

## HURON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

**PRESENTATION.**—The Rev. A. E. Miller, of Goderich Township, in recovering from a recent fit of illness, received from a number of his friends and admirers at Tyrconnel, a parish he had ministered in for eight years, and from which he removed last summer, a kind address and the handsome present of one hundred and fifteen dollars, requesting him to use the amount for a trip to the seaside during the heat of summer.

## ALGOMA.

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**BEATRICE.**—Mr. T. Dowler, Lay Reader, and Mr. George O'Hara, Churchwarden, gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a set of "Altar Linen," for this Mission station from the "Churchwoman's Mission Aid."

**ROSSEAU.**—A Vestry Meeting was convened and held at the Church of the Redeemer at Rosseau on Monday, the 10th day of May, 1880, at 7 o'clock p.m. The Incumbent in the chair.

The meeting was called for the purpose of electing Churchwardens, the Rev. A. Chowne having been recently appointed in charge of this station. The following resolutions passed.

T. W. Coate was appointed Auditor. W. L. Lawson and W. Ditchburn were appointed Wardens. Mr. W. Ditchburn thanked the meeting for their kind expressions of satisfaction as to his past services. F. W. Coate and R. Y. Spratt were appointed Sidesmen.

Resolved that the envelope system be adopted conjointly with subscriptions according to the terms agreed upon to be written in subscription book.

## Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full

## THE SHINGWAWK HOME.

MY DEAR SIR,—I was truly sorry to read in your last week's issue a communication from Rev. Mr. Appleby, containing the sad intelligence of the utter prostration by serious illness of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, who was very successful in the noble but arduous work of civilizing and evangelizing the Indians on the Northern shores of Lakes Huron and Superior, in the Diocese of Algoma. It was in obedience to the manifest will of God that I left my home in England and all dear to me there, to enter upon that important enterprise, in which I should have been engaged up to the present time, had not God ordained it otherwise and called me through the late Bishop of Huron to another sphere of labor in this Diocese. In leaving the Indians there to whom we were so much attached, and who, it is well known, were deeply attached to us, it afforded Mrs. Chance and myself unspeakable satisfaction to know that we should by such zealous, devoted, and faithful missionaries of Christ as the Rev. Mr. Wilson and his truly estimable wife, who, like ourselves, left all for His dear sake, and who amidst many difficulties, trials, and bereavements have nobly and successfully carried on the work committed to them. Mr. Wilson seems to possess in a larger measure than any other missionary of my acquaintance, the necessary qualifications for that important branch of missionary work in which he has been more especially occupied. The noble Institutions which he has established and conducted at much cost and labor for Indian boys and girls, could not fail under his able management to prove a most powerful and useful auxiliary to our Church Missionary work among the aborigines, and an immense blessing to the whole Indian race in that remote part of the province. I must, therefore, express my profound regret that the invaluable labors of Mr. Wilson have been so seriously interrupted, and I earnestly pray for his speedy and perfect recovery.

Before I conclude I would say that whilst many in England and Canada have come nobly forward with their contributions to aid Mr. Wilson in his good work, yet his urgent appeals for help have not been so generally and liberally responded to as they ought to have been. The Institutions which he established are the only Institutions of that character, strictly belonging to our Church, in the whole Dominion, I think, certainly the only Institutions in this province. There is one at Brantford which is supported by a wealthy company in England, but it does not belong to our Church and is not under our control, and is of no practical benefit, of course, to the Indians in the

far west. The Institutions under the charge of Mr. Wilson are of a definite character, and in conducting that noble enterprise in the interests of our Church Missionary work and for the advancement of the Saviour's Kingdom amongst the Indians of the North-West he deserves and should receive the sympathy and liberal support of all true Church people.

I remain, yours respectfully,

JAMES CHANCE.

The Parsonage, Tyrconnel, May 18th, 1880.

## AN APPEAL.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to ask through the columns of your valuable paper, whether any clergyman who has lately restored his Church, can present the pretty little church of Rosseau with a prayer desk and lectern; as at present we have to use a common stool as such, and our funds are too poor to buy them?

I am, dear Sir,

Yours obliged,

ALFRED W. H. CHOWNE.

Rosseau, Muskoka, May 19, 1880.

## THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

DEAR SIR,—As the Synod of the Toronto Diocese is shortly again to meet, and the report of the Widows' and Orphans' Committee will be presented, it may be well for the members of the Synod to consider whether it be possible to improve the state of this Fund in any manner, so as to put it on a more substantial footing than it is at the present time.

Without going into its past history, we all know that it is now in a very weak state, and that the putting on of a few more widows would necessitate the reduction to a large extent, of the sum of \$200, annually to be paid to each widow, which is much to be deplored.

It appears that if a sum of money, now in possession of the Church could legitimately be used for the increase of the Fund, without detracting from the rights of any, it might be accomplished in the following manner: Let a number of lives of the clergy be insured for say \$1,000 each, the premiums being provided from the aforesaid source, and as they became deceased, the sum insured (\$1,000 each) be paid into the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. In this manner, when ten or twenty of the clergy die, there will \$10,000 or \$20,000 accrue to the Fund, the interest of which would at once be available for immediate use. Thus, for \$1,450 a year, fifty clergy of the average age of forty-five years could be insured for \$50,000; and when any single death occurred, a thousand dollars would come at once into the Fund, providing about fifty dollars a year income for ever, to be appropriated as interest, in favor of future widows.

In this way the Fund may go on accumulating a principal, which may eventually, if it were thought expedient, provide even more than \$200 for every widow that would be placed on the Fund.

I throw out these suggestions as some that present themselves to my mind in reference to this important subject, and I hope that something may be accomplished at the coming sitting of the Synod regarding the same.

Yours truly,

C. R. BELL.

Lakefield, 24th May, 1880.

## CLERGYMAN WANTED.

DEAR SIR,—In the much lamented necessary absence from the diocese of the Rev. E. F. Wilson it is proposed (subject to the approval of the Bishop) that I should make a five or six weeks tour in the Nepigon district, accompanied by a catechist, school-master, Shingwauk carpenter, and some of our Indian boys, for the purpose of locating a site for a school-house, building the same thereon this summer. It is an imperative necessity that the Lake Nepigon Mission and the Pagan Indians should be at once started, and therefore it is proposed to leave the catechist, school-master, and a Shingwauk Indian boy in charge of the station this winter.

I should be glad to hear of some brother clergyman who would kindly take my duty at the Sault St. Marie during the month of July.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

THOS. H. APPLEBY.

Sault St. Marie, 15 May, 1880.

## THE CLERGY AND CHURCH LITERATURE.

DEAR SIR,—After reading your article entitled "Can you not help us?" I came to the conclusion that every clergyman, and many prominent laymen and Church women too (some of whom are now putting the

stronger sex to shame by their zeal and energy in Church work in this Diocese) must, in "conscience," answer in the affirmative. There has never been, in my recollection, a more golden opportunity for using the power of the Church Press in our parishes than that afforded now by the DOMINION CHURCHMAN. In typography and arrangement it is simply admirable; nor does it deserve only the significant (by omission) praise accorded frequently by one American Church paper to another, viz., "our ably-printed contemporary." In regard to useful matter we have in your pages, (1) Diocesan Church news through the extent of the Dominion, (2) a fair resume of English and foreign Church news generally, (3) short articles intended to keep the readers au courant with the Ecclesiastical Seasons, (4) a series of terse and practical articles which are reprinted in tract form for the "Church Book and Tract Society" (some of which have sold by thousands, even in the United States, and run to a second edition within a few weeks), (5) a fair proportion of extracts relative to Church and Missionary matters abroad of general interest, (6) a proportion of correspondence, greatly improved in tone temper and composition since your rule about affixing the writer's name, (7) three or four pages of Family and Juvenile reading, which alone are worth more than the price of the paper, and are calculated to plant wholesome thoughts among your less advanced readers.

I do not see how any clergyman can, in the face of such a mass of useful material for cultivating the minds of his people, young and old (especially of those classes which most need such cultivation) refuse to do all he can to get subscribers for the DOMINION CHURCHMAN. Even putting it on selfish grounds a little time spent in promoting the circulation of your Paper, would save an immense amount of time in the weary drill of planting in details of Church information on the simplest subjects in each individual mind, and it is wonderful what a dense wall of ignorance on such matters meets the pastor everywhere as he visits his people. If your Paper were widely circulated in a parish, the clergyman would find that he would be met by its readers among his parishioners not with a blank and stupid stare of bewilderment or indifference, but with an intelligent and bright zeal for a conversation (not one-sided) on many points of Church doctrine, ritual, life and work.

It is of course obvious that a Church newspaper thus carefully fitted for the benefit and edification of the laity in general, cannot be expected to prove (except on that account) personally interesting to an educated clergy or even the most intelligent and widespread portion of the laity. The very qualities that make a newspaper most useful to the Church as a whole are those which make it personally rather uninteresting to the two classes just named. In fact, such persons cannot be expected to read a large, perhaps much the larger, portion of the matter put before them; as well might an advanced scholar be expected to con carefully the various items in the alphabet or in the multiplication table. It is enough for us to know that such things are there, and to feel that they are just the things most needed by nine-tenths of Church people. No doubt experience will teach your writers from time to time something more about the art of "putting things," but more money—that is, increased circulation—will do still more to enable you to improve the style and contents of your columns. People unreasonably demand of editors achievements in the way of printing and supplying material which they themselves seldom make any serious effort to make possible by increasing the proprietor's pecuniary resources.

I would, therefore, ask your readers to look upon the DOMINION CHURCHMAN chiefly as (1) a Tract distributor, all the more appreciated because it costs a little, about two cents per number; and (2) as a Sunday School and Family Magazine for weekly reading, whose price places it every week within the reach even of every child.

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD HARRISON.

## PATIENT WORK IN CHINA.

We do not often have news from China, but a friend kindly allows us to print the following extracts from a letter from the Rev. Charles Scott, whose headquarters are in Cheefoo. The country is almost more vast than we can understand; the provinces of North China comprise an area of nearly a quarter of a million of square miles, and the population is more than seventy millions. What wonder that the progress of Christianity is slow.

"Cheefoo, 20th October, 1879.—I hasten to reply to your kind letter, and to thank you for the warm interest which it evinces in our work in China, or rather, I should say, in God's work in China. The S. P. G. Mission here has now been established for five years. We came out at first two Clergymen, Mr. Greenwood and myself, and after about two-and-a-half years we were joined by Mr. Capel, who is still