

following morning at 8 o'clock. The service was only concluded in time to permit the visiting priest to catch the train for home.

We are indebted to the *Quebec Diocesan Gazette* for a report of the anniversary meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec. Our Bishop was present, and gave a description of Algoma and its great needs. He compared it with the Diocese of Quebec as it was fifty years ago. He said that Algoma needed a similar organization to the Quebec Church Society, and spoke hopefully of the future of this Diocese, if only it were well supported in its present years of need.

We are desired to remind the clergy of Algoma of the rule that *all* applications and appeals for help from the W.A. should be made to Miss Halson, Provincial Secretary, 590 Markham street, Toronto, and also that all such requests for clothing, Christmas articles, etc., should be forwarded through the respective rural deans. This should be done not later than August. It is also necessary to say that no appeals from S.S. superintendents or private individuals will be entertained. The W.A. rightly recognizes the missionary as the Church's almoner.

We are requested to state that the Churchwardens at Ebberston long since sent to the Diocesan Treasurer for the Indian Famine Fund the sum of \$1.73. No acknowledgment having been received, we are giving publicity to the fact that in the little station of Ebberston our "neighbours" in India were not passed by.

Since writing the above we received the following post-card:

"Soo," Ont., January 28th, 1897.

Through some mistake the following subscriptions have not appeared in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. Perhaps they were forgotten to be sent. To Indian Famine Fund: From G. Worsley, Ebberston, \$1.75; John Wilkins, Sand Lake, \$1.36.

ROBERT RENISON.

THE Church family at Jocelyn, St. Joseph's Island, were in May last called upon to mourn the loss of Mrs. Williamson, who was called from the Church militant to the Church at rest, after a very painful illness of more than two years. Her sufferings at times were extremely severe, but all were borne with a Christian patience which will bear fruit to the

glory of God. Mrs. W. commanded the respect of all the young people in the neighbourhood, not to mention others. Evidence of this is found in the fact that, instead of following the common custom of taking a corpse to the grave in a wagon, eight young men carried the body to the grave, a distance of about two miles. At Holy Trinity Church Rev. Mr. Atkinson read the burial office. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson came from England fourteen years ago with a family of two sons and eight daughters.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us a clipping from a Sault Ste Marie paper containing a report of a Queen's birthday celebration at "Elmbrook," Korah, the home of Major Joseph Wilson. The gallant soldier has lived near the Sault for forty years. In ancient days, before a church was built at the Sault, he entertained Bishop Strachan. Many a time the congregation, signalled by the firing of a gun, assembled outside Major Wilson's house to hear the Bishop, who stood within an open window, read the service and preach. The local militiamen and High School cadets of the Sault celebrated at Korah on the 24th of May, desiring to honor the octogenarian soldier and loyalist. Our report says that all present heartily enjoyed themselves. The W.A. of Christ Church, Korah, had a hand in that part of the programme that cheers and makes happy the tired soldier or civilian holiday-maker.

JOHN WESLEY forbade his people to speak of his society as a Church. The question of separation from the Church had been again and again agitated during Wesley's life time, but always in deference to his authority had been negated. At his death the question was again agitated. But at the first conference after his death, held at Manchester, 1791, in consequence of Wesley's known opinion it was not brought forward. In 1792 it was determined, after fervent prayer, to decide the matter by lot. The decision was adverse to separation, and Wesley's society continued a society, not a Church. In 1793, at the conference assembled at Leeds, it was determined not again to have recourse to the lot, but to put the matter to the vote, when, by a majority of 86 preachers to 48, the society voted itself to be a Church. If any Scriptural precedent was quoted for this mode of turning a society into a Church it is not recorded. —*The Church in the West.*

THE *Letter Leaflet* of the W. A. for June, in its "Provincial" pages publishes the appeal our Bishop lately addressed to the church in Canada with the prefatory comment:

We are publishing the appeal just issued by the Bishop of Algoma, almost at full length, because we feel that it is impossible to leave out much without spoiling the whole, and at such a critical time as this, that would be very disastrous. To enter on an Episcopate with a probable debt of \$8,000 before the year is out, is surely something which we women of the W.A. cannot sit still and see our Missionary Bishop endure without the *strongest* desire to help him. The former Bishop rarely turned to us for help in vain, shall we not hold up the hands of his successor, at least as well, if not better, as we grow in the love of Mission work—*God's work*. Note the hopeful spirit in which Bishop Thorneloe speaks of a future self-helpfulness and do not say as many have, "There is no end to helping Algoma." Even if there was not, that would not lessen *our* responsibility at the present time, nor that of those who follow us. When entering into this or that Jubilee entertainment, just remember Algoma, and put by a little something that you otherwise spend on self, and lay up a Jubilee of thanksgiving for Algoma's new Bishop at the end of the year, when he finds that big debt reduced by his friends of the Woman's Auxiliary. God will show us how to do it if we only ask Him.

The practical love of Churchwomen for the work of the Church of Christ in Algoma has been proved and, doubtless, will be proved again. The depth of our gratitude is not equalled by the greatness of our need.

THE *Mission Field* is ever welcome to our table, full of items of interest concerning mission work of the Church, helped by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel—a society most catholic, since it has no party ties. It is announced that on June 23rd (the day after the great jubilation celebrating the completion of Queen Victoria's sixty years' reign), the anniversary service will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral, at 11 a.m., when the Archbishop of Canterbury is to celebrate the Holy Communion, the Bishop of Mississippi, of the sister Church in the Republic to the south of us, being the appointed preacher. On Friday, June 25th, there will be great meetings in St. James' Hall. Addresses will be made, and papers read by Bishops exercising their episcopal office in all parts of the world. The Primate of Canada (Most Rev. Dr. Machray), is Canada's representative among the speakers. In looking over the "Deputational Arrangements," we note that our much respected brother, Rev. C. J. Machin, incumbent of Gravenhurst mis-