

the wilderness (a veritable oasis in the desert) for the worship of Almighty God?

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Sault Ste. Marie.

The Rev. F. W. Greene has entered on his duties very vigorously, distributing his time and energies proportionately between the Sault, Korah and Tarentora. The services at the latter point, which had been suspended some time, will be resumed immediately, and will be held every third Sunday, in the afternoon on the two others being devoted to Korah. Here the congregation are stirring themselves for the erection of a driving shed, and are also going to fence in the church lot, and clear it of the few lingering stumps that disfigure its appearance.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE—A thanksgiving service was held at St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, on the 20th September. The church was very prettily decorated with grain, flowers and fruit. His Lordship, who had just returned from a long trip on the North shore of Lake Superior, where he had been visiting one of the Indian Missions, preached a powerful sermon to a very good congregation.

ORDINATION SERVICE—On Sunday the 4th of October an ordination service was held in St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste Marie. The candidates, Mr. Frost, of Sheguindiah, and Mr. Gilmore, of North Bay, were presented to the Bishop by Rev. F. W. Greene. His Lordship preached a very beautiful sermon suitable to the occasion, speaking of the greatness of the work which was to be performed by those called to the Ministry. Both the candidates were raised to the Priesthood.

Garden River.

THE Bishop of Algoma paid his third visit this season, to Garden River, on Saturday Sept. 26th., immediately after his return from Lake Superior, Port Arthur and Neepigon accompanied by Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Sullivan and Miss Wilson. The Bishop and his party then proceeded to visit the Indians, in their houses, and were indefatigable in giving and receiving visits, till after night fall. This has already had one good effect. It brought the Indians out in full numbers, on the following Lord's day to the morning and evening services, at both which, the Bishop took the chief parts in Indian, and preached by an interpreter to unusually large congregations. There was also a celebration of the Holy Communion; "in a tongue understood of the people." Both sermons were well suited to the comprehension of the people, and listened to with unwearied attention. Hebrews II. 18., was the morning text. The sermon touched upon idleness as one great temptation, and ended with a valuable exhortation on the blessings of a christian edu-

cation, and the great sin against God and against their children, on the part of those parents who will fully neglect it. Genesis IV. 2., was the evening text. The sin of idleness was again one of the leading ideas. The fact, that Adam, Cain, and Abel were not idle was prominently brought forward. The fact also, that Cain took to farming, though he had no plough, &c. was forcibly put by his Lordship. As all roads lead to the capital, so all texts lead to Christ, and so the Bishop led his people to Christ through the avenue of Abel's sacrifice. On Wednesday Sept. 30th the Evangeline again brought the Bishop, Mrs. Sullivan, Rev. Mr. Frost, the Misses Sullivan, and Misses Wilson, and many others (whose names I have not heard) to visit the remaining houses of the Garden River Indians. They also put up in most beautiful large letters, on the two side walls of the church, the following texts:—Sahgeewawin ahive owh Kesha Mulmedoo alkahwahlepook, kuya hnuhmeahyook Kenuhwind kesah geahmaun Jesus Christ, ween mah netum kesahgeegoonaun ahuhmeathuwik Kesha Mulmedoo emah menoerhewabizewining. This done, and night supervening the Bishop and his party returned to the Sault.

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St. Joseph's Island.

Perhaps some of the readers of the Algoma Missionary News, who take an interest in Missions, will be glad to know that the Mission of St. Joseph's Island is making some progress, though perhaps it may be very slowly. It will soon be five years since I took charge of this mission, and then, as now, I held services at six stations, namely, our church at Hilton, two school houses, one at the Mountain and another at Richard's Landing and the remaining three services were held in private houses. Now I am happy to say we have two churches and we have got out of all the private houses

A school house, where one has to robe before the congregation, and where there are no pulpits, and reading desk, or kneeling benches, or any such conveniences, is but a poor substitute for a church building, yet it is infinitely better than a private house, where beside the feeling of intruding and causing much extra work to the mistress of the house, there is also the discomfort of preaching to people, sitting just under your nose, while the room is suffocating from the heat of a large cook stove, while the baby of the house shows that it knows it is at home by rambling everywhere and making all the noise possible. While truly thankful for a private house, when no public building can be had, I am truly glad to say I got out of my last private house a Sunday or two ago.

I am sorry to say our church at Richard's Landing is not yet begun. The people are unable to build it themselves, and my appeals for help outside, have not yet met with sufficient response to warrant us in beginning. We have only about two hundred dollars out of an estimated cost of a thou-