

Manitowaning Mission.

REV. H. C. AVIWIN, INCUMBENT.

The Bishop of the Diocese visited this mission last week. He had been expected about noon on Wednesday, March 10th, and Mr. William Cole kindly drove over to Sheguiandah to meet him; but, alas, the uncertainties of Algoma travel allowed Mr. Cole to return without his charge. A large congregation assembled in St. Paul's Church, but were satisfied with the usual service and the promise of the Bishop's presence on Thursday evening. Late on Wednesday night Mr. William Frost, son of our missionary, at Sheguiandah, drove the Bishop to the parsonage, or rather the pro-parsonage door. On Thursday, the Bishop and incumbent drove to "The Slash" and dined with Mr. William Leeson, on whose kindly hospitality the incumbent often depends. At one o'clock a very pleasant consultation with the Church people was held in the school house. The Bishop congratulated the congregation on its numerical strength, and urged the necessity of a simple church building, for the erection of which material might be collected. Mrs. William Leeson and Mrs. Richard Leeson were confirmed.

We returned to Manitowaning just in time for dinner, and service. The large church was crowded, and the service most enjoyable throughout, especially perhaps in the singing of God's praise.

Three candidates were presented for Confirmation, viz., Misses Ida Cole, May McLeod and Sibyl Ironside. After service the church members filled the incumbent's house. Out of respect for the memory of Dr. Stephens there was no music, but all enjoyed a quiet talk with their chief pastor. After refreshments, which were provided by the ladies of the congregation, an address of welcome was read, on behalf of the Church people, by the incumbent, to which the Bishop replied. A very pleasant evening closed with the national anthem.

On Friday there was a furious snow storm, but a pair of Indian ponies took us out in good time. The weather was such that few could venture out. Mr. Winchester Green was baptized, and Mr. John B. Ientine and Miss Elizabeth Balleinte were confirmed.

On Friday evening the Bishop met the Manitowaning vestry.

On Saturday morning there was a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the newly confirmed and

their friends. Fourteen partook of the Sacrament.

Over half the class prepared for confirmation were not presented. Sickness, absence from home, the snow storm, etc., being efficient causes, but we hope for another and a larger confirmation class next fall.

At three o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, March 10th, Dr. Stephens died at the residence of Mr. Ross, local Superintendent of the Indian Department. The deceased came to Manitowaning in 1882 and since that time has faithfully discharged his departmental duties, as well as doing a large practice amongst the white inhabitants. A good business man, kindly and quiet in his manner to all, he commanded universal respect and made many friends and well wishers. He will be greatly missed by the people at large. It is, however, by the congregation of St. Paul's that Dr. Stephens' death will be most felt. Until increasing infirmity rendered him unable he was a member our church choir, and always took an active interest in Church work, being ever ready both to advise and to contribute.

The Church service was read at Mr. Ross' house before the remains were taken to his old home in Collingwood in charge of a brother who had arrived just in time to say good-bye. The people at Sheguiandah and Little Current, through which the funeral passed, showed their respect by joining the funeral train; but, perhaps, the greatest tribute to his memory was the unwonted tears of Indians as their doctor left Manitowaning for the last time. H. C. A.

Ilfracombe Mission.

REV. J. PARDOE, INCUMBENT.

A meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. De la Fosse on Thursday, February 25th, for the purpose of organizing a "Women's Church Aid Society" in connection with Christ Church, Ilfracombe. Owing to a severe snow storm the previous night, it seemed doubtful on account of the bad state of the roads whether anyone would be present or not. However, punctually at the time appointed a goodly number came and a very successful gathering was held. Rev. J. Pardoe opened the meeting with the reading and exposition of a portion of Holy Scripture suitable to the occasion, and prayer. He then explained the object of such a society and some of its advantages viewed

from spiritual, intellectual, social, and financial standpoints. Eight persons joined the society at once. Mrs. De la Fosse was appointed President, Miss Standley, Secretary, and Mrs. C. Smith Treasurer. It was decided to hold the first general meeting on the first Thursday in Lent at 2 p.m. At the close of the meeting Mrs. De la Fosse kindly had tea served, and those present expressed themselves as being hopeful for the bright future the society has before it. The incumbent wishes to thank Mrs. De la Fosse for so kindly placing her house at the disposal of the society for the meetings until the much-needed "church room" is erected (towards the cost of which subscriptions are solicited), also for her generous gift of a roll of material for making up.

Emsdale Mission.

REV. A. W. H. CHOWNE, INCUMBENT.

The Right Rev. G. Thorneloe, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Algoma, who is making a visitation through this part of the diocese before going to England in May to be present at the Lambeth Conference, arrived at Emsdale by the early morning train on February 25th. After a short rest, he and the incumbent of Emsdale proceeded to the Mission of Broadbent (incumbent, Rev. A. J. Cobb), where they were most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Cobb in her usual hearty manner. The station of Broadbent, though once the home station, has now become an outstation, as the clergyman has found that North Sequin is more convenient to live at, being more central. The Bishop was received by the members whom he visited in their usual kind way. Next day both returned to Emsdale. On Sunday morning the Bishop drove to Ebberston, an outstation of Emsdale, where Morning Prayer was said. The Bishop preached a most interesting sermon. In the afternoon (3.30) Evensong was said at Emsdale, the Bishop preaching again, and in the evening at 7 o'clock.

On Monday (11 a.m.) the Bishop visited (St. Mary's) Sand Lake, where Morning Prayer was said, and the Bishop preached a most appropriate sermon, which was listened to in a most attentive manner by all present. On Tuesday he visited several who were unable to be out owing to sickness, leaving in the evening for Burk's Falls and Magnetawan Mission next morning.

He has left upon the minds of all that he will soon raise this diocese to the level