

next camp, and ere I reached it I thought my earthly course was finished. The horse broke through the ice in several places, but the worst place was where the cutter went through too. I sprang out and fortunately wasn't far from shore, and eventually, with some difficulty, got the horse and cutter to land. It isn't a pleasant sensation when you feel your horse and cutter going through the ice, and you don't know how deep the water is. However, I arrived safe and sound at the second camp, and followed very much the same order of service as at the first. I gave a day to each camp, as the men could only be got all together at night. The third camp is four miles from the second, and here I found much kindness from Mr. Dean, of North Bay, the clerk of the camp. In the fourth and fifth camps, as in fact, in the whole five, I was well received and attentively listened to. It was a great opportunity and responsibility to visit these camps and encourage some 250 men to live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and I prayed to God to give me grace to faithfully use the opportunity, and I was not without some sensible tokens of His favour. The population of Batchewana is mostly Indian and Roman Catholic. I found only two families not members of that Church, and one of these belonged to the Church of England. Mr. Chapman said I was the first clergyman of any kind who in the ten years he had been at Batchewana had entered his house, and he begged me to baptize his two little daughters. Although cut off by a great distance from actual visible fellowship with his brethren, he had used his Prayer Book in those ten years, and thus we see once more what a great chain the Prayer Book is in binding together the scattered members of the Church. When at the fifth and last camp I was sixty miles from home. My horse stood the journey well, and did the return journey of 60 miles, notwithstanding the kick in the eye he received from Pete the Finn's horse. The Indian dogs seem to be kept in a half-hungry condition; one ate my whip and another stole my lunch. My horse fell down twice, once he broke the breeching strap, and the second time he broke a shaft of the cutter. However, as I always travel with rope and wire, repairs were soon made. I am indeed thankful to Al-

mighty God for preserving me from drowning, and for enabling me to speak a word in season to 250 shanty men.

J. P. SMITHMAN

S.P.C.K.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the visit of the S.P.C.K. deputation (in the person of Rev. Mr. Gomery, Montreal) to the Diocese of Algoma, met in Bracebridge. There were present: Ven. Archdeacon Llywd, convener, and Revs. J. Boydell, M.A., and Charles Piercy.

The committee decided to recommend to the Bishop (1) that Mr. Gomery visit the diocese next August, beginning his addresses on the 10th of the month, as proposed by him; (2) that Mr. Gomery give a month, as proposed, to Algoma, visiting such points as time and circumstances permit.

The committee drew up the following programme, believing it to be the best possible arrangement for the visitation of 1898:

Tuesday, Aug. 16—At Gravenhurst.
 Wednesday, Aug. 17—At Uffington; Rev. A. Allman to drive from Gravenhurst and return to Bracebridge.
 Thursday, Aug. 18—At Bracebridge.
 Friday, Aug. 19 } By boat to Port Carling and
 Saturday, Aug. 20 } Rosseau, spending three days
 Sunday, Aug. 21 } in these missions.
 Monday, Aug. 22—Stage to Parry Sound for evening.
 Tuesday, Aug. 23—By train to North Seguin; Rev. Mr. Cobb to drive from and to railway.
 Wednesday Aug. 24—Train to Huntsville for evening.
 Thursday, Aug. 25—At Port Sydney; Rev. A.R. Mitchell to drive from and to Utterson station.
 Friday, Aug. 26—At Novar.
 Saturday, Aug. 27—Train to Emsdale.
 Sunday, Aug. 28—In Emsdale Mission.
 Monday, Aug. 29—At Burk's Falls.
 Tuesday, Aug. 30—At Sundridge.
 Wednesday, Aug. 31—At South River; Rev. G. Gander to drive from Sundridge.
 Thursday, Sept. 1—At Powassan.
 Friday, Sept. 2—At North Bay.
 Saturday, Sept. 3—Train to Sudbury.
 Sunday, Sept. 4—At Sudbury.
 Monday, Sept. 5—Train and steamboat to Manitoulin Island.
 Tuesday, Sept. 6—At Gore Bay.
 Wednesday, Sept. 7—At Manitowaning.
 Thursday, Sept. 8 }
 Friday, Sept. 9 } St. Joseph's Island.
 Saturday, Sept. 10—Steamboat to Sault Ste. Marie.
 Sunday, Sept. 11—At Sault Ste. Marie.
 Monday, Sept. 12 } Embark for Fort Arthur
 Tuesday, Sept. 13 } for appointment there,
 Wednesday, Sept. 14 } and at Fort William
 Thursday, Sept. 15 } and Scheiber (C.P.R.).

Fort William.

REV. E. J. HARPER, INCUMBENT.

ST. LUKE'S.—Lenten services are being better attended than in past years, owing in a large measure to the fine weather.

On Saturday evening, March 12th, Mrs. Wm. Wiegand was called to her rest, after a long illness, borne with marked patience and resignation to the divine will. The funeral took place on Monday, when a large number of friends paid their respect to the memory of the deceased. Two hymns were sung at the office of the Bural of the Dead, Ps. XXXIX., and the Nunc Dimittis was chanted.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Wiegand, who has been called upon to part with four members of his family within two years.

After Evensong in the church on Sunday, 13th March, a few short, bright addresses were given on different phases of the work of the great S.P.C.K. These were followed by Fays Te Deum, nicely rendered by the choir, and an orchestra of five pieces and organ. Special prayers, prescribed by the Bishop, were offered that God's blessing may continue on the work of the Society.

For the addresses we were indebted to Messrs. F. H. Keefer, of Port Arthur; Reading and Waddington, of the congregation. The rector ventured the remark that more information concerning the S.P.C.K. was gleaned from the speeches made than had ever been given before in Fort William. The church was full. The "offerings" of the faithful will be duly forwarded to the Society.

WEST FORT ST. THOMAS.—At the 9 o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion in this church on March 13th, thanks were returned to Almighty God for His blessings on the S.P.C.K., and an offering taken up for its work.

The incumbent of the East Fort gives a service here on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. during Lent. The attendance is very fair.

The Sunday School under Mrs. Geo. Cleaver is wonderfully well attended. Nearly all the little ones of the neighbourhood gather here at least once on Sunday.

OLIVER—ST. JAMES'.—The incumbent of Fort William married Miss Greer, eldest daughter of Jos. Greer, of Oliver, to Mr. Neil McKinnon, of North Dakota, on February 15th. The ceremony took place in St. James' Church before a number of friends and well-wishers.

The good people of this township are anxiously looking forward to the