

Building Committee ranged themselves on the stage, and presented the Right Rev. I. Hellmuth, D.D., Lord Bishop of Huron with an address. His Lordship in reply expressed his many thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and in accepting their good wishes tendered him therein he felt a pleasure which would be forever remembered by him.

DUNNVILLE.—*St. Paul's Church.*—The Bishop of Niagara administered the rite of Confirmation in this church on the morning of the first Sunday after Trinity. There were twenty-six candidates. The Bishop delivered a very faithful and earnest address. In the evening he preached a most instructive sermon on prophecy and its fulfilment. At both services the church was very much crowded.

ALGOMA.

GRAVENHURST.—The Rev. Thos. Lloyd wishes to acknowledge with warmest thanks the donation of a pocket font, from Rev. W. Crompton, \$10 from a friend, Winnipeg, to aid the neediest church in the mission, also, the receipt weekly of the *Guardian*, from a friend unknown, England, *Church Times* and other papers.

The Treasurer begs leave to acknowledge the following contributions:—*Steam Yacht.*—Society for the propagation of the Gospel £100 stg. General Diocesan Fund.—*St. James' Cathedral, Toronto,* \$60; *Mrs. Sarah Jane Ley* £25 stg.; *Roach's Point,* per W. J. Arncliffe, Esq., \$3. *Widows' and Orphans' Fund.*—*A. W. Campbell,* \$100; *The Ladies' Missionary Union of St. George's Church, Lennoxville,* per Rev. H. Roe, \$21.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—On Sunday June 3rd the services of St. Luke's Church were particularly interesting, it being an occasion which gave practical evidences of the life and progress of the parish, as well as the advancement of the Church work in the diocese. After morning prayer the Rev. Geo. B. Cooke, resident missionary, presented twenty well prepared candidates to the Bishop to receive the rite of Confirmation. Throughout the service the greatest interest was displayed, especially in the wholesome and instructive address which was delivered by the Bishop who in earnest language impressed again upon them the important object of life in its various aspects, and the need of embracing the many privileges and means of grace which God had placed within reach of all. Then followed the rite of Ordination, when Mr. Frost, of Shequandah, Manitoulin Island, was admitted to the diaconate, the Rev. W. Wilson acting as chaplain. The sermon was preached by the Bishop from 2 Cor. v. 18, "The ministry of reconciliation." With his usual eloquence the preacher referred to the sacredness of the ministry of the Church, and showed that while St. Paul entertained a low estimate of his own personal attainments, he still regarded his office as one of the highest distinction, and only to be obtained through a divine commission. The Bishop also alluded to the establishment of the ministry, how it is only to be embraced through the authorized service, and not assumed by any person as "no man taketh unto himself, but he that is called of God as was Aaron." After the service there was an administration of the Holy Communion, when all the newly confirmed candidates together with many of the congregation partook of the sacred emblems.

On Sunday the 10th the Bishop accompanied the Rev. G. C. Cooke to one of his out-stations, the mission of Korah, where an interesting Confirmation service was held. There were fourteen candidates presented, making a total of thirty-four persons in the parish who have received the holy rite during the week.

INDIAN MISSION.—The zealous missionary, Rev. R. Reniser, who has ministered at Garden River all winter, left on Monday by the "Manitoba" for Nepigon, Indian mission, on Lake Superior, where he laboured with great success a year ago.

THE BISHOP is on a trip to Prince Arthur's Landing, Michipicoten Island, and north shore of Lake Superior.

KORAH MISSION.—On Sunday next another class for Confirmation will be presented to the Bishop by Rev. Mr. Cooke at Korah mission, an out-station in connection with Sault Ste. Marie.

ALGOMA MISSION NEWS.—The Bishop has been pleased to make a new arrangement in the management of the "Algoma Mission News." The Rev. Mr. Wilson, Rev. G. B. Cooke, Sault Ste. Marie, Rev. Mr. Beer, Hilton, St. Josephs' Island, having

been appointed the editors. It will be the organ of the diocese.

The treasurer begs to acknowledge the following contribution from L. London, \$100 for Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Steam Yacht or at Bishop's discretion.

RUPERT'S LAND

WINNIPEG.—An interesting meeting of the Mission Board was held on the 31st. The Metropolitan announced that in consequence of the pressing needs of the diocese the S. P. G. had increased their annual grant to £1,600 sterling, and had also sent £500 sterling for current year. A minute was read from the Executive Committee of the Synod in reference to the enlarged duties of the secretary and having been considered clause by clause was adopted in the following form on motion of Canon O'Meara, seconded by Rev. O. Fortin, viz.—Duties of the secretary of Synod—1. He shall be recording and corresponding secretary of the Executive Committee, the Board of Missions, and the Standing Committee of the Licensed Clergy of Winnipeg, established by the Synod, as well as of the Synod, and as such he shall (a.) keep the minutes of their meetings and discharge all duties relating to the calling of such meetings. (b.) Notify their resolutions to the proper persons, and carry on all correspondence arising out of their business. (c.) Take charge of all documents and papers appertaining to his office, and transfer the same to his successor on such successor being appointed. 2. He shall be financial secretary of Synod, and as such he shall (a.) be the executive officer for the carrying out of regulations of the Synod, Executive Committee, or Mission Board respecting missions and diocesan fund. (b.) See to the procuring of a proper guarantee by a parish or mission towards the clergyman's stipend and the due payment of the same. (c.) Send out notices of collections appointed by the Synod, attend to the organizing of a local association in aid of the Mission Fund in every parish or mission and generally to the organizing of any effort for the raising of funds sanctioned by the Executive Committee, and take the oversight of the due payment of collections, assessments on parishes and missions, as well as of the payment of all other monies belonging to the Synod and its Church work. (d.) Visit personally each mission when required for the furtherance of any of the preceding objects or when requested by the Bishop or Mission Board. (e.) Report from time to time to the Mission Board on the missions, and when specially requested, to visit any mission, and be prepared to give any information to the Board on all applications for the opening of new missions. (f.) Visit on behalf of the diocese or any diocesan object other parts of the Dominion or England, if requested by the Bishop and the Executive Committee. 3. He shall discharge all duties specially laid on their secretary by the said bodies, Archdeacon Pinkham submitted a form of guarantee, which, after having been slightly amended was adopted on motion of Rev. O. Fortin, seconded by Mr. Leacock and copies of it were ordered to be printed.

SUNNYSIDE.—*Consecration of St. George's Church.*—The day appointed for the consecration of the above church, viz., 24th May, opened in a very unpromising way, and it was feared that very few people would be in attendance, but in the afternoon, towards the time appointed, it cleared up sufficiently to encourage the people in the neighbourhood to turn out, and it was hardly expected that there would be many from Winnipeg. His Lordship the Bishop of Rupert's Land having kindly promised to consecrate the church, arrived with his usual punctuality and conducted the service, assisted by the Venerable Archdeacon Pinkham and the Rev. W. L. Cheney and Mr. R. Tison, Lay Reader, Mrs. Jickling kindly officiating at the organ. Canon Matheson, of Winnipeg, and the Rev. Mr. Young, of St. Andrews, were also present, and a number of visitors from the city. The little church was crowded, and a great number of visitors could not get in. There were between 200 and 300 people present, and if the day had been fine there would doubtless have been twice the number, as a great many had promised to come from Winnipeg and the more distant parts of the settlement. His Lordship was greatly pleased with the building, and expressed his satisfaction at the way the church had been erected, and its beautiful position, commanding as it does, such an extensive view of the surrounding country, extending on the east to the "Big Woods," and on the west and north-west to Winnipeg, and the Penitentiary on Stony Mountain. After the consecration His Lordship and party partook of refreshments, which had been prepared in a large tent adjoining the church, and shortly afterwards left for home. All expressed themselves highly delighted with the trip.

Correspondence.

All letters will appear with the names of the writers in full and we do not hold ourselves responsible for their opinions.

ALGOMA.

SIR,—I have once more to trespass upon your good nature to find me room gratefully to make the following acknowledgements, viz.: A box containing underclothing, ornamental texts, books for Sunday-schools, from friends in Clifton, Bristol, England; a library of fifty volumes, value \$80, for my own use, of the Sunday-school series \$18 towards the purchase of a type writer, and a \$7.50 printogram from Mrs. F. Wootton, Toronto; a parcel of books, pamphlets and clothes from friends in England (unknown) per Mrs. Butcher; and a good carpet for the Church of St. Mark, Emsdale, from Miss Girdlestone, Galt. Several having written me upon the subject lately, I would wish to state that money can be sent by cheque, bank bill or registered letter, direct to Aspdin, or by P. O. order made payable at Port Sydney.

WILLIAM CROMPTON,
Travelling Clergyman,
Diocese of Algoma.
Aspdin P. O.,
May 30th, 1888.

SACRAMENTALISM.

SIR,—It is nothing short of lamentable that a certain set of superficial people in our Church should rage as they do against what they ignorantly call Sacramentalism, meaning thereby Sacramentalism. The former word historically means the low doctrine of the Zwinglians, against which both Lutherans and Calvinists protested; and yet it is now extensively misemployed to describe the opposite. I have called this opposition to Sacramentalism lamentable, and for this reason—because it lowers the whole conception of Christianity, and especially robs the Incarnation of its glorious meaning.

I have been led to write thus by having just read a sentence in Canon Westcott's Commentary on St. John's Gospel. Dr. W., as is well known, is a Broad Churchman, but of a genuinely Christian and philosophical cast of mind, added to which his unquestionable learning may well secure no small respect for his judgment in a weighty matter. This is what he says in Additional Notes to St. John vi.: "He (St. John) enables us to see . . . how Christianity is essentially sacramental, as Judaism is essentially typical; how, through the Incarnation the relations between things outward and inward, things seen and unseen, are revealed to us as real and eternal, and not superficial and transitory." The examination of the word *alethinos* in his Gospel sufficiently exhibits the ground of Dr. W.'s assertion. Consider, for example, "the true light," "the true vine," &c. That visible things have a real relation to invisible realities, and not an arbitrary and fancied one, is, I conceive, Sacramentalism: and this we may reasonably expect to see most fully displayed in Christianity, which is the great revelation of truth. Accordingly we find serious Christians of philosophic minds recognizing and earnestly maintaining this sacramentalism, though far away from any idea of what is designated Sacerdotalism, such as Luthardt on St. John, and, as a very striking example, the *London Spectator*.

In a late review article, while heartily repudiating sacerdotalism, the writer "believes there is good reason for" the success of sacramentalism. "As a matter of fact, whatever the religion of the primitive Church was, it was certainly not free from those sacramental mysteries which Puritanism abhors. St. Paul's description of the Eucharist is as full of mystical elements as the anticipation of it in the sixth chapter of St. John." I quote but another sentence: "It is as the Sacramental party, not as the Sacerdotal party that the Anglicans have made good their influence over the modern world. It was as the deprecators of sacramental ideas, that the purely Protestant party lost ground in the Anglican Church."

I think this such an important matter, that, with your permission, I shall send you in another letter, some striking illustrations of the growth of these views in quarters of unsuspected Puritanism, where piety, learning and high position combine to give weight to every word.

Yours,

J. CARRY.

Port Perry, June 8th, 1888.

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD.—On Tuesday were laid to rest the remains of Deaconess E. C. Ferard, in the quiet churchyard of Winkfield, Berks. She was the first deaconess of the English Church, set apart by the late Archbishop Tait twenty-one years ago. For twelve years she was Head Sister of the London Diocesan Deaconess' Institution, while it was in Burton Crescent.