

Algoma Quarterly.

SEPTEMBER 1st, 1874.

THE object of this Paper, which is now 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.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the loss of one of our most able helpers in the death of the Rev. George Slack, who had kindly undertaken to act as Secretary-Treasurer for the Diocese of Montreal. We trust that another may, in God's Providence, be raised up to fill his place.

The Toronto Diocese now guarantees us its quota of \$1,600 per annum towards the support of our Missions, so that collecting books are no longer issued to that Diocese. Fifteen hundred of these little papers are now distributed every quarter, and we trust that the clergy in Canada, acknowledging our claims upon their people, and bearing in mind that we, the labourers in Algoma, have neither the time nor the means to travel many hundreds of miles, and pay them a personal visit, will regard these little papers as our voice, and not begrudge us the \$5 per quarter which we humbly (yet boldly) ask as the contribution from each several parish. As the continuation of our present Missions depends on the proceeds of the collecting books, we ask collectors to pay in their collections regularly and "on time" to the Secretary-Treasurers, by the 1st June, 1st September, 1st December, and 1st March, as already arranged.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

GENERAL SYNOD, ARCHIVES

Arrival of the Bishop.

Our Bishop arrived at Sault Ste. Marie on the 4th of June, and was very heartily welcomed both by Whites and Indians. For the present his Lordship is residing in the late Col. Prince's house, about a mile below the village, which he has hired for the summer,—a comfortable house and a charming position—were it not for the mosquitoes, which swarm there in myriads.

The new See House is to be built this summer near to Col. Simpson's residence. It is to be a stone building, and will cost about \$6,000, which amount is the liberal gift of a lady in England.

On the 21st of June, the Bishop held his first confirmation. It took place in St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste. Marie. Six candidates offered themselves, and received the Apostolic rite.

Since this date we have seen but little of his Lordship, as he has been away travelling, visiting the various parts of his extensive Diocese.

The Muskoka District.

Muskoka comprises about forty-five townships, with a population of 8,000, as against 3,500 in 1868, an area of 6,000 square miles, or about four million acres, and of this about 35,000 acres cleared. The Northern line of rail will probably run to our confines this fall, and will, we may naturally hope, be extended to Bracebridge next year or the year after.

In arriving here from Toronto, Gravenhurst, at the foot of the Muskoka Lake, is the first place reached. It is about six miles north of the Severn, the southern boundary of the Algoma Diocese at that part, and is a very rising village. The portage to it from Washago, on Lake Couchiching, where the cars already run, is 13 miles. Going northwards some ten miles along the east

shore of the Lake we come to the mouth of the Muskoka River, and sailing six miles up the river eastwards we arrive at Bracebridge, a village of over nine hundred inhabitants, and which is to be incorporated at the beginning of the year. The Nipissing, a fine steamer, makes the trip from Gravenhurst to Bracebridge every afternoon in summer, and descending the river reaches Rosseau, on the beautiful lake of that name, and at the head of navigation, at night.

Over this large area, the Bishop of Algoma has been travelling backwards and forwards in order to become as much as possible acquainted with a district of which no accurate idea can be formed without a personal inspection, and which has been left hitherto almost destitute of any means of spiritual instruction by our Church, there being at present only two clergymen in the entire District, and one only in Parry Sound.

The visiting of this section of country is in itself no mean sinecure, and the Bishop of Algoma being now able to plead our cause as an eyewitness, surely the Dioceses of the Dominion will not withhold the grants required for the support of our work, but will come forward to furnish the means for supplying the spiritual necessities of which we stand in such urgent need.

Batcheewauning Mission.

Batcheewauning Bay is about 50 miles above Sault Ste. Marie. There is there a small Indian settlement, and a saw-mill which employs a few white people. Nearly all the Indians are Christians, but they had no school or place of worship of any kind. Hitherto we have been able to do little for them beyond paying an occasional visit, and they have also been visited sometimes by a Methodist minister and a Romish priest. This year we were determined, God willing, to establish a mission at this place, and build a small school or chapel.

Arriving there about the end of June, we met with cordial reception both from Indians and white people. We erected our tent, and day by day gathered together the wild little children to school, and taught them to sing hymns, and to say their ABC. We found them very smart at learning, and the old people were delighted, and begged us to build a school, and send them a teacher. They told us there were fully thirty children in the settlement who would be able to attend.

We went across the Bay in a boat to the mouth of Batchewauning River, and there selected a spot as a site for the school-house, a very pretty place indeed, and commanding a splendid view of the bay and distant Islands. The land too is very good, deep black loam—and the trees mostly hardwood. One hundred and twenty-three acres are now the property of the Diocese on the banks of Batchewauning River, purchased at half a dollar an acre.

We remained about ten days, and nearly every evening had service or scripture reading with the Indians. On Sunday we had three services, morning and evening for the Indians, and afternoon at the saw-mill for the white people.

On our return to Sault Ste. Marie, carpenters were immediately engaged, and sent up the lake to build the school house, and it is now nearly completed. It is a frame building of two stories: the ground floor is the school, and upstairs are apartments for the school teacher. Outside, it looks like a small chapel, as the windows are high and pointed at the top, lighting both the upper and lower stories; and there is a porch to the door and a little bell-tower. The cost is \$515.00. A catechist is already engaged, and sent to take charge of this out-station

The Shingwauk Home.

The new Industrial Home for Indian children, is now in course of erection. It is situated about a mile and a half below the Village of Sault Ste. Marie, on the banks of the river, with two picturesque little islands in front. The main building, which is of stone, and lies a little way back from the road, has a frontage of 75 feet, and commands a splendid view of the broad river St. Mary. It is arranged to accommodate about eighty children, boys and girls, besides containing private apartments for the Rev. E. F. Wilson and his family. On the river side of the road, are two frame buildings, one consisting of workshops and apartments for the carpenter. The other, an Infirmary for aged Indians; and back a little way in the bush to the left of the Institution are the farm-buildings.

Eventually it is hoped that this Industrial Home will become, in a great measure, self-supporting; and, with the object in view, 91 acres of land have been bought, which, in due time, will be cleared and formed into a farm. The boys, besides learning agriculture, will also be taught carpentering, cooperage, boot making, &c. A small wharf has been built in eight feet of water, so that visitors to the Institution will be able to land on the spot from the smaller steamboats.

The contractors for the erection of these buildings, are Messrs. Law and Burdett, of Meaford, Ont.; the architects, Messrs. Macdougall and Darling, of Toronto.

The main building is to be completed by the end of October, but will scarcely be fit for occupation this winter. This, however, will not hinder the opening of the Institution, as arranged, towards the end of September, as for the present, the outbuildings can be used temporarily. It is proposed to commence with 15 or 20

children, and to defer the regular formal opening until next summer.

The expense of erecting these buildings, is greater than had been anticipated; and when all are completed and furnished, it is expected that there will be a deficit of about \$600 or \$700. As, however, the building was begun, so it will be finished and so carried on—in faith and dependence upon God. “If this work be of men, it will come to nought, but if it be of God, it cannot be overthrown,” rather may we depend on a heavenly Father’s care and support, and continue our work for Him, “nothing doubting.” We have had much to encourage us, the Municipal Council of Sault Ste. Marie has granted us a bonus of \$500, and this amount covers the cost of land. The Indian Department gives us \$1000; the remainder of the money in hand, has been collected in England and in Canada.

We are having collecting boxes made to place on board the steamboats and elsewhere, as for everything beyond the actual support of individual children by the Sunday Schools and Government grant, we shall be dependent on voluntary contributions.

Visit of the Governor-General.

His Excellency, the Governor-General, in answer to a telegram, graciously consented to lay the corner stone of the “Shingwauk Home,” on his way up the Lakes. We had an arch of evergreens with the word “Welcome,” placed over our little wharf, and all the flags we could muster or make, were flying. The ladies of Sault Ste. Marie supplied a sumptuous and elegant luncheon in the carpenter’s workshop, which was gaily ornamented for the occasion with scarlet bunting, flags, and festoons of green. The service at the laying of the stone was read by the Rev. S. Givins, of Toronto, and the Rev. J.

W Rolph. Among the distinguished guests on the occasion were the Countess of Dufferin, Lady Harriet Fletcher, and the other members of the suite.

Visit of the Bishop of Huron to Garden River.

On Sunday, August 2nd., the Bishop of Huron preached to the Indians at Garden River, the Rev. E. F. Wilson acting as interpreter. In the course of his remarks his Lordship expressed the great pleasure it gave him to meet these Indians in whom for thirty years past he had taken a great interest. The whole Church in Canada, he said, felt an interest in this their new Diocese, the Church had sent them a Bishop, and now it would be their care to uphold him in his work.

After the sermon his Lordship administered the Holy Communion to twenty-one communicants, and before coming away, gave many a hearty shake of the hand to men, women, and children. One young woman testified her appreciation of the Bishop by presenting him with a little fancy basket that she had made.

Indian Honesty.

Mrs. Fauquier (who, by the by, is known as "The Big black-coats' wife,") was quite touched by the honesty of a little Indian girl. She had bought some strawberries of her, and paying her a few cents above the price, told her to pick another can-ful and she would make the money right when she came again. The child did not re-appear at the appointed time, and Mrs. Fauquier meanwhile had bought all the berries she required from another Indian. At length, after many days had passed, the little girl appeared with a pailful of delicious strawberries. "You have come too late," said the Big black coats' wife, "I have all I require, and can take no more, so you must go to the village, and sell

them." "Oh but," said the little girl, "you forget, there are the six cents worth that I owe you," and so the berries were measured out, and the little girl departed with a light conscience.

List of Donations received towards the purchase of Land, Building, &c.

Collection at Sault Ste. Marie	\$5 00
Miss Greaves (2nd don.)	10 00
Quarterly Collection, Sault Ste. Marie	13 25
Special Collection among visitors	17 75
Quarterly Collection, Garden River	8 15
" Prince Arthur's Landing.....	9 00
" Parry Sound.....	2 33
" Sailor's Encampment	2 60
Per Mr. J. Beard, Huron Diocese	75 50
The Bishop of Huron	10 00
Rev. T. H. Appleby.....	5 00
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Mrs. Holland, Toronto Diocese.....	30 00
Per Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Ontario Diocese	5 00
Miss Matheson	13 00
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Mr. C. Gibb, per Miss Murray, Montreal Diocese	5 00
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NOTE.—Our books shew a deficiency of \$229.09 under this account.

For the Shingwauk Home.

Per Mr. W. P. Atkinson, Sunday Schools in the Toronto Diocese.....	217 86
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Liabilities next Quarter for payment of Salaries.

Salaries due to Missionaries and Catechists for Quarter ending September 30th	716 00
Guaranteed by Toronto Diocese	400 00
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Balance to be made up by the other Dioceses	316 00

NOTE.—The above sum covers only our actual expenses, and makes no provision for the opening up of new work. We would remind our friends that the quota for the Huron Diocese is \$300 per quarter, Ontario \$225, Montreal \$200, Quebec \$125. These sums, with the \$400 guaranteed by Toronto, would make up \$1250 per quarter for carrying on our missionary work.