

The Bishop opened the meeting. He was followed by Rev. Rural Dean Thursby, who gave a very able address, first describing the geographical situation of the deanery, and later reading from his manuscript extracts regarding the work that had been carried on in this district by the clergymen of the Church of England from its very inception. Mr. Thursby was followed by the Revs. J. P. Smitheman, Schreiber, and T. J. Hay. Mr. Frank Keefer followed as the lay speaker. He confined his remarks chiefly to expressing the pleasure, which he knew all felt, in having their chief pastor in their midst. At the close of the evening the Bishop delivered an address. In it he explained the geographical position of his immense diocese, stretching from Gravenhurst on the east to Dexter on the west, and from the waters on the south to the height of land on the north, approximately slightly over 800 miles long by 200 wide. He mentioned incidentally the toil that was attached to the office which he filled in the diocese, and the necessity for his continued absence from home, closing with a hearty welcome to the Finns of the district, who have shown a disposition to unite in the services of the great Church of which he is proud to be a member. After the singing of the doxology, the benediction was pronounced and the assembly dispersed.

T. J. H.

Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, RECTOR.

September 10th was the date fixed this year for the annual visitation of our Bishop to Port Arthur and neighbourhood, and which included a rural-decanal conference, this making the third of its kind, the first being held during the incumbency of the Rev. C. J. Machin. That these are beneficial to both priest and people has been amply proven. They are full of encouragement for the one, and are an educating faculty for the other.

The 11 o'clock Matins was sung by the Rural Dean. The epistle was read by the Rev. T. J. Hay, and the sermon preached by Bishop Thorneloe, who also administered the rite of confirmation to 14 candidates. The weather was very unfavourable, but there was a good attendance. Smart's *Te Deum* was well sung by the choir, the rest of the musical portion being much beyond the average, and would suggest the idea of much practice and painstaking effort on the part of the organist and choirmaster respectively, and indeed I may say it was a most reverent and beautiful service. The church has undergone a complete renovation, (or what will be when the east end is finished) the coloring being of a lighter shade and adding much to the brightness of the interior. The sanctuary has a background of terra cotta, with the text repainted in gold letters, and a

"Thrice Holy" over the altar. The same has been raised on a foot pace, and a re-table added which makes a change that I think everyone will admit is more in accordance with propriety and good taste. The pulpit and organ were re-varnished, and the cleaning of the floor and seats by Mrs. Syke, to whom our thanks are due, was the finishing touch to our scheme of improvements. In the afternoon of the same day the Bishop preached at Holy Trinity. This is the new Finn church erected last year, and a very nice little church it is, with plain sittings in varnished pine, a vestry, pulpit and small sanctuary. In place of a "window toward Jerusalem" they have a beautiful picture of the Crucifixion, and, although the congregation was not large, a quiet reverence appeared to permeate throughout. The service was read by the Rural Dean in Finn, the hymns being chanted in the same language. Sister Magdalene played the organ, which had been lent for the occasion. The sermon from Ps. cxvi. v. 6, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy," was a kind and fatherly admonition of friendly counsel and sympathy to them in this far country, promising them his consideration and his prayers. The Rev. T. J. Hay was also present in the capacity of chaplain. Mr. Peter P. Ito acted as interpreter and Mr. John Filippula was precentor. Sister Magdalene has been permitted by the Bishop to undertake the work of charity in this place, and will be of great service in district visiting and other parish work. She has belonged to the Sisters of Bethany now for some years.

A Thanksgiving Service for the ingathering of the harvest was celebrated on the 24th. Rev. E. J. Harper said Matins and preached from Jer. v. 24. In the evening the rector officiated and gave as his text Gal. vi. 6-10.

The conference took place on Thursday, the 16th, and was composed of the Bishop, the Rural Dean, the Rev. E. J. Harper, Rev. J. P. Smitheman and the Rev. T. J. Hay, who acted as secretary; Mr. Denison, from Schreiber, and Messrs. Keefer, Coe, Forde and Langworthy. It was to be regretted that so few of our church members took advantage of this most interesting debate. The first paper was by the Rev. J. W. Thursby, on "The Church in the District of Thunder Bay"; the second, on "Church Principles and How to Maintain Them," by Rev. E. J. Harper; "How to Retain Church Membership," by the Rev. J. P. Smitheman, followed by "Liturgical Worship," by Rev. T. J. Hay. A good paper on "The Sunday-school in its Relation to the Parish," was from the pen of Mr. G. Coe, with some discussion thereon by Mr. Hall, of Slate River, and a very necessary question was well treated by Mr. Forde: "What Answer should we give to those who wish to know why we are Church people?" It is needless to add that these important subjects took up most of the day.

At 6 o'clock the same evening the W.

A. took the opportunity of giving a "High Tea" which combined the idea of entertaining the clergy and of replenishing the treasury of the said society. This it certainly did to the amount of \$31, and everyone seemed to enjoy this sociable meeting with our pastors and masters. Speeches were made after tea referring to the day's session, and an address from the chairman, who mentioned, by the way, that a bishop's life is scarcely what one would call a "bed of roses," that the scarcity of funds is not the least of his troubles, he besought us to value our privileges more highly, to help with might and main the Sustentation Fund, without which some of the missions will have to be closed, to hold up the hands of our clergy and to live in charity with all men. A reference was made to the Finn community and a promise of a student to take charge at the first opportunity. The meeting closed by the singing of the doxology and the benediction.

A Sunday school tea was given on the 26th. Games, etc., occupied the time after tea until 10 o'clock, when they dispersed, having had a most enjoyable evening. Mrs. Gibbs, who attended the congress of women in London, has returned looking fresh and well. She has, I hear, enjoyed her visit far beyond her expectations and admits that England is a wonderful place.

Amongst the victims of the *Scotsman* disaster we deeply regret to notice the names of two former residents of this town, and one an active member of our W. A., Mrs. Dickinson, wife of the former editor of the *Sentinel*. We extend our sincere sympathy to both Mrs. Leitch, of Nipigon, who mourns her mother, Mrs. Scott, and to the members of the Dickinson family.

B. S.

Huntsville Mission.

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLOYD, INCUMBENT.

Harvest services were held in All Saints' Church, Huntsville, on Sunday, October 8th. The Chancel Guild took the decoration in hand and created an exquisitely beautiful effect with grain, grasses, fruit, flowers and autumn foliage. The choir, under the able training and superintendence of Mr. W. H. Morgan, choirmaster, rendered the musical part of the services grandly. Special chants and anthems, with the inspiring harvest hymns, in which latter the congregations heartily joined, made the services delightfully bright. Ven. Archdeacon Lloyd, incumbent, preached the sermons. The morning subject was "Thanksgiving an essential feature of a circumspect walk," based on the text Eph. v. 20. The evening subject was "Our obligation to render for the benefits done to us," based on II. Chron. xxxii. 25. The day was beautifully fine and the congregations very good.