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On Tuesday morning, May 31st, the opening service of the Triennial Council Matins and Holy Communion will be held in St. John's Church, North Bay, at 9 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock, and the first session of the Council immediately after this service, in the school-room of the church.

Time brings many changes. At the Fourth Triennial Council held at Sault Ste. Marie in August, 1895, there were faces that will be missed at the coming gathering at North Bay. Our late Bishop, Dr. Sullivan, resigned in 1896, now rector of St. James', Toronto, Rev. Messrs. McLeod, Aylwin, and Kirby have left the diocese, while Rev. Mr. Renison is away on leave, and Rev. Mr. Lowlor through illness.

The war between America and Spain is making dearer the necessities of life. Whether it be possible or not for our people to grow wheat successfully in this section of the Dominion may be a debatable question. There is no debate, however, concerning the statement that our farming community are largely buyers of their breadstuffs, and of pork, too. In this there is something wrong. It is not all chargeable to poor land, or poor farming, or unsuitable climate, or grasping middlemen, or lack of local markets, or even to the abominable "truck" system of trade, but in some measure to all of these and other and minor causes.

The Bishop was present at the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Niagara. On the evening of the 3rd ult. there was an opening service in Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, at which the Bishop was the preacher. The Bishop's first visit to the "Ambitious City," as Hamilton is called, aroused no little interest. At the public missionary meeting on the evening of the 4th, the Bishop was one of the speakers. Niagara's sympathy with Algoma is shown by the donating of the W.A. Life Membership Fees (some \$135) towards the new church at Silverwater and a guarantee of \$25 to the Mission Fund this year.

The affliction which Rev. Mr. Cobb and his family have suffered has called forth much sympathy from fellow Church people outside the diocese. Bishop Sullivan made an appeal in the Toronto Church papers, and met with responses, which have been duly acknowledged. Dr. Sullivan's prompt action shows us, if

we needed to be shown, that his heart is with us in Algoma. Besides the Toronto W.A. generous gift towards a new parsonage, mentioned elsewhere, we record the practical sympathy of the Montreal W.A. in sending to him \$31 and a bale of goods. As yet we are without data regarding the gifts to Mr. Cobb from this diocese from all parts of which contributions have been sent.

The schoolhouse on the Indian Reserve at Spanish River was burnt to the ground on Monday, 18th of April. Miss Morley, the teacher, who lived over the school, lost a large part of her personal effects. With rare courage she moved at once into a deserted Indian cottage, which serves for a shelter, but is very ill-fitted for the purpose, and at once began preparing to re-open her school. Miss Morley writes that she lost, among other things, nearly all her supplies, her cooking stove, which she had just managed to pay for, every dish, bedstead, etc., etc. She would like very much to get a coal oil stove large enough to do her baking, etc. Coming so soon after the fire at North Seguin this second conflagration is very trying.

No report of the annual meeting of the Algoma Association in London having yet come to hand, we can now only state one or two facts concerning it which are contained in a recent letter from one of our devoted lady friends in the Old Country. The festival was held on the 28th of April last. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Ashley Gardens, the Hon. and Rev. Stafford Northcote, rector, who kindly lent his parish room for the committee and general meetings. He was also present at the latter gathering. Mr. Moody, of the C.P.R., occupied the chair and spoke sympathetically and well. He was followed by Rev. W. G. Woolsey, one of the Bishop's commissaries, who is looked upon by our correspondent as a valuable addition to the ranks of Algoma's helpers in England. Then Mr. Machin, "always interesting," and Miss Day, an old-time friend and loyal worker for Algoma.

#### Silverwater—Manitoulin Island.

The Wycliffe College Missionary Association has sent, at its own cost—except so far as his board is concerned—a student to Silverwater, for the summer months.

The people deserve this. Though forty miles from the nearest mission centre, and therefore cut off from regular ministrations, they have not lost their love for the Church and her services.

They have determined to build themselves a church, and Mr. Kemp, one of the leaders of the little band, writes to the Rev. L. Sinclair, of Gore Bay, who has *quasi* charge of the outpost: "We have our little church up. It is built on an eighteen-inch stone wall, 22x34. The building is all enclosed with inch lumber. It is shingled. The shingles are laid in mortar. And we have the siding bought and paid for. But we are getting very short of funds. We are in hopes that we may get a little outside help. We have only received \$3.50 from outside as yet. But we are in earnest and will not give up until we finish our little church."

Most opportunely there comes, at this juncture, the news that the Niagara Woman's Auxiliary has voted its life membership's fees, \$134, to Silverwater. This will suffice well nigh to complete the work. They do indeed deserve all this.

#### Huntsville Mission.

REV. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, HUNTSVILLE.

At the annual vespy of All Saints' Church on Easter Monday the following officers were elected: Wardens, Messrs. O. Wieler, and R. J. Hutcheson; sidesmen, Messrs. Clarke, Tipper, Tower, Down, Thomas and Gledhill. Mr. H. C. Llwyd, was re-elected organist. Mr. W. J. Morgan having to resign his position as choir-master, owing to his ill-health, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered him for his past services. Mr. M. Kinton was nominated lay-reader, and Mr. Wilgress lay-delegate to the Triennial Council.

The finances of the church showed a total church effort during the year of \$1225.92, with liabilities \$66.66, and a resolution was passed undertaking to raise the congregational quota of stipend to \$500. The meeting was hearty and united and a fair amount of progress was shown by the various reports.

FELLOWSHIP in treason is a bad ground of confidence.

GOD pardons us just as He bids us pardon our brethren, because it is the very nature of love truly to forgive.

FAILURE is often God's own tool for carving out some of the finest outlines in the character of His children; and, even in this life, bitter and crushing failures have often in them the germs of new and quite unimagined happiness.

## Thessalon Mission.

REV. W. M. R. SEABORNE, INCUMBENT.

The following is a clipping from *The Algoma Advocate* of May 6th:

The first annual meeting of the Women's Guild of the Church of the Redeemer was held at Dr. McCort's residence on Monday evening, 2nd inst. This society was organized some six years ago for the purpose of raising money to erect a parsonage and until October last went under the name of the "Ladies' Committee of the Church of the Redeemer," and during that period has raised and paid on parsonage fund upwards of six hundred dollars, one hundred and sixty-three dollars of which has been raised by the Guild since they re-organized with Mrs. Seaborne as president. In their efforts they have been materially assisted by Mrs. Chapman, of Hamilton, who has taken a warm interest in their work. Their financial efforts will now be directed towards paying off the mortgage of \$400 which still remains unpaid on the building. The officers of the society as at present constituted are honorary president, president, two vice-presidents, two secretaries, and treasurer. The objects of the Guild are: "To promote visiting and other means of a united sociable feeling among all members of the Church, the relief of the poor and destitute in a regular and systematic manner, to assist the pastor and wardens with financial aid as opportunity offers." The proceedings were opened by an address by Mrs. Seaborne, the retiring president.

The chair was then vacated by the president and taken by the honorary president, who, after leading in prayer and reading and expounding the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, called for the election of officers for the ensuing year, Miss Cullis being selected secretary for the evening. The officers were unanimously re-elected with the exception of Mrs. Geo. Shaw, jun., who was chosen to fill the place of Mrs. Jas. Glanville, resigned. President, Mrs. Seaborne; first vice-president, Mrs. Moore; second vice-president, Mrs. Shaw, jun.; treasurer, Mrs. Pulford; secretaries, Misses Keetch and Cullis; visiting committee, Mrs. J. H. McDonald and Mrs. Nichols; relief committee, Mrs. Dymont, Mrs. McCort, Miss Nichols, and Miss Paterson. The reports of the secretary and treasurer, which were received and adopted, showed that all the floating debt was paid off. It was decided that the moneys realized during the year should be applied chiefly to liquidating the debt on parsonage. The next meeting of the Guild is to be held at the residence of Mr. J. J. Ansley on the first Friday in June. A very interesting meeting was brought to a close by prayer by the incumbent.

MONTALEMBERT said, "Without a Sabbath, no worship, without worship, no religion, and without religion, no permanent freedom."

## Port Carling Mission.

REV. I. E. CHICOTT, M.A., INCUMBENT.

Last October the Rev. W. A. J. Burt, who had been priest-in-charge of this mission for a little over six years, secured leave of absence for seven months to act as *locum tenens* for the Rev. C. J. Machin, M.B., at the town of Gravenhurst. While there the Bishop offered Mr. Burt the mission of North Bay, which, after due consideration, was accepted. When the people of this mission learned that Mr. Burt was not to return to them as their incumbent, they immediately set to work to show in some tangible form the high appreciation in which he was held by them. On April 20th Mr. and Mrs. Burt were invited to visit the village of Port Carling, the centre of the mission, where a large number of friends assembled in the village hall to present them with an address and a beautiful silver tea service, the latter being suitably engraved. The following is the address, which was largely signed:

To the Rev. W. A. J. Burt:

DEAR MR. BURT,—We, your friends and members of your late congregations of the Port Carling mission, looking back upon the past six years of pleasant and profitable intimacy, social as well as spiritual, with you and Mrs. Burt, desire to materialize our happy reminiscences of you both in a manner which will ever face you in your daily life, and serve to perpetuate us in your thoughts.

For you who have set forth the truths of the Church, emphasizing them with innumerable kindnesses of hand and heart, bestowed upon all, irrespective of caste or creed, will ever live in our memory and hold a warm place in our hearts.

From far and wide, throughout the scattered scenes of your recent labours, blessings will follow you, dear friend, and yours, from many hearts loyal and true.

Many a primitive home will keep green the memory of your visits and your kind deeds therein, and this, the parting testimony of your loving and admiring friends, breathes between every line a sincere and fervent prayer that our God may bless and speed you.

To the above address and presentation Mr. Burt made an appropriate and feeling reply. Refreshments and good-byes followed. P.M.S.

## St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

The Canadian Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held in Hamilton this year. The date has been fixed for September 23rd to 25th.

Hamilton has five live chapters to undertake the work and are already arranging the billeting and other matters in connection with the Convention. The Association Hall, which will seat nearly one thousand people, has been secured for the business and mass meetings.

The Dominion Council met in Toronto about three weeks ago and outlined a programme and is now in correspondence with several American Bishops and laymen and also with some of the strongest men in our Canadian Church.

## Port Sydney Mission.

REV. A. R. MITCHELL, INCUMBENT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—It is some time since you received any correspondence from my pen. It seems rather dry to write about one's own work, which perhaps accounts to a great extent for one writing so seldom. There are several points, however, in connection with the parishioners and episcopal visitation which, if touched upon, might interest some of your readers.

At Port Sydney the congregation keeps up in a very encouraging manner. The members certainly appreciate the blessed privileges of our beloved church. Few in number, indeed, as compared with what they used to be, they struggle to maintain their former position, which they succeed in doing pretty well. The lumbering is practically finished here now, and nothing but farming, and that poor, remains. Consequently there is nothing for our young men to turn to, and they have left for fields wider and busier.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese visited this mission on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of January last, and performed episcopal acts in three out of the four stations. The incumbent met the Bishop at Uter son Station on the 22nd, and drove His Lordship to Beatrice, where both were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. R. Lance. After dinner a consultation was held in the vestry of St. Mary's hall with the churchwarden of Ufford *in re* church matters. At 3 p.m. a confirmation service was held in St. Mary's hall, and seven persons were presented to the Bishop to receive the apostolic rite of confirmation. After service a consultation was held with the Beatrice congregation *in re* building their new church and for the purpose of stirring up the members to do more towards helping the Bishop to pay the incumbent's stipend. In spite of it being Saturday the church hall was full.

From Beatrice to Port Sydney was traversed, and our evening meal was partaken of at the parsonage at 7 p.m. We next repaired to the hall, where the lady members of the congregation had prepared some very substantial enjoyment for the Sunday scholars. Our valued superintendent, Mr. Sydney Smith, together with his staff of teachers, had requested that the children's Christmas treat and distribution of prizes be postponed till the bishop's visit, so that our young friends might have the pleasure of seeing their Bishop's autograph in their books, etc., and receive them at his own hands. The hall was very tastefully dressed by gentlemen members of the church, amongst whom was Mr. Duncan Forrest, who only a few years ago was amongst our scholars, but is now a loyal member of the Church at Dundas. It was to him we owed the great success of the musical part of the evening. The room was taxed to its utmost capacity by Church people from the other stations, as well as Port Sydney, together with those

from other religious bodies who had come to bid welcome to Algoma's Bishop upon that, His Lordship's first visit to this place. The Bishop gave a very stirring address, and expressed himself pleased with the evening's proceedings.

A deep snow having fallen in the night great difficulty was experienced by the worshippers in getting to church on Sunday the 23rd. Mr. Smith very kindly sent his snow-plough round the village to enable some to get to church easier than they could otherwise have done, and then dispatched his sleigh for others. Matins being ended six persons were presented for the rite of confirmation and twenty-two received the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Then came a very difficult task. Eight miles of road to Brunel church, which, at the best is rough, had to be travelled through deep, wet, sticky snow and the road to be broken nearly the whole distance. We reached there a half-hour late to find the driving shed, which was built by the congregation last fall more than full of horses and oxen which had brought the worshippers to Holy Trinity Church. A good congregation had assembled and fifteen persons were confirmed, varying in age from fourteen to sixty-seven years. This seems to be the lot of the members of Holy Trinity, for when His Lordship the Bishop of Huron held a confirmation in February two years before, the only way two candidates could get from Baysville was on snowshoes. The little horse which did duty on this occasion had travelled the same road through a number of storms during the past five winters and she succeeded in getting us within a mile of the parsonage when the first bell sounded the call to Evensong. This did not give the Bishop much time to refresh himself and walk back to Christ Church. Yet there he was on time and, considering the weather, a good congregation awaited him.

The Bishop's sermons and addresses being not only of a deeply spiritual character, but also exceedingly practical and stirring, will long remain in the minds of those to whom they were addressed and it is to be hoped bring forth the fruits of an abundant harvest.

The Church Woman's Aid Society in connexion with Christ Church has lately developed into a branch of the "Woman's Auxiliary" and the first work they did under their new name was to help to clear off a debt which was due on the working expenses of the church. They prepared what they called a "Pink Tea" and certainly it was worthy of the name. Cakes were pink. Eggs were pink. The hall, the ladies, yes, and the gentlemen, too, were decked with pink. The members of the Auxiliary provided everything and the strictest economy together with the greatest enjoyment were prominent features of the evening. Everything connected with the tea and entertainment was of a high moral tone and was calculated to enhance the social side of the church of which they are privileged to be members.

It was also financially successful and as a result the society voted \$13 to the churchwarden to assist in wiping off the debt. It is anticipated that a junior branch of the W. A. will soon be established.

A. R. M.

### North Sequin Mission.

REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, March 26th, the residents of St. John's parsonage, North Sequin, discovered that the house was on fire in the ceiling of the maid's room and in the attic. It was probably caused by heat from the stove-pipes passing through and to the roof. The second child of Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Cobb, being upstairs, uttered a shrill cry, and his mother hastened to learn the cause. On opening the door between the dining-room and the stairway, Mrs. Cobb witnessed her boy standing on the top of the staircase amid liquid flames. Not a moment's thought intervened between that sight and her rush to the rescue. Immediately the boy was secured, both fell heavily down the stairs in flames. Mr. Cobb by this had reached the scene and found them lying at his feet. A curtain hanging near was instantly thrown around the mother and child, by which the flames on their bodies were extinguished, and both were carried out in an unconscious condition. Then Mr. Cobb, with pails in hand, ascended the stairs, but being soon enveloped in smoke fell backwards down stairs. Meanwhile help was at hand, men from a neighbour's bee were returning home and others from the lumber camp hastened to the spot, and a hard fight to quench the flames was made, Mr. Cobb again being carried out unconscious and in pain. When found impossible to save the house all hands then turned to rescue furniture, etc. The larger things of the dining room first were secured. Then a brave rush to Mr. Cobb's room was the means of saving many of his valued books and other property. Six men got books from his "den" when the ceiling and other portions of the room were red with flame. But the work of destruction had gone on apace, and in half an hour the whole house was enveloped in brilliant fire. The house, formerly the residence of the locatee of the land attached, had but been recently purchased, after being rented for some time by the incumbent. At the time of purchase considerable improvements were necessary to secure comfort. These were effected by and at the cost of the incumbent, who had added other work year by year, so that before June it was hoped the house would have been more complete and ready to meet the requirements of the insurance companies. No neglect would have been shown respecting insurance had the building been completed. The mission is of comparatively recent formation, and, in as all such, the members

of the various stations have found demands for their energy and contributions about their own churches, all of which are now complete, fully insured, two consecrated and the third ready for the latter next June, during the promised episcopal visitation, so that attention had of late been directed towards the completion of the parsonage and to remove the \$100 debt still remaining, but "while man proposes God disposes," and so the opportunity was not allowed.

To return to the injured, Dr. Freeborn, of Maganetawan, was immediately summoned, and in spite of terribly rough roads reached the scene of accident shortly after midnight. His efforts soon afforded relief to the sufferers, but by the arrival of Mrs. Cobb's brother, Mr. Bartlett, of Broadbent, she was completely beyond recognition, so swollen had become her hands and face. The crescent-shaped wound on the front of her head caused by the fall required the doctor's skill, and had an ugly appearance. Both she and the boy stood the pain with remarkable fortitude and resignation, much to the surprise of those who witnessed their sufferings. The loss to the incumbent is a heavy one, the articles consumed being the accumulations of a newly-formed home, but even this was soon lost sight of in the deep gratitude to Almighty God that the boy was safe, and to-day none of the family are missing. Neighbours were most kind, offers of hospitality came from all sides, near and far, but the condition of Mr. Cobb and the boy entirely dispelled all ideas of their removal from the residence of Mr. Vickers, where temporary shelter was secured.

LATER.—By the end of two weeks Mrs. Cobb's brothers constructed an ambulance waggon and with great care conveyed Mrs. Cobb to their bachelor residence at Inhomes, near Broadbent, where, under the nursing of her sister, Miss Kathleen Bartlett, who left her school at Wanbamick, near Parry Sound, Mrs. Cobb gradually recovered her former appearance, but the marks on her face still remain, showing the nature of the fiery ordeal she must have passed through. On April 22nd Dr. Freeborn paid his fifth visit, and after an operation afforded relief to Mrs. Cobb from developments arising since and consequent to the injuries received.

A CHURCH without a dogma is very much like a body without an articulated frame work of bones, or an action without a distinct purpose—that is, a gelatinous organization which cannot easily answer any useful end. A flabby mass of confused feelings will never yield a clear conviction. Yet there can be no religion, however vague, without faith in God, which is a dogma, nor without faith in personal responsibility, which is another dogma. You might as well hold that there could be geography without a survey and a map, as that there could be a religion without a theology.—*The Spectator*.

## Sudbury Mission.

The following is the report presented at the vestry meeting at Easter, which was unavoidably crowded out of our last number.

*The Churchwardens' Annual Report for the Church of the Epiphany for Year ending Easter, 1898.*

REV. SIR AND DEAR BRETHREN,—With great pleasure we appear before you at this the church's annual business meeting to give a brief report or review of the work of the year and to offer a few suggestions which might tend to the advancement of the church's work in this mission. With pride we would state that the Church in Sudbury alone has raised the following sums of money:

Church offertories, special and general.	\$68 67
Parsonage subscription list.....	315 00
Sunday School offertories.....	22 12
Church Women's Parochial Society....	146 20

Or a grand total of..... \$1168 99

As a mission we think, in times of such financial stringency, that God has specially blessed our efforts. As the financial affairs of our mission have been embodied in more detail in another report, which will be laid before you, we will now pass on to other matters.

At the outset, we would call attention to the harmony which has prevailed in our midst. We have experienced a contented congregation co-operating with pastor and officers in everything that would conduce to the advancement of the church's welfare. We will pass on to what has been accomplished.

In accordance with the decision arrived at by this vestry a year ago, your churchwardens, assisted by the incumbent, Mr. Ulbricht, and the Building Committee, have had erected on the church lot adjoining the church a commodious brick clad parsonage, which furnishes a comfortable abode for our clergyman and for those who may come after him. The building has had put into it a coal hot-air furnace, town water, sewerage, and some necessary conveniences. Your wardens consider that an excellent job was done, and the building is worth all and more than all it cost.

There was left over as a legacy due to us by our predecessors an unsettled claim for damages by reason of trespass of the town, through its contractor, in carrying the main sewerage pipe through the lot on which the parsonage is now erected. Prolonged, irritating, and at one time thought to be unending, were the negotiations with the Town Council and the C.P.R., and when at last our Bishop succeeded in amicably arranging matters with the latter corporation, we were still obstinately blocked by an influential section of the former. That has now been overcome. The damages have been agreed to at \$150.00, the papers have been signed and passed and during the last week the town has paid us \$50 on account.

No more troublesome or annoying matter has ever come before the officials of the church.

The furnace in the church having been unsatisfactory for years, your wardens took expert advice and made the necessary repairs at an expense of \$35.00. We think you will agree with us that the money was well spent. We have worshipped during the past winter in greater comfort than in any previous winter, and our health has been in less jeopardy.

We would desire to call your attention to the splendid aid which the Church Women's Society has rendered the Parsonage Building Committee, and the great social power for good it has been since its inauguration in our mission nearly eight years ago.

Your wardens made an appeal with a subscription list to our own people and for parsonage building purposes raised in Sudbury alone \$315, every dollar of which has been paid. There is usually a considerable shrinkage in such lists.

We regret to have to recommend the discontinuance of a salary to our very able organist. This arises from no fault with the services she has rendered, but is the result of the Bishop's wish, we might almost say, command. As we are only a partially self-supporting mission we must not indulge in the luxuries of paid officials. We sincerely trust that our organist may still retain her position without a salary as in former years, and the congregation will see that she does not very much suffer by the change.

The saddest paragraph we have to write is our utter neglect of our "city of the dead." Dreary, desolate, and uncared for it is, and as a Christian people we must do something to make amends. We can console ourselves with this assurance, however, that not until last year did the Bishop get a deed of the cemetery lot, consequently we could not very well improve or beautify property from which we might be ejected. That excuse no longer remains. Again we say, something must be done, much ought to be done.

Our financial experience and revenue are very satisfactory but more in this direction should be done. Every adult member of this congregation should voluntarily subscribe through the envelope such a sum as he or she can give, and that should be given each Sunday whether you are there or not. God's word is preached every Sunday and must be paid for. Give what your conscience tells you, if only five cents each Sunday, but once having subscribed do not consider it is a debt you owe the clergyman or the wardens, but one you owe God for the support of His Church. Church giving is a more serious matter, we fear, than many think.

Do we Church of England people do our duty by strangers and visitors? I fear a heavy arraignment can be brought up against most of us under this head. Let us try during the year we are now entering upon to break down the icy barriers between us and the stranger within our gates.

This report is already much too long and larger than intended, but we cannot conclude without thanking our clergyman and his family and everybody in the congregation for the hearty support, both financial and otherwise, we have received during our term of office.

We are respectfully,

Your wardens,

JAMES PURVIS,  
R. DORSETT.

Sudbury, April 13th, 1898.

## Port Arthur.

REV. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—The Easter Vestry meeting, adjourned from the 11th, was held in the schoolroom, on the evening of April 26th. The Wardens presented their financial statement, showing the total receipts for the past year to be \$1,472 21; included in this amount is \$339, raised by the various parish societies and the Sunday School, some \$200 of this, being credited to the Woman's Auxiliary. While the voluntary contributions did not amount to so much as in some previous years, they were, nevertheless, very satisfactory, taking into consideration the loss to the parish by the removal of a number of families, who were substantial supporters of the Church, and the quietness in business circles, which was general throughout this town and neighbourhood. The incumbent nominated Mr. J. W. Morgan as his warden, who consented to act for a second term, as also did Mr. W. H. Nelson, when requested to do so by the Vestry. The following gentlemen will act as sidesmen for the ensuing year: Messrs. F. H. Keefer, C. H. Shera, Richard Binnington, Ross Thompson, H. A. McKibbin and R. A. Hazlewood, and Dr. McKnight continues in the office of vestry clerk. Mr. G. H. Feldtmann was elected delegate to the Triennial Council, with Mr. G. M. Francis, as substitute. At the conclusion of business matters, vote of thanks were passed to the wardens for their services during the past year, to the choir and choirmaster, Mr. Boyce, and to the Woman's Auxiliary for their valuable assistance, financially and otherwise.

On April 17th, within the octave of Easter, Mr. Thursby went to Oliver and administered the Holy Communion at St. James' Church in the morning, and presided at a vestry meeting held in the evening when Messrs. J. K. Read and Joseph Kittredge were appointed wardens.

The Sons of England (Winchester Lodge) attended Divine Service on the morning of April 24th. Forty-five members were in attendance, including a few from Fort William.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on April 28th, when the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Shera, president; Mrs. Binnington, vice president; Mrs. Wink, secretary; Mrs. Keefer, treasurer.

Mr. Thursby has recently acquired a knowledge of the Finnish language, and has already turned it to such good account, and given a great deal of satisfaction to two Finn couples, who have been united in matrimony, the marriage service being read by the incumbent in that tongue.

The members of the choir met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Macdougall on the evening of March 30th, and presented Mr. T. P. Boyce, the choir-master, with a very handsome clock, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his laudable efforts in connection with the musical organization of this parish. An impromptu programme of vocal and instrumental music made the time pass very enjoyably for those present. The presentation was made by Rev. J. W. Thursby, in his customary affable and interesting manner. Refreshments, dispensed by the host and hostess, wound up this very pleasant gathering. H. B.

### Fort William

REV. E. J. HARPER, INCUMBENT.

ST. LUKE'S.—Easter Day with us this year was a day to be remembered. The weather, beautiful and balmy, doubtless induced many to attend church. There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion (at 8 and 11 a.m.); twenty-nine made their communion at the former and thirty-eight at the latter service. Special pains had been taken by the choir, under their leader, Mr. Harry Sellers, to render the musical-portions of the services creditably, and the success was quite marked. Fay's *Te Deum*, Hebden's *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, among other fine settings, were given with precision and sweetness. An orchestra consisting of organ, flute, cornet, and violin, played the "Priests' March" as a voluntary in the morning and again in the evening at the offertory. Large congregations filled the church. The offerings amounted to upwards of one hundred and thirty dollars.

On Monday evening, April 18th, the parish meeting was held, when reports were read from the wardens, the superintendent of the Sunday-school, Woman's Auxiliary, and by the incumbent, showing, on the whole, satisfactory results.

A select vestry was appointed consisting of Mr. J. J. Wells, people's warden; Mr. C. W. Jarvis, rector's warden, and Messrs. George Coe, A. H. Brown, S. J. Jones, S. J. Jarvis, A. More, Wm. Newcombe, Thos. Wiegand, and E. R. Wayland.

### WEST FORT.

ST. THOMAS.—Though few in number, the Church people at this station keep up their interest in the little church. Potted plants adorned the sanctuary on Easter Day when service was held at 3 p.m. Out of fifty souls, including infants, sixteen are communicants.

On the evening of the 19th of April, the annual parish meeting was held. The

wardens are this year: Mr. A. H. Armstrong, re-elected peoples,' and Mr. Geo. Cleaver, clergyman's. This little congregation are without a set of vessels for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries. Will not some kind friend present it with one? Very chaste sets consisting of small paten, chalice, and two small glass cruets may be obtained for about \$18.00. Though the incumbent has repeatedly asked for these through the medium of the A. M. N. since his arrival in 1895, not a single murmur has been given in response.

Appended is a statement of finances for year—Easter, 1897, to Easter, 1898:

#### Receipts.

Envelopes . . . . .	\$ 773 72
Open collections . . . . .	256 42
Woman's Auxiliary . . . . .	476 91
Sunday-School . . . . .	156 32
Christmas offering . . . . .	28 96
Donations . . . . .	73 50
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	\$1,765 83

#### Disbursements.

Salaries . . . . .	\$ 828 22
Organist . . . . .	120 00
Music . . . . .	4 50
Caretaker . . . . .	80 00
Sunday-School supplies . . . . .	154 17
Fuel . . . . .	20 00
Light . . . . .	6 00
Electric light . . . . .	13 00
Part account parsonage . . . . .	170 20
Repairs and improvements . . . . .	41 00
W. A. . . . .	57 30
Insurance . . . . .	20 00
Repairs re church . . . . .	20 00
Incidentals . . . . .	38 03
Balance at credit W. A. . . . .	192 26
" " " Sunday-School . . . . .	1 15
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	\$1,765 83

### Schreiber Mission.

The Rev. E. Lawlor, incumbent of this mission, has been compelled, on account of ill-health, to resign this charge, and, consequently, on Friday evening, 22nd April, the members of St. John's Church and friends gathered in the church for the purpose of presenting an illuminated address and presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Lawlor.

As Mr. Lawlor could not personally attend the meeting, Rev. J. W. Thursby, of Port Arthur, kindly came down and acted as chairman on the occasion. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Thursby, after which he explained the object of the meeting, and called upon Mr. W. G. Milligan to read the address, which was as follows:

Address and presentation to Rev. E. Lawlor, M.A., and wife:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the members of St. John's Church, and friends in the district of Schreiber, deeply regret that through the providence of God you are called upon to sever the links of love and service which have bound you to us for upwards of three years.

We cannot allow you to depart without testifying in some tangible manner our very high appreciation of your character as a Christian minister, your untiring zeal in your pulpit ministrations, district mission services, Bible and confirmation classes and in all pastoral work.

We desire especially to sincerely thank you for your very edifying and instructive sermons, which were invariably of a high order, showing careful preparation, and evincing a cultivated and enlightened mind, a sympathetic heart and a consciousness of the reality of the blessings which flow from a personal union with that Saviour whom you so faithfully proclaimed.

When you came amongst us we were labouring under the responsibility of a heavy debt resting on our church property, but through your arduous endeavours that debt has been almost obliterated.

In all your efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom in our midst you have been ably assisted by Mrs. Lawlor, whose labours of love in the Sabbath-school and Woman's Auxiliary, as well as in the homes of the sick and afflicted, have secured for her a very prominent place in the affections of all our people.

We beg your acceptance of the address and the accompanying cheque as slight tokens of our high esteem, and pray that wherever your lot in the future may be cast the Divine blessing in all its fulness may ever be yours.

Signed on behalf of the subscribers,

T. NEWMAN,  
JAMES RUSSELL,  
W. G. MILLIGAN,  
H. J. S. JACOMI, } Wardens.

April, 1898.

Rev. J. Russell, Presbyterian minister here then addressed the meeting on behalf of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lawlor outside the members of the Church after which Rev. Thursby read the following reply prepared by Mr. Lawlor:

Life, beloved, is a solemn thing. It is short and uncertain, for in its midst we are in death. Its course is ever rushing onward like some quiet stream, and yet, how often we do not perceive its priceless value, or even realize that it will one day come to an end! We all are born into this world for some good purpose, but how often do we reject that opportunity. Our life must lead towards Christ or else from Him. If we are approaching our Saviour there is a crown of glory as a reward, if away from Him what an awful picture is before us. For over three years we have dwelt together in this mission, but God in His inscrutable wisdom has seen fit to order it otherwise, and this event, my saying farewell to you, should remind us that all connections on this earth must some day come to an end; that a few more years shall roll, and a few more seasons pass and time shall be no more. It should impress upon us the fact, that our citizenship belongs to heaven, that here we have no continuing city, that we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth, journeying toward the heavenly Jerusalem. When I came among you it was not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the knowledge of God, for I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but I hope in the demonstration of the spirit and of power.

And now, beloved, as an opportunity has not presented itself to me to say farewell to you personally, I think that in God's house where I have exhorted you in a feeble, though in a faithful, manner to follow Christ, I will say farewell. I cannot go without asking you to remember me in those solemn moments when you hold intercourse with Him who alone can sustain and help us in all our troubles; that I will be successful in my new sphere, that my life as well as my teaching may preach Christ and Him crucified. Pray also for the success of your future pastor, that God may bless him, and remember that he, who proclaims unto you the Gospel, must live of the Gospel. We leave you now in a spirit of love and thankfulness towards you all, for your many kindnesses to us, and particularly for the beautiful address and presents which you have in recognition of our services bestowed upon my wife and myself. It is the last time I shall address you, the next time we meet may be in eternity.

Oh! may that be an eternity of rest. In leaving you, and saying farewell, let me urge upon you to remember Jesus as your Saviour, your Redeemer, for some of you are walking in darkness and dwelling under the shadow of death. In this departing from you who have treated me so kindly I cannot do better than repeat the prayer which I have always uttered, that the "God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"

(Signed) EDWARD LAWLOR, M.A.

The meeting then came to a close by prayer by Rev. J. W. Thursby.

W.G.M.

### Some Interesting Notes.

(From an Algoma Associate in England)

It is a remarkable fact that while almost the whole of Palestine is heavily mortgaged to Jewish money-lenders, the heaviest mortgages expire about Easter, 1898.

That the Jews have been for some time keenly on the alert about the coming of their Messiah no one at all acquainted with them can deny. Some years ago, when excavations were going on in Jerusalem, a spring of water was discovered on Mount Zion; the excavators did not think much of it, but next day they were surprised to see a large number of Jews at the place, viewing the spot with intense interest and considerable excitement. In the course of a few weeks another spring was found on the same hillside, and an eye-witness has told me that nothing could exceed the wild enthusiasm of the vast crowd which for several days, poured out of Jerusalem to watch the work of the excavators. Upon being asked the reason of their excitement they seemed astonished at the ignorance of the questioner, and replied: "Don't you know that our sacred books have always said that when *three springs* are discovered on Mount Zion the Messiah will appear?" This incident is one out of many that could be quoted to show the state of awakened and intense watchfulness which is to be noticed amongst Jews all over the world.

A few months ago the town of Safed, in Palestine, became the centre of a remarkable movement. Safed lies a little to the northwest of Galilee, and is a town of 4,000 or 5,000 inhabitants. Two prophecies taken from their ancient books, of whose genuineness there appears to be no doubt, have lately attracted the attention of the Jews in that place; both of these state that the coming of their Messiah and the overthrow of their enemies is to be in the year 5,666 of their reckoning, or, according to ours, 1906.

A lady residing in the south of Ireland wrote to tell me of a visit which she had had from a young man, the son of a labourer on her estate who, having made some money in Australia, returned and

bought a farm near his old home. I asked why he came home when he was doing so well. He said: "All of us think of nothing out there but to come and settle at home—but we are nothing to the Jews—and you know there's a lot of them out there. Now for two years they think of nothing but getting back to Jerusalem and rebuilding their temple. For two years they have been scraping and saving all they can, and no one can believe the money they have sent to London to repurchase their land. They think they'll get the temple up next year at Easter (1898), and, ma'am, if you only HEARD them in their synagogues crying and the tears running down for the Messiah to come—and they say he will come next year—and they must be in Jerusalem before then!" I asked where all this occurred, and he replied "In West Australia, and all the gold diggings, and in every place that I was in. They're all at it, and, indeed, ma'am, they may be mistaken in some things, and we know they are, for He came before, but maybe He is coming again." This incidental testimony of this young Roman Catholic peasant is interesting as bearing upon the state of the Jewish mind at the other side of the world.

Extracts from "Watching for the Dawn," by Rev. T. H. Townsend, D.D., Vicar of Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells. L. M. K.

### The Bicentenary of the S.P.C.K.

From *The Guardian*, March 7, 1858.

RAVS FROM THE SPEECHES.

(Concluded from last month.)

Lord Stanmore,—

Fancy at its foundation 200 years ago five obscure men sitting down to found a society, the field of the operations of which should be the whole of this globe, the whole world. That was my text, and I can illustrate it as far as I have seen, and I can truly say that in all parts of the world that I have been in, whether in Asia, Europe, Africa, America or Australia, there you may see the work of this society, and there you will see thousands of people grateful for its work and millions more profiting by its work, but not grateful for it, because they are ignorant of it, as has been truly said already.

I will only mention one instance which is curious in its way of showing how far and how unexpectedly you may see traces of this society's operations. It once occurred to me very many years ago to spend a night in a more than half-ruined and very ancient monastery in the depths of the great desert of Africa, due west of Assouan. We supped and we slept in one of the aisles of this half-ruined church, and very early in the morning, long before dawn, Mass was said by its rude and strange inhabitants. Never was there to be seen a service performed under

more barbaric and strange conditions, but there was one feature in it, there was one article in this desolate and half-ruined church, which seemed out of place and incongruous with the rest of its surroundings. There was a great big book upon a ledge, bound in a very civilized looking and apparently modern binding. Out of this book the selections of Scripture which formed part of the service were read. It was a splendid copy of the Bible in Coptic and Arabic, printed by this society and was part of a gift which had been made to a Patriarch of Alexandria many years before. I only mention that; I could mention dozens of cases of the same sort, where you unexpectedly see the work of this society crop up in strange places. But, at all events, in Canada, among the negroes in the West Indies, in the great plains of Australia or New Zealand, and in the isles of the Pacific or of the Indian Ocean, there you will see the work of this society, and you will see what it has done. That is the testimony which I presume I was called here to bear, and most happy and most willing am I to bear it.

The object of this society is the promotion of Christian knowledge, and I was glad to hear it said by the speakers who have preceded me, especially the Lord High Chancellor, that although we do not mean, as many people think we mean, merely knowledge of Christianity, we mean the Christian use of knowledge at large—of knowledge in a Christian sense and permeated by Christianity.

£37,000 a year is what it gets now £37,000 a year, what is that! In the city of London and the kingdom of England it ought to be £370,000, and even then what a small proportion that sum would bear to the number of men who can afford to give a guinea a year, and who belong to the Church of England!

*The Archbishop of Capetown,—*

There is no society, so far as I know, in England except this which helps the Church in its mission-fields and in its colonial dioceses to supply the buildings necessary for Divine service, and for the education of our children. The society, in its method of proceeding, of course expects the Colonial Church and the Mission Church to do its own share in the erection of these buildings; but I can say for myself that over and over again in our small country parishes and in our distant and remote mission stations, it has been the help which this society has given to us, and that help alone, which has encouraged us to put up our buildings, churches, and schools for our people.



A great deal has been said to-day in praise of the society; before I sit down I wish to say one word in disparagement of it. It seems a strange thing to do on an occasion of this kind, but I feel bound to do it. I do not think that this society advertises itself as it ought to do. This is a self-advertising age, and it is not a pleasanter age because it is a self-advertising age. . . . At the same time it is an age when advertising to a certain extent in a wholesome manner is really necessary, and I do hope that this society in this two-hundredth year of its life will take some measures, if it possibly can, to insist upon the work it does, which is so wonderfully multifarious that it cannot be described even at a meeting of this kind—to insist upon the work being brought very closely home to our people in country as well as in our town parishes. I wish that some system of lectures could be arranged by this society by which in this year of grace 1898, this year when the society is keeping its two hundredth year, there should not be one single parish in this country before which the claims of this society should not be laid.

Mr. Allan Gibbs, M.P.,—

The net result of last year was to lose something like £3,000, that is to say, we spent more than we got by something like £3,000, thereby diminishing our small accumulated funds, and in the last two years and for some time we have continued to diminish our accumulated funds. Now that, you see, cannot go on for ever, and unless the society is to be crippled and to reduce and to diminish the good work that it does we must have liberal subscriptions from you. It rests with you here, and with the people of Great Britain, to determine whether the society is to go on as it has gone on, or whether it is to reduce its good work. This society is a Church of England society, but it belongs to no section. You could not call it a High Church society; you could not call it a Low Church society; it is as wide as the Church of England is wide. And it deserves and ought to get the support of every Churchman in Great Britain.

#### THE EVENING SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S.

The space under the dome was completely filled by half-past seven, when the choir of nearly a hundred voices, made up from the choirs of St. Peter's, Eaton-square, St. Pancras, and St. John the Divine, Kensington, entered, singing, as a processional, "Onward, Christian soldiers." Following the choristers came about forty clergymen. A special form of service was used. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were sung to Stanford in B flat. Instead of the Second and Third Collects the Collects for the Third Sunday in Advent and for All Saints' Day were substituted. Instead of an anthem the

fine hymn, "God is working His purpose out," was sung. The "five prayers" following the anthem were:—(1) The Prayer for Unity, (2) a prayer for the S.P.C.K., (3) a shortened form of the General Thanksgiving, and the two concluding prayers.

The Dean of Norwich took his text from Psalm lxxii., 16 (A. V.). After an eloquent exposition of these "predictive words," Dr. Lefroy spoke of the special characteristics of the work of the S. P. C. K. This society engaged in national education in the best sense, before even a ray of light as to its need, utility, or blessing dawned on the consciousness of the State. In 1811 its educational advance brought the National Society into existence, which by 1870 had spent over £15,000,000 on the building and maintenance of schools. The amount spent by Churchmen since 1870 made the total hardly less than £40,000,000. Nor was it otherwise in the foreign translation work, which to-day was broadening and widening. Sixty years ago Mr. Gladstone asked the society to consider how it could spiritually help the crowd of emigrants who every year leave our shores. The answer of the S.P.C.K. represented an organization of sympathy. There were chaplains on the voyage, at the ports of departure and arrival, and many a man had blessed God that the society which cared for his soul on the voyage led him by the hand from the hour his feet touched the land of his adoption until he was intrusted to the pastoral care of the clergyman "at the other side." Noting the expansion of other works of the society, the Dean went on: "But of all its phases of work, exception being made for that which must ever possess the supremacy belonging to spiritual toil, it may be doubted if any work surpasses in importance that which stands out in letters of light and of love in the history of the S.P.C.K. I mean the keen moral insight and outlook exhibited in its anxiety to guard the purity of the press. This is the strongest prophylactic possessed by civilization against a relapse to barbarism. This society has transfigured the art of printing by consecrating its noblest powers to the circulation of Christian knowledge. It was the pioneer, in the growing centres of our home life, of the free library movement." Dr. Lefroy concluded with an urgent appeal on behalf of the increasing work of the society.

#### Acknowledgments.

RECEIPTS AT SYNOD OFFICE, TORONTO,  
for Diocese of Algoma for March, 1898.

#### FOR GENERAL FUND.

Mrs. Sarah Ley, £20; Emsdale, \$1.44; Lower Island W.A., \$5; Grace Church, Ottawa, \$21.32 and \$71; St. George's, Ottawa, \$10; Mrs. Cameron, \$1; Nov2r, \$1.12;

Ilfracombe, 93c.; Ravenscliffe, 93c.; Gravenhurst, \$3.20; Port Arthur W.A., per the Bishop, \$10; Dorset, \$1.66.

For Mission Sustentation Fund.—Baysville, \$1 77; Port Sydney, \$3.16; Bur el, 45c.; Eagle Lake, \$2; South River, \$1 75; A "Well-wisher," first instalment, \$25; Birch Island Indians, \$1.26; Sucker Creek, 81c.; Jocelyn, \$1 45; Richard's Landing, \$1; Miss Allen, £5 10s. 6d.

#### SPECIAL PURPOSES FUND.

Garden River Parsonage.—Sherbrooke Girls' Friendly Society, \$20.

North Bay Church Debt.—Sherbrooke W.A., \$25.

For Uffington Church or Buildings.—Miss E. Wigram, £6.

For Shingwauk.—Toronto, St. Paul's Sunday School, for Frank Day, \$37.50; Parkdale, Epiphany, for Boy, \$9; Toronto, St. Luke's Bible Class, for Ruby May, \$6.25 and \$6 25; Mrs. Phelp, in memoriam late Rev. Robt. Phelps, \$75; Trinity Church, Brockville, Sunday School, \$5.25; Port Dover, St. John's Sunday School, for Boy, \$8; Lachine, St. Paul's W.A., for Elijah Penana, \$8; Niagara Falls Christ Church, and St. Stephen's Memoria Chapel, for David Sissenach, \$12.50; Rothsay, St. Paul's Church Sunday School, \$10.

For S.P.C.K.—Port Sydney, 70c.; Po-wassan, \$1; Parry Sound, \$6; Huntsville, \$3.05; Baysville, \$1.86; Magnetawan, \$1.78; Eagle Lake, \$1; South River, \$1 25; Jocelyn, 75c.; Richard's Land ng, \$1.

For Foreign Missions.—Epiphany Appeal, Ebberstone, 70c.

For Superannuation Fund.—Burk's Falls, 79c.; Broadbent, \$3.20; Dufferin Bridge, \$1.30.

D. KEMP, Treasurer.

Rev. A. H. Allman begs to make grateful acknowledgment of £6, sent by Miss Wigram (Eng.), for church and other buildings.

I beg to acknowledge in the columns of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS with great thankfulness the regular and punctual receipt of the (English) *Church Guardian* and *Church Times*. I prize both of these papers very highly. They keep me in touch and sympathy with Church work at home and indeed throughout the world. The subjects of discussion at Church councils and congresses are not only interesting but deeply instructive, while the gems of thought so expressed as to bear on present everyday topics of momentous interest are simply invaluable. I trust the generous owners of these most welcome periodicals will accept my heartfelt thanks.

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