

## Emsdale Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN INCUMBENT.

Thanksgiving services for the blessings of harvest have been held at the various Church centres in this mission, and the offertories were devoted to the Diocesan Superannuation Fund.

St. Mark's (Emsdale) annual festival took place on the evening of St. Matthew's Day. The church was beautifully decorated, and there were quite a number of offerings. The congregation was a very encouraging one for a week night, and the incumbent conducted the service, which was devoutly and heartily entered into. The offertory amounted to \$2.20.

St. Mary's (Sand Lake) Thanksgiving service was held on Tuesday, October 4th, at 10.30 a.m. The church was very neatly decorated. The incumbent conducted the service but the congregation was smaller than usual. The offertory amounted to 50c.

St. James (Eberston), alternative with Kearney, had its monthly Sunday service on October 8th, in the form of Thanksgiving for harvest. There was but the usual small congregation, but it very heartily took up the responses throughout. The incumbent preached the sermon, and the offertory amounted to 50c.

The arrival of the Bishop of the Diocese in again adding Sprucedale to this Mission has aroused to renewed activity the church people living around that centre. A Building Committee (formed some time since) has received a considerable number of promises, both of money and voluntary labour, and the members of the Woman's Auxiliary have also come willingly and generously to its aid. The contracts for the church building have been let to competent workmen, it is already erected and ready for shingling, and the edifice is to be entirely completed before the end of the present year. The present incumbent, who took charge on the 1st of August last, is holding services fortnightly in the Agricultural Hall, Sprucedale, with encouraging results both as to numbers and offertory. Indeed, when the new church is fit for occupation, there will be a devoted little flock to go over to it, possessed of zealous and devout minds, and knowing something of loving labour and self denial. The Bishop

will be the channel of large assistance also, and it is probable that early in the year 1900 his lordship will be invited by the incumbent to perform the act of consecration, thus setting apart another suitable building to sacred uses.

On Sunday, October 15th, the Thanksgiving service took place at Sprucedale, when a good congregation was present. Mr. W. E. Streatfeild very kindly drove over, conveying the Rev. A. H. Allman, and also presiding at the organ. The service was evidently much appreciated, and the offertory amounted to \$2.22.

## Mission of Lake Temiskaming.

The Mission of Lake Temiskaming is unfortunately without a missionary. The Rev. F. B. Storer, who succeeded Rev. J. Hickland on the 1st of January last,

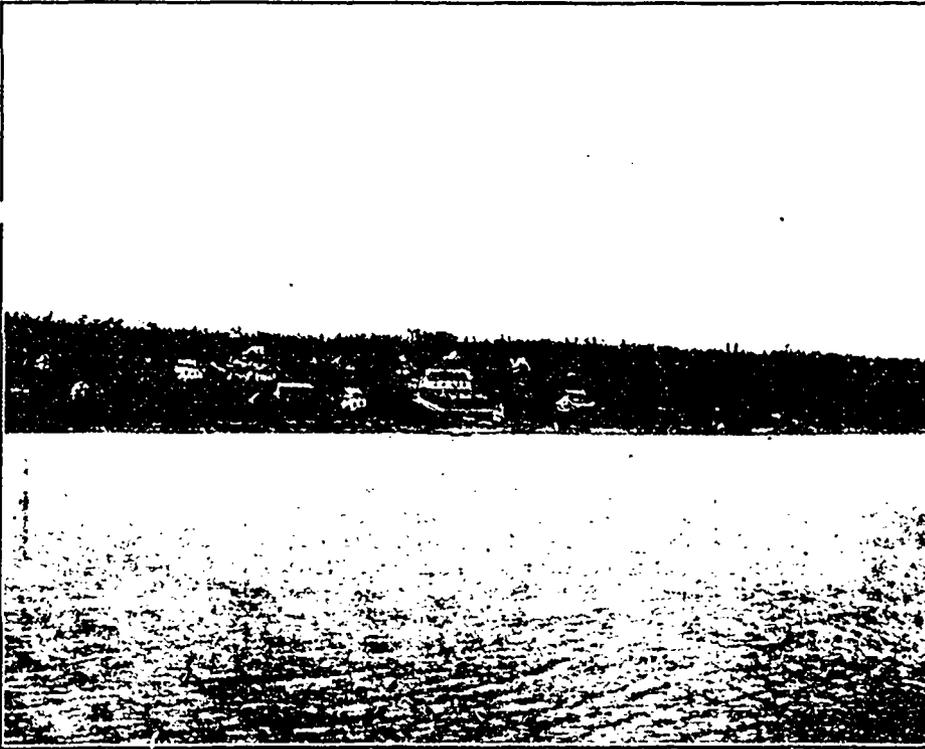
payment of the grant was made conditional upon the completion of the work within the time specified, January, 1900, and urged that immediate action be taken. Before he left arrangements were made for preparing the foundation. By this time, no doubt, the work is well advanced.

At Haileybury the new church, which has been so long in progress, is nearing completion. It will be a handsome, substantial, and for the place, a costly structure. It is built of pretty light brown stone found in abundance upon a neighbouring island. Viewed from the lake it is a conspicuous and pleasing object.

A meeting of the Haileybury congregation was held during the Bishop's visit, and certain matters of importance which had been under discussion for some time

were finally settled between him and the people. At this meeting the church was formally accepted for the diocese. The zeal and perseverance of the Haileybury congregation in connection with this church are deserving of great praise.

It is worth knowing that Haileybury is the starting point for that joy of the tourist and sportsman, Lake Temiskaming, and that Messrs. Blackwall & Hammond keep a very commodious hotel, which will serve either as suitable breathing place before the splendid Temagaming trip or comfortable headquarters for a delightful summer holiday.



Village of Haileybury

was compelled to resign the charge at the end of July in consequence of the sudden and serious failure of his health. It is hoped a good and suitable man will soon be found to carry on the work. Mr. Storer has been forced to abandon.

The Bishop visited the mission on the 25th, 26th, and 27th of August. He found the village of Thorneloe, and the country round about it, progressing rapidly. Many new settlers have gone in during the past twelve months,—although, unfortunately for the Church, very few of these new-comers seem to be Church people. It has been proposed for a year or more to build a church at this place and a grant has been made towards it from the Marriot Fund of the S.P.G. But so far, owing largely to the illness of Mr. Storer, nothing has been done except to obtain and approve of plans. The Bishop pointed out that the

The Bishop was kept very busy throughout his visitation. He looked in upon many of the people in the two villages, and rowed several miles up the Wabi River to call upon people who had recently settled in the bush. On the Sunday morning he conducted the usual service at Thorneloe and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon he was rowed over to Dawson's Point, three miles distant, and held service in Mr. Dawson's house. Thence he proceeded by boat to Haileybury for the evening service. He baptized two children, one at Thorneloe and one at Haileybury. And he held service at Baie des Peres, on the Quebec side of the lake.

This mission is somewhat "out of the world" in winter, and of necessity involves a certain amount of isolation and hardship. But for one who is strong, earnest, and fond of outdoor exercises—