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The Report of the Lord Bishop of Algoma.

READ BEFORE THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

[As many of our readers will not have seen our Bishop's Report, we herewith Subjoin it] :—

To the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada.

MY LORD,—In presenting my Report, as required by Canon XI. of the Provincial Synod, I would first acknowledge, with heartfelt gratitude the protection which a merciful Providence has exercised over me during the period that has elapsed since my last report was presented.

In my continuous journeyings by land and water, I have not only been most wonderfully preserved from any serious accident such as travellers, in a new country like that in which my lot has been cast usually meet with; but I have also enjoyed such a measure of health, as to be able to attend to my duties, and in almost every instance to keep my appointments. This great mercy vouchsafed, during a period of three years, surely calls for grateful acknowledgment.

As to the object of a report such as this, is, that information may be given to the Provincial Synod concerning the state and condition of the Church in my Missionary

District, this object will, it seems to me, be best secured by drawing a comparative statement between its present position and that in which I found it, on first taking charge in September, 1873.

On taking charge of the missionary diocese of Algoma, I found seven clergymen laboring within its limits, of whom four were in priests orders, and three deacons. There are now nine: seven priests and two deacons. Of these, five are ministering in the Muskoka and Parry Sound Free Grant Districts, one at the Sault Ste. Marie and one at Prince Arthur's Landing, whilst the other two, aided by paid school-teachers and catechists, are laboring among the Indians on the Great Manitoulin and at Garden River.

In addition to this little staff, I have no less than sixteen lay helpers who, without any remuneration from the diocesan fund, are holding service every Lord's Day for congregations averaging from twenty to forty souls, thus fostering the Church where she must otherwise die out, and forming the *nuclei* of what will, I trust, at