

the mission, and in the afternoon left for Shoal River House to hold service there, and to remain a few days with Mr. Munro and family. The morning following my arrival an Indian came in with the news that my house was burnt to the ground. I hastened back, and found nothing but a heap of ashes. Everything was lost save a few papers and blankets. My loss exceeds \$500, and includes all my books, of which I had a good number, furniture, stoves, and a whole year's supply of provisions.


"When I left at two o'clock in the afternoon everything was apparently safe, the fire did not break out until midnight; it is supposed that there must have been some defect in the chimney. The Indians did the best they could, but only managed to save the blankets and papers.

"It is the more discouraging when one thinks that only a few weeks ago I was able, by strict economy, to get what I most needed to make my house comfortable. For the present I must take refuge in one of the old Indian houses which the Indians are trying to make comfortable for me, and be content with fish and bread. At first I felt terribly discouraged, but after carefully thinking the matter over I feel that it is my duty to stay and make the best of circumstances. By a firm trust in the love of Almighty God everything will, I hope, come right in the end.

"If I can secure assistance I want to commence building in the spring. Trusting that I may soon hear from you, and that you may be able to interest some kind friends on my behalf.

"I am, yours very truly,
"EDWARD H. BASSING."

DIocese OF ATHABASCA.

HE Bishop publishes the following appeal:

"When in England, during 1885, I made an appeal for the general work of this Diocese, but especially for help in the formation of a 'Clergy Endowment Fund' to provide for the stipends of the clergy. The response to this appeal, together with collections and subscriptions within the Diocese, and from other sources, has enabled me to arrange for the investment of rather over \$3,500, to form the nucleus of such a fund.

"I applied last spring to the S.P.C.K. of England, for a grant to aid me in this purpose. They very kindly responded to my appeal by making an appropriation of £500 to meet £3,500, to be raised from other sources, for permanent investment. This grant is, however, only payable in instalments of £100, each instalment to meet a sum of £700 raised from other sources, and any part of the grant not claimed within five years, *i.e.* in April 1891, to be written off as lapsed. I would therefore appeal to the friends


both in England and Canada, to assist me in availing myself of the Society's kind appropriation.

"If this endowment can be carried out, it will materially assist in laying a good foundation for the work of our Church in a very large and promising part of the Dominion of Canada.

"The present missionary work among the Indians of this country, and the impending settlement which the fertile character of the westerly and Peace River country and the timber and mineral deposits of the eastern part assures, calls for a vigorous effort in this direction.

"The increased missionary spirit so manifestly awakened in our midst, encourages me to make this appeal, and to trust that it will meet with a generous response. Herbert Malaher, Esq., Compton Terrace, Islington, London, N., or my commissary, the Rev. W. A. Burman, Middle Church P.O., Manitoba, will be glad to receive subscriptions or donations for this purpose."

DIocese OF MOOSONEE.

HE following letter from Archdeacon Winter of York Factory, to Rev. W. A. Burman, will be read with interest:

"I forget when I wrote to you, but I know it is quite time to send you a few lines relating to our doings here in the far north. And, perhaps, I cannot do better than give you a little experience during one of my missionary journeys in this vast parish. Some of your readers may have visited or heard much of these parts, because in olden times York Factory was not what it is to-day, and many who are now settled in or near Manitoba, may have come into the country, via. York Factory. But for the sake of the majority I must give a few details. When I first came to this country, twelve years ago, I had the supervision of four stations: Churchill, the most northern part on the shore of Hudson Bay; Trout Lake and Severn; and the one from which this is dated. At the first named we have now a resident missionary, the Rev. J. Lopham, who with a good wife is carrying on a glorious work for the Master, among Eskimo, Chipewyan, a few Crees, and the white people at the post itself. This leaves me with three. Trout Lake lies to the S.S.W., and Severn to the S.E. The former being an inland trading station, and the other on the Bay. These two places I visited last summer, leaving my dear ones on June 8th and returning on July 18th. On leaving here we set off for Trout Lake, and after a fearfully tedious journey in a canoe, we arrived there twenty-four days afterwards. It was not only tedious but arduous, as the portages were many, and some of them were very long—over two miles—through dangerous swamps.

"But I have always felt that the welcome in