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AGENT—The Rev. W. H. Wadleton, Toronto, is authorized to collect subscriptions for THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

Bishop's Appointments—February, 1899.

1. Wed.—Sault Ste. Marie.
2. Thurs.—Purification of Mary the Blessed Virgin.
- 5.—Sexagesima.
7. Tues.—Train to North Bay.
8. Wed.—Train to Toronto.
9. Thurs.—Take part in Quiet Day at St. Philips, Toronto.
10. Fri.—Afternoon, train to Bracebridge.
11. Sat.—Drive to Baysville.
12. Quinquagesima.—Baysville opening of new church and confirmation.
13. Mon.—Drive to train for Novas.
14. Tues.—Mission of Novas, Ravenscliffe, etc.
15. Ash Wednesday.—Novas. Meeting of Parishioners re Cemetery. Train to Burks Falls.
16. Thurs.—Burks Falls. Confirmation.
17. Fri.—Drive to Midlothian and Magneta-wan.
18. Sat.—Dunchurch. Drive to Parry Sound.
19. 1st Sunday in Lent.—Parry Sound.
20. Mon.—Parry Sound. Drive to Rosseau.
21. Tues.—Rosseau.
22. Wed.—Rosseau.
23. Thurs.—Rosseau.
24. Fri.—Sprucedale.
25. Sat.—Emsdale.
26. 2nd Sunday in Lent.—Emsdale, Sand Lake, etc. Confirmation.
27. Mon.—Evening train to North Bay.
28. Tues.—Train to Sault Ste. Marie.

Lenten Pastoral.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

The approach of Lent calls upon us once more to lay out plans for the due observance of the season set apart by the Church to commemorate the sufferings of our Lord and to awaken in His people a truer devotion to His service.

I need hardly remind you that it is our duty to be very particular about obeying the rules laid down for our guidance in the Prayer Book. These rules declare the mind of the Church, and as loyal members we should respect and follow them. In remote and isolated places, where settlers are scattered and conveniences few, there may be difficulties in the way of a thoroughgoing observance of the sacred season. But a true desire to obtain God's blessing and a right belief in the wisdom of the means prescribed by the ancient Church, and tested by the experience of successive generations of saintly people, should suffice to overcome most, if not all, of those difficulties. And we shall not, if we are faithful Church people, rest content without a determined effort to win the unspeakable blessings which the Lenten season is calculated to bring to all who honestly use it.

It is my desire that throughout the diocese there should be this year a determined effort to make Lent what it ought to be—a season of real humiliation; of earnest meditation upon the precepts and example of our Lord and of more complete consecration of self to God. To this end I hope there will be in every parish and mission:

- (1) Special and suitable service, on week days;
- (2) additional celebration of Holy Communion;
- (3) a solemn commemoration of the last sacred week, with a fitting observance of Good Friday; and
- (4) a persistent effort throughout the season to realize the missionary obligations resting on every Christian and on every congregation, and to foster in all our people the missionary spirit.

I would further ask that a missionary meeting be held during Lent in every organized congregation, and that the offerings be given to our own diocesan missions; or that at least an offertory for our missions be taken up at the usual Ash Wednesday service (which I hope every parish and mission will hold). And I would urge all, clergy and laity alike, to remember the principle which underlies every truly religious act, that we must not be content to offer to God that which costs us nothing.

Thus I am persuaded we shall be preparing ourselves to enjoy a happy Eastertide. For Easter is the glorification of self-sacrifice. And they alone who have not merely offered what is dear to them, but have brought themselves into truer conformity to the Lord's will, are likely to feel, as they bow before their risen and glorified Redeemer, anything of the real spiritual happiness which Easter brings.

Believe me,
Your faithful friend and Bishop,
G. ALGOMA.

Uttington, Ont., Jan. 23rd, 1899.

Notes by the Way.

LA GRIPFF is again in our midst. Several of our clergy have suffered there from.

THE report of the S.P.C.K. for 1897-98 records grants to twenty six new churches in Canada.

REV. A. R. MITCHELL, lately of Port Sydney Mission, is taking duty at Gravenhurst.

REV. E. LAWIOR, M.A., has left the Mission of Broadbent and gone to that of Webbwood, on Sault Branch of the C.P.R.

UP to this moment no missionary in the ranks of the Algoma clergy has gone down to the grave, save the two leaders, Bishops Fauquier and Sullivan.

REV. J. P. SMITHMAN, missionary at Korah and Goulais Bay, is about to remove to the Mission of Schreiber, a point on the C.P.R. on the north shore of Lake Superior.

MR. F. R. GODOLPHIN, who for several years past has done duty as a catechist in several missions in Algoma, has left Canada for a point in Texas, U.S.A., where, local papers here say, he will be ordained and given charge of a parish.

REV. E. J. HARPER, of Fort William, to whom was offered the incumbency of St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, has declined to leave his present charge. As a mark of their appreciation of their parish priest the people to whom Mr. Harper ministers will increase their stipend subscription by \$200 and make some repairs to the parsonage.

THE successor of Rev. R. Renison at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, is found in the person of Rev. William Bevan, of the Diocese of Niagara. He has accepted the offer made through the Bishop and comes to Algoma, we believe, early in February. Mr. Bevan comes to Algoma with the best wishes of many admirers and friends in the diocese he is leaving. He will receive a hearty welcome among those whom, in the future, he will number among his friends.