



The Bishop in Muskoka.

ROSSEAU.

THE annual visit of the Bishop of the Diocese was begun on January 19th, when he was met by the Incumbent at Seguin Falls, whence he proceeded to Rosseau.

Jan. 20th—Vestry, 7.30 p.m.

Jan. 21st—The Churchyard of St. Thomas, Ullswater, was consecrated, and a Vestry held.

Jan. 22nd—Ullswater—Matins, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist; here three Candidates were presented for the Apostolic Rite of laying on of hands. In the evening the Bishop proceeded to Rosseau, where Evensong was said, and four Candidates were presented for Confirmation.

At both churches the Bishop addressed those about to ratify and confirm their Baptismal Vows in language which it is to be hoped will long be remembered by them, and prove helpful to them in after life; as also, it is to be hoped that many who have long been Confirmed were called to remember their own responsibility. At each of those churches the Bishop preached powerful sermons.

Jan. 23rd—Service was held in Peters' Lumber Shanty, and a very suitable sermon was preached by the Bishop; and as is usual, great attention is always paid by the Shantymen during Divine Service.

Next day the Bishop was taken to Utterson, where he took the train for Burk's Falls Mission; his visit in Rosseau Mission causing pleasant recollections, and producing mutual good.

NORTH BAY.

On the 7th January the Bishop arrived here for his annual visitation of the North Bay Mission, in charge of Rev. G. Gillmor. On the previous evening he had held a bright and hearty service at the Village of Nipissing. On the Sunday, in the church of St. Michael and All Angels, His Lordship administered the Rite of Confirmation at morning Service to five Candidates, and preached; and also addressed the Sunday School, and preached at evening service. These sermons and addresses were eagerly looked forward to, and came with power and much profit to all his hearers. The con-

gregation have enlarged this church within the last three months by the addition of a gothic chancel and a vestry. On 9th January he travelled to Sturgeon Falls, and consecrated the church of St. Mary Magdalene; all remaining debt on the building having been, by a special effort on the part of the congregation, cleared off. The Bishop administered the Rite of Confirmation to eight candidates, and preached. He proceeded next day with Incumbent to Chapleau, where, on the following day, in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, he held evening service and preached.

Charles Eaton, Esq., of St. Bee's College, Cumberland, England, is specially in charge at this portion of the Mission Field as Lay Reader. On 12th January the Bishop returned from Chapleau to South River for other Missions. It is to be remarked that His Lordship travelled 500 miles on the C. P. R. just to hold two services; and, with limited time, had laid down for himself and was carrying out work, which, physically, would test to the utmost the endurance and zeal of the strongest of his own clergy. He was most hospitably entertained by John Scarlett, Esq., of Nipissing, and J. J. Barton, Esq., Station Agent, C. P. R., Sturgeon Falls.

HUNTSVILLE.

The Bishop came to this Mission from Burk's Falls, on Saturday, 28th ult. On Sunday, 29th, a class of seven was admitted to full membership in the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. In his address to the confirmees, the Bishop urged them to *be true* to themselves, to others, to their Church and to Christ.

The Bishop preached morning and evening to crowded congregations. Subject—*a.m.*, "Family Religion;" *p.m.*, "St. Paul's Conversion."

The Bishop left for home by midnight train.

THE Rural Deanery, of Muskoka, contains seven Missions, two of which are without clergy ministrations.

ON Twelfth night the members of All Saints, Huntsville, met in the Church Hall, by invitation of the Wardens, for Tea, and a "Talk" on church matters, as attendance at Church and Holy Communion, Finance, Sunday School, Spiritual Life and Growth, etc., etc. A most profitable evening was spent.

The Nepigon Mission.

To the Editor of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS :

SIR,—Having received letters from many friends both in England and Canada who are deeply interested in the temporal and spiritual welfare of the Indians, and who by gifts of clothing, medicines, teas, books, papers, have from time to time given substantial help both to the Missionary and Indians of this place, and some of whom, indeed, have been sending us money to help to build our new Mission House, I beg that you will once more allow me space to offer our most sincere and hearty thanks to all friends who have been helping us in any way to carry on the Lord's work; among whom I must also include, as neither last nor least, those who have helped us with their prayers alone, and their sympathetic letters, holding up our hands and cheering our hearts in hours of despondency. First of all, I must state in explanation of my seeming negligence and carelessness in not responding sooner to letters received months ago, that the delay has been unavoidable, because, living as we are in such an isolated place, sixty miles from the nearest Post Office, and one hundred and twenty from the nearest town, our mails must necessarily be few and far between.

We have no communication whatever with the outer world from the end of October to the first week in January, and from the end of March to the middle of May. In the first interval the lakes and river are only partially frozen, and no Indian except under very pressing circumstances, would venture to travel to Red Rock at that time. In the second interval, from the end of March to the middle of May, although the lakes are sometimes safe enough, yet the ice on the Nepigon River gives way under the influence of the rapid currents beneath, so that it is sometimes open in April, and I have known instances in which when food was very scarce, and to avoid almost inevitable starvation, the Indian started out with a small canoe strapped upon his toboggan, travelling over the frozen lakes till he reached the Nepigon River, and then, leaving his empty toboggan on the ice near the place where he was about to embark, himself and his dogs entered the frail birch bark canoe, thus performing half of the journey by ice and half by water; but this mode of travelling is both dangerous and uncertain, because on returning, sometimes the Indian finds that the ice on the lakes over which he had travelled on his way down has already commenced to thaw; there may be half-a-foot of water on the surface, and if through this the toboggan must go, the flour, the tea, and Missionary's mail will be destroyed.

The foregoing statements will, I trust, be a reasonable excuse to offer to my good friends who have received no response to their letters and gifts sent between October and New Year's Day. But now that the rivers and lakes are quite safe I shall (D.V.) endeavor to answer every communication with all possible despatch.

We are now settled in the new Mission House, which,

although far from complete, is certainly very comfortable. Our potatoes and other vegetables will not be frozen this Winter; the snow will not melt through the roof upon our heads; we can sleep comfortably every night, and we find neither ice or frost upon our blankets in the morning. This is a great blessing, and we do feel thankful to those kind hearts, both in England and Canada, who have provided a warm house for us this Winter; and above all, I trust, we thank our Heavenly Father also, who is the author of every good and perfect gift.

Christmas has been with us a very busy, happy time. I have never yet seen any little flock more zealous about their church than these poor Indians are. We had a midnight service on Christmas Eve, when our little church was almost full to its utmost capacity. Several strange Indians from Flat Rock Portage, although Roman Catholics, came and joined heartily in the services. On Christmas Day also the services were very hearty; the school children sang the "Te Deum" in English, and "Happy day when Jesus washed my sins away." We had eight communicants, who gave ample proof that they were really sincere and wanted to be "meet partakers" of that Holy Feast, by coming to the school house the Wednesday evening before, to receive special instructions out of the bible, prayer-book and catechism, before approaching the table of the Lord.

The friends of this Mission will also rejoice to hear that these poor creatures, many of whom cannot afford such common articles of food as flour and pork, laid their offerings upon the communion table that day amounting to fifteen dollars in money and fur. Perhaps that sum may sound small in the ears of your readers, but in God's sight I am sure it is by no means insignificant. That fifteen dollars includes offering of some who gave not merely a tenth, a third, or a half, but literally all that they had. One Indian who had neither tea for his family nor sufficient twine to set his net for two months previous, kept a new dollar bill; it was his all, and gave it willingly to the Lord on that happy day; another, a poor old woman, who had nothing at all to give was so overwhelmed with grief, that after the service was over she came to Mrs. Renison and said: "Oh, do give me seventy-five cents, and you can call upon me to work at any time." A few day afterwards her husband killed a small beaver, the skin was worth about two dollars; he entered the church and laid it upon the communion table, and then came over to the mission house and said: "Nendada (my father), the old woman's offering was too small, you will find a beaver skin upon the Holy table; I have given it to the Lord." *(To be continued.)*

THE Editor of this paper is collecting material for a short memoir of the late Bishop Fauquier, to appear in the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS; he would be glad to receive information as to any little incidents in the Bishop's life which the clergy or settlers may remember in connection with his annual visitations.

Meeting of the Rural Deanery of Muskoka.

THE first meeting of the Rural Deanery of Muskoka was held in Bracebridge on Wednesday, January 11th, 1888.

On Tuesday evening there was Even-song in St. Thomas' Church, the Reverend the Rural Dean being preacher. Owing to the severe snowstorm prevailing the attendance was not large; but those who were present could not fail to be impressed by the thoughtful earnest words of the preacher.

The work proper of the Deanery was inaugurated by an early celebration of the Holy Communion in the Parish Church, followed by a meeting of the Deanery in the School-house.

Several suggestions were submitted to the Bishop of the Diocese, the result of thoughtful discussion on the work and condition of the Diocese, as presented to the minds of the Clergy of the Deanery; while several propositions from the Bishop for our consideration to report upon, received the careful attention of the Deanery.

The principle recommendations submitted for the Bishop's approval were the following: "That a quarterly visitation for priestly duty be made in each vacant mission, under the direction of the Rural Dean, and that the sum of \$ be allowed for travelling expenses and supplying home duty, the said sum to be paid out of the Diocesan Treasury, four clergy of the Deanery having signified their willingness to undertake this duty in rotation.

Suggestions in reference to parochial Registers, etc.: "That the Bishop be requested to issue the new 'Registers,' and other official books, in time for the Deanery to commence the new organization on Easter 1888.

Other suggestions in reference to the duties of churchwardens, vestries, etc., were included in the Report.

This first meeting of the Deanery of Muskoka was necessarily preliminary, with a view to organization and suggesting a scheme of action for the future.

The clergy present were all firmly impressed with the necessity and importance of stated meetings for mutual consultation, and the interchange of ideas in matters devotional, intellectual and practical, affecting the interests of the church in their own sphere of action, while due provision was made for carrying into effect the results of preconcerted thought.

Altogether, we have, it is to be hoped, sound reasons for believing that this, our first Rural Deanery Meeting, has been profitable as well as agreeable to the clergy who took part in it; and that, with the Divine blessing, its influence may be felt for good in the future history of the Church in Muskoka.

THE present population of the Diocese of Algoma is about 80,000, and is mainly composed of English, Scotch and Irish Settlers, with several thousand Ojibway Indians.

Women's Auxiliary.

A MEETING of the Women's Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, 4th inst., at St. Luke's Parsonage. Members present:—Mrs. Greene, *President*; Mrs. Burden, *1st Vice-President and Treasurer*; Mrs. Plummer, *2nd Vice-President*; Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Luscombe, Miss Burden, Miss M. Frickeleton and Mrs. A. Bennets. The Treasurer's report was read and subscriptions paid. Mrs. Wilson having resigned the office of Secretary, Mrs. A. Bennets was appointed. Work has been commenced preparatory to a Sale at Easter.

A. BENNETTS, *Secretary*.

Severe Cold in the North-west.

WE have had some terrible weather this last week; such storms and cold have not been known for three or four years. A correspondent at Elkhorn, in the North-west, writes:—"Two people, I hear, will die from the effects of the blizzard we had on Thursday and Friday, 12th and 13th. A man living three miles from here started to come into Elkhorn Thursday morning; he arrived safely, got what he wanted and started to walk back, but it had already begun to storm and blow; he got about a mile and a-half out when he lost the trail; not being able to find it again, he wandered about all Friday, which was a terrible day, and had both his legs and hands frozen; so, to keep what warmth he could in him, he began to crawl on his knees and arms. Saturday morning came, and in the distance he saw his brother's house, and managed to crawl to it, and when his brother opened the door, imagine what a sight he saw; they took him in, cut all his clothes off and put him into a tub of ice for eight hours. He had been thirty-eight hours wandering on the prairie and fourteen crawling; his face, head, ears, nose, legs and arms were all badly frozen, the latter would most probably have to be cut off, but it is not thought possible that he can live.

Another man, living two miles from Elkhorn, started for his home on Thursday morning, the 12th, with a team of oxen, got off the trail, wandered about like the other man, trying to find it; first one ox fell down exhausted, so he left it, took the other and went on. Friday morning, when the sun rose, although he could not see, he knew by the sun in what direction to go to get to the railway track; he arrived there and began to walk down it towards Elkhorn. Soon his other ox fell, so he had to leave it also and go on, till at last he met some of the railroad men and told them about his ox; they went and removed the now frozen animal off the track just before the pay car came steaming along. Happily, the man himself was so well wrapped up that he was not so badly frozen as the other poor fellow."

E. G. W.

TWENTY-FOUR clergymen are at present laboring in the Diocese of Algoma, and they occupy upwards of 100 Mission Stations. The stipends average from \$750 (£150) to \$800 (£160) per annum.

Bracebridge.*Editor A. M. N.:*

DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in thankfully acknowledging, through Mrs. E. O'Riley, Secretary of C. W. M. A., Toronto, from Mr. Harris, St. Paul's Ward, Toronto, a large box of excellent clothing, together with manifold useful and attractive gifts for S. School Christmas Trees in the out-stations. Also, from Mrs. Tilley, London, Ontario, a large contribution of Sunday School and other books, together with an abundant supply of most acceptable clothes for distribution in the Mission. I can only say that the clothes have supplied pressing needs in the Mission, and have brought warmth and comfort where it was needed; while the Christmas Trees have gladdened the hearts and encouraged the diligence of many a boy and girl in our Mission.

Jottings.

PORT ARTHUR, on Lake Superior, has a population of 4,500.

THE Teacher of Henvey Inlet desires to acknowledge the receipt of a bale of clothing from Mrs. Sullivan, of Toronto.

A LONG interesting letter has come to hand from the Rev. Mr. Renison; a part of it appears in this number; the remainder must lie over until April.

THE Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese amounts now to \$10,000. This amount will need to be doubled before it can be made available.

THE Bishop's appointments for those parts of Muskoka not yet visited this winter are as follows:

February 12th, Hoodstown and Ilfracombe; 13th, Axe Lake and Stanleydale; 14th and 15th, Aspdin and Lancelot; 16th, Ufford; 17th, Beatrice; 18th and 19th, Port Sydney; 20th, Brunel Township; 22nd, Stoneleigh and Baysville; 24th, Bardsville and Falkenburg; 25th and 26th, Bracebridge.

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