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Greeting.

To the Reverend the Clergy and the laity of the Church in the Diocese of Algoma the Bishop of Algoma sends greeting. It is with a heart yearning towards you that he comes in the name of God to take up the work which has been assigned him among you. Henceforth he desires to be wholly yours, "to spend and be spent" for you all. He looks forward to seeing you each and all, "face to face," at as early a date as possible; but, since some time must necessarily elapse before he can visit many of the more remote parts of the diocese he wishes now, in a few words, to greet you in the Lord, to offer himself to you for service in every possible way; to assure you of his unflinching sympathy and prayers; and to express the hope that amid the cares and difficulties involved in such a work as he is entering upon he may have your kindest consideration and most earnest remembrances at the throne of grace.

His plans, so far as they are made at present, are simply these: To settle with his family at Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie, on or shortly after the 20th Janu-

ary inst. Then on the spot, and after consultation with those who know the diocese, to arrange for an early visitation of such parishes as may be profitably reached in the ensuing month. Communications may be addressed to him at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on or after the 20th; until then to Sherbrooke, Que.

Finally he commends you to the grace of God, which is the only hope of us all, and trusts that by the aid of that grace, and with your hearty co-operation, his labours among you may not prove wholly fruitless.

"The Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all."

Notes by the Way.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU.

New mercies, new blessings, new light on thy way;
New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;
New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight,
New praise in the morning, new songs in the night;
New wine in thy chalice, new altars to raise;
New fruits for thy Master, new garments of praise;
New gifts from His treasures, new smiles from His face;
New streams from the fountain of infinite grace;
New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;
New glances of the glory that waits thee above;
New light of His countenance full and unpriced;
All this be the joy of thy new life in Christ!

—Francis Ridley Havergal.

IN our first number of the year it has been our custom to glance back at the year last flown. This year we must do so next month. Our columns are so full.

THE January number of *The Canadian Church Magazine* contains an excellent portrait of the Bishop of Algoma (Dr. Thorneloe), illustrating an article on his life and work in the Diocese of Quebec.

A GLANCE at the *W.A. Leaflet* reveals the fact that many of our missions have

been gladdened with gifts from Churchwomen. Had we space this month we would classify and publish the list. Perhaps next month.

WITH much regret we hold over a report of the opening of the new Church of St. Thomas at Bracebridge. Next month, however, we shall be able to illustrate the report with a picture of the church. Our Bracebridge friends will forgive the delay.

It is simply impossible to publish this month all the news that has reached us ament happenings in the various missions—the Christmas services and festivities. Our readers will, we feel sure, easily forgive the delay since they are regaled with equally, if not more, substantial fare.

No Church family in the diocese can really afford to be without THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. It is an organ having interests and aspirations common to all. There is neither mission nor missionary in Algoma but owes not a little to the little diocesan paper. The doubling of our subscription list would not be much to ask as a mark of appreciation.

MR. T. J. HAY, catechist at Dunchurch, on Christmas Day took the first service in the church there. Many have been the discouragements that fell to the lot of the Church folk in the vicinity, both in connection with the services and a suitable building in which to hold them. Now, however, under the zealous leadership of Mr. Hay, a stride has been made in the way of better things. May it be but the first of many wise and well-considered steps forward!

A FEW lines from Huntsville tell us that the Christmas services were well attended, and characterized by more than ordinary heartiness. Archdeacon Llwyd has received for his church (All Saints'), in memory of the infant of Mr. and Mrs. H. Booth, the gift of a frontal, a "trice