

seems to be nearer the adoption of his proposals than ever. Should he succeed in making his plan a reality he will save, it is said, 1000 miles in the distance from Chicago to Liverpool. The route is through the French River, Lake Nipissing and a short canal to the Ottawa, thence to the St. Lawrence and on to the Atlantic. There will be but twenty-nine miles of Canal, of which fourteen miles already exist. This plan to completely change the way by which grain, cattle and lumber from the West reaches the sea board would traverse through this diocese. The French River and Lake Nipissing are contained in this jurisdiction. When this commences, and to a greater degree when it is completed, there will be laid upon the Church the duty of ministering to our people in greater numbers, and also at a greater number of points. How absolutely necessary is it, therefore, that the Bishop should have at his hand at an early date the proceeds of the Bishop Sullivan Mission Sustentation Fund to finance work which is losing support by reason of the withdrawal of the grants from the S.P.G. and to enable him to occupy new posts as occasion shall arise.

The Conference at Sundridge.

SUCCESSFUL, FRIGHTFUL, PROFITABLE.

The eastern portion of this missionary diocese extends from Gravenhurst, the first station on the Grand Trunk Railway north of the boundary line between the Diocese of Toronto and this diocese, to the town of Sudbury, the most westerly point in the District of Nipissing and the centre of what is as yet but an infant mining country. It was the clergy and laymen who live and work in this portion of the diocese who, at the Bishop's request, met in the village of Sundridge on the 15th and 17th days of May last.

The weather vouchsafed was all that could be desired. On the evening of Monday, the 15th of May, the visitors began to arrive at Sundridge, and continued to arrive from north and south during the night and hours of early morning, in all cases met by representatives of the congregation of the Church of St. Paul, Sundridge, who had made every provision possible for the hospitable entertainment of their fellow-Churchmen.

The duties of the first day (and of the second too) commenced with a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., the Bishop being celebrant, assisted by Rev. J. Boydell and W. Evans.

After breakfast we again assembled in

church for Morning Prayer, in which part was taken by Revs. A. R. Mitchell, W. H. French, J. Pardoe and G. Gander. The service commenced at 9.30 a.m., and ended in about half an hour.

It was fully a quarter past ten o'clock when the Conference assembled for business in the Orange Hall, a building situate more nearly in the centre of the village than is the church edifice. There were present:

Right Rev. G. Thorneloe, D.D., D.C.L.,
Lord Bishop of Algoma, President.

- Rev. A. H. Allman, Uffington.
- " W. A. J. Burt, North Bay.
- " C. H. Buckland, Burk's Falls.
- " J. Boydell, M.A., Sudbury.
- " A. J. Cobb, Powassan.
- " T. E. Chilcot, B.A., Port Carling.
- " W. Evans, Parry Sound.
- " W. H. French, Aspden.
- " G. Gander, South River.
- " G. Gillmor, Rosseau.
- " W. A. Hazlehurst, Baysville.
- " D. A. Johnston, Magnetawan.
- " A. R. Mitchell, Gravenhurst.
- " J. Pardoe, Novar.
- " C. Piercy, Sturgeon Falls.

Mr. H. G. King (catechist), Emsdale.

- " John Edgar, Sundridge.
- " J. Hayes, Sundridge.
- " Joseph Edgar, Sundridge.
- " A. E. French, Sundridge.
- " W. A. Kelsey, Burk's Falls.

After the opening prayers the Bishop in a few words welcomed all present to the Conference and expressed his sanguine hope that the brotherly counsel and re-union would be productive of much good to the Church locally and in the diocese as well as to the individual members present.

At this stage Mr. John Edgar, churchwarden, craved permission to read the address following:

To our dear Bishop, the Clergy and Laity of the Eastern portion of the Diocese of Algoma:

We, the churchwardens, on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Sundridge, do extend to you a most cordial welcome. We welcome you, first, because you are met here in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; secondly, because you are assembled here in the name of the Church, and we pray that your work and labours here in behalf of the Church will be so blessed by Christ, its Head, that they will bring forth much fruit to the honour of His Name. We feel sure that all the congregations represented, especially the local one, will be greatly benefited by it.

We esteem it a great honour to the Church in Sundridge to have with us such a gathering of the representative men of this part of the diocese, and we hope that you will make yourselves at home as much as you can during your stay. We are sorry that we could not extend to you all the hospitality of our homes, because of the smallness of our congregation, but we assure you that every one in connection with St. Paul's Church has responded nobly to the appeal made to them.

Again we wish you God's blessing, not only on your labours here, but in connection with your work in the diocese, or wherever you may be called on to minister and work for our Lord and Master.

Signed, on behalf of St. Paul's Church, Sundridge,
JOHN G. HAYES,
JOHN EDGAR,
Churchwardens.

Sundridge, May 16th, 1899.

On behalf of the Conference, the Bishop thanked the Sundridge people for the kindness, not only expressed in the address, but evinced in all that had been done in the shape of preparatory arrangements towards making the gathering a success and ourselves most comfortable.

Rev. Charles Piercy acted as secretary of the Conference.

The first paper had for its subject:

THE DUTY OF THE CHURCH IN ALGOMA TOWARDS HER OWN MISSIONARY WORK.

It was written by the Archdeacon of Algoma, who was, to our general regret, unable to be present by reason of ill-health. It was read, at the writer's request, by Rev. W. H. French.

Clearly it is beyond our power to give space to all the papers read, and quite as clearly is it forced upon us that it would be unwise, it might be said unfair, to discriminate. Therefore at the risk of neglecting here and there an important point, and trusting to the good-will of the writers, we announce the intention of presenting a very brief epitome in each case.

An introductory reference to the importance of the subject was followed by the reiteration of the truth that the clergy and laity, not one without the other, together compose the Church in our midst. The Church was pictured as coming to this new country like a settler who comes into it with little silver or gold, but with a stout heart and strong will to carve out a home for himself. Passing from a brief general application of the divine commission to disciple all people and to baptize them into the Triune name, some moments were occupied in looking at the Church's duty to her own missionary works in Algoma. In 1873 there were 8 missions, 6 clergy, 2 catechists, 8 church buildings. There was neither see house nor a parsonage. The year 1873 was that in which this jurisdiction was set apart as a missionary diocese—the child of the Canadian Church, as it was called. Now if we have not a "magnificent" we have "a significant result to present": 36 missions, with no fewer than 120 stations, 72 church buildings, 7 church halls, 27 parsonages, a see house for our Bishop, and the greatly improved and important work for Indian children at the Shingwauk Homes. It is not so easy to mark spiritual results, yet the Archdeacon, now the oldest worker in the diocese, says there is much that should cause the missionary and Church folk generally to take courage and to be most grateful for. Then leaving the past the paper says: "What about the future?" The first duty is to consolidate—make strong, permanent—the work already done. To do this will need careful, methodical, pastoral work in the homes of the people, the wise use of all helps to our hand, the employment of every one, if possible, in some branch of Church work. The duty of systematic giving for the maintenance of the Church was pointed out, while a