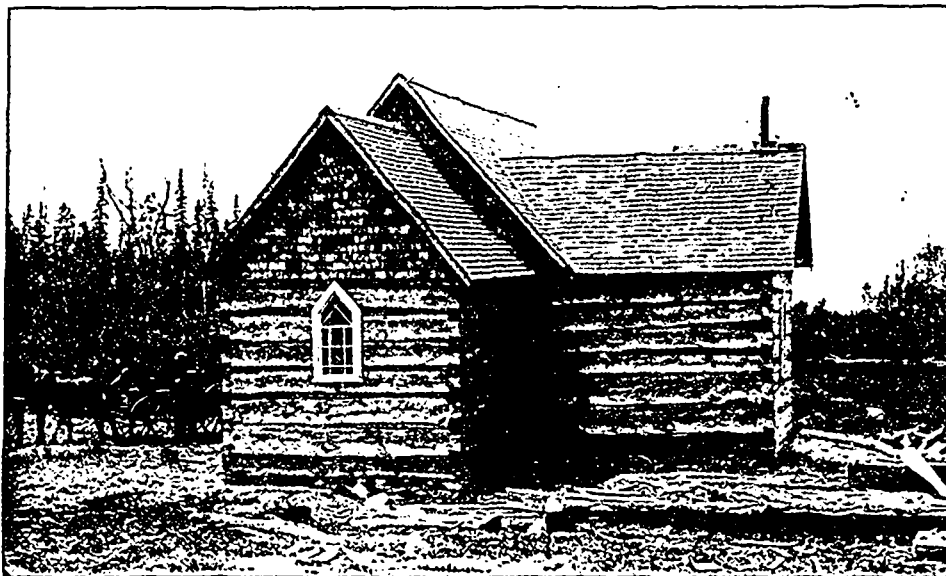


Young People's Department.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SAND LAKE.

A LOG CHURCH.

THIS is a picture of St. Mary's Church, Sand Lake, in the district of Parry Sound, Diocese of Algoma. It is in the mission of Emsdale, which has the Rev. Rural Dean Chowne for its clergyman. It is built of logs. There is a good deal of work about building a log church. The men who want to build the church have to go into the woods and cut down a lot of big trees, as many as they think they will want. Then they have to lop off all the branches and hew off all the sides of the logs until they make them square instead of round. Then, when they have got them to the right place, they put them up, one over the other, according to the shape that they want the church to be. This takes a great deal of work, but then it does not cost very much money. The men who build a log church never have much money, but they give to the good cause all the same. They give their labor, which, in the sight of God, is just as good as money.

But then they must have money also for building the roof and putting in the floor and the seats and the windows and the chimney and a great many other things which a church must have.

You would not think that a log church would

be warm in winter, but it is, if it is well built. The people have to fill up the "chinks" or cracks between the logs, and cover these chinks on the outside with mortar; and if this is well done the church will be quite warm.

People learn to love a log church just as much as city people love a beautiful church built of stone or brick, and if the log church is the best that people can do God is just as well pleased with it as He is with the finest church that was ever built. For our beautiful service is always the same, and people love it just as much in a small church as in a big one; sometimes, indeed, they can enjoy it better, because it is not too grand for them to join in.

Mr. Chowne says his log church is not yet finished. It wants seats and a brick chimney and a porch. Perhaps someone would like to send him a little money to help him to finish it.

ESKIMO BABY LIFE.

WHEN a baby Eskimo's mother makes the hood for her reindeer suit, she stretches it into a long sack or bag, that hangs down behind and is supported by her shoulders, and this bag of reindeer's skin is his cradle and home,