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Notes by the Way.

MAKE a little fence of trust
About to-day;
Fill the space with loving work,
And therein stay;
Look not through the sheltering bars
Upon to-morrow;
God will help thee—bear what comes
Of joy or sorrow.

A CONCERT was given at Haileybury on the 2nd of January in aid of the church building fund. It is described as a decided success.

THE Bishop was present at St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, on the 21st ult. The services are reported to have been bright and cheering. Probably we shall be able to add to this note in our next number.

THE Bishop had an opportunity of addressing the Synod of Montreal while in session last month. He bespoke the aid necessary for successful and continued work in the missionary Diocese of Algoma.

WANT of space this month prevents our giving a report of the presentation to the Bishop of an address by the St. Francis District Association of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec at its meeting recently held at Sherbrooke.

THE readers of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS will pardon the delay in publication of January number. It was a little more than anticipated, but unavoidable. In the first issue for 1897 is published a complete report of the proceedings of the consecration of the Bishop at Quebec.

WE recently received copies of *The Anglican Church Chronicle* (Honolulu) and of the *Honolulu Diocesan Magazine*. From the latter we learned that Rev. V. H. Kitcat, whom we met on his journey to England last summer, had returned to his duty at the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.

WITH regret we chronicle the fact that Miss Johnston, the sister of the missionary at Maganetawan, has become so poorly that she had to leave her brother to "bach" it and go home for a rest. We hope that the change and home surroundings will expedite a return to good health. Miss Johnston has worked very hard during the past few months.

OUR correspondent at Manitowaning in his letter (found elsewhere) says he was dismayed at a certain fact discovered by himself. A similar discovery in some quarters would be blessed by us if the result were a live communication. In this connection our friend Rural Dean Renison moved a resolution at the last Triennial Council. And the motion was carried.

THE Fort William Sunday-school entertainment at Christmastide seems to have eclipsed everything of the kind in the diocese. From a lengthy account before us we note the fact that children and

adults joined heartily, and, what is more, successfully, too, in the production of a cantata—"The Birth of Christ" (Brewster). Our friends of St. Luke's Church will kindly accept our congratulations.

1896—A Memorable Year.

THE year 1896 saw in this missionary Diocese of Algoma happenings weighted with greater import than any since the jurisdiction was set apart as a separate see. Doubtless, in some instances, the event was but the culmination of step-by-step progress, such as the bursting of the bud of a desire for more independence. All, thank Almighty God, are signs of life.

THE first place is here given to the resignation of Bishop Sullivan, who, after fourteen years' of work with and for us, was reluctantly compelled to give up. We rejoice in the fact that his splendid talents and great influence are not lost to the Church in Canada, but will find abundant scope as the rector of St. James', Toronto, the most important parochial post in the Dominion. That he may be so fully restored to health and long continue his labours for God and His Church we all devoutly hope.

NEXT in order we direct attention to the special synod of the province held in November, at which was elected the present Bishop of the diocese, and which discussed freely matters regarding the future prospects and welfare of this missionary diocese. Our Bishop enters upon a work of self-sacrifice with, we believe, a courage inspired by the Holy Spirit, who separated him to the work. The ties formed in the past will not be altogether snapped, though happy associations be severed. With sincere respect we assure him, and thus make known to all, that he will find a loyal welcome from both clergy and laity. He will work with us, and we will work with him, and for each