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*To the Most Reverend*

THE ARCHBISHOP OF ONTARIO,  
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*To the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Ontario,  
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MY LORD:

On the very forefront of my triennial report I desire, first of all, to make devout acknowledgment of the divine goodness which has kept me safely through all the wanderings of the past three years, and next, to place on record my grateful appreciation of the sympathy manifested by the Provincial Synod during the illness which necessitated my absence from its meeting in 1892, and of the practical and generous provision made for my sojourn in Mentone during the succeeding winter, resulting as it did, by God's blessing, in a restoration of vigor sufficient for the resumption of my work on my return to my diocese.

The varying condition of my health since then has been such, I regret to say, as to interfere very materially with the discharge of my duties, as will be seen by a comparison of the appended record with that of 1892.

OFFICIAL ACTS, 1892—1895.

Baptisms, 4; confirmations, 46; confirmed, 375; celebrations of Holy Communion, 57; sermons, 106; addresses, 62; churches

consecrated, 7; cemeteries ditto, 2; cemetery lots ditto, 1; ordinations, 3; ordained to the Diaconate, 7; ordained to the Priesthood, 4; clergy received, 8; clergy transferred, 8.

#### GENERAL DIOCESAN STATISTICS.

Church population (per census) 16,467, (per ruri-decanal reports) 7,595; communicants, 2,591; Sunday schools, 52; scholars, 2260; teachers, 222; baptized, adults 91, children 1,419, total 1,510; churches, 76; parsonages, 22; parish halls, 6; clergy, Priests 25, Deacons 3, Superannuated, 1, total, including the Bishop, 30; catechists, candidates for Orders, 2; offerings, for stipends, church and parsonage building, domestic and foreign missions, and other special objects, \$32,920.04.

#### CLERICAL CHANGES.

Of the clergy who were numbered with us three years since, eight have removed to other dioceses, viz., the Revs. G. H. Gaviller, Jas. Irvine. H. P. Lowe, B.A., W. B. Magnan, R. A. Sims, L. Sinclair, E. A. Vesey, and E. F. Wilson. Their places, however, have been filled, and the number of my co-workers increased by two, bringing up the total to the maximum reached during my episcopate. Two or three more are urgently needed for fields now occupied by catechists whose ministrations, though in every case most acceptable to the members of the Church in their several districts, are necessarily inadequate to the people's spiritual needs, requiring periodic visitations (not always or easily possible) by some neighboring priest, and too frequently creating a risk of defection from the ranks of the Church. The list of our missionaries, with their central (P. O.) and outstations, is as follows:—

NAMES.	CENTRAL (P.O.) AND OUTSTATIONS.
Rev. A. H. Allman,	Uffington, Purbrook, Oakley.
Rev. H. C. Aylwin,	Manitowaning, Little Current, Purple Hill, The Slash.

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Rev. Jas. Boydell, M.A., Exam. Chaplain.	Bracebridge, Falkenburg.
Rev. C. W. Bradshaw,	Port Arthur.
Rev. W. A. J. Burt, Asst. Exam. Chaplain.	Port Carling, Gregory, Port Sandfield, Beaumaris, Brackenrig, etc.
Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, B.D., Rur. Dean Parry Sound District.	Emsdale, Ebberston, Sand Lake, Fern Glen.
Rev. A. J. Cobb,	North Seguin, Seguin Falls, Broadbent, Dufferin Bridge.
Rev. W. J. Eccleston,	Marksville (St. Joseph's Island), Richard's Landing, Jocelyn.
Rev. W. Evans,	Parry Sound, Rankins, Christie.
Rev. W. H. French,	Sudbury, Coppercliff, Cartier.
Rev. F. Frost, Rural Dean Manitoulin Island.	Sheguiandah (Indian), " (White), Sucker Creek (Indian), Birch Island " Spanish River " Collins' Inlet, etc.
Rev. G. Gander ( <i>d</i> ),	South River, Eagle Lake, Trout Creek.
Rev. G. Gillmor,	Rosseau, Ullswater, Bentrivedale, Cardwell, Rosseau Falls, Raymond.

Rev. E. J. Harper,	Fort William, Fort William West.
Rev. A. H. Hazlehurst ( <i>d</i> ),	Baysville, Stoneleigh, Dorset.
Rev. D. A. Johnston,	Haileybury, Liskeard, Dawson's Point, Montreal River, Baie des Peres, McDougal's Camp, Gordon Creek, etc.
Rev. M. C. Kirby,	
Rev. E. Lawlor,	Schrieber, Neepigon, Rossport, White River.
Rev. Thos. Llwyd, Archdeacon of Algoma.	Huntsville, Grassmere, Emberson.
Rev. C. J. Machin, Rural Dean of Muskoka.	Gravenhurst, Northwood.
Rev. J. H. McLeod,	Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, Mills, Kagawong.
Rev. A. R. Mitchell,	Port Sydney, Beatrice, Ufford, Newholme.
Rev. R. Mosley, (Superannuated on Com. Fund, Tor. Dioc.)	Parry Sound;
Rev. J. Pardoe,	Noval, Ilfracombe, Ravenscliffe.
Rev. Chas. Piercy, Editor "A.M.N."	Burk's Falls, Sundridge, Katrine.
Rev. R. Renison, Rural Dean of Algoma.	Sault Ste. Marie, Korah, Gonlais Bay.

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Rev. W. M. R. Seaborne,	Cook's Mills, Algoma, Blind River, Webbwood, Walford, etc.
Rev. F. C. H. Ullbricht ( <i>d</i> ),	Aspdin, Lancelot, Allansville, Stanleydale.
Rev. A. J. Young, Rural Dean of Nipissing.	North Bay, Callander, Bailey Settlement.

## CATECHISTS.

Mr. F. R. Godolphin,	Sturgeon Falls, Cache Bay, Warren.
Mr. T. J. Hay,	Magnettawan, Chapman Valley, Spence, Midlothian, Dunchurch.

Other missionary districts needing clergymen:—

1. Bruce Mines, Ottertail, Poplardale.
2. Thessalon, Day Mills, Blind River, etc.
3. Powassan, Commanda, Nipissing, Restoul.

In addition to the regular stations included in the above list, of which those last named are supplied by summer students, there are many scattered points such as lumber camps, &c., at which occasional services are held, as opportunity offers. Several of the missions cover an area far beyond the powers of any missionary and urgently call for subdivision, but want of men and means presents an apparently insuperable obstacle. Our clergy are in every case embodiments of untiring energy, but they are completely outnumbered by the representatives of other religious communions, whose more frequent services invite the attendance of the less firmly established among our laity, and, both for parents and children, create the risk of a final

desertion of the Church. When to this we add the pressure of the social and business influences too often brought to bear on our members, with a view to their "conversion," it is matter for wonder and gratitude that despite the unavoidable scantiness of her ministrations, they still stand firm in their loyal allegiance to the church of their forefathers.

#### INDIAN WORK.

Our Indian Homes have been passing through a somewhat severe ordeal, owing mainly to the difficulty of securing a Principal, possessing the necessary qualifications, such as administrative ability, knowledge of the Indian character, promptness in correspondence, and above all, a deep, personal interest in the children of the poor red man. After sundry experiments, all ending unsatisfactorily, we have ventured on a new departure and placed this important branch of our missionary work under the charge of a layman (G. L. King, Esq.), who with his wife, has been highly recommended by the Indian Department as having had large experience in the management of the Aborigines and their children. Aided largely by Mrs. King, our new Principal is already bringing order out of chaos. A grant of \$2500 has recently been obtained from the Government for various alterations and improvements urgently required. The girls, who, for greater economy, had been removed by the Committee from the Wawanosh to the Shingwauk during my absence in 1893, were sent to their homes last winter in consequence of a serious outbreak of erysipelas, and have not since been recalled, owing to the lack of proper accommodation. I fear that they will rapidly degenerate, and lapse into their original semi-barbarism, unless we are placed in a position either to reopen, and refurnish the old Wawanosh at a cost of \$750—or, better still, to erect a new building for their reception, nearer to the Shingwauk, and within the limits of the ninety acres on which it stands. The latter project would cost for construction and equipment, not less than \$5000. Of this sum we could probably count on \$3000 from a possible Government grant and the sale of the old Wawanosh property. This would leave \$2000 to be still provided by voluntary subscription. Are there not many among the readers of this Report who could easily contribute the whole amount at the cost of a scratch of their pen—

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many more who could as easily help generously in its realisation. I cannot undertake to make personal application to individuals for this purpose. I send forth this appeal, trusting in Him who can turn men's hearts "as the rivers of water." All contributions forwarded to me in response will be applied to the

"NEW WAWANOSH FUND."

The Annual Report of our Indian Educational work will shortly be put in circulation. Owing to the recent and frequent changes in the Principalship its pages will doubtless exhibit a diminished "tale" of work as compared with some previous years, but I am confident that once the present improvements are completed, and the Institution is again in steady running order, it will advance rapidly under the present management if adequately maintained, and before long furnish a record in no way behind that of the palmiest days it has ever seen. Ebb and flow—"fall and rising again" are not necessarily notes of failure. If the Church herself, "the body of Christ," is subject to the law of fluctuation, variations in the tide of prosperity may well be expected in her manifold enterprises for the uplifting of the race. The Committee charged with the oversight of the Homes (the Bishop being President) have been unremitting in their watch over its welfare, bringing to bear on its interests a care and consideration as conscientious as though they were personally their own. Its numbers have been increased by the accession of W. H. Plummer Esq., a well-known merchant of Sault Ste. Marie whose well balanced judgment, and long business experience have already proved of great value.

Garden River has been vacant for some time, no clergyman or catechist having offered himself that was familiar with the Ojibbewa language. Taking advantage of our emergency, the authorities of another Communion have made application to the Indian Department for a grant for the erection of a large school-house for the joint education of Protestant and Roman Catholic children, but our Garden River Indians have stoutly protested against any such insidious attempt to seduce them from their allegiance to the Church of "the great white mother." Meanwhile their spiritual interests have been faithfully cared for, this summer, by Mr. R. J. Renison (eldest son of Rural Dean Renison), a student for Holy Orders, whose school and college course

abundantly justify the practical interest taken in his education by three parishes in Toronto, and who bids fair to be a worthy successor to his honored father in his love for the "red man." On his return to his studies, he will be succeeded by a younger brother, who will take charge of the Indian school at Garden River, in conjunction with the care of the congregation there, and also of a little, but loyal, flock in McDonald Township. The Rural Dean visits these churches periodically for the administration of the Sacraments.

The Indian work in Manitoulin Island is still in the experienced hands of the Rev. F. Frost, whom I have just appointed Rural Dean of that district, in recognition of his long and faithful labors. I regret to say that as the result of upwards of twenty years of unremitting missionary toil, his health has become seriously impaired, necessitating leave of absence for a winter or two. He has also passed through deep waters of affliction in the recent loss of his wife, who was an invaluable co-worker, and, like himself, a true friend to the Indians, who will sorely miss her helping hand and gentle loving sympathy in all their domestic troubles and difficulties. This great sorrow has left four children motherless, one of whom, a gir' of about ten, is being cared for by the W. A. of the Diocese of Huron. Some similar opening will, I trust, be found for her younger brother.

#### RURAL DEANERIES.

The Rural Deanery system has borne such excellent fruit in the collection of statistics, the thorough supervision of the separate missions in their minutest details, and the infusion of new life and energy into the work accomplished, that I recently decided on an extension of the advantages it offers. Accordingly at our last Council, Manitoulin Island was separated from the civil district of Eastern Algoma, and formed into a new Rural Deanery under the charge of Rev. F. Frost, while the portion of Nipissing district, which is included within the diocese, has been set off from that of Parry Sound, the Rev. A. J. Young, incumbent of North Bay, being appointed Rural Dean. The rural-decanal reports furnish the following

#### NOTES OF PROGRESS.

In the Rural Deanery of Thunder Bay a parsonage has been built at Schrieber, on the C. P. R., and a neat and roomy chancel

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added to the church and paid for. In Port Arthur, the basement of St. John's Church has been reconstructed, the heating arrangements of the church improved, and the parsonage removed to a better position on the church grounds, and repaired at no little expense. In Fort William, where the Rev. M. C. Kirby was succeeded last June by the Rev. E. J. Harper, formerly of the Diocese of Colorado, U.S., the congregation of St. Luke's had grown to such strength as to feel warranted in surrendering the diocesan grant in favor of the adjoining mission in Oliver Township, and declaring itself self-supporting. Their numerical increase will also call for an enlargement of the church. In Oliver, a new mission recently organized under the charge of the Rev. M. C. Kirby, and extending westward to the Height of Land, two of six acres of land, secured through the efforts of the Rev. C. J. Machin, a former incumbent of Port Arthur, have been substantially fenced, a church and driving shed erected, and good progress made towards the cost of a parsonage shortly to be built.

The Rural Deanery of Algoma (Rev. R. Renison, R.D.) exhibits corresponding signs of progress. The congregation, communicants, and Sunday school, of St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, have largely increased, while a portion of the church has been repaired at a cost of \$90, through the efforts of a "Chapter" of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, recently organized. A literary club has also been set on foot. The congregation of Korah, an outstation, has risen to the promise of \$100 towards the expense of the clerical horse, while at Gonlais Bay, another outstation twenty miles off, the eleven or twelve resident church families have become utterly dissatisfied with the schoolhouse as a place of worship, and are making ready for a log church. In McDonald Township, about eleven miles from Garden River, a new church has been built on a convenient site donated by a resident churchman, the people contributing in various forms to the extent of about \$200. In Bruce Mines, Ottertail and Poplardale, a mission favored only with occasional services, the church people though, like the conies, "but a feeble folk" financially, raised this summer \$180 towards the maintenance of the catechist. In St. Joseph's Island (Rev. W. J. Eccleston) a new and commodious church has been erected at Richard's Landing, largely through local contributions, and the efforts of its "W. A." At Thessalon, nearly \$300 are in hand, from similar sources, towards the erec-

tion of a parsonage. In the mission of Cook's Mills (Rev. W. R. Seaborne) a site has been donated for a church at Webbwood, and the church members there, and at Nairn, are urgently crying out for their own "houses of prayer." In the mission occupied by the Rev. H. C. Aylwin, St. Paul's Church, originally built 50 years ago by the late Rev. Canon O'Meara, D.D., has been handsomely lined in the interior, and painted inside and out. It is also to be re-roofed shortly. At Little Current, in the same mission, though at a distance of 23 miles, the congregation of Holy Trinity contribute \$160, as against \$60 a year ago, to their clergyman's stipend. In Gore Bay mission (Rev. J. H. McLeod) a new church has been erected in the township of Mills, through the efforts, and largely at the cost, of the incumbent.

The Rural Deanery of Parry Sound and Nipissing (henceforth to form two Deaneries) keeps step with the other districts in the march of progress. The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls, (Mr. J. Godolphin, Catechist), has had its roof reshingled, and a picket fence placed in front of the lot, while Sudbury congregation (Rev. W. H. French) have erected a bell-tower which sends out its invitation on Sundays and Saints' days, and also contributed nearly \$300 towards the erection of a parsonage. In North Bay (Rev. A. J. Young) the balance of the parsonage debt, originally \$1000, has been paid off through the exertions of the local Branch of the 'W. A.' Nearly \$1000 are also pledged for a new church, the foundations of which are being laid. At Powassan \$300 has been raised to supplement a donation of \$700 by a Montreal Churchwoman, for a church which has been completed. At Trout Creek the Rev. G. Gander is erecting his fourth church, at a cost of \$1,200, towards which the people have contributed \$600 in money, labor and material, while at Eagle Lake, another of his stations, the balance of the church debt has been wiped out, and the church at South River consecrated. The parsonage debt in Burk's Falls (Rev. Chas. Piercy) has been paid, and a new stable built, his church at Sundridge having also been greatly improved internally, and enclosed with a neat picket fence. At Rosseau (Rev. G. Gillmor), a chancel is being added to the church, and a solid stone foundation placed under the whole building. The congrega-

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gation of Trinity Church, Parry Sound, (Rev. W. Evans) has built a parsonage, and contributed \$1000 towards the cost. In Broadbent's Mission (Rev. A. T. Cobb) the church at Seguin Falls has been improved, while the parsonage at North Seguin has been made more comfortable by the labor of the clergyman's own hands. Finally, at Emsdale (Rev. Rural Dean Chowne B.D.), the church has been removed from the remote hilltop to the heart of the village, placed on a stone foundation, embellished with a tower, in which a bell weighing 1000 lbs. has been mounted, and arranged in more correct ecclesiastical style in the interior.

Archdeacon Lloyd reports similar indications of church life and movement in the district under his charge. In the Uffington Mission the Rev. A. H. Allman is expanding St. Paul's Church for the use of a growing congregation, by the addition of a chancel. The vestry is also being enlarged, while a new stable and driving shed have been put up, and the parsonage made more thoroughly winter proof. In Gravenhurst (Rev. C. J. Machin) extensive repairs have been made in the parsonage, while the erection of a Parish Room is contemplated. A new and commodious parsonage lighted by electricity has been built in Bracebridge (Rev. Jas. Boydell, M.A.), to replace one destroyed by fire, and all but paid for. A site has also been donated for a new church, and steps taken towards its erection. In Port Carling (Rev. W. A. J. Burt) a parsonage has been built on an excellent site, with only a very small debt remaining, while the two churches at Beaumaris and Gregory respectively, are approaching completion. In Port Sydney (Rev. A. R. Mitchell) the church-yard has been cleared, and consecrated, the church itself receiving sundry repairs, while the building at Newhoime has been completed sufficiently for Divine service. Through the persistent efforts of the Rev. H. P. Lowe B.A., prior to his removal to St. George's Church, Toronto, an excellent house had been purchased in Aspden as a parsonage, and with the new stable built, secured to the Church by deed to the Bishop. The Rev. J. Pardoe has accomplished some needed improvements in the Church at Novar by the insertion of a new east window &c., and also at Ilfracombe by the long delayed mounting of the bell, &c. In Huntsville, despite the hindrances arising out of the repeated illnesses of the incumbent Rev. Thos. Llwyd, a hand

some church has been built (to take the place of the old hall destroyed by fire) at a cost of between \$4000 and \$5000, of which only a few hundred remain unpaid. In the absence of the Bishop through sickness in Toronto, it was opened on Whitsun Day, Rev. Canon Sweeney D. D., Rector of St. Phillip's, Toronto, preaching the sermon. Extensive repairs have also been effected in the parsonage.

The statistics furnished on my second page indicate a steady growth in yet other directions:—

	1889-92.	1892-5.
Baptisms Adult.....	59	91
“ Children.....	963	1419
S. Sch. Scholars.....	1636	2199
“ “ Teachers.....	162	222
Communicants.....	1579	2531
Clergy.....	26	29
Churches.....	72	76
Parsonages.....	16	22
Offerings, for Stipends, Church and Parsonage building, D. & F. Mis- sions, etc.....	\$29,501	\$32,920.04

Extending my review, however, beyond the narrow limits of the last triennial period, backward through the fourteen years of my episcopate, I discover yet other notes of progress, of which figures can furnish no conception. A page from my recent letter to the “S. P. G.” will summarize them briefly:—

“(1) A strong sense of brotherhood now pervades the clerical staff of the diocese, which in itself naturally augments its moral force. Formerly individual units, standing each in his lot, and scarcely knowing one another even ‘in the flesh,’ the clergy toiled on under a dull, depressing sense of isolation, which aggravated the weight of their daily burden. Now our missionaries not only are, but feel, like brothers in arms, fighting shoulder to shoulder in the same holy war, their labours lightened by that sacred bond of conscious oneness which is the prerogative of all ‘the faithful’ in the mystical Body of Christ.

“(2) The rural deanery system has been established, securing for each of the four component districts of the diocese a minute

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supervision which, while it benefits the several Missions, greatly assists the Bishop in his general administration.

"(3) The clergy also meet in 'convocation,' appointed for alternate years, in the eastern and western sections of the diocese (omitting that in which the general diocesan gathering takes place), and there discuss informally any measures regarded as affecting the well-being of the diocese. The convocations are merely deliberative, not legislative bodies.

"(4) The Diocesan Council meets triennially on the call of the Bishop in the same year as the Provincial Synod, and at such place as may have been decided at the previous Council. The Bishop possesses the right of veto. Lay delegates must be communicants in good standing, elected at the Easter vestry meetings immediately preceding. An ordination is generally held during the session of the Council, in order to obviate the difficulty and expense attending an unnecessary multiplication of journeys over great distances on the part of the candidates.

"(5) Within the last few years the diocese has secured the right of representation in the triennial 'Provincial Synod,' a canon having been passed by the latter body authorizing us to elect three clerical and three lay delegates for this purpose.

"(6) Still more recently we have obtained similar rights in the General Synod organized in September, 1893, for the consolidation of the entire Canadian branch of the Church of England, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in one supreme representative body, bound together in the bond of organic unity.

"In these and other practical forms the Diocese of Algoma has been slowly but steadily climbing into a consciousness of strength and solidarity which has largely increased its moral and spiritual power, and the force of which is felt in its poorest Mission, and to its most remote extremities."

#### ARCH-DEACONRY.

A further development of our internal organization has taken place in the creation of an Archdeaconry of Algoma, to which I have appointed the Rev. Thos. Llwyd, Incumbent of Huntsville, in recognition of his valuable services as my Commissary during the winters of 1892-3 and 1894-5, and also of his long and faith-

ful missionary work dating back, as it does, to the very birth of the diocese. The office, I regret to say, is, like all others in the diocese, purely honorary. Alas that in Algoma alone the only recompense awaiting long and devoted labor for Christ and His Church should be yet more arduous labor still!

#### ST. ANDREW'S BROTHERHOOD.

I am glad to be able to report that a root of this stalwart young oak has been planted in Algoma by the formation of two 'chapters' in Sault Ste. Marie and Port Arthur respectively, both bearing fruit in various branches of parochial work, and giving promise of a more abundant yield in the future. Valuable service has already been rendered by the members in the collection of funds, the internal improvement of Church buildings, and, best of all, the winning to the Church's services and sacraments of young men who had practically abandoned her fold, and lapsed into a state of almost hopeless indifference. I trust that the example set by the Incumbents of both the centres named may prove contagious.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The current of beneficence, set in motion some years ago by the formation of the "Woman's Auxiliary" still flows close by the doors of our parsonages and poorer settlers dwellings, greatly to the joy of their occupants. How many bales of clothing, boxes of Christmas gifts to gladden the children's hearts, and gifts of furniture for the more decent and orderly equipment of our churches have entered the diocese during the three past years I have no means of knowing. This only I do know that to this increasing current of loving sympathy directed Algoma wards by Church women all over the 'Province' we stand indebted not merely for much of the material comfort experienced through our long dreary winter, but greater blessing still, for a large measure of the heart and hope and courage that have cheered and sustained us in our hard hand-to-hand struggle with local difficulties and discouragements. Under the inspiration of the example set us, and as one form in which to express our gratitude, branches of the 'W.A.' are gradually spreading over the diocese. Thirteen have been formed, while parochial societies, hitherto bearing other names, are steadily falling into line. A

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Diocesan Branch has been organized, but with the smallest possible membership (a President and Secretary Treasurer) and in simplest possible form, owing to the impossibility of securing even an annual gathering of members separated by long distances. Important questions, touching the relation of the parochial 'W.A.' to the clergyman, and the wardens, with special reference to the depositing, drawing, and general control of monies raised were freely discussed at our recent Council, with a view to a clearer understanding, and a more uniform system of operation in the future.

I would here once more place on record my most grateful appreciation of the invaluable benefits still rendered to many of our clergy in the educational blessings secured to their children through the agency of the 'W.A.' and also of individual Church women, accompanied as they are by sound, systematic religious teaching. Apart altogether from the value of such a movement in supplying a sorely felt need in our clerical households, and relieving the minds of the parents of one of their heaviest burdens of anxiety, I do not hesitate to give it a foremost rank among all the objects included within the circle of the Church's benevolence, throwing every other comparatively into the shadow, because of the rich, ripe and enduring issues enfolded in it for the future.

#### THE ENGLISH "ASSOCIATION"

for union in prayer and work with Algoma" still maintains its operations vigorously, blending earnest intercession with active missionary enterprise in our behalf, and thus not only replenishing our funds from time to time, but cheering our hearts and upholding our hands, and best of all, invoking on us, in answer to the united and individual supplications of the members, the sevenfold, and sorely needed gifts of the Holy Ghost. It now has branches fully organized and steadily at work in Clifton, Kent, Sussex, Somerset, Surrey, Devonshire, London W., S. W., S. E., and N., and last in date, but not least in energy, Gloucestershire. The Bishop is President, Mrs. E. S. Stubbs (9 Carlton Road, Ealing) General Secretary, Rev. A. S. Hutchinson (Eynsford, Kent) General Treasurer, and Messrs. Drummond (49 Charing Cross, London) Bankers. The Association is kept in close and constant touch with the diocese by correspondence, the

circulation of the 'A.M.N.' and a local supplementary Quarterly, also by occasional addresses by the Bishop during his periodic visits to England. The Rev. Rural Dean Machin also rendered valuable assistance in this latter form during his recent sojourn in the mother country.

#### ENGLISH SOCIETIES.

The three London Societies which have befriended the diocese almost from its very birth, still continue to evidence their sympathy by annual grants of money and material.

The "S. P. G." still votes £850, calling attention, however, in their last communication, to the length of time during which many of our Missions have been on their list, and expressing the hope that a larger development of local resources may soon render their assistance unnecessary—a hope which I most heartily echo, but despair of seeing realized at any early date.

The "C. C. C. S." grants us their customary £285, supplemented by the free transmission as far as Montreal, through the kindness of Messrs. Allan & Co., of periodical consignments of clothing, reading matter, articles of church furniture, etc., collected mainly through the efforts of the officers and members of our English "Association."

The "S. P. C. K.", in response to my application, has made a most welcome addition to its frequent assistance in church building by a donation of an excellent magic lantern, with accompanying slides illustrative of sacred and ecclesiastical history. The value of this latest addition to our diocesan equipment cannot be overestimated. It will prove a most interesting and instructive educational agency in clearing up the mist that envelops the average Algoma lay mind on questions of church history, and so laying the foundations of a broader and more intelligent faith in the communion of which they profess themselves members.

#### FINANCES. A.—ENDOWMENT FUND.

Three years since the Treasurer's statement reported a total to the credit of this Fund of an investment of \$40,000, supplemented by a sum of \$5,774.60 on deposit. He now reports an investment of \$55,000, plus an open account amounting to \$216.12, an increase of nearly \$10,000 during the triennium. This increase is due, not to any special personal appeals, for none have been

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made, but to occasional voluntary contributions, and accruing compound interest, left untouched through the generous self-sacrifice of the church in continuing the special assessment for the Bishop's stipend.

The Honorary Treasurer, A. H. Campbell, Esq., furnishes the following statement of investments made on account of the Endowment Fund :

Debentures—

Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co.....	\$15,000 00
Freehold Loan and Investment Co.....	10,000 00
Land Security Co.....	10,000 00
British Canadian Loan Co.....	15,000 00
Canada Central Loan Co.....	5,000 00
	\$55,000 00
Cash in Bank of Commerce.....	\$216 12

B.—THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND

has increased within the same period, and by similar means, from \$15,623.13 to \$17,488.91. The application of the benefits of the Fund is governed by a resolution of our Council, founded on the judgment of an actuary as to the amounts of the pensions available, the sum payable being in every case proportioned to the length of service in the diocese, without regard to considerations of private income, whether derived from insurance or any other source. Where the annual clerical subscription of \$2 has been left unpaid, the amount due is deducted from the pension. So far, though death has entered the homes of several of our clergy, visiting them with sore and bitter bereavements, they themselves have been mercifully spared, and hence no claims have yet been made upon this Fund.

C.—SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Next after the Mission Fund, this question of Superannuation is my greatest anxiety. Three years since the Fund stood at \$273.18 ; to-day it amounts to only \$821.18, hence is practically valueless, should an emergency arise. Of God's goodness it has not yet arisen, but the seriously broken health of one of my little band of co-workers suggests the possibility of its occurrence at

any moment, and should it come, I am absolutely powerless to make any provision for his years of infirmity. The Diocese is doing its very utmost in its own behalf, by means of an annual offertory at Thanksgiving Harvest services, while the clergy have bound themselves to contribute each \$5 per annum, to be deducted by the Treasurer on the first day of January in each year; but the Church at large, after turning Algoma adrift one and twenty years ago, without one dollar of the invested capital which her older sister dioceses enjoy so abundantly, leaves her to gather up her permanent standing funds as best she can! Is this right? Is it just? *Why should your Missionary Diocese be the only one of all the nine in this Ecclesiastical Province in which a clergyman who has spent the best years of his life in the ministry of the Church finds himself, when disabled for further active work, cast aside as an old, worn-out shoe, or a battered weapon no longer fit for service in the fight? The missionary's horse, when broken down, finds pasture. What about the missionary himself?*

#### D. THE MISSION FUND.

is the mainstay of the diocese, for the supply of its current annual necessities. Originally reserved exclusively for the payment of the stipends of our missionaries, it has gradually, but necessarily resolved itself into a General Purpose Fund, available for all outlays directly connected with our missionary work, owing to the impossibility of keeping a separate detailed account for each special object. Church and parsonage building—salaries of catechists—payments to summer students (\$25 per month, and travelling expenses to and from destination, the people providing for board and local travelling)—special provision for clergymen temporarily laid aside by sickness, or perhaps requiring brief leave of absence—loans, to newly ordained or admitted clergymen, of \$100 towards outfit of horse, vehicle, &c., these loans becoming 'free grants' after three years residence—the travelling outlay of Rural Deans, and now of the Archdeacon—Treasurer's salary (\$200), printing, stationery, insurance, &c.—all these have been defrayed out of this Central Fund, while at the same time, careful account is kept of contributions for special objects, which in every case, are faithfully applied to their designated purpose. The Treasurer's Triennial Statement is appended to this Report. In this connection I desire to make grateful

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acknowledgment of Mr. Kemp's services to the diocese, in the management of its finances, services far exceeding in value the mere nominal remuneration received, and involving an amount of labor, which, already burdened as he is with his duties to the diocese of Toronto, can only be overtaken at the cost of serious encroachment on his hours of necessary repose. The promptness and punctuality with which our Treasurer makes his monthly remittances to the clergy received well deserved recognition in a resolution of thanks unanimously adopted at our recent Council.

In concluding my report, I deeply regret being under the necessity of informing the Provincial Synod that my medical advisers have all with one accord, and on various recent occasions, recommended me to withdraw from my present work. Dr. Hughlings Jackson, of London, writes: "I take this opportunity of again urging on you the necessity of giving up your missionary work;"—a necessity, I may say, created by its attendant conditions, viz., almost incessant travel accompanied by dietary difficulties, exposure to the severity of winter, and the strain of a constant financial anxiety. Counsel like this, so strongly emphasized, I cannot with safety ignore. The consciousness of diminished physical ability, the welfare of my family, and the needs of the diocese, demanding as they do the oversight of a bishop still in the fullness of his power, all these unite in suggesting the wisdom of immediate withdrawal. But it is for the Provincial Synod to determine the question at issue. Could some solution of the problem be found, which, without sacrificing the interests of the diocese, would furnish even a partial relief from the pressure of this manifold burden, I would gladly accept it rather than sever bonds which the flight of fourteen years, marked as they have been by the confidence of the Church, and the loving, loyal co-operation of my brother missionaries, have made very sacred. But, be the decision of this body what it may, the "vox ecclesiæ" shall be once more to me the "vox Dei." I will bow to it obediently and say, "The will of the Lord be done."

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. ALGOMA,

September, 1895.

## COMMISSARIES IN ENGLAND.

Rev. Canon Duckworth, D.D., St. Mark's, St. John's Wood,  
London.

Rev. Canon Wallace, M.A., Clifton, Bristol.

Rev. G. A. Schneider, M.A., Vice-Principal, Ridley Hall,  
Cambridge.

## DIOCESAN COMMISSARIES IN CANADA.

Quebec .....Rev. A. Von. Iffland, M.A.  
 Montreal .....Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A.  
 Toronto.....Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A.  
 Huron.....The Very Rev. the Dean of Huron, M.A.  
 Ontario.....Rev. J. K. McMorine, M.A.  
 Niagara .....Rev. Cannon Curran, M.A.  
 Fredericton .....Rev. Canon Brigstocke, D.D.  
 Nova Scotia.....Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach, M.A.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FROM 1ST JULY, 1892, TO 30TH JUNE, 1893.

WHENCE CONTRIBUTED.	GENERAL	STIPEND	OBJECTS	AMOUNT.
Quebec Diocese.....	689 07	\$ 200 90	General Diocesan Fund.....	\$ 45,994 44
Toronto ".....	14,380 53	2,750 00	Churches and Parsonages.....	676 39
Montreal ".....	2,498 28	1,500 00	Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	1,668 33
Huron ".....	2,948 56	2,100 00	Superannuation Fund.....	821 18
Ontario ".....	718 29	1,200 00	Episcopal Endowment Fund.....	9,441 52
Niagara ".....	990 16	1,750 00	do Income.....	11,375 90
Fredericton ".....	656 89	975 00	Special Purposes Fund.....	17,210 09
Nova Scotia ".....	1,088 21	900 00	Domestic Missions.....	267 84
Algoma ".....	2,830 35		Foreign Missions.....	465 90
Domestic and Foreign Mission Board.....	11,702 34		H. Covert Mission Fund.....	3,500 00
S. P. G.....	12,089 67		Suspense account.....	900 77
S. P. C. K.....	1,913 77			
Colonial and Continental Church Society.....	4,140 11			
Colonial Bishopric Fund.....	1,032 41			
English Collections.....	10,108 50			
Sundry ".....	13,159 32			
Episcopal Income.....	11,375 90			
	\$ 92,322 36	\$ 11,375 90		\$ 92,322 36

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FROM 1ST JULY, 1892, TO 30TH JUNE, 1895.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Investments, 1st July, 1892.....	\$ 60,000 00	Canadian Bank of Commerce .....	\$ 1,492 73
Cash in Bank.....	1,068 86	General Diocesan Fund.....	51,579 88
“ Episcopal Endowment Fund.....	5,216 12	Church and Parsonage Fund .....	1,707 05
“ with Treasurer .....	13 50	Episcopal Income .....	12,000 00
“ in London.....	110 96	Special Purposes Fund.....	19,195 95
Advance on salary.....	199 00	Domestic Missions.....	477 08
Receipts to 30th June, 1895.....	100,181 94	Foreign .....	601 29
		Investment .....	\$78,000 00
		Cash in London.....	110 96
		Episcopal Income .....	1,224 10
		General Purposes Fund.....	270 69
		Church and Parsonage Fund .....	54 35
		Advance on salary.....	76 00
	\$166,790 38		\$ 79,736 40
			\$166,790 38



DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.—BALANCE SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1895.

Cash with Treasurer.....	\$ 13 50	Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	\$ 1,492 73
Cash in Bank, Episcopal Endt. Fund.....	5,216 12	Suspense Account.....	487 57
“ in London.....	110 96	Superannuation Fund.....	1,094 36
Special Deposits.....	8,000 00	Parry Sound District.....	174 99
Investments.....	70,000 00	Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	17,488 91
Episcopal Income.....	1,224 10	Episcopal Endowment Fund.....	50,000 00
Advance on Salary.....	76 00	“ “ open account.....	5,216 12
General Diocesan Fund.....	3,049 57	Special Purposes Fund.....	1,976 24
Church and Parsonage Fund.....	54 35	S. P. C. K.....	79 67
General Purposes Fund.....	270 49	Missionary Reserve Fund.....	10,000 00
		General Fund, special.....	5 00
	\$ 88,015 50		\$ 88,015 59

D. KEMP, *Treasurer.*

DETAILS OF ACCOUNTS.

GENERAL DIOCESAN FUND.

*Receipts.*

1892.	July 1st.—Balance overdrawn.....	\$ 3,818 72	
	Receipts to 30th June, 1895 .....	48,879 67	
			<u>\$ 52,698 39</u>

*Expenditure.*

	Paid Stipends to Missionaries and Students .....	\$ 41,528 27	
	“ Special Grants to Missionaries and Students...	2,451 00	
	“ Outfits, Rural Deanery and Travelling Expenses, Freights, etc. ....	3,331 14	
	“ Insurances, Guarantee Premium, etc.....	481 35	
	“ Printing Accounts and Expenses, A. M. N.....	1,232 06	
	“ Treasurer’s salary, 3 years.....	600 00	
	“ Petty Cash .....	25 00	
			<u>49,648 82</u>
	Balance overdrawn 30th June, 1895.....	3,049 57	
			<u>\$ 52,698 39</u>

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE FUND.

*Receipts,*

1892.	July 1.—Balance in hand.....	\$ 929 65	
	Receipts. ....	589 00	
			1,518 65
	Balance overdrawn 30th June, 1895.....		54 35
			<u>\$ 1,573 00</u>

*Expenditure.*

	Paid Grants Parsonages and Churches .....	\$ 1,573 00
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SUPERANNUATION FUND.

*Receipts.*

1882.	June 30.—Balance in hand.....	\$ 773 18	
	Receipts.....	821 18	
			<u>\$ 1094 36</u>

*Expenditure.*

1895.	June 30.—Balance in hand.....	\$ 1,094 36
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## WIDOW'S AND ORPHAN'S FUND.

*Receipts.*

1892.		
June 30.—Balance in hand.....	\$ 15,623 13	
Receipts .....	1,903 33	
		<u>\$ 17,526 46</u>

*Expenditure.*

1895.		
June 30.—Balance in hand.....	\$ 17,526 46	
		<u>\$ 17,526 46</u>

## EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

*Receipts.*

1892.		
June 30.—Balance .....	\$ 45,774 60	
Interest from Investments .....	6,603 25	
Sundry subscriptions .....	377 02	
Colonial Bishopric's Fund .....	966 66	
S. P. G.....	1,014 59	
S. P. C. K.....	480 00	
		<u>\$ 55,216 12</u>

*Expenditure.*

1895.		
June 30.—Balance in hand.....	\$ 55,216 12	
		<u>\$ 55,216 12</u>
	(\$55,000 invested in debentures).	

Paid Grants to Churches, Parsonages and other objects from the General Fund, Church and Parsonage Fund and Special Purposes Fund :

Aspdin.....	\$ 79 06	Manitowaning.....	50 00
Bracebridge .....	146 93	Marksville.....	105 63
Burk's Falls .....	290 54	Newholme.....	38 88
Emsdale.....	19 74	Novar.....	40 02
Education—Rev. F. Frost's children .....	97 33	Port Carling.....	363 45
Fort William West .....	146 00	Powassan .....	¶1000 00
Garden River.....	100 00	Sheguiandah.....	553 73
Grassmere .....	10 00	Sudbury .....	50 00
Hilton, St. Joseph's Island..	18 00	Uffington .....	30 00
Huntsville.....*	1071 52		
Macdonald .....	75 00	Total.....	\$4285 83

D. KEMP,  
*Treasurer.*

\* This amount includes a special appropriation of a legacy of \$1,000.

¶ These figures include a special donation of \$700 for church building, the balance representing local offerings.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

TORONTO, 15th July, 1895.

*To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Algoma.*

MY LORD :

I have the honor to inform you that I have carefully audited the books and vouchers of the Diocese, and that the balance sheet herewith, certified by me as correct, shows the balance of the various accounts.

The securities held on account of the *investments* for the different funds not being in the possession of the Treasurer, I am unable to certify or offer any report on them.

I am, My Lord,

Your obedient servant,

J. WHITEHEAD,

*Auditor.*