

Committee hope to obtain the greater portion in the City of Toronto, but see no prospect of procuring the whole: failing which, the great exertions used to bring matters to the present point will be lost, and the whole scheme will fall to the ground.

As the propriety of securing a fit Episcopal Residence has been repeatedly and unanimously acknowledged by the Diocese through their Representatives in the Synod, who authorized this Committee to appeal to the Diocese at large, it seems to be their duty at this crisis, to invoke the good feeling liberality of their fellow-Churchmen throughout the Diocese, and ask them to help in raising the money still required. There can be no question that if a united effort is made by the eight-two Parishes outside the City of Toronto, a satisfactory result may be attained. As it is the duty of each Parish to provide if possible a Parsonage for their Minister, so it seems to be the duty of the Diocese as a whole to provide if possible a suitable See House for their Bishop; especially when, as in the case of Toronto, the Episcopal stipend, considerably reduced at the late Bishop's death, is confessedly inadequate to meet the many demands made upon one occupying that high position.

The Synod having recognized this want, and undertaken to supply it, a proper consideration not only for the dignity and comfort of the Bishop, but also for the good faith and credit of the whole Church, demands a vigorous and united effort, so that a record of which we need not be ashamed may be presented at the approaching session.

As a guide to the amount required to be raised in order to attain the desired object, the Committee have ventured to suggest a minimum sum for each Parish, on a scale which they believe will not be burdensome to any; and they have every confidence that throughout the Diocese there will be a ready response to their appeal, so that this necessary work may be brought to a satisfactory and speedy termination.

On behalf of the Committee,
A. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*
JOHN PEARSON, *Secretary*,

March 20, 1884.

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

The following account of a meeting in aid of the Diocese is taken from *Church Bells*:-

The Marquis of Lorne, ex-Governor-General of Canada, presided recently, over a large and influential public meeting, held at Willis's Rooms, in support of the Diocese of Algoma, Canada, of which the Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, late of Montreal, is the Bishop. The chairman, in introducing the Bishop, said that neither of them would have been present on that occasion if the vast diocese of Algoma was able to help itself. Anglican clergymen in the great dioceses of Ontario, where there were English settlements well filling the land, were independent of extraneous assistance, but Bishop Sullivan had charge of districts which could not help themselves; therefore he had a valid claim on the sympathy and support of members of the Church in England and elsewhere. The chief portion of the diocese, lying to the north of Lake Superior, had hitherto been inhabited only by Indians, who as yet were heathens, save a few of them converted by the Roman Catholic Church, which had been the first Church to explore this part of the country. These Indians were quite open to the teaching of the Gospel; and his belief was, that if missionaries were sent out amongst them they would prove very successful in converting them from savage life and in making them decent, orderly members of society. Besides the Indians, there were now in this part of the Dominion about 9000 navvies engaged in constructing the Canadian Pacific Railway. Scattered over the diocese also were large numbers of agriculturists and lumber-men, who attached the greater value to the periodical visits of ministers of the Gospel and representatives of their Church. The visits themselves often involved great trial and hardship, especially in the winter

time. Enormous distances had to be traversed, and the chairman related an incident of the Bishop of Ontario losing consciousness and being nearly frozen to death while travelling alone in fulfilment of his duty. In the case of the diocese of Algoma, situated as it was, with a long lake frontier, it was necessary to employ a steamer for the conveyance of the Bishop and his clergy; and a steamship suitable for this purpose had been purchased. He had observed with regret that in the far-away West, and generally in the outlying districts of Canada, on the fringe of settlements and of civilisation, the ministers of the Roman Catholic Church and of Protestant denominations other than the Anglican Church, were more often met with than were the representatives of the Church of England, and he thought it right to mention the fact in London, where they had the power of remedying this inequality of representation. The Bishop of Algoma described at length the diocese in which he is called to labour, and said the population was estimated at 60,000, of whom 10,000 were Ojibway Indians, the large majority of the latter being still pagans. Hitherto in this vast territory the Church of England had only had fifteen missionaries. They were in dire need of aid, and they therefore cast themselves upon the sympathy and support of individual Churchmen and of the great religious Societies in London and elsewhere. Archdeacon Farrar earnestly advocated the strong claims which this missionary enterprise had upon Church people in England.

Province of Rupert's Land.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND,
SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, ATHABASCA,
ASSINIBOIA, & SOUTHERN ATHABASCA

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WINNIPEG.—*Establishment of a Branch of the Nursing Sisters of St. John the Divine.*—A few months ago the Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath entered into correspondence with the Church Extension Association of London about trained nurses which have been sorely needed in this city. The result has been the arrival of Sister Aimee, the Assistant Superior of the above Society, who is a daughter of the late Bishop Parry, of Barbados, accompanied by another Sister and two trained nurses. A largely attended meeting of ladies from the different Parishes in the city was held in Christ Church Rectory to welcome the Sisters. Rev. Mr. Fortin was called to the chair, and Mr. Pentreath explained the steps that had been taken to bring them here, and mentioned the consent of the Bishop to their coming. They have met with a very heart reception, members of all the denominations even joining in welcoming them. In fact, to show how prejudices are softened in this cosmopolitan city, it has been a difficult matter to keep the Aid Committee in the hands altogether of the Church of England. The curious spectacle has been presented of Presbyterians and Methodists anxious to support and become associated with a Church of England Sisterhood. The first case the Sisters had was one of small pox, taken by an English woman lately arrived. One of the nurses was immediately engaged to nurse her at the Quarantine Hospital. Sister Aimee and Sister Anna are charming people, and the two women accompanying them have also been trained for years as nurses. The following account will give some idea of the Sisterhood. And it shews two things—first, the anxiety in England to help in every way this part of Canada, as in about three months from the application the Sisters are on the spot; and secondly, that the Christian people of Winnipeg have laid aside foolish prejudices in this respect, and will welcome women who are doing such a Christ-like work as nursing the sick and poor, though they come from a "Sisterhood."

The branch of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, which has recently arrived under the

charge of of Sister Aimee, the assistant superior of the order, is a part of a society in London, England, comprising nearly 100 sisters and nurses, who are devoted to the nursing of the sick and poor. The sisterhood was founded as far back as 1847, to meet a want generally felt for the training of nurses through the agency of Christian women of a higher grade in life. For the past 36 years the Sisterhood has had charge of the nursing in King's and Charing Cross Hospitals, London, the Children's Hospital at Paris, and in private families in London and the country. The Bishop of London is the president and visitor, and there is a counsel composed of bishops, prominent laymen and some of the most eminent medical men in England. Bishop Walsham How is the honorary chaplain. The sisters and nurses who have arrived here have had long experience in medical and surgery cases, will nurse any kind of contagious disease and attend operations. One of them nursed last fall over 80 cases of typhoid, among the poor, and did not lose a case. A committee of ladies from the Church of England parishes in Winnipeg is working very heartily to assist them. A small furnished house has been taken on Hargrave street from April 1 until 1st July. An effort is to be made by these ladies to procure and eventually provide a permanent home for the Sisterhood. Contributions to be sent to Miss Jazdowski, 13 Assiniboine street, or Mrs. Farrei, 38 Fort Street, are earnestly asked for these objects. It is expected that assistance will be given in England towards this. Communicants of the Church of England are eligible as "associates" by the payment of not less than \$5 a year and conforming to certain simple rules. The medical men of the city are in hearty sympathy with this movement, and it is hoped that in course of time a children's hospital and other necessary institutions will grow up under the care of the sisters. They are anxious to take the training of women as skilled nurses, or they will instruct ladies in the principles of nursing. This can only be done when they have a house as headquarters. No doubt some generous person in Winnipeg will present a good site for "St. John's House," which will be a permanent home for the sisters. Others will be ready to come out if needed.

Lenten Services.—There are Wednesday night services at the Cathedral, All Saints and St. George's, Wednesday and Friday services at Holy Trinity, and daily service at Christ Church. Four services are held on Sundays in Lent at the latter Church. The Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath has associated with him for the present Rev. H. E. Jephson, late of England. He hopes to retain him permanently. Rev. J. B. Seaman also assists at Christ Church on Sunday mornings.

A Church of England Temperance Society has been established in this Parish.

Work has been begun on the interior of the new Holy Trinity Church.

WAKOPA.—Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham, of Winnipeg, held Divine Service and administered the Holy Communion at LaRiviere's Hall, Wakopa, on Sunday morning, the 24th of February, and afterwards conducted afternoon service at the Albion School House. The venerable Archdeacon preached a very able and eloquent sermon, and pointed out the difficulties that the settlers had to contend with in this new country, and the inconvenience of not having any churches in the district. He informed the congregation that an English Church would soon be erected at Wakopa, which would be the headquarters for the mission about to be established in this portion of the Turtle Mountain, and that a minister would be stationed at Wakopa. The minister will officiate at Killarney—Lyon's Hall—and Albion School District. The Venerable Archdeacon got a most hearty reception from the settlers around Wakopa and vicinity, who are quite elated to hear of a church to be established in this place. The Archdeacon pointed out the extent of the English mission throughout the North West, and was well pleased with the Turtle Mountain country.