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The Report of the Lord Bishop of Algoma.

READ BEFORE THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

[As many of our readers will not have seen our Bishop's Report, we herewith Subjoin it]:—

To the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada.

Y LORD,—In presenting my Report, as required by Canon XI. of the Provincial Synod, I would first acknowledge, with heartfelt gratitude the protection which a merciful Providence has exercised over me during the period that has elapsed since my last report was presented.

In my continuous journeyings by land and water, I have not only been most wonderfully preserved from any serious accident such as travellers, in a new country like that in which my lot has been cast usually meet with; but I have also enjoyed such a measure of health, as to be able to attend to my duties, and in almost every instance to keep my appointments. This great mercy vouchsafed, during a period of three years, surely calls for grateful acknowledgment.

As to the object of a report such as this, is, that information may be given to the Provincial Synod concerning the state and condition of the Church in my Missionary

District, this object will, it seems to me, be best secured by drawing a comparative statement between its present position and that in which I found it, on first taking charge in September, 1873.

On taking charge of the missionary diocese of Algoma, I found seven clergymen laboring within its limits, of whom four were in priests orders, and three deacons. There are now nine: seven priests and two deacons. Of these, five are ministering in the Muskoka and Parry Sound Free Grant Districts, one at the Sault Ste. Marie and one at Prince Arthur's Landing, whilst the other two, aided by paid school-teachers and catechists, are laboring among the Indians on the Great Manitoulin and at Garden River.

In addition to this little staff, I have no less than sixteen lay helpers who, without any remuneration from the diocesan fund, are holding service every Lord's Day for congregations averaging from twenty to forty souls, thus fostering the Church where she must otherwise die out, and forming the nuclei of what will, I trust, at

no distant day, prove to be her strongholds.

Whereas, at the time of my appointment, there were only nine churches, of which four were in a very unfinished state and more or less encumbered with debt. I am able now to report eleven churches completed entirely free of debt; and no less than six church buildings finished and paid for, with four more in course of erection, on sites which have been secured to the Church, which when the several congregations worshipping therein are in a position to put up buildings more deserving the name of churches, will answer for Sunday School, lecturing and other purposes connected with the Church's work and interest.

In a new country like Algoma, it is, in my opinion, very important to have places wherein to conduct Divine service, even by lay agency; and I have, therefore, encouraged our members to put up buildings, though ever so lowly, which shall be kept separated from all common and profane uses, where they may meet together for the express purpose of worshipping their God and Saviour, and so doing, teach as well as practise a lesson in reverence and sacred awe, which cannot well be taught in any other way. In this work, which I trust, under the Divine blessing, may prove an effectual preparing of the fallow ground for earnest workers, who shall come to help, or follow after me, I have been greatly aided by the noble Society for Promoting Christian knowledge, with grants of £10 stg. and upwards, towards such buildings, on the condition that the expenditure of the same shall complete or, at least, make them fit for holding service in. These conditional grants have stimulated and encouraged our members to give their time and labor (money they have not) to put up their Church buildings, which, to use the words of a brother Missionary Bishop of the Sister Church in the United States, "bear silent, but most eloquent testimony against the religious communism of the age.

The commodiously and substantially built See House, for which a lady in England has so liberally provided the whole funds, is so far complete as to be fit for occupation; and its use has added very materially to my comfort during that portion of each year, when, not being engaged in raising the funds necessary for the support of my clergy and the carrying on of my work, I am able to reside within the limits of my Diocese. The See House, which is built of red and white sandstone is beautifully situated near the Ste. Maria

River, on a site of three and a-half acres, donated to the Diocese by Wemyss Simpson, Esq, and, whereas, there was not at the time of my appointment a single parsonage in the Diocese, there are now four, of which three have been built on sites deeded to the Church, whilst the fourth is in the hands of trustees.

As regards the interests of the red man, these have been attended to, as they were, previous to the setting off of this missionary diocese, but owing to want of funds, and proper persons to engage in the work, no increase of missions among them can

be reported.

However, I am thankful to be able to bear my testimony to the successful development of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh. Industrial Homes for Indian boys and girls, under the able management of the Rev. E. F. Wilson. The Shingwauk Home is now in thorough working order, with an attendance of forty-eight boys, which might be largely increased as there is accommodation for sixty, and there are boys waiting to be received if only the fands necessary for their maintenance, clothing, &c., were forthcoming.

The Wawanosh Home for Girls, which is to be under the charge and direction of a committee of ladies, is growing into existence under very favourable auspices, and it is hoped that a portion of the new building will be ready to receive the Lady Superintendent, who is in readiness to begin her work, with ten girls, early m October next. I look upon these institutions as most important and valuable instrumentalities for ameliorating the condition of the Indians in these parts; since if it be for the advantage of the red men that they should give up the roaming habits of their forefathers, and acquire the habits. of industry which are peculiar to civilized life, this can only be effected by training up the children and forming their habits of life—by teaching them and instructing them, ere other habits are formed: in useful trades and agricultural pursuits, and gradually wearing them from their wild and idle ways.

Amongst other objects contemplated in the Shingwauk Home is the training and educating promising Indian youths as missionaries and teachers, as it is thought that they, when properly prepared, will be able to live with their red brethren, and work more effectually amongst them, both for evangelization and civilization, than white men can be expected to do.

is built of red and white sandstone is Atathe present time there is one very beautifully situated near the Ste. Maria interesting and intelligent young Indian,

21 years of age, who is being prepared for this work, whilst two others have expressed a wish to devote themselves to the work of teaching.

These are the objects which the Rev. E. F. Wilson has in view, and is, under the Divine blessing, accomplishing; and I rejoice to know that it is in the missionary diocese of Algoma that this truly missionary work, which is so emimently a work of faith, is being carried on with very

encouraging prospects of success.

With reference to the evangelization of the Indians in the Lake Superior District, many of whom, to our shame. as a Missionary Church, be it said, are still in pagan darkness, without any settled homes, but roaming continually from place to place, as the means of obtaining food, present themselves, it seems to me that the only effectual method of reaching them must be through a native pastorate, who may be sent to live with them and among them following them as they move from one camping-ground to another, and gradually instilling those religious truths and principles of civilized Christian life which will, it is to be hoped, after a time, exercise a wholesome influence over them, and gradually affect their whole manner of living.

However, it is to the two institutes, already referred to, that I look, under the Divine blessing, for the effectual carrying on of the great work that still remains to be done for the Master in this portion of His vineyard; and I would earnestly appeal to the members, the Church, and indeed to all Canadians, irrespective of creed or opinion, to help on the same with alms, and prayers, seeing that all owe a heavy debt to the red man, of whose fine country we have taken possession; and should feel bound to put him in the way of making an honest living, in a land which no longer affords him his natural means

of support.

Whilst it may, I think be said that something has, under God's blessing been done towards supplying the spiritual necessities of our members, and also, that some material progress has been attained, I would remind your Lordship and the Provincial Synod, and the Church at large through you, that much, very much more still remains to be done for the missionary diocese of Algoma. It must be borne in mind that it will be an increasing work and will require continually increasing aid and support from those who have been instrumental in setting it off as a missionary district, since the members of the Church residing within its limits are, for shall be, periodically to canvass the whole

the most part, struggling under the difficulties which invariably attend the early sett ement of a new country, and but littl able to support the ministrations of reli ion amongst themselves. thankfully acknowledging the measure of support given to my diocese by the members of the Church throughout this ecclesiastical province, and the kindly welcome extended to myself both by the clergy and laity, as I have gone from place to place to obtain it, I must at the same time refer to the very unsatisfactory, because so very precarious position of our means of support, and most respectfully request that steps may be taken to improve it, so that I may be relieved from the anxiety consequent upon the painful uncertainty which, at present, exists with reference to my little staff of co-workers, who look to me for the punctual payment of their sti-

pends.

It certainly surprised me to learn, as I did shortly after being called, by the Provincial Synod, to my new sphere of duty, that not only had no provision been made for carrying on missionary work in the missionary diocese, which had so lately been set apart, but that it was to be my business to collect whatever funds might be required for that purpose I would now ask whether this is still to continue? and whether the lecting of funds from without for carrying on of work within his diocese is still to be the chief business of the missionary bishop of Algoma? For myself, I am ready, as in the past, so in the future if needs be, "to spend and be spent" in this or any other work that may conduce to the interest of the church in my diocese; but I would suggest that if some definite amount could be guaranteed, either by the provincial Synod, or by the Synods of the eight erganized Dioceses which constitute the ecclesiasiastical province of Canada, for mission work in Algonia, the position of your missionary diocese would be better assured; and its Bishop would be relieved of a load of anxious care, which would leave him proportionately free to attend more entirely to the weightier and daily increasing duties of his office.

Whether this can be best effected by the formation of a board of foreign missions in connection with this ecclesiastical Province, acting through and under the control of the Provincial Synod; or by a specific grant from each diocese or in some other way, such, for instance, as by appointing a paid collector, whose duty it ecclesiastical province, I leave it with your Lordship and the provincial Synod to decide. Appended is a statement of all moneys received for missionary purposes in Algoma, since my last report was

rendered in September 1874.

I desire here, whilst upon the subject of finance, gratefully to acknowledge the liberal aid given by the Col. and Con. Ch. Society; it having granted the sum of 2701. sterling per annum since the formation of the diocese, towards the support of three missionaries, and a catechist to the Indians.

Also the kind and liberal response made by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge to all my applications, both for money grants to aid in building churches, and also for grants of books.

I would also state that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts has, in answer to an application made in April last, kindly made a grant of 1001. sterling for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1878, to help pay the salaries of two

missionaries."

Before concluding this somewhat lengthy report I must beg respectfully to repeat the request made in my last report, in behalf of clergymen coming to us from other dioceses, that some arrangement may be made to secure to them on certain conditions, the privilege of establishing their claim to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and also the Surplus Commutation Fund of the diocese in which they may have been laboring previous to entering the missionary diocese of Algoma.

It must doubtless prove a very serious hindrance to any clergyman who may feel inclined to enter this mission field to find that in addition to "enduring hardness"

such as he might escape whilst remaining in more settled and civilized parts, he must at the very outset forego privileges which are secured to him so long as he re-

mains in an organized diocese.

If the Church in Canada, as represented by the Provincial Synod, was in earnest to do the Master's work when setting off the mission diocese of Algoma, it ought to provide against penalties such as now exist, since they tend materially to check and discourage the very first promptings in the hearts of clergymen who may be willing to enter and labor in this her legitimate mission field.

Surely it is not too much to ask that the Synods of several dioceses which took part in setting off the missionary diocese of Algoma, should allow those of their clergy who may be ready and willing to labor therein for the good of souls, to retain their claims upon the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in behalf of which they may have labored for many years, by paying the annual subscription, which would have been required of them if they had remained within its limits, foregoing all other conditions in favor of the infant diocese, which they have been instrumenta! in bringing into existence.

Then as regards the Surplus Commutation Fund, it cannot, taking a catholic view of the question, be thought too much to ask, that a clergyman leaving any other diocese for that of Algoma should be recognized as still laboring for the diocese to which he formerly belonged, and be held entitled to the same privilege and claim upon the surplus commutation as if he were

still living within its limits.

All which is respectfully submitted. F. D. ALGOMA.

Note.—Through a mistake the sum of \$200 paid by the Sec. Treas. of Montreal Diocesan Association, in 1875, was credited to the diocese of Quebec, so that the total, as it appeared in the Bishop of Algoma's triennial report, should have been Per Sec. Treas. diocese of Montreal \$3,450.15; diocese of Quebec, \$1,152.88.

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ARRY SOUND:—On Sunday, Sept. | 30th the new church which is just completed was opened by the Bishop of Algoma. A social was held in the evening, the proceeds of which together with the offertory, amounting in all to the sum of \$50, were devoted to the building fund. It is cheering to know that the church is free from debt, and that the building committee are determined to have it ready for consecration in the course of

a few months.

Another church is shortly to be built about eight miles out of the Sound. This shows that progress is being made in Church work.

Muskoka Missions.—We are glad to hear that our travelling clergyman, Rev. W. Crompton, is forming several fresh stations in Stisted, Chaffey, McMurrich and Ryerson. By arranging to have some monthly and others fortnightly, it is the | men's shanties. To meet the positive intention of the rev. gentleman to work no less than ten of these, as Sunday stations. With the exception of three, none of the congregations will have a place of their own, in fact the majority of meeting places

wants for bare necessities, (i. e., buildings) in this part of our missionary diocese, would call for at least \$700. More or less every week Mr. Crompton is met by the cry "Do come and give us a service, my will be the settler's houses, or the lumber- house is quite at your call at any time."

Two Homes to support Instead of one.

Dec. 20th, 1877.

FRIENDS:—Already have EAR the Reports of our two Homes appeared—the third annual report of the Shingwauk Home in the ALGOMA Missionary News for last November, and the first report of the Wawanosh Home in the December number.

Our finances are now at a low ebb, and our work, I need scarcely assure you is largely on the increase. This time last year we were supporting forty boys only, whereas now, boys and girls together, we have to find maintenance for fifty-five.

The opening of the new home for girls causes an additional annual expenditure of \$1000, independent of the support of individual children. This \$1000 meets the salary and board of the Lady Superintendent, the wages of a man and his wife, the cost of fuel, insurance, and other general expenses. I had intended to look entirely to Canada for this extra \$1000, and during my tour through the provinces last summer solicited the smaller Sunday Schools to take this matter up and raise the amount among them by ten dollar subscriptions. Of this \$1000 about \$550 only has been promised, by forty sunday-schools and subscribers, and of these forty subscribers, eighteen, only have as yet paid us anything. Of the supporters of girls, also, one only has as yet paid us anything on account of the support of their protege, although the first quarterly subscription in advance was due the 1st September last. Many of the supporters of boys are also very much in arrear with their payments, some still owing us for last June, and we have three boys in the institution without any support at all. We have called in vain for more Sunday Schools to come forward and take our Indian boys as their proteges. The fire of St. John has also told upon us; we still have, we feel persuaded, the warm interest of our friends in that stricken city, but their contribu-Just this tions are necessarily withheld period of the year is generally, of all others, the most trying to us, as we have to lay in all the stores required for the winter— 2000 lbs. of beef and 60 barrels of flour, besides sugar, meal, groceries, &c., makes

a large hole in one's pocket.

But not only is there the annual support of our Home to think about, but the Wawanosh Building is at present only about one-third built. The back wing is completed and occupied, but the main building, fronting the road has at present only its foundations appearing just above the ground level. And in order to complete and furnish this we still require two thousand dollars more.

Perhaps some people will be inclined to say that we are undertaking more than we ought, and that, having already helped our work, they cannot do anything more for us at present. It does not seem to me that we are undertaking too much; indeed I do not see how we can do too much in labouring for God and seeking the welfare of our fellow creatures. I have endeavored to set forth a plain statement of our position, and now I pray God earnestly to put it into the hearts of His people to increase their efforts on behalf of our work. desire, ever, by the grace of God, to maintain the position which we have endeavored from the first to hold, in regard to the support of these Homes for Indian children, i. e., to have them supported, not by endowment, but by voluntary contributions. So long as I have life and strength and am permitted by God to occupy the place which I at present fill, I hope to keep to this principle. Amid much weakness and many personal shortcomings, I am satisfied that the work is of God, and this gives me strength. God has blessed God has poured His holy Spirit upon Many of our boys are already bearing fruit to his glory. We may have difficulties to humble us, and may thank God for them, but assuredly, if God bless us, we shall be blessed, if for a time we sink we shall rise again renewed and refreshed.

> Yours faithfully, E. F. WILSON.

In no way, perhaps, can those who have not money to contribute help our work better than by canvassing for our little Algoma Paper, and procuring fresh subs-People can neither pray for us or contribute to our wants unless they know about us.

Algoma Diocesan Report.

For twelve months, from 1st October, 1876, to 30th September, 1877.

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WALPOLE ISLAND.—The Walpole Island Indians held their fifth annual fair on the 26th of last Septemder, and it passed off The Indians are beginvery creditably. ing to sow many acres of fall wheat; the show acting as a great stimulus to their farming operations.

A GRANDMOTHER'S ENTHUSIASM.—The mother of one of our Shingwauk boys writes to him: - "Grandmother kissed your letter after she read it, because she was very glad that you can write good."

OUR BISHOP'S ADDRESS during the winter will be 49 Bloor Street Toronto.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—The Rev. T. H. Appleby has returned to the Sault after a successful tour through the provinces, during which he collected upwards of \$1000 for his new parsonage, and the projected mission church at Korah.

A DEATH AT THE SHINGWAUK HOME. Since our last number was issued a sad event has happened at the Shingwauk

about 15 years of age, whose name was John Rodd has been cut off by death, after a short illness of about a fortnight's duration. John was supported by St. Peter's Sunday School, Toronto, and we feel sure that all the children of that school will especially sympathize with us in our loss. In our next number we shall hope to give a little account of John's life during the time he has been with us, and we will only add, now that, while mourning his loss, we have a good hope that he was prepared for the great change, having given his heart to, and loved his Saviour.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—We beg to draw the attention of our numerous friends to the fact that the address for the future, of Rev. W. Crompton will be Aspdin P. O., Stisted, Muskoka.

Indian Subscribers.—We hope to induce a good many of the Indians to subscribe for our paper, and shall then, occasionally introduce their original letters, Home. One of our most promising boys, which will, we think, prove interesting.

Quarterly Receipts.

ALGOMA DIOCESE.—From 10th Sept. to 10th. Dec. 1877.

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