

THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS for some time. One reason is that I have been very busy here getting things in order. We have the parsonage pretty well completed, and are looking forward to winter. The services in the Indian church are very well attended, and the people evidently appreciate the efforts of the missionary. The singing is fairly good now, but our Indian organist is away, and I have to perform myself. Indeed, a good many of my best men have been away from home for a considerable time, but now they are returning for the winter. It is a larger church and a larger reservation than at Sheguiandah. There are not so many neighboring villages.

I have a nice little church and small congregation at a place called Sylvan Valley, in the Township of McDonald, but this is an English settlement. We have services there regularly, and the people are very warm-hearted and earnest, both in their attendance at church and in their care of the missionary. It is quite a distance from here, and I stay all night when I go.

I have been holding services at a place on the banks of Garden River, where the C.P.R. are getting gravel. I found several members of the Church there and ministered to them, and they come to church here every other Sunday, when we have English service.

We have a very good Indian Sunday School. F.F.

Gore Bay Mission.

REV. LAURENCE SINCLAIR, INCUMBENT.

I visited Silverwater on Monday, October 18th, and was very kindly received and entertained at the house of Mr. William Lewes Kemp, the clergyman's warden. Next morning I set out to make a general visitation of the settlement, accompanied by Mr. Kemp and Mr. Addison. We were welcomed at every house where we called, and it would have touched many who may read this if they could have seen the joyful expression of young and old when they heard that they were to have a Church of England service in the school-house that evening. When the evening came the weather changed to being wet, with lightning and distant thunder, and so dark that one could not see the way; but, notwithstanding all this, no less than sixty-three persons came. It may be inter- ng to

mention that bears are both numerous and dangerous in this district, and many sheep and cattle have been destroyed this season. I was told that nineteen bears had been caught, and that even the Indians are afraid of them. However, none of these dangers kept back the people from the service. I do not know when they had the last service, and I am sorry to say that I cannot tell when they may have the next, but it will be pleasing to many to learn that they have Sunday School every week—twenty scholars and four teachers. They have also, through their own efforts, bought half an acre of land, and have begun to build a church. They have all the lumber, nails and lime required, and are going to build a stone foundation. They will have to depend, however, entirely on benevolence from the Church at large to get any of the other things—skilled workmanship, service books, prayer and hymn books, etc. The Sunday School also is in great need of books. There is no library and no English hymn or prayer books.

About five miles from Silverwater is the Indian village of Shishwaning, but the Roman priest has all the sway there at present. However, I am glad to say that the son of the chief, Mr. Samson, who was trained at the Shingwauk Home, was at the service, and I was told that he would go home and tell the most of what he had heard. Silverwater has Evansville and Mel drum Bay as outstations, and is forty miles from Gore Bay.

Mission of Rosseau.

REV. G. GILLMOR, INCUMBENT.

SIR,—On the 28th, 29th and 30th of October we enjoyed the great pleasure and benefit of the Bishop's visit. Mr. Anderson and I met him at Windermere, and we drove in the dark five miles to Ullswater, and slept that night under the most hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. The next day, at 11 a.m., there was a good congregation in St. Thomas' Church, and a class of ten confirmed. Among the congregation was Mr. Harry Coate, and, after dinner, he brought us with his team (which had taken first prize at Bracebridge) ten miles to Rosseau. When we see Mr. Coate around it means business, and the best kind of help, and to drive with him a genuine happiness, no matter how awful the road may be. We called in on the way to see Mrs. Lawra-

son, at the Beach, as she wanted specially to have a talk with the Bishop. The same evening there was a good congregation at the Church of the Redeemer, and the new chancel consecrated and a class of ten confirmed. We enjoyed that service and the one at Ullswater very much, and felt our hearts stirred and lifted up by the earnest words of the Bishop to the candidates for Confirmation and his deeply spiritual and beautiful sermons. I ask who would not rally round and press on after this new, brave, faithful leader of the forlorn hope in the struggling Missionary Diocese of Algoma! On the following morning Mr. Charles Beley and Mr. George Atkinson took us with their horses to our burial-ground, and it was consecrated for ever "God's Acre," the resting place of beloved clay until the voice of the Archangel and the trump of God. A small congregation gathered, and among them Messrs. John, William and Henry Ditchburn, and Mrs. Brown of Maplehurst, Miss Holton, and others who have lying there those near and dear to them, and who were honest, kindly men and loyal friends. In the afternoon Mr. William Beley took the Bishop behind his excellent team to Maple Lake railway station for Parry Sound. The Bishop was pleased with the Mission and the signs of life and progress.

It would be impossible in estimating such life and progress to overlook the splendid efforts of our branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Success seems always to be bound up with them, and when they determine on anything, behold, it is done! And how fully, how quickly, how well! I regret exceedingly that the President, Mrs. Waddy, was obliged to resign and give up the work. Dr. and Mrs. Waddy and their family have been the very best of helpers and true friends, not alone to the Church but to the entire neighbourhood in every way. During the summer we had grand helpers, and among them Mr. Charles Coate and his family from Memphis (Tenn.); Mr. Carrier, who took the organ and played with great skill, and Miss Hutchison, who took the organ when he left, and her family, from Toronto, and Miss Day, from Sussex (Eng.), and the Rev. Mr. Allman, from Uffington (who ably helped Mrs. Lawrason and the Auxiliary in a special entertainment with exhibition of antique articles), and Mrs. Wilkes and her family, from Brantford. The Church of the Redeemer here is receiving its finishing coat of paint, and looks like new, although the nave was built twenty-three years ago, under supervision of Rev. Dr. Newton, who has recently issued a very interesting book describing his mission labours for years, for most part in the Saskatchewan country, and headquarters at Edmonton.—Ever yours,

"THE TRAMP."