

and eager to be outstretched for the succour and benefit of our struggling Church. And so I believe that I have only to appeal, as I am now doing, to the Church throughout the land, to call forth a large return of practical sympathy and help. And then I am not without hope that *in due time* we in Algoma may be able to contribute much more largely than we are at present doing towards our own support. Our country is improving and opening up. It is capable of sustaining, when properly developed, a large and thriving population. There is, I am persuaded, a future in store for it. If it has much rocky and stony land, it has also much soil that is fertile, and many sources of wealth which capital will in time develop. And although—because there are no cities or large towns in the Diocese capable of helping the poorer districts, and no wealthy people living within its limits, able and willing to contribute largely to our Mission and other Funds—Algoma must for the present, and probably for some time to come, look to the Church outside for aid; still we may surely venture to hope that in some small degree, as time goes on, our need of outside aid will gradually, though of course very slowly, diminish. Meantime it is only right that in making this appeal I should assure you of my constant purpose and endeavour to pursue and to inculcate a policy of self-help throughout the Diocese, encouraging all our congregations to strain every nerve to increase their contributions towards the support of their own Diocesan Funds. Finally, then, I appeal to you one and all, as individual members of the Canadian Church, whose Missionary Bishop I am, to contribute something to the work which the Church has entrusted to my hands. I appeal to the Woman's Auxiliary in each and every parish throughout the land to work for their one Missionary Diocese, *remembering first its General Mission Fund.*

For the convenience of those who need it, I append a list—in the order of their importance—of the objects which most need assistance at the present time. . . . May the Blessed Lord, who gave Himself for us, give you all grace to prove the truth of His saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And may His Divine Spirit rest largely upon you all, and give you each "the blessing of peace."

I remain, Most faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

GEORGE ALGOMA.

*List of objects towards which assistance is asked in the Diocese of Algoma.*

1. The General Mission Fund, for the support of Missionaries, etc.
2. Indian work. (a) Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste Marie. (b) Indian Missions.
3. The Superannuation Fund, for pensioning worn out clergy. (Barely established.)
4. Fund for assisting in Erection of Churches and Parsonages in poor districts.
5. Various minor yet important objects, e.g., Fonts, Communion Vessels, Altar Linen. Prayer Books and Hymn Books, etc., etc., for poor missions.