, although there are great difficulties to be contended with some times. I often think of St. Peter's words, “God of all

grace . . . after ye have suffered a little, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle you.”

The following is taken from a letter to a lady also written by Mr. Renison:—

“I must thank you most sincerely for your very kind and sympathetic letter; I was in a state of great despondency when it arrived, so that it was just like a draught of cold water in a thirsty land; and I honestly confess that it has cheered my heart and spirits, and given me new energy for my work. If the friends of the Mission only knew how much we prize such letters, as that which you sent us, they would, I am sure, feel amply rewarded for their writing. I am sometimes ashamed of my weak faith, and that I should ever be discouraged, seeing that the Lord is so good and kind to us, and has honored me by calling me to this work. But then I remember that it is in “Earthen vessels” that we have got the heavenly treasures, and these vessels sometimes droop and give way because they are earthen.

I desire for my own family, and for the poor Indians, to offer my most sincere thanks to the friends in Toronto, Ottawa, Sherbrooke, and other places, who sent us the bales; nothing could have been more suitable, we shall all feel quite happy and comfortable this winter, and I am sure it must add to the happiness of our many friends to know that they have made us happy. Our congregation looked quite respectable in Church, and I have no doubt they feel more and more every year, that it is good for them to be here, and that the God who offers them free salvation for their souls does not neglect their bodies, and this I need not say, has great weight with the Indians; and therefore, may we not safely conclude, that those who are keeping us with “gifts” of clothing and other necessaries, are as much engaged in Mission work as I am, although, perhaps, they have a chance of denying themselves in ways that I have not, and so may expect greater honor. I must say with St. Peter, “Silver and gold have I none,” but I hope the Lord will accept the little that I can give, and use my little day for His glory. Our Mission House, you will be glad to hear, will be quite comfortable this winter, though not finished—Obsihin has followed our example, and has built a neat house with bedrooms upstairs; so you see what a powerful thing example is for the Indian; in every way it will be profitable for the Missionary having a decent house to live in.”

BRACEBRIDGE.—Rev. James Boydell writes: I beg to acknowledge gratefully, through Mrs. E. O'Riley, Secretary C. W. M. A., Toronto, from Mr. Harris, St. Pauls, Toronto, the receipt of a large box of excellent clothing and many useful and attractive gifts for the Sunday school Christmas tree in the station outside the Village; also from Mr. Tilley, London, Ontario, a large contribution of S. School and other books, as well as a large bale of most acceptable clothing.

I would only say that I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to distribute the same as everyone had meet.

The hearts of the children were gladdened, and their bodies warmed and comforted by these sensible and useful gifts.

BRUCE MINES.—The decorations this Christmas in St. George's Church, eclipsed all previous attempts in that direction for Ecclesiastical accuracy and display. The baptismal font at the south entrance was most tastily festooned around its panels, columns, and steps, and crowned with a very intricate but effective spiral design. Between the nave windows were erected frames with appropriate monograms. On each side of the chancel above the choir stalls were screens bearing in white letters the words “King of Kings” and “Lord of Lords”; and above suspended from the top of the arch

a large star, and directly under it the word Emmanuel. On approaching the sanctuary is presented the inscription “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

The altar frontal of gold and white, was designed and executed for the occasion by the mission priest, the Rev. F. C. Berry, as were also the frontals for the lectern and prayer desk. On the super-altar between the lights and cross were vases of flowers. There was a large congregation both at matins and evening-song.

Presentation.—On Christmas Eve, Mr. Berry became the unexpected recipient of a very handsome Christmas box, in the shape of a fur coat well lined with dollar bills at the hands of his parishioners, and many of the C.P.R. officials.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, MACKENZIE RIVER QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

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We are glad to be able to state that there is a prospect of filling up our vacant Missions. There were ordained on Sunday last: Mr. C. Wood, late of the Missionary College of St. Paul, Burgh, England, who will be stationed at Boissevam; Mr. W. Walton, a retired pensioner of the Indian Civil Service, who will be placed at Clearwater, and Mr. J. W. Paige, who will be for the present curate of Holy Trinity, Winnipeg. Two more students will be ordained in the spring, and three clergy are expected in a few months, one from England, one from Jamaica, and one from Nova Scotia. There are also one or two students from England, who will be ordained shortly after their arrival, if found to be adapted to their work. An earnest effort will have to be made to secure funds for some of these new appointments.

WINNIPEG.—Rev. O. Fortin, B.A., rector of Holy Trinity, has been appointed Archdeacon of Winnipeg. Mr. Fortin we regret to say is very much broken in health and has gone away for two month's rest. The name of the Archdeaconry has been changed from Manitoba to Winnipeg though the duties and jurisdiction are the same. The Canon's stipend formerly attached to the Archdeaconry has been withdrawn for the present until the Cathedral funds recover from the late depression, and the name has been changed, so as to obviate any legal claim to any of the funds. The name will be restored with the salary at some future time.

The other Archdeaconry comprises all the C.M.S. Indian Missions in the Diocese, and will be filled by some C.M.S. Missionary who can speak the Indian language.

PERSONAL.—The Bishop of Rupert's Land desires to thank a valued friend for a donation of \$15, which has been applied to St. John's College.

CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND.—The fund for the support of Missions is growing very satisfactorily. The Bishop has been able to claim another £500 from the S.P.C.K., and the same amount from the S.P.G., making a total of £1,500 for investment. The income this year from the fund will be nearly \$3,000.

WINNIPEG.—The churches are all well attended and the services have been very hearty during the Christmas season. At Christ Church, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, rector, there were five services at the Parish Church, and one at the Mission Hall on Christmas Day. Holy Trinity gave special offertory of \$207 to Rev. O. Fortin. The Christmas offertory in the morning was given to the rectors. At All Saints' it was over \$90; Christ Church \$77.75, and St. George's \$50.