

village. It is being erected through the efforts of a few zealous church members, assisted by donations from Churchmen in other parishes. The estimated cost of the building is \$1,100, of this sum over \$800 has been secured, leaving nearly \$300 to raise before the close of the present month. The Bishop will visit this place on the 31st instant, and if the desired sum is raised, will consecrate the building. We take this opportunity of thanking our friends who have so kindly helped us, and ask their continued interest in our undertaking. We will feel grateful for any further donation, however small, and will acknowledge the same. With your kind permission we give a full list below of subscriptions received:

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**General Thanksgiving Day.**—By proclamation, the Governor General has appointed Saturday, 7th of November next, to be observed as a day of general thanksgiving throughout the Dominion. The Bishop of Niagara has issued an excellent circular to his clergy and congregations in relation to the appointment. Collections are to be devoted to the Mission fund of the diocese.

**Widows and Orphans Fund.**—The Bishop of Niagara also reminds his clergy and congregations of the annual duty to sustain this fund, and to respond to the call either during October or November. The Bishop adds that he rejoices to learn that the Widows and Orphans fund is deservedly popular with the clergy and congregations in the diocese.

#### HURON.

**MOORETOWN.**—Trinity Church was reopened on Sunday by the Lord Bishop, after having been closed for some time undergoing repairs, painting and decorating. It now looks fresh and new outside, and the interior is creditable in every way. Indeed we are of opinion that it is the prettiest country church in Western Ontario. The chancel or sanctuary arrangements are complete, and as the Bishop in his address gave everything the seal of his approval we, with him, congratulate the incumbent and the congregation on the advances made. The Rev. J. Holmes, one of the former clergymen of Moore, assisted at both services. At the morning service the Rev. Dr. Armstrong baptised an adult and presented twelve persons to the Bishop to be admitted to full communion of the church by the rite of confirmation. This, we understand, makes seventy-nine added to the church in Moore this year—a large addition in a country parish, and a tangible evidence of solid work. About sixty persons partook of the communion after the morning service. The Bishop preached morning and evening.

**DELAWARE.**—The Lord Bishop has appointed Rev. T. R. Asbury, late incumbent of Trinity Church, Deanery of Grey, to be rector of Christ Church and Memorial Church, Caradoc. This is one of the oldest parishes in Huron, and the parishioners have lately built a new church in the place of the old church in Delaware.

**STRATFORD.**—The Lord Bishop of the diocese preached at St. James' Church, on Sunday the 18th after Trinity, on the occasion of the Church's reopening.

**LONDON.**—The church ground of St. Paul's have been much improved by the churchwardens. The rector and wardens are preparing to enlarge the vestry and convert it into a chapel for week day meetings, choir practice, and also as a vestry. The offertory on Sunday, the 17th after Trinity was devoted to that purpose. It amounted to three hundred and thirty-two dollars.

**THE CITY PRISON.**—The Lord Bishop preached at the city prison on Sunday, the 17th after Trinity. He made reference to B. Simmons the condemned murderer, who from the grating of his cell listened to the sermon. Rev. Canon Innes assisted in the service. The Bishop paid a visit to Simmons later in the day.

**PORT ROWAN.**—The Rev. F. W. Bailey Jones, incumbent of St. John's Church, has resigned his mission, having been appointed assistant minister of St. Phillip's Church, Toronto.

**BRANTFORD.**—Grace Church.—On Sunday the 4th instant, the rector was assisted at morning prayer, and in the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to about one hundred communicants, by the Rev. H. A. Thomas, incumbent of Trinity Church, Ailsa Craig. This gentleman also preached a sermon that was listened to with rapt attention by the large congregation. The subject was the proper attitude of the dying sinner to the seeking Saviour. It was founded upon the 15th verse of the 10th chapter of St. Mark's gospel, "Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

**St. Jude's Church.**—The Rev. W. A. Young, for some time past incumbent of this church, has resigned the incumbency to undertake the work of commissaries for the diocese. By this act the church here loses one of the ablest and best, as well as one of the most original of the preachers in the diocese.

#### ALGOMA.

**NOTES FROM NEEPIGON.**—The domestic missionary field of the Church of England in Canada, has no one spot which gathers round it a more romantic interest than the Indian settlement of Negwenenany on Lake Neepigon, associated as it will ever be with the name of the first Bishop of the diocese the saintly Fauquier, and standing as it does outside the pale of civilization. Having completed his visitation of the Port Arthur Mission, the Bishop started for Neepigon on Sept. 7th, with two companions and an Indian, by a special train, of which the courtesy of the Hon. Mr. Scott of the C. P. R. permitted him to avail himself. Among the other passengers were the Hon. Alex. and Mrs. McKenzie. But the fates were against us, for whether from the weight of political or ecclesiastical burden on board, the engine broke down in the vicinity of Loon Lake. Next morning we reached Neepigon station about 4 p.m. to find the Rev. Mr. Renison and his Indians awaiting the Bishop's arrival. Canoes were engaged, and laden with all the essential accompaniments of a life literally in the bush. A steady pull began up the river, bringing us to our first camping ground, (Alexander) about 9 p.m. At daybreak the missionary's summons awakened us to the fact that a hard day's work was before us. By dint of unusual efforts on the part of the Indians, Mr. Renison taking his share in the labour of portaging the baggage, and thanks to the unbroken fine weather with which Providence favoured us, the journey was accomplished in two days and a quarter, the mission being reached about 8 p.m. the evening of Sept. 10th.

In its general aspects, the settlement has improved since the Bishop's last visit. First of all the little log church has been restored to a condition of decency by the erection a little vestry, (evidently not intended for high churchmen,) the lining of the interior with boards, not sawn, but slowly and laboriously hewed out with the axe, a shingle roof, somewhat more waterproof than the old birch bark covering which is superseded, and the mounting of a little belfry on the porch, from which, however, the summons of the church going bell rings out too feebly to be of any use to the Indians at further end of the settlement. Then too, the mission house has been enlarged, by his own hands, without a foot of lumber save what was obtained as described above. Indeed such is the scarcity of material

of this kind, and so great the difficulty and expense of getting it brought up the river, that on one occasion when a coffin was needed, it had to be made out of slabs taken from the gable of the mission house. The houses of the Indians also bear tokens of improvement, though side by side with them, in two cases, stands the large roomy wigwam, to which they would fain cling as a pleasant relic of their old barbarism. The gardens bore scant tokens of cultivation, partly owing to the long continued absence of some of the owners at the hunting ground, and still more to their inborn repugnance to the settled, stay-at-home life to which we desire, if possible, to educate them. Small prizes had been offered as a stimulus in this direction, resulting in the lining of one house with Chicago paper, and in another case in the repairing of a fence, and greater cleanliness in the interior of the dwelling. Oshkokekeda and Pedigoogin were the proud and happy winners of the prizes. Sunday morning was devoted to the assortment and distribution of a quantity of clothing, contributed by various friends of the mission both in Canada and in England, who, could they have seen the pleasure that lighted up the usually stolid, impassive faces of these poor children of the forest, as they congregated in and around the mission house, and heard the chorons of "Megwach, Megwach," that ran round the circle as they received from the Bishop's hands the gifts, all of them most serviceable, which had been so generously placed at his disposal in their behalf, they would have felt themselves richly rewarded for all their trouble, and realised once more how true it is that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The squaws were specially delighted with the gifts of thread, needles, thimbles, tape, pins, etc., sent up by the "Young Ladies Association," of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, and evidently and wisely designed from the unmade up material which accompanied them, to evoke native talent in the mysterious art of dressmaking. Saturday morning was given to the school. The result of the inspection was not satisfactory, but very scanty, if indeed any, progress having been made since the Bishop's last visit. Of the senior Indians Oshkokekeda, almost entirely self-taught, read the general confession in Indian, and Mugwa part of the 2nd chapter of St. Matthew, while of the juniors, Ned Pedigoogin ranked first, and Walter Obesceken, Stephen Pedigoogin and Albert Wisnael, second and equaled. The incorrigibly migratory habits of the Indians are the main difficulty here, added of course, to the fact that being very ignorant themselves, they are unable to realise the advantage of education for their children. The opportunity was, therefore, taken to read them a homily on the subject, which resulted in a general pow-wow, ending in, first, an earnest request that I would ask the Government to send a paid teacher, who would devote all his time to the school, as Mr. Renison could not, and further, a solemn promise that if this were done, they would leave their families behind them when going on their hunting expedition, and make their children attend the school regularly. In the afternoon a new element was introduced into the episcopal visitation by the inauguration of games of various kinds, shooting, archery, canoe and foot races, etc. The squaws and boys took their part in the sports, one of the most amusing being a race in which the former competed for a cotton dress held in the extended hand of the missionary at the goal and with as much of zest as ever animated those who, in old time, strove for the pine or parsley crowns of the Athenian games. Then came the inevitable feast, the Indian's *sumum bonum*, consisting of the customary luxuries of flour, tea and pork.

On Sunday morning, morning prayer began at ten o'clock, followed by confirmation of three candidates, a sermon, interpreted by Mr. Renison, and the Holy Communion, at which eight of the Indians presented themselves, their demeanor as devout and reverent as could be witnessed in even the best instructed of our city congregations. At 4 p.m., evening prayer was said, after which we adjourned to the cemetery close by, which the Indians had carefully fenced in with a view to its consecration. The site was well chosen on a little eminence, to the south of the church, and had been thoroughly cleared. The service was a touching and impressive one, as we stood, every head uncovered, round the nine graves which marked the last resting places of those who had fallen asleep since good Bishop Fauquier, himself too entered into rest, had gathered these poor pagans into the fold of Christ. Three of Michael's children had been laid there, and he himself stood by the little mounds, stealthily brushing away the tears that fell, as the Bishop spoke of sin and death, and best of all, the resurrection. Pedigoogin too had laid one of his little ones there, Elizabeth too was interred there. She had been one of Oshkokekeda's two wives, put away when he became a Christian, but supported till her death, of consumption, (at the age of forty,) just before which she had told them who stood round her that she saw the gates of the heavenly city, and begged of Mr. Renison, as her dying request, that her