

all died since I have been here. After supper came singing and speeches. About twenty speeches in all were delivered—all good ones and some long ones. The utmost good humour prevailed: all seemed to enjoy themselves, the children especially. We left at midnight, when the affair seemed to be only in the middle stage.

On Tuesday evening there was the annual distribution of garments made or collected by different branches of the W.A. The children were chiefly favoured, though several old people received gifts of quilts and other warm things. As soon as the little ones received their garment they withdrew to put it on and then returned clothed and rejoicing. The chief made a speech acknowledging the favours received on behalf of the little ones and desiring thanks to be conveyed to the W.A. workers. Rev. Mr. Eccleston, from Little Current, who was there with his wife, made a speech telling of God's gift to men.

The service at St. Peter's was well attended, and the church prettily decorated with very long festoons wreathed around the church.

I shall visit the other reserves on the mainland as soon as the ice is fit to travel on with a horse. F.F.

Manitowaning Mission.

REV. H. C. AYLWIN, INCUMBENT.

The editor received the following letter from Mr. Aylwin, the missionary having charge of the above-named mission on the Manitoulin Island:

SIR,—On receipt of your postal card, I was dismayed to find how long a time had elapsed since my last communication. To tell you the truth, I am very much afraid of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. What would be of interest to its readers is my frequent question; but, alas, Mr. Editor, the answer is too often shelved. However, I am sure all interested in Algoma work would have admired the Christmas decorations in St. Paul's Church—the only church building in the mission. Yards upon yards of evergreen wreathing covered the windows, the chancel arch, the railings, and, in fact, impressed the stamp of Christmas on every part of the sacred building. The Christmas hymns were well sung, and the incumbent received a very substantial Christmas offering. I have no Christmas entertainments to record. Santa Claus was poor this year, or, perhaps, his reindeer were disabled by the bad roads, or worse ice. Anyway he did not pay his usual attention to the island.

The monotony of a snowless January was broken by the advent of a poor man who very much wanted to be married. It is true he was poor, of no religious denomination in particular, and that he lived over twenty miles away. He had no horse wherewith to bring his fair one

to the clergyman, and so the clergyman must come to him. Accordingly, for six hours and twenty minutes I jolted over the worst roads the island has ever known. When the ruts failed, deep pools covered with ice prevailed. Of course, it was a two days' journey, and equally, of course, both horse and man required several days' rest to recover them of their bruises.

I might tell you the story of a breakdown in the bad roads of December, and of my efforts to bring horse and the remains of my rig safely home. But I think it better to close by acknowledging, with many thanks, the receipt of a bale of quilts for distribution, sent by the Rosemont Branch W.A., and a box from the Church of the Messiah W.A., Toronto, sent by Mrs. Macarthur, president of the branch. Also several *Home Words* almanacks from Mrs. Gurney. The contents of the box were distributed by several members of the local branch W.A., to whose exertions in this and at other times the church work owes much of its strength.

Broadbent Mission.

REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

The annual Christmas tree for this entire mission was held this year at St. John's parsonage on January 1st, fifty-six partaking of tea. None but regular attendants at church or Sunday School received gifts. The recitations and carols were well prepared. A verbal examination by the incumbent on the office of Morning Prayer, for which three special prizes were given, was most satisfactory. The office of the Holy Communion was given as the special subject for the Easter examination. Three ringing cheers were given by the children for the branches of the W.A., who supplied the presents. All thoroughly enjoyed the treat.

A.J.C.

Temiscamingue Mission.

MR. JAMES HICKLAND, RESIDENT
CATECHIST.

One correspondent writes: The Haileybury Christmas tree was a decided success this year. The tree was placed in the schoolhouse and looked exceedingly pretty, the balsam boughs well covered with the bright colours of the gifts. Mr. James Hickland opened the proceedings with prayer, and the little children, mostly shy, did their little best (with satisfaction to themselves, and I may say to their elders) with songs and recitations. Of course a tea was given, and it was very good, the cakes and pies could not be beaten, and the sweets were very succulent; so were the sandwiches. Mrs. Williamson, of the Toronto W.A., kindly sent a large box of presents for the tree, which were thankfully received, and gave the required stimulus to make the event a substantial as well as a social success. The clothing especially proved useful.

Another resident—one of the first—writes:

Thanks to the kind offices of the Woman's Auxiliary, our church has flourished like a green bay tree. It is some years since the first Church missionary arrived on Temiscamingue, and I know that when he first beheld this wondrous lake he little recked of the developments that time would bring. He was energetic, and did his best; but he came before the time. He merely planted the first flag, and left to other hands the task of consummating the conquest. Others followed him, with varied success, but it has been left to Mr. Hickland to firmly establish and consolidate the influence of the Church in these Northern wilds—a term, by the-by, that will soon be no longer applicable, for Temiscamingue is attaining civilization and cultivation with a rapidity that is almost unprecedented. Haileybury, which in the days of Mr. Marsh consisted of one house and one man, is now a growing village of many houses. We have, as a rule, three services in a week, which is somewhat of a change from about nine services in a year. We have a Sunday School and occasionally a Bible class.

Our church, though not yet completed, is sure to be ready to consecrate by August, as we now have all the stone on the ground, ready dressed. We have the windows, the doors, and the rafters, and a few available dollars to pay the mechanics to complete it. So far, this church has not cost the diocese one cent, and it is our ambition and hope that we can finish it without their aid. We hold concerts and other entertainments with the view of raising funds. We even entreat our friends and cheerfully receive all contributions. So, all being favourable, next August will see the consecration of this building, which, according to the general opinion of the public, will be the prettiest and most striking of its kind in Canada; a beautiful stone building, set on a hill, overlooking our magnificent lake, a fitting emblem of the beauty and stability of our glorious faith.

Mission of Korah and Goulais Bay

REV. J. P. SMITHEMAN, INCUMBENT.

The little parsonage at Korah was recently the scene of a happy gathering, when Rev. J. P. Smithean, with his family, took possession. The local branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. Smithean, has worked hard to build the parsonage. It has cost about \$500, and half that sum remains to be raised. We are hoping for \$100 from Bishop Sullivan, who has been very kind to us. During the fifteen months that Mr. Smithean has been in Algoma not only has Korah parsonage been built, but a church at Goulais Bay, and he hopes soon to build another at Tarentorus.

Christmas tree festivals were held at Goulais Bay on December 28th, and at Korah on the 30th. Gifts were received