

21 years of age, who is being prepared for this work, whilst two others have expressed a wish to devote themselves to the work of teaching.

These are the objects which the Rev. E. F. Wilson has in view, and is, under the Divine blessing, accomplishing; and I rejoice to know that it is in the missionary diocese of Algoma that this truly missionary work, which is so eminently a *work of faith*, is being carried on with very encouraging prospects of success.

With reference to the evangelization of the Indians in the Lake Superior District, many of whom, to our shame, as a Missionary Church, be it said, are still in *pagan* darkness, without any settled homes, but roaming continually from place to place, as the means of obtaining food, present themselves, it seems to me that the only effectual method of reaching them must be through a *native pastorate*, who may be sent to live with them and among them following them as they move from one camping-ground to another, and gradually instilling those religious truths and principles of civilized Christian life which will, it is to be hoped, after a time, exercise a wholesome influence over them, and gradually affect their whole manner of living.

However, it is to the two institutes, already referred to, that I look, under the Divine blessing, for the effectual carrying on of the great work that still remains to be done for the Master in this portion of His vineyard; and I would earnestly appeal to the members, the Church, and indeed to all Canadians, irrespective of creed or opinion, to help on the same with *alms*, and *prayers*, seeing that all owe a heavy debt to the red man, of whose fine country we have taken possession; and should feel bound to put him in the way of making an honest living, in a land which no longer affords him his natural means of support.

Whilst it may, I think be said that something has, under God's blessing been done towards supplying the spiritual necessities of our members, and also, that some material progress has been attained, I would remind your Lordship and the Provincial Synod, and the Church at large through you, that much, very much more still remains to be done for the missionary diocese of Algoma. It must be borne in mind that it will be an increasing work and will require continually increasing aid and support from those who have been instrumental in setting it off as a missionary district, since the members of the Church residing within its limits are, for

the most part, struggling under the difficulties which invariably attend the early settlement of a new country, and but little able to support the ministrations of religion amongst themselves. Whilst thankfully acknowledging the measure of support given to my diocese by the members of the Church throughout this ecclesiastical province, and the kindly welcome extended to myself both by the clergy and laity, as I have gone from place to place to obtain it, I must at the same time refer to the very unsatisfactory, because so very precarious position of our means of support, and most respectfully request that steps may be taken to improve it, so that I may be relieved from the anxiety consequent upon the painful uncertainty which, at present, exists with reference to my little staff of co-workers, who look to me for the punctual payment of their stipends.

It certainly surprised me to learn, as I did shortly after being called, by the Provincial Synod, to my new sphere of duty, that not only had no provision been made for carrying on missionary work in the missionary diocese, which had so lately been set apart, but that it was to be my business to collect whatever funds might be required for that purpose I would now ask whether this is still to continue? and whether the collecting of funds from without for carrying on of work within his diocese is still to be the chief business of the missionary bishop of Algoma? For myself, I am ready, as in the past, so in the future if needs be, "to spend and be spent" in this or any other work that may conduce to the interest of the church in my diocese; but I would suggest that if some definite amount could be guaranteed, either by the provincial Synod, or by the Synods of the eight organized Dioceses which constitute the ecclesiastical province of Canada, for mission work in Algoma, the position of your missionary diocese would be better assured; and its Bishop would be relieved of a load of anxious care, which would leave him proportionately free to attend more entirely to the weightier and daily increasing duties of his office.

Whether this can be best effected by the formation of a board of foreign missions in connection with this ecclesiastical Province, acting through and under the control of the Provincial Synod; or by a specific grant from each diocese or in some other way, such, for instance, as by appointing a paid collector, whose duty it shall be, periodically to canvass the whole