

COMMUNICATIONS.

CHURCH WORK AT UFFORD, MUSKOKA.

For the Algoma Missionary News :—

Seeing in the News that any information respecting Church work in this diocese would be acceptable, I take the opportunity afforded, to give a short account of the progress we are making in this mission :—

Previous to 1876 no Church services were held in this place, although there were a number of members. Determined to remedy, if possible, this grievous state of affairs, we met His Lordship the Bishop at Falkenburg station, and stated our case to him. With his usual kindness, he readily acceded to our proposal, or rather, request, that he would come into the settlement and hold service. On the 13th of February, 1876, the first Church service in the place was held, when the Bishop preached a most eloquent sermon to upwards of sixty adults. After service a lay reader—Mr. Knowles—was appointed, and during the summer of '76, a church was erected, and service held every Sunday.

On the 18th of February '77, His Lordship again visited us, accompanied by the Rev. Wm. Crompton. This time it is estimated that nearly 150 people came with the intention of hearing the Bishop, but many could not get into the church, which was densely packed.

Should we be honored, next year, with a visit from our Bishop, we believe neither church nor church-yard will contain the would-be congregation. God is slowly but surely prospering our efforts. We are fortunate in having a pains-taking, earnest, lay-reader, still we want a clergyman who would visit us at least once a month, and we trust, ere long to have this want supplied.

Having lived long in this district, and watched carefully the progress of events, we feel assured that the great revival of our Church here is mainly owing to the energy and goodness of our beloved Bishop; who so earnestly seconds our humblest efforts, and spares no time nor trouble to further the great cause in which we are working. Certain it is that many who were cold or luke-warm in religion have been stirred up to activity, and we all, if we can but see the approving smile, and hear the commendatory words of our spiritual head, at what we have done, are spurred to do something greater, and to look for an approval where he directs—to the great Lord of all.

HENRY W. GILL, *Churchwarden.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, UFFORD, *Feb. 1877.*

REV. THOS. MOTHERWELL.

For the Algoma Missionary News :—

In the beginning of Lent I asked my Sunday school scholars to save their money and give it to me for the Shingwauk Home, instead of spending it in anything for themselves, which those who were able, did, with the following result :—

Emma Hoare	- - - - \$.25	Birdy Amy	- - - - .28
Jack Amy	- - - - .30	Fred. Hoare	- - - - .30
Jas. Ingram	- - - - .25	G. V. Motherwell	- - - - .39
Cricky Amy	- - - - .35	Nellie Agret	- - - - .45
Etta McWilliams	- - - - .33	Sam Allen	- - - - .10
Albert Agret	- - - - .07	Ethel Hoare	- - - - .25