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### Notes by the Way.

#### LENT.

Welcome, dear feast of Lent; who loves not thee;  
He loves not temperance, or authority,

But is composed of passion.

The Scriptures bid us *fast*; the Church says *noze*  
Give to thy mother what thou wouldst allow

To every corporation.

—George Herbert.

REV. C. H. BUCKLAND, of Powassan, was laid up some days in February with rheumatism.

SOUTH RIVER Churchfolk had a tea-meeting and entertainment on Thursday evening, February 25th. We anticipate some particulars next month.

ON February 19th the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, Parry Sound, had a decidedly successful social gathering. Jukes' Hall is reported to have been comfortably filled, and the entertainment afforded above the average.

It is requested that in future all correspondence for following issue be in the hands of the Editor by the 15th of each month. The change becomes necessary since it has been decided to publish in the future on the first day of the month.

THE Bishop hopes to sail for England by May 15th. While there he will probably be able to interest some of our fellow-citizens and fellow-Churchmen in the work of the Church in Algoma and add to the number of zealous friends who form the Algoma Association in England.

REV. MR. ULBRICHT writes that the first of a series of "At Homes" given by the Churchwomen's Parochial Aid Association of the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, at the residence of Mr. James Purvis, on January 28th, was a decided success. The proceeds were 20.25.

THE Bishop of Marquette was present at St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on the morning of Sunday, January 31st, the first service in the diocese in which our own Bishop took part.

THE soul is influenced by outward observances, and is shaped and fashioned according to its actions. Let, then, thy appearance and garment and gait and sitting and table and bedroom and house and its furniture all be directed according to lowliness. And thy speech and singing and conversation in like manner look towards meanness and not exaltation.—  
*St. Basil.*

By the death of Mrs. W. U. Hillier the Church at Burk's Falls loses one of its oldest and most valued workers. It was at her house, when living at Scotia, some eighteen years ago, before Burk's Falls was known, that the first Church service and the first baptism took place north of Huntsville. A patient Christian, she has finished her course and her children call her blessed. She died after a few hours' illness on February 11th, and was buried on the 13th. The church was literally crammed with people on the occasion of the funeral, and many could not obtain admittance.

*The Church Observer* (Springhill, Nova Scotia) publishes a paper on "Algoma," read before St. John the Baptist's Church Social and Temperance Society, North Sydney, C.B., on January 14th, 1897, by Miss Lily Hanes. It is a very creditable *résumé* of some of the chief events in the history of the Church's work in the territory now known as the Diocese of Algoma. The period covered is from 1830, just prior to the advent of Mr. (afterwards Archdeacon) McMurray to the Hudson Bay Company's station at Sault Ste. Marie, to the resignation of our late Bishop. The dissemination of missionary news is a grand encouragement to missionary work. We desire to compliment the lady writer on her collection of interesting facts and to thank her for bringing them to the knowledge of others, and for her evident interest in us.

It has been said that "to be *not* disciplined by God Himself, to have to invent one's own disciplines, is a trial under which most men break down." What are called "limitations" are in reality the special application to the individual of that moulding and transforming power which, through some species or other of pain, is developing the sons of God. . . . It is an unreal sentiment which pities us here as "pent in the body," and as "gaining eternal life" only by our own dying. If believing, if regenerate, if incorporate with Christ, the eternal life is the state to which we have attained; and the body, which is the product and the expression of our spirit, is the blessed and necessary antecedent of the spiritual body, and all the facts of human life are ennobled as exponent of a spiritual progress with which heaven and earth are in sympathy. Real saints have not only borne suffering and calamity, they have known how to use them. They have turned every kind of limitation into a weapon; and surely what they succeeded in doing God had planned. . . .