

Algoma Quarterly,

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THE object of this Paper, 1500 copies of which are issued quarterly, is to afford information about our Missionary work in Algoma to all our friends who are helping us. For the support of our Missions we depend on the alms of the Church.

General Remarks.

Our Bishop, after travelling to and fro among us the whole summer, left by the last boat, and we do not expect to see him again at Sault Ste. Marie until the opening of navigation in spring, as we would scarcely expect him to make a journey of 300 miles on snowshoes, or in a dog-sleigh, as the mail-carriers do. Much as we regret his absence, we rest content, knowing that his Lordship is unweariedly pursuing a good work for the welfare of his young diocese, and from time to time we receive little bits of news of the progress he is making, and the success or otherwise with which he is meeting. "The plan which I am now adopting," writes the Bishop, "is to ask at least eight persons in each congregation to pledge themselves to give six cents per week, or twenty-five cents per month (through the offertory), in envelopes which I provide." In February the Bishop purposes visiting the Muskoka District (the eastern part of his diocese), and holding an ordination;

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after which he will probably continue his tour through the Dioceses of Montreal and Quebec.

The *Montreal* branch of the Algoma Missionary Association appears to be specially prospering. The first quarterly meeting for the transaction of business was held Nov. 28th, the Bishop of Montreal presiding. In the course of the proceedings it was shewn that the Secretary-Treasurer had addressed letters to 72 clergymen, 41 of whom had answered up to date. Sixteen country churches had promised to aid by collections. Most of the city churches also had undertaken to set the work on foot. The Ladies' Clothing Society of St. James's had promised to provide clothing for children of the Shingwauk Home. The money in hand at the time was \$134.72, and the Secretary-Treasurer thinks there is no doubt but that the specified sum of \$800 per annum will be made up.

No less encouraging is the report from the *Quebec* Diocese. There seems little doubt that the quota of \$500 will be in the Secretary-Treasurer's hands by the close of the year. Several of the city clergy have undertaken the support of a child in the Shingwauk Home, and the Young Woman's Guild of St. Matthew's promises to send clothing.

From *Ontario*, the report at present is not quite so encouraging. Our Secretary there writes : "The receipt of your quarterly reminds me that I ought to write to you, to say how sorry I am that our diocese has done so little for you. * * * * I am glad to see that your Bishop is likely to make a tour this winter in this part of the world, and I will endeavour to forward his work in every way I can. * * * * Kingston, Smith's Falls, and Hawkesbury, have alone contributed as yet.

Toronto, besides contributing \$1600 from her Mission Fund to the support of our work, is also providing for eight Indian children in the Shingwauk Home through her Sunday-schools.

Huron Diocese is not yet quite up to the mark, but we hope will be so after our Bishop's visit, especially if his plan for collecting the money is adopted. Two children in the Shingwauk Home are at present supported from *Huron*, viz., Adam, by St. Paul's, London, and Lizzie, by St. Paul's, Woodstock. Grace Church, Brantford, has just offered to take a little girl, and wishes her name to be Grace; also Christ's Church, Meaford, and St. George's Church, Owen Sound.

Christmas at Sault Ste Marie.

There was a very good attendance at St. Luke's Church, on Christmas morning. Church people from far and near all turned out well to join in welcoming the day which brought peace on earth and the good will of heaven to man. The Church had been very tastefully decorated with festoons of green, texts and designs, and a very handsome reredos over the communion table.

On the Monday following (The Holy Innocents' day), was the Christmas treat for the Sunday School children. They met in the Church for service at 5 p. m., and then proceeded to the Agricultural Hall, where a sumptuous repast was laid out for them. The table, though burdened with cakes and buns, and gingerbread, and every manner of delicacy, was scarcely large enough for them all to find a place, for there were more than 40 of them altogether. Three or four years ago, when this Sunday school was started, there were only 12 or 15 scholars, so that there has been a very considerable increase.

After the tea, Christmas hymns and carols were sung and prizes distributed from the large Christmas tree which occupied the centre of the room. The Indian children at the Shingwauk Home, had also their share of amusements. On New Year's night, a Christmas tree was provided for them, and a large number of visitors both from the Sault and Garden River came to see it. The new Shingwauk Home was illuminated for the occasion, and produced quite a striking effect. During the course of the evening, there was an exhibition of Punch and Judy, which added greatly to the amusement.

Help from England.

While thanking our friends in Canada for their donations and subscriptions to our youthful diocese, we would not forget that we owe a great debt of gratitude to our many warm friends in England. The Shingwauk Home in fact owes its existence to the liberality and persevering effort of our English friends. Within a fortnight after our disastrous fire, they had raised £300, and this sum went on increasing till it amounted to £1,400. With that sum in hand, we commenced the work, and the Home is now very nearly completed. But it cost £200 more than had been originally intended. It is always hard to make a second appeal for the same object, but our active friends did not falter. They write,—“I am glad to tell you the money is coming in well to complete the building. We have already about £60, and I have written to stir up all the lady receivers and helpers. * * * You need not worry about collecting it in Canada. By the spring, quite enough will have come in to pay off the whole.” We may add that about £250 is contributed annually from England, towards the support of this particular work, and four children in the home are provided for.

Manitoulin Mission.

The Indians of this Mission, are in charge of the Rev. Rowland Hill. They live in a small village called Shequaindah, (the home of grindstones.) In addition to ministering to the Indians, Mr. Hill has two out stations ; Little Current, 8 miles off, and Manitouwauning, 15 miles off, at both of which places is a mixed population of whites and Indians. The journey from one station to another, is accomplished either by boat or on horseback. The Church at Shequaindah, is built of logs and will accommodate about 120 persons. It has a bell tower and bell, and presents a neat appearance from the outside. Within, it is seated with movable wooden benches, and there is a small cabinet organ. Among the needfuls not yet supplied, are a font and a communion service. Mr. Hill thinks that the Indians are scarcely holding their own in point of numbers ; and he attributes it, in a great measure, to their habits of self-indulgence and slothfulness, and their fondness for the "fire water." He says, "I have seen them come ashore when on a journey in a boat, to get thier dinner and make their repast of Indian corn alone, roasted a little on the ears, which they ate, sitting around the fire in a pouring rain. The most trying time for their health, is in March and April, when making sugar. At this time, the ground is covered deep with snow, in a soft and melting state ; and amongst this they are working week after week, with feet wet both night and day. A much larger proportion of children die among the Indians than among the white people. Whooping cough and inflammation of the lungs being among the most frequent diseases." Mr. Hill judges that the best means of benefiting the Indians, is to get the young people into institutions, such as that which has just been estab-

lished at Sault Ste Marie. Both missionary and Indians were much cheered by a visit from the Bishop in August. Living in so remote a region, and one so difficult of access, it was but seldom that an episcopal visitation had been possible in former years, but now with the formation of the new Diocese of Algoma, these difficulties were removed, and it is quite possible that every year the little flock on Manitoulin Island may be cheered by a visit from their chief Pastor.

Muskoka.

Port Sydney—The head quarters of the Rev. E. Cooper, is a small village containing eleven frame houses, a saw mill, two general stores, butchers' and bakers' shops, and one tavern. Mr. Cooper, has four out-stations, and has thirty and seventeen miles to travel on alternate Sundays, accomplishing the journey on horseback. The people in his parish are Canadians, Scotch, Irish, English, and a few Germans. Besides Church people, there are Presbyterians and Methodists. Most of them are bush farmers. At Port Sydney, there is a frame church built in 1873, at a cost of \$1,200; it is free of debt, but the people have not yet been able to fit it up, so they sit on planks for seats. They hope to have proper seats some day, and also a bell in the tower, and a font for christening the babies, and a communion service. If people in the cities will give them a helping hand—or, if not, well, they will work away in the bush till they are able to afford it themselves. There is no doctor or lawyer in the mission, but a doctor is shortly expected. It may be added that Mr. Cooper at present lives in two small rooms IN HIS STABLE; the people not having been able as yet to provide him a house.

Parry Sound—This is the Rev. R. Mosley's Mission. The village contains about 600 inhabitants, and it boasts of six stores, three saw mills, a grist mill, bakery, two schools, printing office, post office, telegraph office, jail and court house, and last, though not least, an observatory. Mr. Mosley travels 13 and 19 miles on alternate Sundays, either on horseback or with horse and buggy. He has no churches in his mission. At Parry Sound the service is held in the court house, and in the country, in school houses. The mission was established in 1869, and is now in a prosperous condition. Service is held regularly morning and evening at Parry Sound; the congregations have increased, and since the purchase of an organ, the singing and chanting have been very good. The people are mostly employed in the lumbering trade; among the settlers, are Norwegians and Icelanders. The house in which Mr. Mosley lives, is a rough building, which the proprietor kindly permits him to occupy free of rent. The rooms have not been plastered, but are merely lined inside with rough boards, so that the family suffers to some extent from cold.

An English Primrose.

“On one occasion, when visiting a poor English girl,” says one of our missionaries in Muskoka, “who, for about a year, had been wasting away, I mentioned that I had just received a few wild primroses from England. Her face brightened, and she said, ‘Oh, may I take them into my hands?’ I replied that I would give them to her. ‘Oh,’ she said, ‘how I shall prize them,’ and then she asked her mother to place them in her coffin when she was dead. The poor girl died a short time after, and was, at her request, buried near the flower-garden, and is now covered with the flowers she loved so much.”

Jottings.

Garden River.—The Rev. J. Barrett did not arrive, as was expected, to take charge of this mission, so it is still in Mr. Wilson's care.

Prince Arthur's Landing.—Contributions would be thankfully received by the Rev. C. B. Dundas towards paying off the debt on his church.

Batcheewauning.—Mr. Little, the catechist at this new mission, is succeeding well. Sunday services and day-school are both well attended. They need a bell. \$6.37 is already collected ; \$14 more would buy one.

The Shingwauk Home.—The new building will probably be opened August 2nd. All friends invited.

Nanaboozhoo.

Nanaboozhoo, say the Indians, had a son. He loved his son. He told his son never to go near the water lest evil should come to him. The son disobeyed his father, he went out in a canoe, and he was never seen or heard of more. Nanaboozhoo then vowed vengeance against the gods of the water who had destroyed his son. There were two of these gods, and one day they lay sleeping on the shore. Nanaboozhoo was looking everywhere for them, determined to kill them. A loon offered to show him where they were sleeping. He followed the loon till he found them, and then he made short work of them with his tomahawk and his war-club. But lo, and behold, no sooner were the gods dead than the waters of the great lake rose up in vengeance ; they pursued Nanaboozhoo up on to the dry land, and he had to run for his life. He sought the

highest mountain, and climbed to the top of the highest pine tree. Still the waters pursued him. They rose higher and higher. What could he do! He broke off a few of the topmost branches, and made a raft upon which he got and saved himself. He saved also a number of the animals that were kicking and struggling in the water all around him. At length he bethought himself of making a new world. How should he do it? Could he but procure a little of the earth of the old world, he might manage it. He selected the beaver from among the animals, and sent it to dive after some earth. When it came up it was dead. He sent the otter, but it died also. At length he tried the muskrat. The muskrat dived. When it came up, it was dead. But in its claws was clenched a little earth. Nanaboozhoo carefully took this earth, rubbed it in his fingers till it was dry, then placed it on the palm of his hand, and blew it gently over the surface of the water. A new world was thus formed, and Nanaboozhoo and all the animals landed. Nanaboozhoo sent out a wolf to see how big the world was. He was gone a month. Again he sent him out, and he was gone a year. Then he sent out a very young wolf. This young wolf died of old age before it could get back. So Nanaboozhoo said the world was big enough, and might stop growing.

The Bishop's Movements.

The Bishop, who, since winter set in, has been engaged in visiting different parishes and missions in the Toronto and Huron Dioceses, for the purpose of making known the wants of his diocese, and obtaining pecuniary aid for the carrying on of his work therein, is at present engaged on a missionary tour through the Muskoka

and Parry Sound Districts, which form the southeastern portion of the Diocese of Algoma.

The following is a list of his engagements:

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| Feb'y 21, Sunday | | Ordination | | Bracebridge. |
| " 23, Tuesday | | Service | | Draper. |
| " 24, Wednesday | .. | " | | Gravenhurst. |
| " 25, Thursday | .... | " | ..... | Rock Hill. |
| " 26, Friday | ..... | " | ..... | South Falls. |
| " 28, Sunday | Mor'g | " | ..... | Stisted. |
| | Afternoon | " | ..... | Tyer's Shanty. |
| March 2, Tuesday | .... | " | ..... | Tipper's. |
| " 3 to 6 | ..... | Visiting | ..... |  |
| " 7, Sunday | ..... | Confirmation | ..... | Huntsville. |
| | Afternoon | ..... | Service | ..... |
| | | | | Port Sydney. |
| " 9, Tuesday | ..... | " | ..... | Merser's. |
| " 10, 11 | .... | ..... | Visiting | ..... |
| " 12, Friday | ..... | Service | ..... | Goring's. |
| " 13, Saturday | .... | ..... | Visiting | ..... |
| " 14, Sunday | ..... | Confirmation | .... | Port Sydney. |
| | Afternoon | ..... | Service | ..... |
| | | | | Beatrice. |

On 15th, Monday, the Bishop will (D.V.) proceed to visit the Rosseau Mission (at present vacant), and thence to Parry Sound.

NOTICE.—The Rev. Saltern Givins, Yorkville, having kindly consented to act as Secretary-Treasurer for the Diocese of Toronto, it is requested that all donations, either for mission work or the Shingwauk Home, be paid to him.

Donations to Algoma Diocesan Fund.

October collection,	Bracebridge Mission	\$3 70
January	Sault Ste. Marie.....	7 00
“	Garden River	1 57

Received by the Bishop:—

Per Rev. D. McLeod, Chippewa.....	14 00
Judge McDonald and family, Font Hill	12 50
G. W. Thompson, Welland	12 00
Per Rev. H. Holland, St. Catharines	24 48
— Giles, “	5 00
Wm. Coy, “	10 00
James Taylor, “	5 00
T. D. G., Toronto	50 00
St. James's Church offertory, Paris	10 20
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Townley, “	5 00
Rev. Dr. Beaumont, Petrolia	4 00
Rev. E. Patterson, Stratford	5 00
St. Thomas's Church offertory, Seaforth.....	7 00
Mrs. Caldwell, Seaforth	3 00
Christ's Church offertory, Meaford	10 00
St. George's Church offertory, Owen Sound	34 39
Per Rev. J. Morton, offertory, Markdale	6 72
Per Rev. W. Evans, offertory, Durham.....	7 05
St. George's offertory, Clarksburg	7 00
Christ's Church offertory, East Zorra	12 00
Trinity Church offertory, “	6 07
St. Paul's, offertory, Woodstock	25 70
A Friend in England, per Rev. H. Holland	5 00
Christ's Church, Hamilton, per church-wardens.....	10 00
Per John Beard, Huron Diocese	88 50
Per Miss L. Lett, Collingwood	20 00
A Friend, Ontario Diocese	2 50
Per Rev. F. Kirkpatrick, Ontario Diocese	32 00
Per W. Atkinson, Toronto Diocese	400 00
Per Rev. Armstrong, St. Johns. N. B.	65 00
Per Rev. J. Walters, Quebec Diocese	162 14

This Fund shews a balance in the Bishop's hands of \$1,185.50.

For the Shingwauk Home:—

St. Paul's, Woodstock, for support of child three months.....	\$12 50
St. Paul's, London, board and clothing for child, half year...	37 50
Dr. Ridley, Hamilton	10 00
Per Rev. W. B. Davidson, Sunday School, Frelighsburg.....	2 00
Rev. H. Starr	5 00
St. James's Sunday School, Ingersol	10 00
Mr. Austin, per Rev. J. W. Rolph	5 00
Dr. Ridley, per the Bishop.....	10 00

Collections, subscriptions, and donations received at the Synod Office, Toronto, from 20th July, 1874, to 10th February, 1875.

Niagara, St. Mark's	\$ 4 68
Tecumseth, two quarters, for M. A. Jacobs	25 00

Toronto, Holy Trinity	\$12 50
" St. John's	6 25
" Church of the Redeemer, for John Rodd.....	6 25
" St. Stephens, balance of second year ... \$14 50	
In advance for third year... 10 00—	24 50
" St. Paul's	6 25
" St. Peter's, for John Rodd.....	19 00
" Holy Trinity, for Nancy Nander.....	12 50
Christ's Church, York Township, for Sophie Shahbahkeezik.	13 00
Barrie, Miss Morgan's class.....	5 00
Toronto, St. Peter's Church Association, donation \$20 00	
J. Herbert Mason..... " 2 00—	22 00
" St. Paul's	6 25
" St. John's.....	6 25
" Holy Trinity.....	12 50
Total.....	\$181 93

NOTE.—Sums paid through Synod Office, Toronto, not yet received.

Envelopes representing \$3 each have been taken: St. James's, Paris, 12; Christ's Church, Meaford, 10; St. James's, Stratford, 18; St. George's, Owen Sound, 20; St. Thomas's, Seaforth, 8; Christ's Church, Durham, 12; St. George's, Clarksburg, 5; St. Jude's Brantford, 8; Woodstock, 8; Goderich, 20; Berlin. 8.

Liabilities next quarter for payment of salaries from Algoma Diocesan Fund, \$390.

NOTE.—Secretary-Treasurers: For Huron—John Beard, Esq., Woodstock; Ontario—Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Kingston; Montreal—Mrs. Simpson, 38 McGill College Avenue, Montreal; Quebec—Rev. John Walters, Point Levis; Toronto—Rev. Saltern Givins, Yorkville.

Collecting books may be had of the Secretary-Treasurers, and the Algoma Quarterlies are distributed to subscribers.

St. Paul's, Woodstock for support of child three months.....	\$12 50
St. Paul's, Woodstock for support of child half year.....	6 25
Dr. King's, Hamilton.....	10 00
Dr. King's, Hamilton, school, 1897-98.....	1 00
Rev. H. King.....	2 00
St. James's, Stratford.....	10 00
Mr. Angus, for Rev. J. W. Angus.....	2 00
Dr. Angus, for Rev. J. W. Angus.....	10 00

Collected subscriptions and donations received at the Synod Office, Toronto, from July 1897 to 18th February, 1898.

Misses M. M. & M. A. Jacobs.....	\$ 1 00
Technical two quarters for M. A. Jacobs.....	25 00