

attendance of six hundred. There is also near Toronto a very good military college, from which several cadets are annually drafted into the British army.

From Toronto my husband took temporary charge of a large parish in Algoma. Algoma is a missionary diocese, with a thousand miles of coast-line on Lake Superior, and many hundred square miles of forest lying eastward from the lake. We started to our parish by railway, then took the steamer across Lake Rosseau, and lastly had twenty miles of forest country to drive through. We were packed in a wagon without springs; and just as we were starting, a friend, seeing that I had placed my arm on the side of the wagon, said, "You must keep your arm well within the edge of the wagon, or your ribs will be broken"; and certainly this was no unnecessary precaution. It took us ten hours to accomplish the twenty miles of road. We were shaken up and down, and from side to side, like peas in a child's rattle; the horses sometimes climbed rocks as high as a table, and then slid down the other side; we had to spring out of the wagon when called to do so by the driver.

We reached the little log vicarage, with its adjacent log church, at sunset. The view from the house was over miles and miles of forest, lit up by the sunset glow. Only here and there could a break be seen, from which the blue smoke betokened some settler's home.

It was intensely interesting to go among the two hundred settlers of this backwoods parish of two hundred and fifty square miles, and see with what eagerness any services in church or gifts of books were welcomed. I well remember one rough farmer, who had emigrated to the bush, telling me that for seven years he had had no church to go to, and then, when a service was started, and the grand old *Te Deum* was sung, it was too much for him, and he quite broke down. We in England can hardly realise what the Church's services are to these lonely settlers in the backwoods of America. They will walk many miles over rough roads, through swamps and deep mud and thick forests, to attend divine