

Communion in the Indian Church on Sunday morning, in which a large number took part, the Bishop being celebrant. Then a drive to Little Current through a blinding snow storm. Here nine persons were confirmed, then back to Sheguiandah for services in the afternoon, when the Bishop gave a singularly able and suitable discourse to the Indians, which was interpreted by the missionary. Then, services in the evening at St. Peter's Church, when three persons were confirmed, some being kept away by the storm, which raged in the evening with increasing fury. It was good to listen to the Bishop's exhortations to the candidates, and it was very instructive and impressive, not only to the candidates themselves, but also to the congregation, which was "mixed."

Next day the Bishop was taken to the Indian village on the Whitefish River Reserve, through terrible drifts, which were eventually discarded in preference for the ice, which was not a very great improvement, only the badness was more uniform—and then it was a necessary evil, because it is the only bridge we have to the mainland. Ah! but it was grand to be there; four Indians were confirmed and about twenty partook of Holy Communion. Some were present from neighbouring villages of Indians, and some came over from Sheguiandah.

But the return journey to Little Current. We went slowly and carefully because it was the only thing to do. We had some difficulty in finding the portage to Little Current, but we succeeded at last by the help of the Good Lord, and arrived there sometime after midnight. The Bishop left next day for the railway.

Bracebridge Mission.

REV. J. BOYDELL, M.A., INCUMBENT.

We have just been favoured with a most refreshing visit from our Bishop, who administered the Apostolic rite of the laying on of hands in St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, on Sunday last, being Palm Sunday. There were ten candidates confirmed, many others having attended the class for some time past who with good work may be prepared to come forward on the next occasion, but meanwhile are under proper instruction and preparation. Extra seats were provided for the overflowing congregation who were present to witness and take part in the beautifully expressive and devotional services of the

day. Many were, no doubt, reminded of the solemn promises they had assumed in the past, and more incited to trust and pray, to make a more active and earnest effort in doing their part in promoting the extension and support of Christ's Church on earth, and thus fit themselves for participating in His glory hereafter.

With regard to the services, it may be interesting to mention that the orchestra lent their valuable aid in the rendition of the musical portions of the service, adding very greatly to the general beauty and harmony of the musical effect.

The sermon, most impressive and earnest, was listened to with marked attention, and with the divine blessing will, no doubt, bear its fruit in the increased liberality and devotion of all true sons and daughters of the Church.

The Bishop expressed his admiration for the building, congratulating incumbent and congregation on the possession of a structure so Churchly in its proportions and beautiful in its appointments. It was an occasion of much regret that our Bishop was unable to be present in the evening, as he had to fulfil an engagement in Gravenhurst.

It was gratifying, however, to their pastor to greet a large congregation at evening song also.

Thus has passed the first official visit of our new Bishop, and while our minds and hearts are fragrant with the memories of him who has left us and whose eloquence and learning we delight to honour, yet we feel that in our loss God has blessed us with one who will worthily, devotedly, and lovingly take up the work and carry on the standard of the Cross now handed on to him.

The annual vestry meeting of St. Thomas' Church was held in the school-house on Easter Monday at 8.30 p.m. The incumbent, Rev. J. Boydell, in the chair. After prayer Mr. H. B. Bridgland, vestry clerk, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were, on motion, confirmed as read. Mr. Wm. Kirk presented the Building Committee's report, which was gratifying to the congregation and those interested. The cash receipts were \$3,154.66; disbursement, \$4,955.35, leaving a debt of \$900, which is provided for. The churchwardens' report showed receipts of over \$900, with an expenditure of equal amount, while several outstanding subscriptions will bring up a fair balance on hand to start the new financial year. On motion of Dr. Bridgland, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, the report

was adopted as read. The report of the Woman's Auxiliary showed a membership of 33. The incumbent appointed Mr. F. S. Cochrane as his warden, and Mr. W. Kirk was re-elected people's warden. Sidesmen are as follows. Appointed by the incumbent, Messrs. T. H. Pringle, D. T. Hodgson, and R. M. Browning, elected by the people, Messrs. F. Lawrence, G. Sibbett, and W. H. Buckerfield. The Cemetery Committee were re-elected, viz., Messrs. Kirk, Buckerfield, and Dr. Bridgland; vestry clerk, Mr. H. B. Bridgland, re-elected; auditors, Messrs. J. Thomson and D. T. Hodgson. The Sunday School report showed successful work for the past year—92 scholars, 10 classes, with an average attendance of 7 teachers; receipts, \$53.36; expenditures, \$37.99. The balance will be devoted to the library fund. A communication from the Bishop was read by the incumbent, in which his lordship congratulated the congregation on the possession of such a beautiful church, and enjoying such bright service. At the same time he intimated that through the pressing demands of other missions on the Mission Fund the annual grant from that fund would be curtailed. To meet this loss the vestry voted \$100 to augment the minister's stipend. Votes of thanks were tendered to the building committee, the Woman's Auxiliary, and Mr. Hodgson, S. S. Superintendent, and the meeting closed at 10.30.

Fell on Sleep.

Rev. M. Charles Kirby, Rural Dean of Thunder Bay, received a cablegram from Mayfield, Sussex, England, telling him of the death of his father, the Rev. Henry Thomas Murdoch Kirby, on Tuesday, March 30th, who had been seriously ill since October last, but had rallied somewhat. He was born at Mayfield Vicarage, on May 20th, 1818, and succeeded his father as vicar in 1845, over fifty-two years ago, and had he lived till October next he would have celebrated his golden wedding, having married, on October 14th, 1847, Hannah Jane, eldest daughter of the Rev. Sir Henry Thompson, Bart., of Verhees, Sussex, by whom he had a family of twelve children, ten of whom survive. Rev. M. C. and Mrs. Kirby leave for England on May 3rd. They will be away for a year.

The great deed is a thing of earth, but the good deed lives forever.