

work of each day was preceded by Matins and closed by the usual Evensong, at which both candidates officiated. Saturday, the 18th, was set apart by the Bishop as a day of special devotional preparation for the solemn act in which they were so soon to participate. The day was opened with an early celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, followed in due course by Evensong and Compline. In the intervals the Bishop interviewed the candidates, helping them to realize the solemn nature of the step they were preparing so shortly to take.

The Lord's Day following was a day long to be thankfully remembered by all who were privileged to take part in the solemn services at which men were set apart to serve in the sacred ministry of Christ's Church. First, there was a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper early in the morning; later, followed Morning Prayer; then the ordination service. The latter was participated in by a large congregation. The sermon was preached by the Examining Chaplain (Rev. J. Boydell), who, taking for his text, 2 Tim., i. 14: "That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us," sought to impress upon the candidates the nature and reality of the solemn obligations to the Church, the Spouse of Christ, which at this time became theirs. Emphasis was added by a reference to the commission given in the words of the Great Head of the Church: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you"—a commission both real and holy. The preacher drew attention to the fact that the faith was a "good thing," or treasure, committed to their charge and keeping; they had no right to add to or take from the doctrine delivered into their charge and care by the authoritative action of the Church.

There was another large congregation in the evening, when the Bishop preached an able and devotional sermon upon the spirit and power of prayer. The attention of the hearers was marked with an intensesness that cannot fail to bring forth fruit in due season.

Unless a word or two were added concerning the music at the above services we might easily be charged with wanting in that due appreciation of the help which hearty choral music gives to the solemnity and fulness of

Christian praise. It is then only justice to acknowledge the services of those who rendered the choral portions of the liturgy, together with the hymns, in a manner that was Churchly.

The ordinees—Rev. W. H. Buckland, now a priest; Rev. J. Hickland, now a deacon—have returned to their separated yet united work; the former, in his priestly capacity entitled and commanded to bless in His Name from Whom all blessings flow, the people committed to his charge, the latter to the wilds of Temiscamingue—into a country which on the Ontario side is only now beginning to be settled—there so to serve in his office that he may gain to himself a good standing.

That the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, may rest upon them both is the sincere prayer of all—especially of those privileged to participate in the sacred festivities of the day now numbered with the past.

Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

His Lordship the Bishop made his first visit to this parish, arriving on Saturday, September 11th. The Sunday following, Morning Prayer was said in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock, at which fifteen candidates were presented for the rite of confirmation. The Bishop addressed some very helpful and stirring words to those presented, and subsequently preached from I. Corinthians xii. 12: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: So also is Christ." At the conclusion, the Communion Service was proceeded with, sixty-two persons partaking thereat. The hymns were (A. and M.) 322, and 348, while No. 255 was sung, previous to the reception of the sacrament.

In the afternoon His Lordship held a service at Fort William West, and in the evening at Fort William.

On Monday, the Bishop drove to the (Township and) Mission of Oliver, accompanied by the Revs. J. W. Thursby, and E. J. Harper, and were received by Mr. Bell, who is in charge, during the absence of the Rural Dean (Mr. Kirby), in England. The same evening, the Bishop held a reception, in the schoolroom, Port Arthur, when a large number of parishioners had the pleas-

ure of meeting him. The Bishop returned to Sault Ste. Marie, by the steamship *Alberta* on Tuesday.

Amongst the visitors to the parish during the past month were: Miss Day, an English lady, one of the originators of the Algoma Association, who has been travelling through the diocese, inspecting its progress, and noting its wants and requirements, in the interests of our English subscribers; and Mr. Becke, a Finnish missionary, who held a service here, and was most attentively heard by a large congregation of our Finn population, to whom he preached in their native tongue.

On August 16th, a branch of the Church Boys' Brigade was instituted, and so popular is it, that it now numbers 31 members. Mr. R. B. H. Bell, of Trinity College, Toronto (also of Oliver Mission), has given valued assistance to the incumbent in connection therewith. The brigade marched to camp, where they were quartered for about two weeks, a daily routine of work, drill, and recreation being carried out. The results have been most beneficial. The first church parade was on Sunday, Sept. 12th, the occasion of the Bishop's visit to the parish.

A pleasant addition to the vestry, are the portraits of the incumbents of this parish, since its commencement: the Rev. C. B. Dundas, 1872 to 1877; Rev. J. K. McMorine, 1877 to 1885; Rev. C. J. Machin, 1885 to 1893; Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, 1894 and 1895. The grounds surrounding the church and parsonage look particularly well, and reflect great credit to the energy of Mr. Thursby and his family.

It is my painful duty to record the death of a staunch Churchwoman, Mrs. W. H. Langworthy, which occurred on Sept. 7th. For over thirteen years, since her arrival, a regular attendant at services and at the Holy Table, an indefatigable worker in the Woman's Auxiliary, in district visiting, and amongst other parochial organizations. Her place, will, indeed, be hard to fill; nor is it only from the church, but from her own domestic circle that the void is most severely felt, and the sympathy of the whole town has gone out to Mr. Langworthy and his family in their distressing bereavement. H. B.

He who will not answer to the rudder, must answer to the rocks.—*Herve.*