

treal. Rev. C. Piercy has, therefore, entered into communication with Mr. Keefer, of Port Arthur, the next substitute.

BURK'S FALLS Mission, now under the charge of Rev. C. H. Buckland, no longer includes the village of Sundridge and vicinity, distant some fourteen miles. This permits the clergyman to give two services every Sunday in the one village. Such privileges should cause the Church people there to be liberal in their gifts to the Church, not looking for the charity of others to do what can be done within themselves.

WHEN Rev. R. Renison returned to the Sault from his trip to the Old Country the Church people of the See town welcomed him with an address. An address was also presented to Rev. A. J. Cobb shortly before he left North Seguin for Powassan. It expressed the regret of many at his departure and was accompanied by such tangible tokens of esteem as "a handsome silver tea set, butter dish, fruit stand, cake plate and purse."

THIS month our readers will note an improvement in our paper in the form of a cover. Our circulation is rapidly increasing, and THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS is now a valuable advertising medium. Our cover we hope in the near future to fill with suitable advertisements, and while we serve our patrons reap some little benefit ourselves. For advertising rates please address Rev. W. H. Wadleigh, General Post-office, Toronto, who will promptly give all information.

REV. J. G. WALLER, one of Canada's missionaries to Japan, will spend a deserved vacation of about two months in his native land, arriving at Bartonville, near Hamilton—his old home—about the 1st of September. He will meet with a warm welcome from companions of his youth as well as from his fellow students at Trinity University, Toronto. His visit will, no doubt, quicken interest in his work in the "tight little (?) island" of the Pacific.

JUST before going to press a letter from Rev. J. Hickland, dated from Montreal, is to hand, in which he desires to specially thank the Rev. W. A. Read, R.D., Pembroke, Diocese of Ottawa, for granting him the use of his church on Sunday, August 14th last, to lay the claims of the Diocese of Algoma in general, and Lake

Temiscamingue in particular, before his people, and also helping him to make a collection on behalf of the Bishop's Fund, which amounted to \$30. Both the Rev. Mr. Read and his people hope that the Bishop of Algoma will soon favour them with a call at Pembroke church.

REV. JAMES HICKLAND, our missionary at Temiscamingue (a mission lately visited by the Bishop, whose visitation is referred to in another column), is *en route* to Belfast, Ireland, his native land. Before setting forth, the people to whom he has so faithfully ministered presented him with an address, in which regrets for the severance of the ties that bound them together are mingled with rejoicings because Mr. H. is going home to see his family, which he left three years since. As in other instances we have not been able to give room to the text of addresses, so, to avoid any distinction, we are compelled to omit that now referred to.

WHY not in every place take steps to beautify our church grounds and parsonage properties by the planting of shade trees and hedges? There is, probably, no more beautiful shade tree than the maple, the leaf of which is one of our national emblems. Nor are hedge-rows very difficult to obtain. Both cedar or spruce shrubs form compact evergreen hedges in a few years. The trees and shrubs are easily obtained—in every bush. They are so common that they lack the appreciation they deserve for ornamental purposes. A "bee" for the planting of a hedge or of shade trees would accomplish a work that would increase in beauty year after year, and, while it added value to our church properties, would in the next generation fill the diocese with beauty spots when the forest would be less in evidence.

*The Evangelical Churchman* of August 15th says: A sad illustration of the power of ignorant bigotry is completed in the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Whitsitt, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a scholar who is loyal to truth, but he gave unpardonable offence to his brethren by his candour. In his historical researches he came to the conclusion that baptism by immersion was not practised in England prior to 1641, and that in America it was not practised until a later date; and that probably Roger Williams, the founder of the American Baptists, was baptized by

sprinkling. For holding this view and publishing it Dr. Whitsitt has been pursued as a heretic. Friends stood by him, but his enemies continued their assaults, and at last assailed the seminary of which he was president. This has now forced him to resignation. He could not be convinced of error, and he is turned out of office.

In *Church Bells* of June 24th, 1898, under the title "Church Architecture" is published an interesting interview with Mr. G. H. Fellowes Prynne, the new President of the Architectural Association. From it we learn that Mr. Prynne, who is distinctly a "church architect," and maintains that to be such it is absolutely necessary to be a good Churchman, was once a young man resident in Toronto. In fact, it was there that he made his start in his profession. The son of an honoured vicar of St. Peter's, Plymouth, he spent a couple of years on a farm in the West, after which he journeyed to Toronto and secured an engagement in the office of Mr. R. C. Wyndyer, a well-known architect in that city. There he began his studies, which, continued in the world's metropolis, in the office of the late Mr. Geo. Edmund Street, R.A., laid the foundation of a reputation that has steadily increased until it lifted him into the president's chair referred to. We, in Algoma, have not been able to give much thought to the style of our little churches, though there are a few that rise higher from the church architect's point of view than the primitive "Bethels" of the backwoods. But the test of time establishes centres where the Church in town or village may be expected, not only to always exist, but to make continued growth. In such places, especially, more care should be exercised in the building and repair and alteration of churches. The House of God should be easily distinguished from all other buildings. Perhaps this anticipates some knowledge of architecture by our missionaries, and it is a subject to which we should do well to devote some attention. There is an instructive symbolism in the construction of a church which should not be sacrificed to utilitarian principles, nor is it necessary to do so in compliance with the conditions of a new country and a cold winter climate.

THE Provincial Synod meets in Montreal on the 14th inst. We hope that a sense of the importance of its delibera-