

this Ecclesiastical Province, I regard it as no less my privilege than my duty to address to you a few words of grateful acknowledgement and of appeal. I feel grateful because, as Bishop of Algoma, I can hardly forget how largely the Canadian Church has contributed, of its money and of its men, to make its offshoot, the Diocese of Algoma what it is. And I feel it necessary to appeal to you because there probably have been few occasions in the history of our Diocese when its needs have been more urgent than they are at present. It is of these needs I wish particularly to speak. And I do so confidently anticipating a sympathetic hearing, because, as the one Missionary Bishop of the Canadian Church, I have a claim upon your sympathy and aid, which I feel sure, you will be quick to perceive and to acknowledge. The facts are these.—(1) Our Mission Fund—that is, the fund upon which our Missions, and of course our Missionaries with their wives and little ones, depend for maintenance from year to year—was in arrears, at the beginning of the present month, some \$3,208. (2) Our Treasurer, Mr. Kemp, of Toronto, has made an estimate for the present year, basing his calculations upon the receipts and expenditure of the previous year; and finds that, unless we secure additional contributions, there will be a deficit at the end of this year of some \$8,000. (3) This alarming state of things is aggravated by the fact, that instead of increasing, certain important sources of revenue are this year diminishing their contributions.—notably the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whose grant for the current year is some \$400 less than that of previous years. And (4), there is one other fact that must not be lost sight of in this consideration of our affairs; it is this: We have not as yet one dollar of Mission Endowment to which, in time of emergency such as the present, we may turn for help. Such is the present uncompromising state of our finances. Yet the Missionary Bishop is not discouraged, for first he believes that God, Who has called him to the work, will enable him to perform it; and then he is persuaded that you will do your best, one and all, to succour him in his time of need. Besides, I find that there are many reasons for taking heart. It is not, perhaps, surprising that the long illness and consequent resignation of my predecessor, that noble worker, Bishop Sullivan, together with the period of interregnum which followed, and the final transferring of the reigns of government to new and untried hands, should have the effect of unsettling and disturbing the affairs of the Diocese in general, and its finances in particular. But, on the other hand, the many kind things said and done throughout the Canadian Church, apparently to assure the new Bishop, as he entered upon his work, that he had the confidence and sympathy of the Church at large, could hardly lack a deeper significance. And I venture to interpret them as meaning, among other things, that there are hosts of willing hearts in all directions, throbbing in sympathy with me in my work; and hands innumerable—yes, and with offerings in them—ready