

interest us all and are of importance to the Church's work in this missionary diocese. The journeys to be made in not a few cases involve the travelling of hundreds of miles, but the church, and the individual gentlemen who attend, are much profited. Those who have made sacrifice of time and money and have looked upon these gatherings as a means of advancing Christ's Kingdom in Algoma have not returned home before passing resolutions asking the Bishop to make these district conferences annual affairs in those years the Triennial Council does not meet. Success can, so far, be stamped upon the Bishop's action in this matter, though it be but a day of small things. In the future there will surely be growth in this as in other directions.

The Need of Men.

The Bishop needs at the present time some three or four missionaries for centres of work more or less remote. He trusts some whose eyes rest upon this notice may be moved to offer themselves.

Allusion was made in a recent issue to his desire for a number of young men who, being unmarried, would be freer to move about and better able to live on the small stipend offered them. He hoped that a few such men, ready or nearly ready for ordination, full of physical vigour, and of the ardent love of souls, would devote themselves to the work at least for the first few years of their ministry. If for some years to come, in a continuous stream of supply, young men just entering on their ministerial life could be induced to give thus a small percentage of their life service to Algoma's mission fields the Bishop would not be far from the solution of one of his hardest problems. And surely the men themselves actuated as they would be by high, unselfish motives would be gainers, not losers, by this course. Their gain in spiritual power and in width of experience would far more than compensate them for any trifling temporal loss they might be called upon to sustain. Who will have the honour of being first?

The S. P. G. Bicentenary.

The Bishop has received the accompanying letter from the Rev. Prebendary Tucker, Secretary of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which will celebrate the 200th anniversary of its career of usefulness next year. He

commends it to every parish and to every Churchman in the Diocese. The just and reasonable proposal of the Society that we should join in thanking God for its noble work; in praying that He may continue to bless its labours; and in making some offering according to our ability as an acknowledgment of our unspeakable indebtedness to it.

Churchmen in Algoma need hardly be reminded that to the S. P. G. they owe a debt which can never be repaid. Ever since the foundation of the Diocese the grant of the S. P. G. has formed a chief part of its income. Many of our missions owe their very existence to its fostering care. In the aggregate the society has contributed not less than \$75,000 towards the maintenance of our work. And, although its grant is now being reduced annually in order that it may be able to extend adequate aid to those new fields which God is opening so wonderfully in darkest Africa (and who can complain that after all these years of beneficence towards us they should desire us to set their offerings free that people unspeakably more needy than ourselves may reap the benefit)—it is giving this very year some \$3,000 to our Mission Fund. At least we must show our gratitude for all this generous aid!

Oct. 2nd, 1899.

MY DEAR LORD,—I am desired to invite your Lordship's earnest co-operation in the observance of the Society's approaching bicentenary, June 16th, 1900-1. I send a little handbook and other literature, which will, I hope, be of use. The Society has expended on British North America nearly \$1,900,000, and it feels that it has a great claim on the several dioceses, which it has helped so long and so largely. There must be many laymen in Canada willing to give large donations for an occasion of such great interest. The Standing Committee confidently rely on every parish, which has at any time benefited by the Society's means, observing the year of Jubilee and giving offerings to the Bicentenary Fund both in 1900 and in 1901.

I am, my dear Lord,
Your faithful servant,
HENRY W. TUCKER,
Secretary.

The Lord Bishop of Algoma.

The Bishop Sullivan Memorial Fund.

Amount required..... \$50,000 00
Amount received..... 9,877 38
Yet needed..... 40,122 62

This month we acknowledge subscriptions to the amount of \$217 92, and before the year closes confidently trust the sum in hand will exceed a total of more than \$10,000, or one fifth of the desired sum so necessary to continue the Church's work in this backwoods missionary diocese. We ask all friends to give to this fund of their means and of their prayers.

Rev. E. Lawlor	\$ 1 00
Nairn Centre offering	2 76
Spanish River Indian Reserv.	1 56
Massey collecti ns	5 00
S. H. Ferris, Birch Island	5 00
John Kezhegoopenas	0 50
Birch Island offering	4 10
Walford offering	1 05
Mrs. Muncaster, Walford	1 00
Thank offering, York Mill, Toronto, being part of a gift of \$50	25 00
Rev. Dr. Jones, Toronto	25 00
A. F. Gault, Montreal	
1st instalment of conditional subscription of \$500	100 00
Sucker Creek	2 65
Sheguiandah (St. Andrew's)	0 70
In memory of a dear little boy	42 00

Previously acknowledged \$217 92
Total received 9,659 46
Total received \$9,877 38

Rural Deanery of Muskoka.

The Rev. C J Machin having resigned the Rural Deanery of Muskoka on his departure for England in September last, the Bishop has appointed the Rev. W. A. J. Burt, of Bracebridge, to be rural dean for the unfinished portion of the present term of office, that is, until the next meeting of the Triennial Council, when the election will take place in the usual way.

Notes of a Recent Episcopal Trip.

On Sunday, October 22nd, the Bishop visited Webbwood, and at the morning service held a confirmation, when three persons were presented for the apostolic rite. This place is still weak from removals and depression in business. The congregation is considerably thinned, and there is no immediate prospect of marked improvement. In the afternoon the Bishop was at Massey for a service. At this point things are reviving somewhat, but still improvement is not certain. There is some activity in mining hereabouts. In the evening the Bishop was at Nairn, where there was a good congregation and a hearty service. There were four persons confirmed. Though smaller than Webbwood, Nairn is a more thriving place. In this vicinity lumbering is active.

The day following (Monday) the Bishop visited the Spanish River Reserve, where we have a little mission school for Indians. He held an interesting service, at which twenty-five Indians were present. Two Indians were confirmed, namely, William Wahsashkung and Mrs. James Wahsashkung. Owing to intermarriages with Roman Catholics there is great danger of these Indians being perverted to the Roman Catholic faith. Rev. F. Frost, of Garden River, accompanied the Bishop. After a night's sleep in the schoolhouse they arose early (Tuesday) for a celebration of Holy Communion. Then the party set out for Birch Island, twenty-five miles distant, in a small canoe—only ten feet—having Wahsashkung as