

(the Bishop and Mr. Magnan) proceeded to Emsdale where we enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Jenkin (one of the wardens of St. Mark's Church) and his estimable wife this and the following night. On the day following the Bishop held a business meeting in the vestry of the church at 1 p.m.

Friday morning dawned rough and stormy, when we started out again for Bethune, arriving at 11 a.m. at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, who kindly and bountifully entertained us to dinner after which we repaired to the house of Mr. Woodruff, where in spite of the stormy day we were rejoiced to find a large congregation already assembled anxiously awaiting our arrival this being the first time in the history of Bethune that it had been honored by the visit of a Bishop. At 1 p.m. service was commenced, and the Bishop was both surprised and pleased to see and hear what hearty singing and responding was to be found in the services held in this remote, and but newly settled portion of the backwoods of Muskoka. After the sermon, the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop assisted by the incumbent, when eight communicants received the emblems of the Body and Blood of Christ. After service a business meeting was held, at which arrangements were made for the erection of a church on a fine site of five acres given for the purpose by our kind and large hearted friend Mr. Woodruff, in whose house our services are at present held, although the members of the church in this locality (numbering about fifteen families all told) are all new settlers, and contending with all the poverty and hardships incident to new settlers in a new country, yet so anxious are they to have a building in which they may worship their common God and Father, that before we left, we had received from them the promise of \$46 as well as a great many days of labour towards the erection of the building. We left this promising little station with our hearts cheered and full of hope, and returned to Emsdale, where we were lodged and entertained at the house of Mr. Ralph Simpson, whose good lady judging quite correctly that a ride of 16 miles on a bitterly cold evening would have considerably sharpened our appetites, had the tea table most bountifully spread with quite a profusion of all the good things of Muskoka to which I know both the Bishop and myself did ample justice.

Saturday, at 9 a.m. found us once more in the cutter winding our way to Begg'sboro, where we arrived at 11 o'clock for service in All Souls church. Here the people turned out well, and we had a hearty service, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, and at the close of the service the Bishop presided at a business meeting and placed the church under the care of the Rev. W.B. Magnan. The members of the church were highly delighted at the prospect of having regular services, no service been held in their church since October last. On Sunday Mattins was said by the Incumbent in St. Mark's church, Emsdale at 10:30 a.m. The church was full, and at the end of Mattins, the Incumbent presented five candidates to whom his Lordship administered the Holy Apostolic rite of Confirmation, at the close of which service he addressed a few seasonable, solemn and well chosen words to the newly confirmed after

which he preached an impressive sermon from the words "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." The Holy Communion was then administered to about 20. At the close of the hymn following the confirmation service, the Bishop, leaving the sacristarium advanced to the front of the chancel and calling Mr. W.M. Jenkin forward handed him his license as Lay Reader in the mission to assist the incumbent in his arduous duties, and thus publicly vested him with his office. Mr. Jenkin is a most zealous and arduous worker in the interests of the church, and was nominated to the Bishop by the Incumbent as a man in every way fitted to occupy the important position of Lay Reader. At 3 o'clock we arrived at Burks Falls for service. Now more than ever we miss and feel the want of our dear little church, but we were cheered to find a large congregation assembled in the school house. Even song was proceeded with, the Bishop preaching from the words "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." Holy Communion was administered to 18 persons.

On Monday morning we proceeded accompanied by Mrs. Magnan to Starrats where a new church built under the direction of the Rev. W. Crompton was to be opened. Up to this time the fates had been most propitious, but in this journey they cruelly deserted us and in going through a drift we had the misfortune to upset into the snow. Luckily the Bishop foreseeing the danger looming ahead, had alighted and was walking behind the cutter, or else there might have been nothing of my wife left as she had the misfortune to be on the low side of the cutter, and consequently was undermost when we went over. Arrived at Starrats, we had a good and cheering service followed by a celebration, at the close of which a vestry meeting was held when this station also was placed under the care of the Revd. W.B. Magnan. We were hospitably dined by Mr. and Mrs. Laxton on our way back to Burks Falls where we arrived in the afternoon, and after tea at the parsonage, held a vestry meeting at 7 o'clock, at which arrangements were made for commencing the building of the new church early next spring.

The next morning the Bishop left for Bracebridge on his way to Toronto.

PORT CARLING.

His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma, paid his annual visit to this mission on the 22nd February. His Lordship arrived on the evening of the 21st and mid was the guest of the Missionary stationed here. On Sunday the 22nd he preached at 11 a.m. in St. James, Port Carling to a large congregation, on the subject of the Temptation, a most impressive sermon, and administered the Holy Communion. Immediately after morning service the Bishop accompanied by the missionary started for Brakenrig, where a large audience assembled to hear his flowing eloquence, nor did they go away disappointed. It was the day for the Methodist service in the school room but Mr. Eagan the Methodist Minister most courteously placed this school room at our disposal and himself joined in the service. In the evening there was another very large congregation