

grow so profusely in this new town of Haileybury.

The next morning the Bishop was escorted around the place by Rev. Jas. Hickland, and his Warden, Mr. P. Cobbold. Some of the people were visited and the new church was closely inspected. This building is now almost completed and though rather small for a country which is growing so rapidly, its external appearance—as I write—will perhaps vie with any other in the Diocese. It is built with a beautiful saffron-colored stone, unique in color and kind, transported from an island opposite here and about four miles distant. The Bishop next accompanied Mr. Hickland to the little parsonage opposite the church, which he (Mr. H.) has recently constructed on the church lot. Here a most enjoyable time was spent in discussing the affairs of the mission.

At 10.30 the Bishop and clergyman, two oarsmen and a steersman started up the lake for Liskeard, six miles northward. Here also our visit was unexpected. Notwithstanding, in about twenty minutes we had collected between fifty and sixty people—the school children got a holiday. Prayers were read by Mr. Hickland; the Bishop read the lesson and preached an impressive ceremony on the "Unity of the Church," from Rom. xii. 4-5. His Lordship pointed out how we are all dependent on one another, and the paramount importance of each one performing well and truly the duties which pertain to his own peculiar station in life. No matter how small and apparently insignificant these may appear to ourselves or the world, in God's sight they are very precious when well discharged, and will in His own good time receive a full recompense and reward.

"The daily round, the common task, will furnish all," etc., etc.

In the afternoon we rowed to Dawson's point, six miles distant, and after a pleasant interview with Mr. and Mrs. Dawson again arrived at Haileybury, after a boat ride of fifteen miles on this great lake. In the evening it became rather stormy. The Bishop took a turn at the oars and displayed a goodly knowledge of oarsmanship. He seemed quite at home amongst the surging billows. Here, again, a bountiful tea was quickly served at Mrs. Cobbold's, that kind-hearted, good-

natured lady and her mother officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Farr with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lalor, joined the Bishop and clergyman. As the captain of the steamer *Argo* had promised to remain for us about an hour we made all possible haste. Evensong was read by Mr. Hickland. The Bishop gave a solemn address on the nature of Confirmation, and then confirmed the candidates who were presented to him by the missionary who had devoted much care on their preparation. Proceeding to the beach we embarked in a row-boat and made our way to the steamer, about half-a-mile out on the lake. Steaming away at once, we reached Baie des Peres about 8.30 p.m. The Bishop remained on board all night. I preferred to abide with him, listening to his words of wisdom and loving counsel. I have been cut off from the society of my clerical brethren for about fifteen months, and this first visit of my Bishop has been full of refreshment and spiritual comfort.

We all most sincerely hope that the Bishop's next visit will be soon in the new year, and that he will arrange for a longer sojourn amongst his flock here who are so favorably impressed with his first episcopal visitation.

#### Bracebridge Mission.

REV. JAS. BOYDELL, M.A., INCUMBENT.

The annual harvest thanksgiving festival was celebrated in St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, on Thursday, the 30th of September. The church was very prettily decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables representing "the fruit of the earth in their due season" as given by the bountiful Giver of all Good Gifts. A large congregation was present to take their part in the special service of prayer and praise appropriate to the occasion.

It would ill become us to do more than thank the merciful "Creator and Preserver of all mankind," that we were graciously permitted once more to acknowledge His manifold mercies to us, and not detract by any self laudations from the praise which is due to Him alone. I trust, however, that a spirit of devout thankfulness animated and rewarded the efforts of all who endeavored to shew forth the praise of Him whose mercies fail not, but are new every morning. Our beautiful

church lent itself very readily to the efforts of the decorators, its symmetrical and churchly proportions adding grace and dignity to the appropriate adornments. I feel very strongly, however, that our aim should be to have a morning service with a celebration of the Holy Communion, thus more worthily commemorating God's mercies, not only or chiefly, as the supplier of our daily needs, but as the True Bread which came down from heaven to support and enrich the souls of His people with the heavenly manna of His Precious Body and Blood. May the time be hastened when all shall gladly recognize and find a first place in their hearts for these "better gifts which nourish and enrich the soul."

The choir from Bracebridge lent their assistance to our brethren in St. George's Church, Falkenburg, on the occasion of their harvest festival. The little church was very beautifully decorated, and the capacity of the building was tried to its utmost. To say that the harvest festival is popular in the country is to give scant justice to the energy and good evoked on these occasions. "What we most need to cultivate is that great truth which underlies the outward act, viz: That we acknowledge God as the Author, and Giver of all things, and regard ourselves true debtors to Him. Were this principle carried into practice, there would be an end to all solicitude for the temporal requirements of the Church, for *one-tenth of the income, yes, one twentieth part or even less* would leave the Church a prosperous society, needing no extraneous help, and rejoicing in that conviction of independent helpfulness which we prize so dearly, and labour for so persistently in private life. That we may feel this obligation resting upon us more and more as we attain to its fulfilment is the earnest prayer of them placed over you in Christ."

JAMES BOYDELL.

#### Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

This mission is just as large as ever, and still gives more than ample scope for a clergyman's devotion and activity. Regularly, every Sunday, our Church service has been celebrated at the centre, and on alternate Sundays at the out-stations. The prevalence of rainy Sundays have greatly interfered with the