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Garden River.

THIS mission, formerly visited by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara when stationed on Manitoulin Island, and, since then, for upwards of twenty years under the pastoral charge of the Rev. James Chance, has been allowed, the last few years somewhat to fall back from its former prosperity. Since the fire in the autumn of 1873, which burnt the original Shingwauk Home, there has been no regular minister, the parsonage has not been rebuilt, and the church, a frame building, is growing old, the sills rotting away from under it, and uncomfortable gleams of light appearing where they should not in the walls and floor. We are very happy to be able to state that there are evidences of revival in religious life, now, among the Garden River people, and we think our readers will be interested to hear the following account of a recent visit to that place, and of a visit which the Garden River Indians subsequently made en masse to the Shingwauk Home. The following is Mr. Wilson's account of his visit:—"I spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Garden River, and felt very much encouraged about the whole appearance of the mission. Mr. Rowe, who is

at present located there as a theological student, shortly to be ordained, seems earnest and active, and is much liked by the Indians. It is the wish of the Bishop to place Mr. Rowe, after his ordination, in full charge of the mission, but at present there is some hesitancy through want of funds. It would be a great blow and disappointment to the Indians if he were removed, as they quite hope and expect that he is to be their clergyman. Surely when we see evidences of revival in an Indian mission, and remember, also, their long history of faithful attachment to the Church ever since they first embraced Christianity, it is a great wrong to them, and a wrong to the cause of religion to leave them deserted, or to give them any cause to think that their ignorance and poverty and difference of race, precludes them from full membership in that spiritual body whereof Christ is the head. Algoma diocese has been upwards of four years in existence now, and yet no steps have as yet been taken for the extension of Christian teaching among the heathen Indians. Manitoulin mission was in existence when our diocese was formed, and it exists still. Garden River had formerly a resident