

My Lord Bishop, Mr. Archdeacon, and my Reverend Brethren.

I feel it to be impossible to express the mingled feelings which contend in my mind for utterance in appreciation of the honour done me by this address, referring to the high distinction to which, in the providence of God, I have been called. Believe me, in the visions which arise before me of my future work, I see not so much its dignities as its responsibilities, and the solemn burden of the care of souls scattered over a vast area. I have been asking myself, "Am I equal to the labour and hardships involved, and capable of dealing successfully and wisely with men—the faithful pastors and others of many sorts and conditions with whom I shall have to do?" But although by these thoughts I am filled with affright, yet there come to me messages from my brethren, which go straight to my heart, that they believe me to have been duly called to this special work and, in their kind judgment, to have capacities for it from what they know of me, and so I dare not doubt that God would graciously fit and prepare me to discharge the duties which devolve upon me. I cannot tell you of all that rends my heart in the thought that the happy intercourse of twenty two years is about to be severed. In this respect the keenest pain and sorrow possess me, but I venture to believe that I shall be followed by your love, and sympathy, and prayers, and that the Diocese of Algoma will occupy a large place in your hearts. Never can I forget your kindness on this occasion, nor the gratifying fact that in all these years not one word of serious difference has passed between me and my clerical brethren. I thank God for having cast my lot among you, and I am especially gratified by the thoughtful choice you have made of this time in which to make my dear people—so numerous present—cognizant of the honour you do me. Most heartily do I thank you one and all, and not alone on my own account, but also for your having included also Mrs. Thorneloe and family in your kind words and wishes.

#### Mission of Korah and Goulais Bay.

REV. J. H. SMITHEMAN, INCUMBENT.

January 31st, 1897, was the first Sunday Bishop Thorneloe, our new Bishop, spent in the diocese. On that day he confirmed thirty in the Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie. On the following Sunday, February 7th, he was at Goulais Bay

and Korah. Goulais Bay is twenty-five miles from Sault Ste. Marie, and Korah is six miles. On Saturday, February 6th, one of our Korah farmers, Mr. Pen Horwood, drove to the Sault for the Bishop and brought him out and entertained him at lunch. Korah is on the way to Goulais Bay, and so the stay there broke the journey for the Bishop.

After the bounteous lunch the Bishop expressed himself as ready for any fate, and with the mission priest and Mr. Pen Horwood and his brother Herbert, proceeded on his way. The road from Korah to Goulais Bay is rocky and hilly, and very hard on horses. The Rev. J. P. Smitheman lost a horse last summer which was literally killed by the rough roads, and it cost him fifty dollars to buy another, and, having this to pay out of his scanty stipend, he is impoverished. However, Mr. Pen Horwood lent his team, and thus the Bishop found the journey easier than travelling with the minister's single pony. The Bishop stayed at Goulais Bay with Mr. Whalen, the minister's warden, Mr. Smitheman with Mr. Downey, a Presbyterian, and Mr. Pen Horwood and his brother, with Mr. MacSorley, a Methodist. Three neighbouring houses and three different denominations.

The Bishop enjoyed the drive and he was favoured with good weather, good roads, a good team, and a good driver, Herbert Pen Horwood. On the previous trip up to Goulais Bay, the missionary was upset on the "height of land," the cutter broken to pieces, the horse ran away for two miles, and Mr. Smitheman himself was seriously damaged. In many of the country places of Algoma, travelling can be better done in winter with cutter or sleigh. The rocks and hills are then covered with snow, and where a buggy or waggon could hardly go, a cutter or sleigh glides along.

On Sunday, February 7th, there was probably the grandest religious service ever held in that neighbourhood. Mr. Pen Horwood is a musician, and Mr. Macaulay, the people's warden, having kindly lent his organ, we were able to give a musical service, and it was a revelation to the backwoodsmen.

Bishop Thorneloe was the first Bishop to enter Goulais Bay Church. It was opened last Easter Day and an account of the event appeared in THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. Bishop Sullivan much desired to see it, but was prevented by illness. Bishop Thorneloe's episcopal visit was the first after a period of more

than six years, and Church life will now be revived. He confirmed six persons, and the effect of his vigorous and sympathetic exposition of the benefits of confirmation will be an increase in the candidates. The Bishop congratulated Mr. Smitheman on Goulais Bay Church and said, for the amount of money expended on it—less than \$400—he had never seen such a cheap church built in such a churchly manner. But to that \$400 must be added, at least, \$100 for labour given by the people. And how was that \$400 raised? Bishop Sullivan gave \$50; Mr. Macaulay collected \$130; Rev. J. P. Smitheman collected \$70; S.P.C.K., \$75. Rural Dean Renison collected \$20; still owing \$48. Now who will help to pay off this debt of \$48? The Bishop has worked hard, the missionary has exerted himself, the people have struggled, and who will come to the rescue so that the church may be consecrated when Bishop Thorneloe comes again in three months' time? Bishop Thorneloe promises \$5, and would do more if the Mission Fund were not so deeply in debt. Surely friends in England and the Province of Ontario will come to "the help of the Lord against the mighty" difficulties in Algoma.

After the morning services at Goulais Bay, the Bishop returned to Korah for evening service. In both places he much encouraged the people, and we prophesy a bright future for the churches and missionaries of Algoma under the fostering care of their loving Father in God.

Korah parsonage much impressed Bishop Thorneloe, and he wondered how such a commodious building was erected for \$500. There is a debt of \$160 on it. Here, again, we need help.

Goulais Bay Church has no communion vessels, or altar linen, or font.

J.P.S.

#### Burk's Falls Mission.

REV. CHARLES PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

This mission has received a visit from the Bishop, who spent several days at Burk's Falls inquiring into and advising concerning matters of temporal and spiritual concern. The Bishop was a guest at the parsonage. Being as anxious to meet the people as they are to meet him, it was a foregone conclusion that success would crown the informal reception given in the parsonage by the women of the Church to the Bishop on the evening of Thursday, February 18th. The