

THE people to whom Rev. J. P. Smitheman ministered at Korah made presents to him and to his wife on the eve of their departure for Schreiber, a point on the C.P.R., on the north shore of Lake Superior. Mr. Smitheman has a goodly sized mission. It is about 250 miles in length, though there is but here and there a place where the mission widens beyond the settlements on the line of railway.

THE report of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for 1898, just to hand, contains an excellent map of the world showing the Bishoprics of the Anglican Communion in foreign parts. The list includes the home and missionary bishoprics of our sister Church in the United States. If the map can be procured, mounted or unmounted, separate from the report, there is no parish or mission, however small, but should possess it as an article necessary to missionary education.

AFTER the proceedings of the conference at Sundridge last month, the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Parry Sound met together and unanimously submitted to the Bishop the name of Rev. G. Gillmor, of Rosseau, to succeed the late rural dean. The Bishop was pleased to make the appointment in accordance with the expressed wish of the clergy interested. The Rev. Rural Dean Gillmor received the hearty congratulations of all his brothers present at Sundridge. THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS voices the whole diocese when it joins in the congratulations.

THE flaming headlines and sensational paragraphs, described as cablegrams, *apropos* of "the crisis" in the Church in England, give to newspaper readers in Canada a false, and in most cases the only, report concerning matters in dispute there. Church people as a whole in England are supposed to be fairly described in these highly-colored cablegrams, which can surely be written by none except a determined and unscrupulous foe. Scraps of speeches made by prominent men have a different interpretation when read with their context. Different opinions might exist, too, if the reader in Canada knew that very often the defamer of the Church was a member of some antagonistic body.

OUR English friends had their annual meeting on April 28th last. They were

kindly granted the use of the Church of All Saints', Ennismore Gardens, S. W., when Rev. W. G. Woolsey, one of the Bishop's Commissaries in England, celebrated the Holy Communion at 11 a.m. with special intercession for the Diocese of Algoma. The Misses Swinburne gave the use of their house in Onslow Square for a drawing-room meeting, which was presided over by the Bishop of Chichester. Other speakers were Rev. C. J. Machin, one of our own missionaries; Rev. Leonard Dawson; Rev. Pitt Lewis, of Toronto, and Rev. Charles Kirby, once in Algoma, and now in the Diocese of Chichester.

REV. JAMES BOYDELL, M.A., Examining Chaplain, left Bracebridge for Sudbury amid hearty expressions of good will on the part of the Church people there, and began work at Sudbury at the beginning of May. Soon after his arrival he visited the neighbouring mining centre of Coppercliff and began arrangements for a regular service there. It is hoped that the Church will soon be in a position to minister fully to the people at that place. Already there are edifices for public worship either erected or in course of erection belonging to the Roman Catholics, the Methodists and the Presbyterians. Mr. Boydell is an expert bicyclist and will not take much time to traverse the few miles between Sudbury and Coppercliff.

THESE are days when much is heard about services other than those in the Book of Common Prayer and their regulation and sanction by the Bishops of the Church. Extra services are not altogether of modern origin. Early in the 17th century "Barbary pirates" made prisoners of Englishmen as well as other Christians, whom they sold into slavery. Amongst such were some who apostatized when in Moorish slavery, but who, on their release, desired to be reconciled to the Church. For this reconciliation Bishop Wren, the uncle of Sir Christopher Wren, was by Laud requested to prepare a service, which is known as the "Form of Penance and Reconciliation of a Renegade or Apostate from the Christian Religion to Turcism."

FATHER DAMIEN'S work among lepers cannot be belittled, but it should not be supposed that the Roman Catholic only can point to lives sacrificed in caring for the spiritual and temporal well-being of

the leper. No sketch of Church life in South Africa would be complete which left out the labours of devoted missionaries of the Church on behalf of the lepers gathered at Robben Island. Not much is heard of the Anglican priest who has ministered to these people for eleven years, who has among other means taught the lepers to believe in the love of God by the manifestation of his own love to them. "I have seen him," said a Bishop, "take a leper into his arms, after his confirmation, and carry him home." Mr. Watkins is assisted by Mr. Englehart, also in priests' orders. A recent description in the *Church Times* of a visit to Robben Island, incidentally speaks of lives of heroic sacrifice for Christ's sake among those whose silent misery was long ago set forth in the words "but he was a leper."

GOOD government is said to consist, amongst other things, in providing for the benefit of the greatest number. If so, it is time something was done at the nickel mines at Coppercliff to abate not only the nuisance but the baneful, yes, fatal, results of roasting the ore in the open air. As the works are enlarged the fumes of sulphur emanating from the roast beds are becoming more dense. There are times when the people resident there are unable to stir out of doors, almost afraid to open the door. We have heard of a mother taking her children with her to the cellar to escape the choking and difficulty to breathe in such an atmosphere. There is, too, a mortality among children that is terrible to contemplate. It would seem that infant life, and life up to ten years, cannot survive the struggle to breathe in air so impregnated with poisonous fumes. The great mining corporation is the owner and controller of all things local. For that reason not much surprise will be evinced because local health authorities do not move. The matter should be investigated and a stop put to the state of affairs complained of by the Provincial Board of Health. The interests of the lives of the people are surely of far greater importance than the saving of dollars to a corporation, even to a wealthy corporation. What farming land there is within an area of some miles around the mines is rendered valueless—the leaves of trees are burned by the poison at a great distance, while near at hand no vegetable life survives. A smaller item is the waste in the escape of the sulphur.