

## THE NEW BISHOP OF ALGOMA.

Ere these words greet the eyes of our readers Bishop Thorneloe will have taken up his residence at Sault St. Marie, and begun the new work given him of God. The Provincial W.A. respectfully tenders the Bishop and Mrs. Thorneloe its best wishes. Let us pray earnestly for rich blessings upon them and the Diocese over which they are set.

The W.A. of Algoma is to be congratulated in possessing so warm-hearted an officer as Mrs. Thorneloe has ever proved herself to be.

## CHINA.

It is estimated that the population of this remarkable country numbers as many millions as there are days in the year, 365,000,000. Up to the year 1807 it was a closed door to all Protestant Missionary effort, but now affords a fruitful field for God's labourers, of whom there are only about 1500 all told (including wives), or roughly speaking, one Missionary for 245,000 people. Between 3,000 and 4,000 natives are doing good work as Catechists, etc. Of the 982 great Fu cities in ten of the Provinces of China, 908 are without a Missionary; and for 8,000,000 in Kiang-li, there are only seven. About *one million* heathen die in China every month. The great plain called Honan, containing 62 chief cities with their 8,000,000 inhabitants, is as yet unreached by God's message of salvation. In Kuei-Hua-Cheng, in the North of China beyond the great wall and on the confines of Mongolia, there is labouring with much success a band of the Lord's children from Sweden. These consecrated workers are endowed with two characteristics which should not only be found in every ambassador and lover of the Lord, but in every one who names His blessed name, viz., humility of spirit and simplicity of life, which spring from a living union by faith with their risen and glorified Lord. They offered themselves for service asking only for transport thither and the actual cost of living when there. In Northern China, where they have been sent, they have demonstrated that they can, on an allowance of \$200 per annum, not only live well enough to maintain a high average of bodily health, but that they are able from that small income to support among themselves some native Bible women. Should not such an example stimulate those who profess to love the Lord, and to be anxious to keep his commandments, to see to it, that if unable to go themselves, a substitute should be sent to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ to those who at this time are sitting in darkness, without God and without hope? Consecrated men and women are ready and anxious to go if only the means to send them could be found. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He may send labourers into the Harvest; and when *praying* do not omit *doing* all that the Lord has put it into your power to do.