



Algoma in England.

No. II.

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On the 7th of November I was glad to have the opportunity of acknowledging my obligations, both personally and officially, to the committee of the "Colonial and Continental Church Society." Five and twenty years ago, when I commenced my ministry, after receiving ordination at the hands of good Bishop Cronyn, whose memory is so fondly cherished in the diocese which was fortunate enough to receive him as its first "overseer," my stipend came very largely, if not altogether from the funds of this Society, and now, after so many years, I find myself still lying under weighty obligations to it for the aid given to missionary diocese; aid appreciated all the more gratefully for the knowledge that its income is far from being commensurate with the number and variety of its fields of operation. English tourists on the Continent of Europe, British sailors visiting foreign ports, escaped or manumitted slaves who years ago exchanged the cotton fields of the sunny South for the clearer, freer air of Canada; French Canadians groaning and sighing for emancipation from a bondage deeper than that endured in any dungeon ever dug; emigrants from England's overcrowded cities seeking a subsistence in one or other of her multiplied colonial dependencies;—all these are objects of a loving care and sympathy to this Society, and yet for these and other branches of work it receives only the very inadequate annual income of about £30,000. Only the most economical and business-like management could enable it to cover such an area of operations with so scanty a revenue, and for this it stands indebted to a small but influential committee presided over by Sir John Coode, K.C.B.,

and to the indefatigable labors of the Rev. Mr. McAnally, the secretary and his admirable assistant, Mr. Hart. Up to the present year the "C.C.C.S." had appropriated £285 to Algoma to aid us in eking out the stipends of four missionaries—this year a further sum of £50 has been granted. Would that Algoma were in a position to make some fitting return for this most opportune expression of sympathy with our needs. But "silver and gold have we none," and so all we can offer is our hearty prayer that God may put it in to the hearts of English Churchmen and women, who love the simple, old-fashioned, but all-sufficient Gospel which the messengers of this Society invariably preach, to devise liberal things in its behalf, by legacies, and present free-will offerings, and so enable it to extend, far beyond its present limits, the area of its manifold usefulness.

No. III.

Sir—Among all the missionary organizations with which I came in contact while in England, I counted most confidently on the "C.M.S. (Church Missionary Society) as certain to sympathize with our difficulties in the evangelization of the Indian tribes. The conversion of the heathen I knew to be their "speciality." It was therefore with a heart full of hope that I found myself ushered into the presence of the Committee at their headquarters in Salisbury Square. As they rose to receive me, with very hearty greeting, I said to myself, "I have but to tell my story, and a grant will immediately be voted." At least fifty or sixty members were present, listening with intense interest to some letters recently received, by the Secretary from some of their Foreign Mission stations. The regular course of business was suspended in order to make room for my

address, in which I dwelt mainly on our Indian Missions, and the need of outside help to aid in their preservation. At the close, Sir W. Hill, the chairman, spoke a few kindly words, expressive of his own sympathy, and that of the Society, with the trying position which we occupied, but the hopes awakened by his reply, were soon dashed to the ground by the chilling announcement made by the secretary that the Society was unable to meet its existing obligations, and ought not to assume the responsibility of any further outlay. I had asked but a very small sum, which it seemed to me could not have been a very formidable outlay to a Society which counts its income by hundreds of thousands sterling. Even £100 would have aided us materially, but it was not to be, and so it comes to pass that of ten different societies with which I had the opportunity of pleading the case of Algoma, for one object or another, the Church Missionary Society is the only one that has not extended, in any form, a helping hand. The disappointment, however, bitter as it was, had its attendant alleviations; and was so overruled as to 'work for good.' One or two laymen followed me from the Committee Room, to assure me of their individual sympathy, and promised me substantial aid (since contributed), while a well-known clergyman, 'feeling unhappy (as he shortly after wrote) about my reception by the Committee' kindly volunteered to place his pulpit at my disposal, and so made an opening through which, what between offertories, and responses to my house to house solicitations, between £400 and £500 flowed into our Algoma treasury.

Within two hours after I left Salisbury Square, I was addressing the Committee of the "Society for promoting