

or three miles, striking a point to the east where the only shelter to be found was a deserted fishing shanty. Here he passed the night, without fire, light, or blankets, resuming his journey in the morning and astonishing his friends by his unexpected appearance in their midst. Weary and exhausted as he must have been, he resisted all their entreaties to lie down and get a few hours sleep, contenting himself with a quiet rest till evening when he held service and once more delivered his Master's message. Missionaries such as this are not likely to be failures. *O si sic omnes!*

SERPENT RIVER.

Starting from Algoma Mills on the morning of Wednesday the 8th we soon reached Serpent River, about eight miles further on. There is some difference of opinion as to the origin of the name, some attributing it to the sinuous course of this stream, while others discover it in the old legend connected with the bitter feuds that raged between two hostile Indian tribes in the neighbourhood, and the memory of which, we were told, is perpetuated by a rude representation on a great rock at the river's mouth, picturing two huge serpents engaged in conflict, writhing and wreathing together in deadly embrace. "The rock is there," said our informant, and by a vigorous stretch of the imagination one could almost "trace the forms," &c. &c. We thought of the constellations however, and were comforted. At the mouth of Serpent River stands the extensive mill owned by Cook Bros., of Toronto, and judging by the activity visible in every direction, the lumber interests are by no means languishing. About a hundred hands are employed, whose families reside close by in rows of neat, compact cottages. Mr. George Cook, jnr., the nephew of the enterprising proprietor, very soon put in an appearance, and with Mr. L., the manager, and Mr. M., the store-keeper and telegraph operator, contributed very largely to our comfort by their courteous attentions, entertaining us most hospitably, and taking an active part in the preparations for our evening service. The afternoon was devoted to a visitation of the cottages, under Mr. M's guidance, for the purpose of giving notice of the service, enquiring for sick persons, and unbaptized children, and distributing our religious and secular literature. In almost every instance our visit was most gratefully received and promises given of attendance in the evening, if at all possible, and right well were these promises fulfilled, for when the hour came, the admirably built school house, perched on the summit of a hill, and commanding a splendid view of the picturesque scenery stretching away in every direction, was packed to the doors with an attentive and interested congregation, the large majority of whom, though belonging to a variety of denominations, joined in the responses and singing most heartily, hands which would have shrunk from a "Prayer Book" busily turning over leaf by leaf of the "Mission Service." An organ kindly lent for the occasion, had been carried up the hill by half-a-dozen sturdy lumbermen, and added no little to the heartiness and fervour of the worship. The Bishop preached on the dignity of labour, showing how all honest work was ordained by God, and how,

when sanctified by the presence of a God-ward purpose, and Christ-like spirit, if offered, even in its lowliest forms, ample opportunity for serving and glorifying God. Next morning, in accordance with notice given at the service, a goodly number of persons gathered again at the school house, bringing their children to be admitted to the fold of Christ's Church. The Bishop prefaced the administration of the sacrament with a brief address in explanation of its meaning, illustrating it by the process of planting a young shoot in the soil, to be trained up to maturity, and pointing out the idea of ownership on Christ's part, as expressed in application of the sign of the cross, also emphasising the fact that, till years of discretion were arrived at the parents and sponsors were responsible to Christ for the care and christian nurture of their little ones.

GORE BAY.

The service being concluded we lost no time in resuming our journey. At this point, however, we found it necessary to make a detour of twenty-five miles in order to call at Gore Bay on the opposite side of the channel, and to enable the Bishop to make enquiries about the destruction by fire of a new church which Rev. Mr. Tooke was erecting at one of the out-stations in the township of Burpee. Unfortunately, not being completed, and the brick chimney not having been built, there was no insurance, so the loss is total. A strong impression prevailed in some minds that it had been the work of an incendiary, and accordingly an arrest was made on suspicion, but on the case coming before the magistrates it was dismissed on the ground of an alleged contradiction, in the evidence of the principal witness, a boy of 13 or 14, who swore that he saw the prisoner taking the lighted brands to place them under the building. No redress, however, could be obtained and so the mission must bear a loss which is all irreparable, as the settlers had exhausted all their local resources, in money and labour, in its erection, and the claims on the scanty Diocesan Funds are just now too numerous to admit of any relief from that quarter. But the emergency will be provided for in some way or other, and the Bishop need not fear but that the little flock whose hopes have been so suddenly and disastrously blighted will soon see their church rising from its ashes.

LITTLE CURRENT.

The run to Little Current was made very quickly with the aid of a high wind and heavy sea. Here a budget of letters was received, and the evening devoted to replying.

SHEGUIANDAH.

Sheguiandah, seven miles off, was our next point. Here the work of the Missionary, Rev. F. Frost, is of a two-fold complexion embracing two congregations of Indians, and two of whites, all within an area which admits of frequent services and constant pastoral visitation. Indeed Mr. Frost has just notified his several flocks that while the roads are at all passable he hopes to visit them every Sunday. The church accommodation in this mission is steadily increasing, there being one frame church at the village for the whites, another, of log,