

being assumed by three or four of their number. The church stands on a most desirable site, worth \$300, donated by A. A. Mahaffy, Esq.

At Huntsville, a very solid and thoroughly ecclesiastical stone church has taken the place of the unsightly mission hall destroyed in the conflagration which almost totally swept the village away two years since. Here, also, the incumbent (Venerable Archdeacon Llwyd) was ably seconded by his flock—men, women, and children combining their efforts, which were characterized by not a little self-sacrifice.

The new brick church at North Bay (Rev. Rural Dean Young) was an absolute necessity, owing to the rapid growth of the town and the utter insufficiency of the accommodation provided in the original wooden structure. Here, also, the church population, largely composed of railway employees, contributed generously towards the cost of the enterprise.

At Sault Ste. Marie, St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral has been practically rebuilt, by the removal of the east and west gables and the addition of transepts and a chancel, at a cost of \$2,600, of which \$1,000 was contributed by the congregation and \$1,000 raised through the personal exertions of the incumbent (Rev. Rural Dean Renison), the balance being provided from other sources. My last official act in the diocese was its consecration on the morning of St. Luke's Day.

The church at Dunchurch (Mr. T. J. Hay, catechist) is still incomplete; but vigorous and self-denying efforts are being made to render it available for divine service. Both catechist and people need and deserve encouragement.

Through the kindness of English friends, many of them visitors at Mentoné, provision has been made to the extent of about \$1,400 for the erection, with local assistance, of two churches in a district 120 miles in length, on the Algoma branch of the C.P.R., in which the Church of England had not hitherto succeeded in securing any place of worship for her children. This extensive mission is under the charge of the Rev. W. M. Seaborne and his assistant, Rev. S. H. Morgan, of St. Bee's College, England.

#### PARSONAGES

have multiplied, relatively, as rapidly and satisfactorily as our churches, no less than five and twenty of our missions being supplied with these necessary auxiliaries to effective missionary work, as against six in 1882, while two more are contemplated in the spring.

The mission house at Garden River was accidentally burned down last winter, during my absence, and, unfortunately, uninsured, the mission being vacant at the time. The Indians are, however, busy at the work of restoration, under the direction of the Rev. R. Atkinson (formerly of the Diocese of Ontario), their contribution taking the form of voluntary

labour, all that remains in their power owing to the destruction by fire of the local lumber mill, and the consequent dearth of employment.

Parsonages are still urgently needed at Manitowaning, Little Current, Gore Bay (Manitoulin Island), Powassan, Novar, and Sudbury. At the latter point the missionary and his wife occupy what is to serve as the kitchen of the completed building. At Haileybury (Lake Temiscamingue, the mission aided so generously by the Toronto W.A.) the people are building a hut, 16 feet square, for the catechist by voluntary labour, the future occupant supplying the material. To this spacious mansion Mr. Hickland hopes shortly to bring a wife and seven children from England. At Oliver, the incumbent (Rev. Rural Dean Kirby), with his wife and four children, are quartered in a small farmhouse 20 feet long by 10 feet wide, containing three rooms, with a wooden lean-to as kitchen, pending the erection of a parsonage in the spring on the church lot close by. \$500 are already in hand for this purpose. All these are building projects which I have no hesitation in commending most warmly to the sympathies of the comfortably housed laity of the Church.

#### INDIAN WORK.

Here the lights and shadows intermingle, enough having been accomplished to inspire hope and gratitude, but enough also left undone to prompt to faith and patience.

The mission at Negwenenang (Lake Nepigon) has been for some time at a low ebb, owing to deaths and dispersions among the Indians, and the machinations of a few hostiles—not Indians. The number of resident men, women, and children not warranting the expense and constant presence of an ordained missionary, occasional services have been supplied for the last two years by a summer catechist, who divides his time and energies between the little flock at Nepigon Station on the C.P.R., and "the remnant that is left" at the settlement on the lake. The distance between them is seventy miles, but this is easily covered in three days, at least in fine weather, by canoeing and portaging. I had the pleasure of visiting this isolated field of missionary labour last summer, and of holding services in the little church, as well as councils by the camp fire—also of baptizing an infant, and of marrying an Indian couple. A full report of the visit, from the pen of the catechist (Mr. R. Renison), will appear in the columns of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. Mr. Renison, I may add, is the student whose early education at Port Hope College School was provided for by the congregations of St. George's, St. Peter's, and the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto. He has more than realized the hopes cherished on his behalf by his benefactors, and is looking forward to an early fulfilment of the engagement entered into as to ordination to missionary work among the aborigines, to whom

his honoured father ministered so long and faithfully.

Garden River has been unfortunate enough, as stated elsewhere, to lose its mission house by fire, but the Indians are rebuilding it. The incumbent (Rev. R. Atkinson) has held services here, in McDonald township, eleven miles off, and also at DesBarats, a new station on the C.P.R. He is now transferred to St. Joseph's Island to take the place of the Rev. W. Eccleston, who removes to the Mission of Little Current. Pending the appointment of his successor, rendered specially difficult by the necessity for more or less knowledge of the Ojibbewa tongue, occasional services will be supplied by Rural Dean Renison. The Indian school at Garden River has been under Mrs. Atkinson's charge, and has shown marked progress in numbers and efficiency. Her removal, owing to impaired health, will be a serious loss.

The Shingwauk mission has recently passed through a very trying ordeal in the protracted and dangerous illness of its faithful missionary, Rev. Rural Dean Frost, who was brought down to death's door by an attack of typhoid fever. God has mercifully spared him to us and to his children, but it will be some time before he can resume his former arduous labours. Meanwhile the services of an assistant are absolutely essential. Among all the clergy of the diocese none is more deserving of sympathy and encouragement. The sum of \$600 will be needed. Will not those who admire loyal self-sacrifice and devotion to the Master's work provide it?

The Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie, is now seeing its palmiest days in point of order, cleanliness, and general efficiency. The number of pupils is not quite so large as in former years, being only about sixty, but those in residence are thoroughly well cared for under the watchful personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ley King, both of whom enter into every detail and guard every interest involved as conscientiously as though they were themselves financially and otherwise responsible. Of the marked improvement in the building, furniture, heating apparatus, etc., due largely to the generous co-operation of the Indian Department in Ottawa, a full account is given in the last printed report, of which the Principal will gladly mail copies to any address sent to him.

The New Wawanosh Home for Indian girls is an immediate and essential desideratum. Without it the resumption of this most important branch of Indian educational work will be hopelessly impossible. Prior to the serious outbreak of erysipelas, which dispersed the female pupils to their several homes, this work was full of hope and promise. All that is needed for its revival is a building properly adapted and equipped for the purpose on our Shingwauk property, a more accessible site than that of the original Wawanosh, which was three miles distant. The cost will not be less than