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Notes by the Way.

REV. W. HUNTER, deacon-in-charge of the mission of Gore Bay, leaves the diocese at the end of June.

WELCOME to our columns is another "English Letter." We hope our Algoma friends in England will more often write to us.

A STUDENT from Huron College, Mr. Appleyard, will take services in the mission of Manitowaning during the summer months.

OUR subscribers will kindly look at the label on the wrapper of the paper and accept change of date as receipt for subscription.

PUBLIC appeals for financial aid for Church purposes in Algoma must be endorsed by the Bishop, or in his absence, by the commissary.

REV. J. W. THURSBY was inducted to the incumbency of Port Arthur on May 6th last. We extend to him and to his flock our hearty congratulations.

THE S.P.G. Report for 1896 is to hand. Though we have no room to say more this month, we shall doubtless be able to make a few notes at an early date.

ALL post office orders, cheques, etc., should henceforth be made payable to Rev. Charles Piercy, Burk's Falls, Ontario. Subscribers and others will favor us by making a note of this.

MR. HEENEY, of Montreal, will perform the duties of catechist at Parry Sound during the absence of Rev. W. Evans, and will be under the direction of Rev. G. Gillmor, who undertakes to act as supervising priest.

A TYPOGRAPHICAL error in our last number made us say that Ilfracombe Mission contributed towards the Indian Famine Fund, through the *Montreal Star*, the sum of \$4.40. The amount stated should have been \$11.40.

THERE is a movement started at Burk's Falls that looks towards such repairs to All Saints' Church that will make it a permanent structure. The cost will not be less than \$500. Of this sum an effort will be made to secure one-half within the parish.

REV. W. and MRS. EVANS, of Parry Sound, leave for England at the end of May. Mr. Evans has three months' leave of absence. It will be a great pleasure to greet our friend on his return, and to learn that the trip has benefited both his good wife and himself.

OUR paper is unable to exert the influence it should have in Algoma, because the circulation is not what it should be, better though it is than ever before. Both clergy and laity would confer a benefit on the diocese if they will exert themselves to double our number of subscribers by July 1st next.

NEED of space last month forbade us to tender our congratulations to our brethren at Bracebridge who, at the annual Easter vestry, decided to increase their quota to their clergyman's stipend by \$100

—thus relieving the mission fund by that amount. In the near future we hope to chronicle like action in other parts of the diocese.

WE are requested to say that it is impossible for Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd to leave his duty on Sundays, therefore where it is absolutely necessary for him to visit any point in the diocese, arrangements must be made for week-day visits. The archdeacon, however, hopes to be able to perform all his duties as commissary by correspondence.

OUR Bishop was among the passengers on the Allan Line steamboat *Parisian*, which left Montreal on May 15th and Quebec early the next morning. A fellow passenger is the Bishop of Quebec. For preservation from peril on the sea in many, if not all, our little churches, was raised the hymn.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave.

REV. H. C. AYLWIS, of Manitowaning, leaves this diocese at the end of May for the Diocese of Nova Scotia, having accepted an appointment at Kensington, P.E.I. We are sorry that our brother priest is leaving us and wish him every happiness in his new field of labour. For Algoma we bespeak from him a life-long interest. In the future he will scan the columns of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS with an eagerness he has never before known.

WE are desired to remind the clergy of Algoma of the rule that *all* applications and appeals for help from the W.A. should be made to Miss Halson, Provincial Secretary, 590 Markham street, Toronto, and also that all such requests for clothing, Christmas articles, etc., should be forwarded through the respective rural deans. This should be done not later than August. It is also necessary to say that no appeals from S.S. superintendents

or private individuals will be entertained. The W.A. rightly recognizes the missionary as the Church's almoner.

Our Queen—God Bless Her.

Fear God. Honour the King.—I. Pet. ii. 17. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority.—I. Tim. ii. 1, 2.

It is a noteworthy coincidence that the 20th of June falls this year, 1897, on a Sunday, enabling millions of toilers in our vast Empire to join in the service of prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His preserving to us for so many years the beneficent reign of our Queen Victoria. There is no question but that we in the Missionary Diocese of Algoma shall loyally observe the day. It is the earnest hope and wish of the Bishop that all our clergy mark the sixtieth anniversary of our Most Gracious Sovereign's accession by a suitable service. He adds that the service (for the Accession) in the Book of Common Prayer affords a basis for what is needed. It may be shortened by abbreviating the exhortation and having the appended prayers in place of the state prayers. The prayer (numbered II.) is to serve as a collect for Holy Communion:

I.

Thanksgiving for Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne, and for her long and happy Reign.

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all the Kingdoms of the World, and disposest of them according to thy good pleasure; We yield thee unfeigned thanks, for that thou wast pleased, as on this day, to place thy Servant, our Sovereign Lady, VICTORIA upon her Throne, to be our Queen. And especially are we bound to praise thee, that, in answer to our prayers, thy wisdom hath ever been her guide and thine arm her strength; that justice, truth and holiness, that peace and love and all those virtues, which adorn the Christian profession, have flourished in her days; that thou hast directed all her counsels and endeavours to thy honour and glory, and to the welfare of her people; and hast given us grace to obey her cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake. And, above all, we thank thee that thou hast granted her always to possess the hearts of her people, so that they have never been wanting in honour for her Person, and in dutiful submission to her Authority. Finally, we pray thee, that as her Reign has been long and prosperous, so thou wilt crown her with immortality and glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

Prayer for the Continuance of God's Blessing.

BLESSED Lord, who hast called Christian Princes to the defence of thy Faith, and hast made it their duty to promote the spiritual welfare, together

with the temporal interest of their people; We acknowledge with humble and thankful hearts thy great goodness to us, in setting thy Servant, our most gracious Queen, over our Nation and Empire, and that thou hast given unto her all those heavenly graces that are requisite for so high a trust. Let the work of thee her God, we beseech thee, prosper in her hands ever more and more; And make her a blessed instrument of protecting and advancing thy holy Faith and Truth; And, that these blessings may be continued to after-ages, let there never be one wanting in her house to succeed her on her Throne, that our posterity may see her children's children, and peace upon Israel. So we, that are thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks for ever, and will always be shewing forth thy praise from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

Prayer for the Royal Family.

O LORD our God, who upholdest and governest all things in Heaven and Earth; receive our humble prayers, with our hearty thanksgivings, as for our Sovereign Lady, Queen VICTORIA so, together with her, for *Albert Edward* Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; humbly beseeching thee, that they all, ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless favour, may continue before thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, and may live long and happy lives upon earth, and after death obtain everlasting life and glory in the kingdom of heaven, by the Merits and Mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Bishop also suggests the use of the following adaptation of the National Anthem:

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Thou Who for three score years
In sunshine, cloud, and tears
Hast kept our Queen:
Still be her Guide and Stay,
Thro' life's uncertain way
Till dawns the perfect day:
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen. *Amen.*

It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his helper is omnipotent.

English Letter.

With thoughts of Easter and the resurrection, come thoughts of life and permanence. As, during the last few weeks, we have been contemplating the One Perfect Life, lived, laid down, and taken again; and, by the grace of God, in the light of that life, have been shown ourselves more clearly, we begin to look more closely at the springs and motives of our own lives and work. We contrast our moods, our prejudices, our flagging zeal, our changeableness, our ups and downs, with our professed faith in Christ, and we ask ourselves how it is that our lives do not bear more of the stamp of enduringness upon them; why, when we believe so much, we do so little that is really effective and lasting?

Not that we are judges of what is effective and lasting, or of success and failure, but we are, or ought to be, judges, stern censors of ourselves, and no honest self-scrutiny can do other than shame us as we learn to see how variable we are, how soon tired, how slowly roused to interests which are not our interests, how content with small efforts, how far from that "divine discontent" which should be such a stimulus. We all know how much easier a thing it is to receive than to retain impressions, how frequently our enthusiasms sink down and even die for lack of the support which continual prayer and practice would give them; and a vague sense of weariness or monotony is apt to creep very disastrously over us, to the injury both of our spiritual life and work.

In that delightful "Autobiography of Isaac Williams," which Sir George Prevost gave to the world not long before his death, the writer, describing his retired curacy in a Gloucestershire village after the stirring experiences of his Oxford life, says: "My life was monotonous and very good for me." How strangely the words sound in these hurrying times, when, in town and country alike, the one thing most deprecated is monotony! And, surely, it is not hard to see how this tiring of sameness infects our work for God, how often we take up and put down, how slowly we advance, how much it takes to stimulate us when we ought to have the root of, the incentive to perseverance in, not outside ourselves.

If one thing more than another be characteristic of the Christian life, it is holy diligence, a quality entirely apart from haste, fuss, noise, unrest, self-advertisement, nineteenth-century methods. Its forces, rather, are wrought in quietness and in confidence, and in an illimitable patience. But as life and growth are synonymous, so are "the demands of a faithful life high and constant,"* not in one direction only, but in all directions. The test of steadily holding on is no slight one. There is, nevertheless, the danger, nay the certainty, of slipping back if we are not going forward. Consequently our

*Dean Paget's *Studies in Christian Character*, p. 97.

life and our work must not find us to-day only where we were yesterday. The lifting-up of heart and life must be continuous not spasmodic. Our circumstances, whatever they may be, must yield the tribute we owe to God, the tribute of that love and gratitude which ministers ceaselessly and unremittingly to His glory. For if the love of God be the highest incentive to service, it is prompted surely by gratitude to Him, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, and from Whom cometh also every good giving, and every perfect boon. How much less, therefore, that is evanescent, fluctuating, incongruous, and disorderly will there be in our lives, when the glory of God is our single aim, when His eternal interests are ours also, and our one desire, the coming of His kingdom.

May the Spirit of Life so animate us to this end, that of us, in our measure, it may be said, as it was said of the living creatures in Ezekiel's vision: "They turned not when they went. They went every one straight forward; whither the Spirit was to go they went."

As helpers and associates of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma, thoughts such as these may encourage us to persevere in that which we have undertaken. "Every endeavor," the Bishop assures us, "will be made to develop to the utmost the power and will of the diocese to contribute to its own support." Most of us, however, are now sufficiently well acquainted with its difficulties and its poverty to feel, beyond doubt, that it must claim our sympathy and our help for at least several years to come. Whilst therefore avoiding with dread any narrowing or confining of our interests to one particular portion of God's world, we may, nevertheless, so far as Algoma is concerned, seek that concentration of purpose, in prayer and work, which shall more effectually fulfil the injunction: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

So, we may continue to hope, will our work be lasting, small though it may be, and bear fruit in the future, others reaping where we have been permitted to sow.

Mission of Huntville

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, INCUMBENT.

The usual annual vestry of All Saints' Church was held on the evening of Easter Monday, the incumbent in the chair. The churchwardens presented the financial statement, and the chairman read the annual statements of the Sunday School, Burial Board, C. W. Committee, and the Guild; all of which made a very satisfactory showing of the work of the Church for the year. There has been a slight growth in the parish during that time, which has made itself felt in various parts of the Church's work, but more especially in the Sunday School. The incumbent reappointed Mr. E. J. Ecclestone as his warden; Mr. M. Kinton was elected people's warden; Mr. G. S. Wilgress, vestry

clerk, and six gentlemen were appointed sidesmen; Messrs. H. C. Llwyd and W. J. Morgan were elected organist and choirmaster; and Messrs. E. Flaxman and E. J. Fisher, auditors. The incumbent warmly expressed his acknowledgments to the retiring officers and the members generally for their kindly and sympathetic co-operation during the past year.

Korah Mission.

REV. W. J. SMITHEMAN, INCUMBENT.

The Bishop held a confirmation in Christ Church on Easter Sunday, when seven persons received the apostolic rite of laying on of hands.

At the Easter vestry meeting Messrs. Ira Allen and Robert Coulter were selected as clergyman's and people's wardens respectively. The financial statement showed the people to be generous.

At Goulais Bay Mr. H. Bye and Mr. W. Maclean are the wardens for the current year.

Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

The vestry meeting of St. John's Church, adjourned from Easter Monday, was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening, May 2nd. Rev. J. W. Thursby addressed the assembly, drew attention to and reviewed the progress of the Church in Port Arthur during the past year, and, in conclusion, requested Mr. Keefer (churchwarden) to read the Bishop's mandate, licensing him (Mr. Thursby) to the incumbency of this parish. The reports of the churchwardens, the Woman's Auxiliary, St. John's Circle of King's Daughters, and other organizations, were read and adopted. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring wardens, the choir, and the outgoing vestry clerk, also to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary for their valuable assistance, financially and otherwise. Mr. J. W. Morgan was nominated by the incumbent, and Mr. W. H. Nelson was elected by the vestry to the position of churchwardens for the ensuing year, while the following gentlemen were appointed sidesmen: Messrs. Ross Thompson, J. R. McMullen, and W. S. Percy, F. H. Keefer, C. H. Shera, and Richard Birmingham. Dr. McKnight was appointed vestry clerk.

On Thursday, May 6th, a celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 10 a.m., in connection with the induction of the Rev. J. W. Thursby to the incumbency, the office for the same, as appointed by the Provincial Synod, being said at 8 p.m. A large congregation was present and listened to a most interesting sermon, preached by the Rev. E. J. Harper, of St. Luke's, Fort William.

Mr. Bell, of Toronto, who goes to Oliver as lay reader during the absence of the Rural Dean (Mr. Kirby), was a guest at the parsonage, and assisted at the induction service last week. H. B

Bruce Mines Mission

REV. J. M. M'CONNELL, DEACON IN CHARGE.

The Bishop of Algoma visited this parish on Wednesday, the 23rd of April, and preached in St. George's Church in the evening. This church has just been painted inside and out, and augmented with a tower and bell at a cost of \$200, paid for by the congregation. There was a full church, and the Bishop had a very impressive service in the dedication of the tower and bell, after which he thanked the people for their liberality in completing for the glory of God one of the nicest little churches in Algoma. His sermon on the resurrection was a most solemn and searching address, which was listened to with profound attention.

Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

The Lenten week-night services of 1897 were better attended than those of any previous season in this mission. Good Friday, unfortunately, was marked by copious rains, and, as a consequence, the congregations were not half what they would have been. That fact was painfully emphasized by the reduced offertories for the Jews. Since then three female canvassers (the Misses Allman, Thompson, and Colson) have been doing what they can in the collection of varying sums towards the reduction of the diocesan deficit.

Easter Sunday brought good congregations and bright services. The singing was hearty and inspiring, and the celebration of the Holy Communion was well attended.

The annual Easter vestries followed during the week, but the members present were not very numerous, owing, probably, to the state of the roads and weather. The following items are among those of chief interest:

St. Paul's, Uffington.—Messrs. W. H. Tinkiss and W. T. Kirkpatrick, wardens; Messrs. Wm. Ketching and T. Fielding, sidesmen; Mr. John Irving, auditor. Income, \$225. A new church hall to be erected. Funds urgently needed.

Christ Church, Purbrook.—Messrs. J. T. Colson and A. Crozier, wardens. Income, \$31. The wood-work of the interior of the church edifice, which has been recently oil stained, to be varnished. Small balance in hand.

St. Stephen's Vankoughnet.—Messrs. A. Cooke and Keith Moffat, wardens. Income, \$33. The graveyard to be cleaned up, and laid out in plots, pine stumps to be grubbed out, and fences repaired. Driving-shed to be improved.

The past year had been a trying one to church officers, but re-elections took place all round. Never was money more scarce, nor complaint more frequent. Prices and wages, too, have been abnor-

mally low. The accounts of two vestries showed a balance due the incumbent, which the members hoped would be soon wiped out. A spirit of faith and hope animated the respective vestries in regard to the future. A H A

Dunchurch Mission.

MR. I. I. HAY, CATECHIST.

The Easter service in the Church of St. Andrew, Dunchurch, was attended by a good congregation; the church looked very nice, being decorated with flowers and new banners. The service was bright and hearty, with very good singing. Mr. Markham officiated as organist, and was given most efficient help by Mr. W. Buchanan with his violin.

The Easter vestry meeting (the first held since we entered our new church) was held on Easter Monday, and passed off very pleasantly; the new wardens are Messrs. Butler and Sager, with Messrs. Creasor and W. Buchanan as sidesmen, and Mr. Markham as vestry clerk; Dr. O'Gorman and Mr. H. Gibson being elected in connection with the wardens as a board of management. A vote of thanks was given to our catechist, Mr. T. J. Hay, for the zeal shown in his work in Dunchurch, he having brought matters to a successful issue in getting the church into a habitable condition. The number of subscribers towards the catechist's stipend is eleven, most of them contributing 25 cents weekly, the amount of salary raised for six months being \$56.47, the loose offertories amount to \$16.35, and special \$19.25, making a total of \$92.07. The amount received for building fund from all sources is \$400. The church is now free from debt. As the expenditure has been \$385, the surplus of \$15 will go towards paying for the seats now being made. The people, in addition, have contributed about \$75 in work, etc.

The vestry passed a resolution expressing their heartfelt thanks to all who have helped them, especially to the W.A. of Toronto and Bishop Sullivan.

Although so much has been done there is yet much to be wished for. There is great need of altar hangings, reading desk, and other furniture, and the church has to be ceiled inside, as at present it is only lined with paper. E.M.

Parry Sound Mission.

REV. W. EVANS, INCUMBENT.

The usual vestry meeting of Trinity Church was held on Easter Monday. Mr. E. J. Vincent, the people's warden, presented a statement of church finances, which showed an improvement over last year, notwithstanding the dull times. Mr. Vincent was again tendered the office of people's warden, but declined the nomination. The following officers were then appointed for the year: People's warden, Mr. Wm. McKinley; clergyman's warden, Mr. Wm. Taylor, sen.; sidesmen,

Messrs. J. A. Cryderman, Wm. Ansley, Geo. Taylor, and F. B. Bowden; vestry clerk, Mr. H. W. Woolton; finance committee, Messrs. G. G. Gladman, W. R. Foote, and J. A. Cryderman. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the retiring wardens, Miss Jukes, and the choir, and to the vestry clerk, Mr. H. W. Woolton. In view of the contemplated visit to England of the incumbent, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that the vestry of Trinity Church, appreciating the earnest and zealous work of the Rev. William Evans for the past four years, do with pleasure express their approval of his intention to visit his old home in the old land, and, as far as in their power, cordially grant him leave of absence, and wish him a happy reunion with friends of other days." The Woman's Auxiliary were also tendered a most cordial vote of thanks for their valuable services.

Our Indian Homes.

The 22nd annual report of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes has just been published and distributed to friends of this important and interesting feature of the work of the Church in Algoma among the children of the "red man." We are unable in this number of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS to reprint all we desire from the pages of the report. This month we give space to the letter of the Bishop of Algoma, and also to a letter from Bishop Sullivan. Next month we hope to epitomize the report of the principal. The pamphlet is illustrated by five full-page photogravures, one of which we reproduce in our columns.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER.

To the Clergy and Laity of "The Church of England in Canada":

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—One of my first duties after entering into residence at Bishophurst was to visit the Shingwauk Home. I had taken an interest in the Home for many years, and was anxious to see it with my own eyes. It is not too much to say that in many ways, though I had heard and read a good deal about it, the institution surprised me. In magnitude it far exceeded my expectations. Not that I found the main building so much larger than I had imagined it to be, but there were so many buildings, ten at least, and several of them spacious and, for the place, costly. In solidity, too, and style of architecture; in the completeness of their appointments, and their adaptation to their purpose; in the neatness and order prevailing everywhere, and in the excellence of the discipline throughout, I found cause not only for astonishment, but for thankfulness to God. Certainly "The Shingwauk" is an admirable institution, in admirable working condition and thoroughly well managed by the painstaking princi-

pal, Mr. George Ley King, and his faithful wife, who performs most efficiently the duties of Lady Superintendent.

I was much impressed by the excellent plan adopted for giving the boys alternate head work and hand work—training of the mind and development of the bodily powers and skill. In this way, part of every day being spent in the schoolroom and part in the fields, in the workshops, or at least in some active employment, not only do they receive a wider training than would otherwise be possible, but their bodily health is promoted and their elasticity of spirit sustained.

After going through the Home, looking over its grounds, visiting the schoolroom, examining the work, inspecting the lovely Memorial Chapel, in which prayers are regularly said, and which recalls the devotion of the sainted Bishop Fauquier; and especially after talking over with the officials the details of the management, the course of training, the discipline and the provision made for recreation, I was quite prepared to find, as I certainly did, that the boys appeared to be bright, happy, diligent, and obedient.

I was not for a moment disposed to think, nor do I now wish to imply, that the Shingwauk is a perfect institution, or that the sixty Indian boys in residence there are models of all the virtues. Not only are they subject to like infirmities of body and mind with other boys, but they are afflicted with numerous shortcomings from which, for the most part, English boys are exempt. The offspring of parents born of, or descended from, pagans, they are likely to manifest peculiarities of temper and disposition not easily understood, much less overcome. And while they certainly show a ready skill in some of the rudimentary arts, it need not surprise us that they have less aptitude for and ability to excel in the occupation of civilized life than other children have. Yet the extent to which these difficulties seem to be overcome in the Shingwauk Home is very gratifying. I do not think it would be quite fair, if possible, to compare an Indian school like the Shingwauk with ordinary English schools. But I really believe the school is making the most of its opportunities and its materials, and, all things considered, is achieving wonderfully good results. In my journeyings recently I met one of its old pupils who is a successful teacher on an Indian reserve. He gave me in good idiomatic English a very intelligent and interesting account of his work, impressing me as a useful and well-trained man. Another promising young Indian, trained in the Shingwauk Home, is now pursuing his preliminary studies in a collegiate institute with the well-founded hope of one day being ready for ordination as a missionary to his brethren. And I see no reason to doubt that among the boys now in training in the Home many are fitting themselves for similarly useful careers, which, with God's blessing, they will fill to His glory in the years to come.

It is my earnest hope that the Church

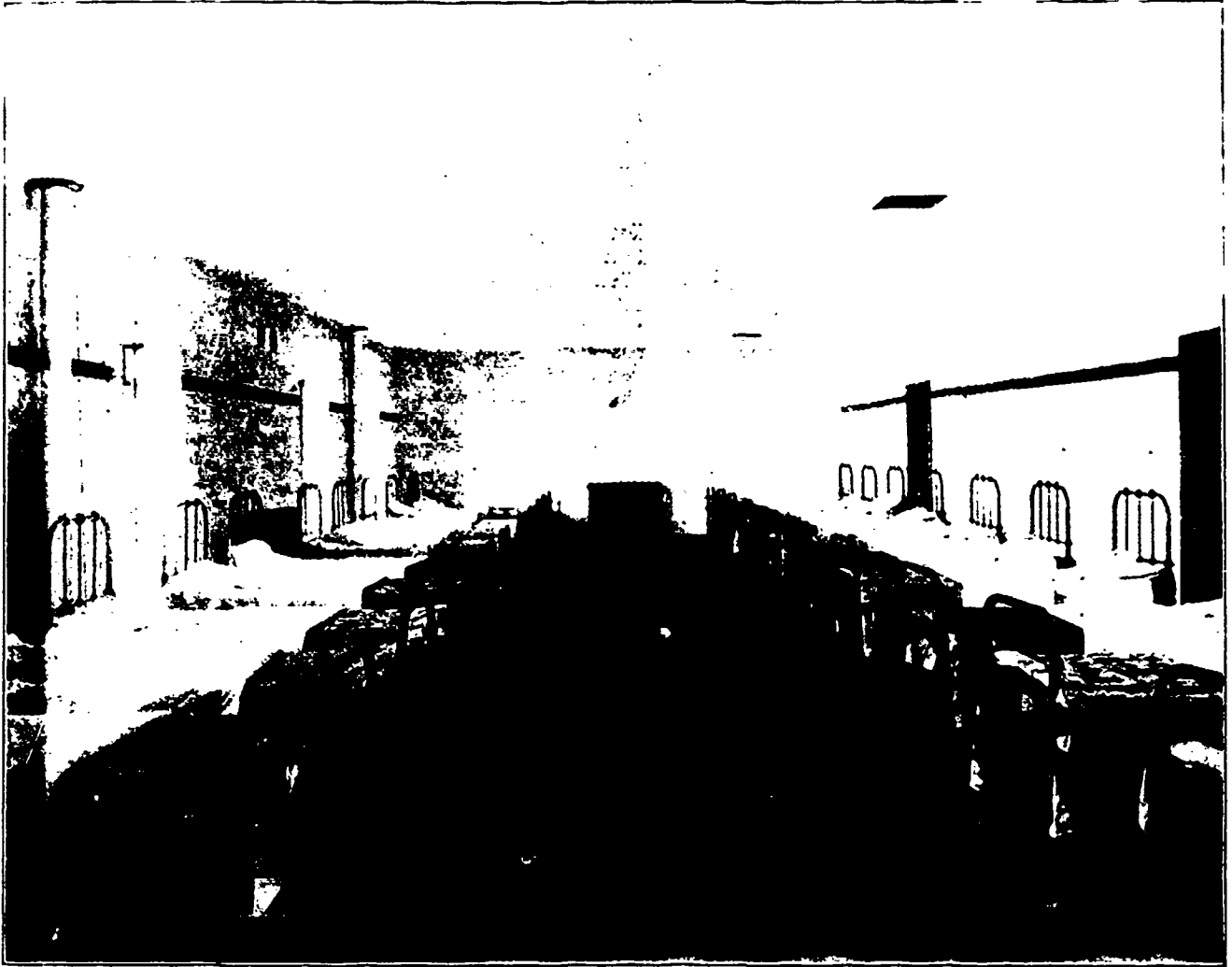
throughout Canada may be more and more awakened to the fact that, in the Shingwauk Home, a splendid work is going on, a work which merits not only the tribute of a passing interest, but the recognition of a generous and constant support. If the Sunday Schools of Canada would take up the work as a whole, there are enough of them to provide every one of the 100 boys the Shingwauk is capable of receiving with the \$75 a year required for his maintenance. Why should not this be done?

Of the Wawanosh I will say but a few

minimize the cost of its maintenance. Meanwhile we can only wait and pray and hope for the time when we shall be able to train the Indian girls as we do the Indian boys, and to send forth into many a red man's home that excellent and powerful missionary agent, a well-disciplined, right principled, and intelligent Christian woman.

Most earnestly do I commend both these Homes, the active and efficient Shingwauk and the dormant Wawanosh, to the prayers and liberality of the Church in Canada and in the mother land. And

support of all who have hitherto befriended it, both in England and in Canada? It is now several months since I had the pleasure of visiting and inspecting the Home just before I removed from the Sault, and hence am not posted up to date, but from what I then saw of the general appearance of the building, of the numerous and admirable improvements made in the interior, and, if you will pardon my saying it, my previous observation of your own and Mrs. King's close and careful attention to even the minutest particulars connected with the



Front Dormitory, Shingwauk Home.

words. And they will be words of deep regret. I am truly grieved to find that while the Shingwauk Home for boys is flourishing, the Wawanosh Home for girls is closed, and closed apparently for lack of support. The Home could not be maintained as a separate institution, and the building now stands deserted, appealing by its silence and uselessness to a Church public which seems slow to respond to its needs. Our hope is that some day money will be sent us to rebuild the school in close connection with the Shingwauk, thus enabling us to min-

may God who alone "giveth increase," prosper and make fruitful the efforts being made through them to civilize and to save the benighted children of our native brethren.

GEORGE ALGOMA.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP SULLIVAN.

DEAR MR. KING.—I presume your Annual Report will shortly be published. If it is not an intrusion for one no longer officially connected with the diocese, would you kindly grant space for a line or two, commending your work most heartily to the continued sympathy and

boys' welfare, and your methods of dealing with them, I prophesied a happy and successful future for the Institution, *provided the support given to it was proportioned to its merits.* There is the crux of the whole question. I sincerely trust that so far from there being any falling off in this direction, your contribution list will next year show a large increase, especially in the number of *Sunday Schools* co-operating with you.

I congratulate you heartily on having in my successor, one who is certain to give your Indian work a warm place in

his sympathies, and my successor on having in you and Mrs. King two co-workers on whom he can lean with unquestioning confidence.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD SULLIVAN,
Bishop.

Toronto, March 27th, 1897.

Port Carling Mission.

REV. W. A. J. BURT, INCUMBENT.

The following is the result of the election of officers at the recent Easter vestry meetings:

St. James' Church, Port Carling.—Wardens, Messrs. Geo. Sutton and Wm. H. Foreman. Sidesmen, Messrs. R. C. Harris, J. H. Jones, F. D. Stubbs, and R. G. Penson. Auditors, Messrs. F. D. Stubbs and J. H. Jones

Christ Church, Gregory.—Wardens, Messrs. Arthur Minett and W. Gregory-Allen. Sidesmen, Messrs. W. Woods and F. W. Gregory Allen.

St. George's Church, Port Sandfield.—Wardens, Messrs. Enoch Cox and J. Rogers. Sidesmen, Messrs. J. H. Jones and Ed. Cox

St. John's Church, Beaumaris.—Wardens, Messrs. W. Riley and E. Broadley. Sidesmen, Messrs. John H. Wilmott, Gill, Millar, and Massen.

House to house collections for mission fund of diocese: Mrs. R. G. Penson collected \$6.75; Mrs. Minett collected \$7.25; Port Carling offertory, \$3; making in all a sum of \$17 from this mission.

Mission of North Bay.

REV. A. J. YOUNG, INCUMBENT.

The festival of Easter was well observed by my people here. The attendance at the early celebration of Holy Communion was very good, also that at the mid-day celebration; and on looking through the parish records I am thankful indeed to be able to state that more persons communicated than at any time in the history of the parish. We had large congregations of devout and reverent worshippers, good music, and hearty singing.

At Callender, eight miles distant, divine service was held at St. Peter's at 3 p.m., and the Holy Communion administered. The attendance was fairly good and the service greatly enjoyed by both minister and people.

The annual Easter vestry of St. John's, North Bay, was held on Easter Monday evening. The meeting was better attended than usual and much interest manifested in the affairs of the church generally. The accounts presented, which were subsequently adopted, showed nearly \$1,100 to have been contributed by the people for all purposes during the year. Mr. I. Hannen was re-elected people's warden, and Mr. J. Wilson nominated incumbent's warden. A. J. YOUNG.

Mission of Sault Ste. Marie.

REV. R. I. RENISON, INCUMBENT.

A correspondent sends us the following notes of the vestry meeting, which we gladly reproduce. It would be a greater pleasure could we have published some news concerning the Easter services at St. Luke's, to which some of us would like to look for a model and centre influencing all around.

The Easter vestry meeting of St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral was held on Easter Monday, April 19th, Rev. Rural Dean Renison in the chair. Mr. J. B. Way acted as vestry clerk. The statements presented by the officers for the past year showed the affairs of the church to be in a flourishing condition. The following were elected as the officers for the ensuing year: Mr. J. B. Way, people's warden; Mr. W. C. Dunseath, clergyman's warden. People's sidesmen—Messrs. W. J. Thompson, A. Bennetts, and William Ault. Clergyman's sidesman—W. R. Cunningham. Executive Committee—The rector, wardens, and sidesmen.

The vestry passed resolutions thanking the incumbent, the Woman's Auxiliary, the choir, and the officers for the valuable work performed during the past year.

The meeting was largely attended and great interest was taken in the proceedings. His lordship Bishop Thorneloe addressed the meeting upon various matters relating to the work in the parish.

On the following evening an entertainment was given by the Sunday School in aid of the local branch of the W.A. Our information is to the effect that the attendance was exceedingly large, and the performance of the children such as to reflect the greatest credit on all concerned.

Mission of Broadbent.

REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

Although the past year has been one of financial depression felt by all in this locality, complaints being heard all round of hard times and little money, yet, the members of this mission have shown their loyalty to their Church and several places of worship. Brighter services have cheered and encouraged our members, so much so, that the past year has been the most successful since the formation of the mission, seven years ago. The financial standing of the congregations has increased, more voluntary labor bestowed on Church property, and in this effort many thanks are due to friends, not of our communion, who have willingly devoted time and energy. All moneys raised, save the results of the efforts of our worthy members of the Woman's Auxiliary at their annual sale, have been through the offertories, or by subscription in some cases; no socials to pay the minister's "salary," as experienced and practised on all sides by other communities, have been held, the laity of our

Church having learned the right means of honouring Almighty God by their substance during divine worship. The reports of all vestries are most satisfactory. The former office-bearers were reappointed, and the new year entered upon with renewed hopes of equal progress.

All this does not imply a vast increase of wealth, for all our members earn their bread by the sweat of the brow, but we see in this a hearty response to the desire towards self-maintenance, if only in the probable far future. During the past year the mission was honoured by the presence of our esteemed late Bishop, Dr. Sullivan, and more recently by his successor in office, Dr. Thorneloe, accompanied by Rural Dean Chowne. His Lordship received a cordial welcome from the members of St. Stephen's congregation, and while present recognized the good work accomplished about the church, for they have done nobly and well, showing what can be done by the devoted few, and greater kindness could not be bestowed upon a clergyman than upon their pastor during his weekly administrations. It is for such congregations that our Bishop is now making appeal for support, and it is to be hoped that his hands may be upheld for the encouragement of the faithful placed under his charge, the welfare of the Church, and to the praise of Almighty God.

The following are the names of the office-bearers in this mission for the current year:

St. Stephen's—Wardens, Messrs. Wm. Bartlett and E. Broadbent; sidesmen, Messrs. H. E. Broadbent, and Wm. Kottka.

St. John's—Wardens, Messrs. James Vigrass and J. Brownlee; sidesmen, Messrs. Orlen Mott and Fred. Grainger.

St. Paul's—Wardens, Messrs. Andrew Kerr and Stewart Fry.

Mission of Gravenhurst.

REV. C. J. MACHIN, INCUMBENT.

The following is an extract from a local paper:

ST. JAMES' VESTRY.—In accordance with the notice given on Sunday last, the adjourned vestry meeting of St. James' Church was held on Monday evening, the 26th of April, the incumbent, Rev. Rural Dean Machin, in the chair. The proceedings were harmonious and satisfactory. The wardens are Messrs. Marter and Readshaw, for a second term of office. The sidesmen are Messrs. Homer, Ardagh, Barnfield, and McMurray. Mr. Readshaw, on account of pressure of business, consented to be warden only on the condition that he should not continue to be treasurer; and as Mr. Marter declined to act in that capacity, the wardens, with the approval of the vestry, appointed Mr. Ardagh treasurer. Mr. Homer and Mr. Suttaby were elected auditors for the ensuing year.

Fort William.

REV. E. J. HARPER, INCUMBENT.

The following is taken from the local Aduly with a few verbal alterations: "The Easter morning service in St. Luke's Church was largely attended, and the members of the congregation had great reason to feel proud of their place of worship, which had never looked prettier before. The new dossal curtains, with the handsome organ that has lately been placed in the church, the beautiful plants arranged at the steps of the chancel, the chaste 'falls' of the pulpit and lectern, one of which was a gift from a member of the congregation, and the lovely Easter lilies in the vases on the altar, the gift of one who loves to 'do good by stealth,' all added to the fine effect. The music was excellent and suitable for the occasion."

There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion. At the 8 a.m. celebration twenty-four, and at the 11 a.m. forty made their Easter communion. The evening service, unfortunately, had to be shortened owing to the sudden change in the weather, which rendered the church quite unfit to worship in, as proper precautions were not taken for the lighting of the fires. Thanks to our young friend, Mr. Wm. Rumsey, who did sexton's or rather caretaker's duty, during the winter, the church has been thoroughly looked after and kept scrupulously clean and well lighted. A veritable *rara avis*, his place will be hard to fill.

The Easter parish meeting, which was adjourned till the books could be audited, is called for Thursday evening. Some changes in the vestry will take place.

The little flock at West Fort have held their own wonderfully well. Some improvements in the interior of the church are in contemplation, but as improvements cost money, these must be slowly effected. Will some kind reader present altar ornaments for this station, e.g., cross and vases and green altar cloth with "falls" for the prayer desk and lectern?

Baysville Mission.

A. W. HAZLEHURST, INCUMBENT.

Our Easter services were well attended. They were as follows: Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (nearly all the communicants were present at this service, besides a good number of others), Matins at 10.30 a.m., followed by celebration of Holy Eucharist (choral). Evensong at 7.30 p.m. (choral). After this service the choir sang a selection of Easter carols.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, many of the lady members of the congregation bringing choice window and house plants as early as six o'clock on Sunday morning to help make bright the church of the living God. Perhaps some of your readers may wonder why the ladies brought their plants on Sunday morning. I will explain. The

nights in this northern country about the season of Easter are apt to be cold and frosty, and to have put the flowers in on Saturday night might have meant having them frozen.

The Easter vestry meetings of this mission passed off in their usual quiet, orderly manner, the old wardens being reappointed in each case. There is nothing of particular note in connection with them except that, as usual, all the three churches were clear of debt, and a few dollars in hand. The only debt we have is the debt on the parsonage at Baysville, viz., \$230. We need help for that.

By the way, some few weeks ago I mentioned in your paper that we had only one surplice at this station, and I appealed for one. I am still hoping to get it in the near future.

We also need a set of frontals for the different seasons. I know we need the debt off the parsonage worse than these, but I merely mention this need in passing.

A. W. HAZLEHURST.

Mission of Sturgeon Falls and Warren.

F. R. GODOLPHIN, CATECHIST.

His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma favored this mission with a visit on Monday and Tuesday, the 5th and 6th of April. Monday afternoon was devoted to looking over church registers, commenting on various means of helping forward Church work, and to seeing something of the town of Sturgeon Falls. Tuesday, at 10 a.m., there was a celebration of Holy Communion, and a most helpful and practical sermon on the need of spiritual as of material strengthening. In the evening at 7.30 a good congregation assembled for Evening Prayer, the Bishop reading the lessons and giving an address on "The Catholic Church," which was listened to with deepest attention and reverence on the part of the worshippers. His Lordship also took occasion to speak very kindly and encouragingly of the work of the students in the mission. At the close of the service most of the congregation remained for a few words of personal greeting from their Bishop. Student and people are much encouraged by this visit, the only regret being that other stations in the mission could not be visited.

F. R. G.

The following is sent us: The Easter reports of the Church of England in the mission of Sturgeon Falls and Warren, while not so bright as could be wished, are still encouraging. There were 142 services held during the year, with a total attendance of 5,790. The Sacrament of the Eucharist was administered four times, and the Sacrament of Baptism nine times. In June Bishop Sullivan confirmed 19 persons. Five times the burial service was read. The total amount raised by the mission was \$200. In Sturgeon Falls Mr. H. Swan was re-appointed warden, a position he has well filled for the past two years. Mr. F. Bard continues people's warden.

At Cache Bay Messrs. Boyle and Le-febvre are the wardens, and at Warren Dr. Irwin for the student and Mr. R. Botham for the people. The hearty thanks of student, wardens, and people were extended to the ladies who so efficiently attend to the musical part of the services—Miss F. E. O'Neil in Sturgeon Falls, Miss J. Douglas at Cache Bay, and Miss E. Bingham at Warren.—*Sturgeon Falls Colonization.*

Manitowaning Mission.

The regular Easter vestry meeting will be held in St. Paul's on Monday, 19th. The offertories this year are over \$5 in excess of last year, and the service register shows an increase of three in the average congregation. Not very large figures, perhaps, but in so small a congregation indicative of advance. In the past year we have lost by death our strongest supporter, and by removal two large families. This loss is partly compensated for by the arrival last fall of Mr. Hunt and family from Gore Bay.

The Woman's Auxiliary has laboured faithfully, and have in this day of small things proved very useful. The Churchyard Fence Fund has \$7.50 to its credit, and the congregation is free from debt. Steps are being taken to organize a society among the young people, so as to be ready for active work next fall. H.C.A.

Port Sydney Mission.

REV. A. R. MITCHELL, INCUMBENT.

Christ Church, Port Sydney. — The Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 19th, when the churchwardens' report was presented, duly audited, and adopted by the vestry. Consequent upon the inclemency of the weather and other causes there was a small attendance, which rendered it necessary to have an adjourned meeting, which was held on Monday, April 26th. The two churchwardens took office again. Messrs. James Balls and W. Thoms, jr., were appointed as sidesmen. The untiring energy of the churchwardens during the past year was recognized by expressions of thanks from the vestry.

Many improvements have been made in the church during the past year. The interior walls of the church have been painted a light salmon-pink, which gives the building a cheery appearance, and the reredos was brightened up with "hard oil finish"; half the cost of this was provided by the Churchwoman's Aid Society and the other half by Mr. A. Sydney Smith. The chancel and sanctuary have been covered with carpet, and the aisle with cocoa-matting. This was also given by the Churchwoman's Aid Society. The church has also been lighted by new lamps, being subscribed by C.W.A.S., Sunday-school, and other members of the Church.

A long-felt want has been supplied by a book-desk on the altar, and a re-table

instead of the one already there. The book-desk is made of oak, with a design carved in a circle in the centre and at either corner. This was pronounced a beautiful piece of work by the Rural Dean which was made and presented by Mr. A. McInnes (clergyman's warden). This piece of furniture was dedicated on February 24th, together with a marble mural tablet in memory of the late son of the incumbent, by the Rev. Rural Dean Machin.

St. John's, Ufford.—The vestry meeting was held at this church on Easter Monday morning, when Mr. W. Kay was nominated as clergyman's warden in the place of Mr. A. Knowles, resigned. Mr. H. Gill was re-elected by the vestry. Since Easter, 1896, a new brick chimney has been built on the church, and the cemetery has been permanently fenced. Lamps and chandeliers have been purchased for the church, but were not in at Easter.

St. Mary's, Beatrice.—On Easter Monday afternoon a satisfactory report was presented to this vestry, and the two churchwardens took office again for the ensuing year.

Efforts have been made to purchase an organ for this church, but there is yet a considerable sum to be raised before an instrument can be procured.

Holy Trinity, Newholm.—The members of the vestry met at this church on Tuesday, April 20th, when the churchwardens' report was presented, duly audited, and adopted by the vestry, but the roads being very bad very few were in attendance. After the minutes were read and discussed the meeting was adjourned *sine die*. On Thursday, May 6th, the vestry re-assembled, and the two churchwardens were re-elected for the ensuing year. Mr. W. Morgan and Mr. F. Ferguson were appointed sidesmen. Various matters re church improvements were discussed, and it was decided to build a new driving shed. Lumber and shingles were promised on the spot for most of the work.

The congregations have been very satisfactory at all stations during the past year, which is much to be thankful for. During last fall and the present spring the roads have been very trying, making it very difficult both for congregation and clergyman to attend the churches.

A.R.M.

Little Current Mission.

REV. W. J. ECCLESTON, INCUMBENT.

At the vestry meetings the following wardens were elected:

Holy Trinity—People's, Mr. A. Rowe, clergyman's, Mr. C. Hedge.

Sucker Creek Indian Reserve—People's, Mr. J. McMahon; clergyman's, Chief Abbotossaway.

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THERE would seem to be no limit to the pretensions of the Romanists, but a well-deserved check has been placed on their claims regarding the precedence of cardinals to prelates of the Established Church of England. The subject was lately brought to a settlement by the indiscretion of certain persons, who, acting, it would appear, on the initiative of Cardinal Vaughan, who is understood to hold very strong views on the question, desired to give the Cardinal as a Prince of the Roman Church a place above our own Bishops. But it has now been ruled by the highest authority in England that Roman Catholic prelates, whether Cardinals or not, shall only rank after all English Bishops, Suffragans included. The decision seems to us right and proper, and Romanists are now called upon to remember that in England they are merely a dissenting community from the Established Church of the realm. We welcome the decision at this moment particularly because, since Romanists have themselves declared through their official head that all English Orders are null and utterly void, it would have been the height of folly to lend any countenance to the utterly ridiculous assertions and pretensions they have seen fit to indulge in of late.—*Church Evangelist*.

Acknowledgments.

Mr. James Hickland, catechist at Haileybury, writes to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of a box from the Woman's Auxiliary, Toronto, containing a communion service, consisting of paten, chalice, and glass cruet. Also communion linen and veil from a lady member of the "Central Room Branch," Toronto. These gifts are for the church now in course of erection at Haileybury. Acknowledgment is also made of a box of books from S.P.C.K.

Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the receipt of £1 from Mrs. R. C. Streatfeild, of England, towards the better lighting of St. Mark's Church, Emsdale.

Rev. A. W. Hazlehurst writes to acknowledge and to thank those Church people in Toronto who so kindly sent through Mrs. J. R. Smith, of Baysville, various sums for the St. Ambrose Church Parsonage Fund, Baysville, amounting in all to \$10.25.

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