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Missionary Diocese of Algoma.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

(Diocese of Montreal Branch.)

Since the Annual Meeting 1875, two Meetings for the transaction of business have been held at Bishopscourt, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presiding.

The response to appeals made on the day set apart in November last for Intercession on behalf of Missions, added to the regular subscriptions, has enabled the Treasurer to pay the sum of \$200 quarterly to the Clergy Fund. Three Indian children have been maintained and clothed at the Shingwauk Home.—William Gray (since exchanged for Angus Naudee, a more promising boy) by the Rev. R. W. Norman's Bible Class; Tommy Shewetahgun by St. George's Church Sunday School; and Louisa Sandy by Mrs. Oxenden and others. A case of clothing, &c., was sent to the Home in June last, in acknowledgment of which Rev. E. F. Wilson, the Principal, writes:—"The opening of your large box from Montreal was a very great pleasure to us. We found it filled, as last year, with most useful articles of every description, besides the special bundles for Louisa and Tommy. The pieces of wincey, print, &c., will be most useful, and the papers and books will make quite an addition to our library. Please tender our warmest thanks to all the kind contributors." The box, packed under the superintendence of the ladies of the St. James' Church Clothing Society, contained donations from so many persons that individual mention is impossible.

During the past year the Bishop of Algoma has visited the most populous parts of his extensive Diocese. Last winter the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts enjoyed the advantage of his presence. Here, from lack of funds, there are many congregations without an ordained ministry, and to these the visitation and confirmation tour of the Chief Pastor was more than usually welcome.

He found amongst them loyal attachment to the Church in which they had received baptism. Being unable to supply the Clergymen for whom they asked, he did what alone remained in his power, he appointed Lay Readers, chosen for their piety and consistent conduct, to hold Sunday Services and read well selected printed sermons. No fewer than twelve persons were thus appointed, who, without remuneration, continue to give regular ministration so far as they are able.

During this tour the Bishop travelled 656 miles, of which 499 were over bush roads; he addressed 36 congregations, baptized 5 adults and 41 infants, confirmed 49 candidates and administered the Holy Communion to 162 members. There are three clergymen in these districts.