

pletely hidden, here and there the snowdrifts were so deep that it seemed almost impossible that any horse could get through. However the journey was at length accomplished safely, and Magnetawan reached in time for Evensong at St. Georges' church at 6:30. Prayers having been read the Bishop preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from the text Heb. 1 verse 18, which was listened to with marked attention throughout. Three young persons received the rite of confirmation, the Bishop addressing them in a few earnest plain words of counsel and encouragement. Nine persons partook of the sacrament of the Holy Communion, including one newly confirmed. The attendance was good and the service hearty throughout, and the day will be ever remembered as a red-letter-day in connection with the church, at Magnetawan everyone regretting that the Bishop's numerous engagements precluded the possibility of a longer stay. Next day an early start was made for Midlothian, where mattins was held at St. Peter's church, the Bishop again preaching. Three persons were presented and received the rite of Confirmation, fifteen receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The people turned out well and the service was very hearty, the singing being good, and deserving of special mention. Subsequently a business meeting was held and after refreshments a start made for Dufferin Bridge, 12 miles distant which we reached at 8 o'clock. Here we were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irwin who had invited a few members of the congregation to meet the Bishop. Next day Tuesday, mattins was held at St. John's Church at 10:30, here there was a good gathering. Prayers were read by Mr. Young, and the Bishop preached from the text Psalm XLVIII verses, 12 & 13. Baptising 11, (10 children 1 adult) and confirming 5. Thirteen receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's supper. At the close a business meeting was held, the Bishop expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing the church so nearly completed, and pointed out the necessity of organizing a Sunday school. Here too the service was most hearty. In the afternoon a start was made for Seguin Falls 24 miles south, here Evensong was held at St. Pauls church at 6:30. After prayers the Bishop again preached, confirming 6 persons (3 adults) and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 9 persons communicating. The remainder of the evening was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Fry, who also kindly sheltered us for the night. This completed the Bishop's third winter tour and he left early on the 18th March for Toronto.

#### UFFINGTON MISSION.

The day preceding Good Friday was a stormy one in Muskoka, but remembering the sufferings of our Lord on that day, the incumbent of this Mission was astir early in the morning to one of his outstations, Purbrook, in order to meditate with his little flock on the sorrows of "the sinless sufferer." The roads were indeed bad, large quantities of snow having fallen during the night. However after several adventures in snowdrifts, the little church was reached, a congregation formed, the

service held, without waiting for luncheon, the road was retraced and Uffington reached. From 1:30 to 3 had been announced as the time for the addresses on the "seven last words" from the cross. It was after that time before the service could be held, but it was gratifying to find so large a number gathered together to mourn with the Saviour of the world.

The Rev. J. Gresson stood on the chancel steps and gave the introductory address, and after the Good Friday collects, the meditations proper on the last sayings began. The congregation listened with interest, and joined feelingly in each hymn, which was sung after each meditation. After the final address the congregation knelt in silent prayer for some time. Many were present from the outstations. It was noticeable that some of the ladies from the Purbrook station had walked five miles cutting their way through three feet of untracked snow in order that they might be present at the service.

In the evening the combined choirs of Uffington and Purbrook ably rendered the "service of sacred song" entitled "The Man of Sorrows," illustrating the Passion and death of our Lord. The connective readings were given by Mr. Gresson, while the singing of the Solo "He was despised," from the "Messiah," by Miss Mildred Moffatt was exquisitely sweet. The organ was ably handled by Miss Kirby, and altogether the church population of the mission must have been highly edified by the services of the day.

#### MANITOULIN ISLAND.

##### SHEQUIANDAH.

**R**ERHAPS the readers of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS would like to know something about the way we spent Christmas here at Shequiandah, more especially among the Indians, for they are as fond of Christmas, and as enthusiastic in their Christmas festivities as any people. This year the church was decorated very prettily with evergreens and paper flowers, all done by the Indians. Some little while before Christmas the Chief expressed a wish that they should have midnight service on Christmas eve as is the custom at Garden River, and the Missionary was very glad to comply with the request, so they finished the decorating in good time and swept out the church nicely. The first bell was rung soon after eleven o'clock. There were some Chinese lanterns hanging from the beams of the log church, one young Indian drew the attention of the Missionary to them and pointed out the fact that there were no candles in them. He stated that he had spent all his substance in the purchase of the paper lanterns and it needed some candles to show out the bright colours. The Missionary's wife hunted up some wax candles and the Indians were pleased at the effect although it did not strike the Missionary as being particularly ecclesiastical, however he let them stay, they helped to light up the church. At twelve o'clock the last bell was rung, the Indians were assembled and service commenced with singing the Christmas hymn, "Hark the Her-