

The blind man of St. John was born blind, not that he might be an inferior, but that he might be a superior vehicle of the glory of God, that the glory of God may be made manifest in him as it could not be in "them that see." *"Commentaries of a Day," by Archdeacon Benson.*

The Bishop's Appointments for March.

1. Preach at Sand Lake.
2. Return to Emsdale and take train to Burk's Falls.
3. Visit Mullothan and Maganetawan.
4. Visit Dunchurch, and thence to Burk's Falls and take train for North Bay.
5. Return to Sault Ste. Marie.
7. *Sunday*—Sault Ste. Marie.
8. Visit Garden River.
9. Take train for Massey and Little Current, Manitoulin Island.
10. Visit Manitowaning; reception 4 p.m.; confirmation in the evening.
11. Drive to "The Slash," conference with people, confirmation, and reception.
12. Drive to Hilly Grove, conference with people, confirmation, and reception.
13. Drive to Sheguiandah.
14. *Sunday.*
16. Visit Marksville, St. Joseph's Island.
17. Consecration of church at Richard's Landing.
18. Confirmations, etc.
21. *Sunday*—Preach in St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie.
27. Drive to Goulais Bay.
28. *Sunday*—Consecration Goulais Bay Church.
29. Return to Sault Ste. Marie.

Welcome!

The Sault Ste. Marie (Michigan) *News* gives a report of the reception given to the third Bishop of Algoma by the Church people and prominent citizens of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario (the Canadian side of the river), on the evening of Tuesday, February 2nd, and describes it as the event of the week. Our contemporary says:

"All denominations were present, and nothing could exceed the kindly feelings and warm expressions with which his lordship was greeted. Rev. Messrs. Duncan and Manning worthily represented the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and Mr. Downing the Baptist Church; Rev. M. McConnell and Rev. Mr. Smitheman, the Episcopalians of Bruce Mines and Korah; and His Honour Judge O'Connor, the Roman Catholics. There was besides a large representation of local Church people, including Mr. P. C. Campbell, Judge Johnston, Mr. Henry C. Hamilton, Capt. Burden, Capt. Towers, Messrs. W. H. Plummer, Harry Plummer, Wm. Brown, Wm. Van Abbott, W. J. Thompson, Dr. Reid, R. W. Cunningham, J. B. Way, and various others, accompanied by their families. There was also a sprinkling from the

Michigan Sault, including the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Westlake, Dr. W. L. Williams, and Miss Griffiths. After the Bishop had replied to the address, songs and recitations were given with great effect by Mr. McConnell, Mrs. Westlake, Mr. Hallam, and Mr. W. H. Plummer. The following address to the Bishop was read by His Honour Judge Johnston:

To His Lordship the Right Reverend George Thorneley, Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP.—Representing the lay element of the parish of Sault Ste. Marie, we take advantage of your auspicious arrival in our midst to assume the high functions for which you have been happily consecrated to offer you our warmest congratulations and to cordially welcome you and your family to Sault Ste. Marie. We recognize to the fullest extent the strong sense of duty manifested in your acceptance of an office entailing great responsibility and arduous labour, and we feel assured that by the blessing of God this great missionary diocese will develop more and more until it shall answer all the expectations of the various contributory dioceses which called it into existence. With the growth of population and wealth there seems to be every reason to hope for a decrease of expenditure in the mission funds, and we trust the time is not far distant when the parish of Sault Ste. Marie will be able to proclaim itself self-supporting.

The opening up of railway communication in this district has effected a marvellous transformation since the time when the first Bishop of Algoma commenced his ministrations. Populous villages and smiling farmsteads have sprung up all along the line, and a population then amounting to less than 10,000, thinly scattered over the district, is now estimated to be in the neighbourhood of 50,000.

An accelerated growth cannot fail to open up vast possibilities for Church extension, and we are sure your lordship will prove the chosen instrument for carrying out the great work of development so evidently in store for the Church.

We would especially felicitate your lordship on the broad liberality which we know has distinguished your ministerial career in the sister Province of Quebec, and which endeared you there, as it certainly will do here, to Christians of all denominations. We would assure you of our earnest desire to cordially co-operate with you in the work of the Church, and in the building up and sustaining of that confidence and good will which we recognize to be so necessary between Bishop, clergy and laity.

And, in conclusion, we cannot allow the opportunity to pass without paying a high tribute to the untiring zeal and energy of our dear pastor, to whom the success of our church owes its rapid increase in members, the splendid edifice in which we worship, and the united feeling that happily exists amongst us all.

Signed on behalf of the laity, St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, February 2nd, A.D. 1897.

(Signed) J. B. WAY,
W. C. DUNSEATH,
Churchwardens.

The Bishop, in reply, said: Permit me first, in responding to your cordial greeting and good wishes, to acknowledge the kindness which prompted you to offer me and mine this reception. I assure you that it is no small comfort to me, in coming into your midst, to find you so kindly disposed towards myself, my family, and my work. And, next, I should like to assure you that I have already received many good impressions from what I have seen and heard, both of your town and her people. I was prepared for the terrors of a severe climate, but I find, so far, much the same weather prevailing as we have in the east. I was prepared for all kinds of trying experiences, but I find, so far, little or nothing of trial. The approaches to the Sault were not indeed promising, much of the C. P. Railway being built through the back and less favoured portions of the district. But when we stepped out upon the platform at your station we found ourselves in the midst of very pleasant and promising surroundings, in the midst of a fine young town, evidently growing, with many signs of prosperity, its buildings solid and in good taste—built to last—with excellent stores, and a pulp mill which, it is said, has not its rival anywhere—substantial, picturesque, and most thoroughly appointed—quite a wonderful enterprise indeed. And then the kind way in which we were entertained, for the first day or two, and the many assurances given us that the people of this rising centre of population are warmly interested in the work of the Church over which I am called to preside—all this has been a great encouragement to me. I cannot, of course, speak for other parts of the diocese. I have not seen them. But what I have seen and heard here gives me great hope and courage. And, next, I must not fail to express my satisfaction at seeing here to night so representative a gathering. Not only am I greeted by our own Church people, but by many connected with other bodies of Christians. I rejoice to see that though we have differences, and must as honest men stand by our principles, we can still find common ground to meet upon, until we can draw, through God's grace, wholly together again. And this brings to mind the wise building of foundations accomplished by my predecessors, the saintly