

other we will pray, believing that what we ask faithfully we shall obtain effectually, not seeking our own, but those things which will extend the kingdom of Christ.

There have been no clerical losses during the year past. Once again we are able to say that death has not taken from us a single priest. But there has been an increase, for Messrs. Morgan, McConnell, Buckland, and Hunter were admitted to the diaconate, and Revs. F. C. H. Ulbricht and A. H. Hazlehurst advanced to the priesthood. There are now thirty-three ordained missionaries serving as many mission fields. There were, however, changes of fields: Rev. D. A. Johnston removed from Haileybury to Maganetawan; Rev. F. Ulbricht, for some two years assistant to the Archdeacon of Algoma (Huntsville), took the charge of Sudbury; Rev. W. J. Eccleston, from St. Joseph's Island to Little Current (Manitoulin Island); Rev. Mr. Atkinson, removing from Garden River to take the position vacated by the last named gentleman; Rev. W. H. French left Sudbury for the mission of Aspdin.

A mark of progress is to be noted in the erection of substantial church edifices at North Bay and Bracebridge, both of brick, the opening of the latter being reported in another column. The Pro-Cathedral of St. Luke, at Sault Ste. Marie, has been enlarged and otherwise improved, its consecration being the last official act of our late diocesan. The opening of St. George's Church, Trout Creek, early in the year, also deserves mention.

The work of the Church among our Indians is reported from time to time by facts forwarded by Mr. G. L. King, principal of the Shingwauk Home, and by the interesting letters of the veteran missionary, Rev. F. Frost, of Sheguandah. Mr. Frost has suffered from serious illness during the year, being brought to the verge of the grave, but is now recovered and moving about among his dusky friends. A son of the incumbent of Sault Ste. Marie spent his summer vacation in his father's old field, Nepigon, ministering to a band of aborigines, decreasing in numbers, perhaps, but not decreasing in their loyalty to the Church, which does not maintain regular ministrations among them. Here is one need.

As for years past the Church in Algoma has been blessed by the benefactions of

the S.P.G., how much the Church in Canada owes that venerable society! When we can give to work abroad gratitude would tell us to aid the society to extend its work, because not only Algoma, but the Church in Canada, especially in this Eastern part, owes so much to it. And thus leads to mention that the S.P.G. proposes to withdraw gradually the money for years past contributed to Algoma in common with other dioceses in Canada. Must this be? We do not ask when we can do without. But we cannot maintain the work of the missionary diocese, if we suffer the loss of all by the year 1900. Will the society send to Canada delegates to see how needy we are? We hope so.

No summary would be complete without the statement that the committee appointed at the Triennial Council of 1895 to draw up constitution, canons, etc., so far completed their work that they printed a draft of the same in time for the recent Provincial Synod. Yet a little more has to be done in the way of revision if the committee are influenced by the almost eager desire of the Provincial Synod that Algoma should be independent. Let no one suppose that independence spoken of is synonymous with self-sustenance. Besides, there is yet to be completed proposed legislation in this connection. During this year, and the beginning of next, some steps might wisely be devised for the thorough discussion of these matters in every mission. None can do it so well as members of the committee, and if they can divide up the territory and reach it all no doubt they would be willing to do all in their power to convince Church people that the proposed measures are wise and practical and suited to our peculiar surroundings.

In conclusion, it is but duty to say that thankful acknowledgment is made to the Algoma workers in England, and to the W.A. of Canada amongst others, for much that cheers and encourages the missionary and his people.

The Bishop's Farewell at Sherbrooke, Que.

The Montreal *Star* says: Last Sunday (Jan. 16) Bishop Thorneloe preached his farewell sermon in the forenoon to his congregation of St. Peter's, and in the evening in the Church of the Advent, East Sherbrooke. Both meetings were crowded, and the Bishop spoke with

great warmth and much depth of feeling.

On Monday evening an informal reception was given by the Bishop and Mrs. Thorneloe, and all those who could availed themselves of this last opportunity to show their esteem for their beloved pastor, and bid him farewell. The Church Hall, where the reception was held, was completely filled, and standing room was at a premium. Among those present on the platform were the Rev. Dr. Williams, pastor of the Methodist Church; Rev. W. Shearer, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; Rev. Frank Day, of the Congregational Church; and a large number of the Church of England clergy from this district. The Bishop was presented with a purse containing \$400 from the congregation of St. Peter's Church, accompanied by a grand engrossed address, which was read by Dr. Henneker, Chancellor of the University of Bishop's College, as follows:

Address of the vestry and congregation of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, Que., January, 1897:

To the Right Reverend George Thorneloe, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Algoma:

May it please Your Lordship,—The vestry and congregation of St. Peter's, in this city, desire to offer you their warm congratulations on your elevation to the episcopate and your consecration, on the sixth instant, the Feast of the Epiphany, after election by the two Houses of this Ecclesiastical Province. Your former parishioners, as well as many friends, both clerical and lay, in this section of the Eastern Townships, though suffering from the loss of your active personal sympathy and friendship, and your zeal and devotion to the welfare of the Church, yet believe that separation does not necessarily imply forgetfulness. They will ever hold you in affectionate remembrance for your many virtues and your successful ministrations amongst them; and they venture to hope that you will, on your part, bear them in mind, and continue to maintain that interest in the spiritual welfare of the Eastern Townships, which must be strong in you from the fact that you yourself were trained in Bishop's College for your work in the Church; that your entire ministerial life has been passed in these townships, firstly in the parish of Stanstead, and afterwards in this parish of St. Peter's, Sherbrooke; and that your ministrations have proved eminently successful, alike honourable to yourself as well as beneficial to the people. Your former parishioners have also good reason to believe that your work in Sherbrooke has been appreciated by other Christian bodies who, though not members of the Church of England, are full of Christian zeal and piety. That you may have a successful career in your new and arduous field of labour is the earnest desire, hope, and expectation of your old friends here; and many a prayer will be offered up on your behalf and on that of your diocese that the blessed Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ may come home to the people, to the extension of the Church's influence and the glory of God's name. The work and zealous devotion of Mrs. Thorneloe and her sister, Miss Fuller, will also remain as a bright shining lamp amongst the people of this parish; and many an earnest prayer will continue to be offered up for the welfare of your entire family. Your kind acceptance of the small offering of your