

to resist the evils referred to, and to avoid everything which tends to foster and encourage them. In their public utterances and their private dealings with their people the clergy are specially responsible for doing all they can. At least they may, and should, point out from Inspiration the sacred and life-long character of the marriage tie, and firmly, though lovingly, enforce the Church's rules as to the celebration of the Holy Rite, with due religious solemnity, in the House of God.

They who clamour for a private marriage, fearing the publicity of a public ceremony, may feel aggrieved when their clergyman refuses to break the rule of the Church to gratify their wishes. They may think the Church which holds to its rules in these matters narrow and bigoted in comparison with the sects which are so ready to please them by falling in with their fond and foolish fancies. But, in the end, it will be seen that we are right and wise, in thus upholding the sanctity of which Inspiration tells us is the sign of the Church's union with its Lord; the Holy Ordinance; and in refusing to adopt practices which must inevitably tend to lower it to the level of a mere civil and social contract.

The weighty words put forth in the Encyclical Letter of the last Lambeth Conference should be carefully pondered by every faithful Churchman. "The maintenance of the dignity and sanctity of Marriage lies at the root of social purity, and therefore, of the safety and sacredness of the family and the home. The foundation of its holy security and honour is the precept of our Lord,—'What, therefore, God hath joined together let not man put asunder.' We utter our most earnest words of warning against the lightness with which the life-long vow of Marriage is often taken; against the looseness with which those who enter into this holy estate often regard its obligations; and against the frequency and facility of recourse to the courts of law for the dissolution of this most solemn bond." And in view of this weighty utterance of the whole Anglican Episcopate, I am the more strengthened in enjoining upon our clergy and people alike a faithful obedience to the rules of the Church and of the Diocese affecting this matter.

GEORGE ALGOMA.

N.B.—The rule referred to is that "Baptisms, marriages and funerals be solemnized in church whenever possible." The Bishop has written the above at the request of the recent Triennial Council.—EDITOR.

Mission of Lake Temiscamingue.

REV. JAMES HICKLAND, INCUMBENT.

On Saturday, the 23rd of July, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Algoma and the Venerable the Archdeacon of Algoma visited this mission. They were met at the pier of Baie des Peres by the incumbent of the mission, Rev. James

Hickland, where most cordial greetings were interchanged. After about an hour's conversation in re missionary work and other general matters, we enjoyed a generous lunch on board, and it was manifest that the balmy air of this great lake had stimulated our illustrious visitors with an excellent appetite. After a delay of about two hours, the favourite vessel, the *Meteor*, steamed direct for Liskeard, which we reached about 11 o'clock p.m. Here we were met by Mr. Wm. Murray and Mr. John Armstrong, the local magistrate and Crown Land Agent, who had everything in readiness for us. We all retired to rest about midnight, and on Sunday morning Mr. Hickland, accompanied by the Bishop and Archdeacon, visited nearly all of the adherents of the Church in Liskeard. The Bishop's genial and courteous bearing and fatherly advice were highly appreciated by all with whom he came in contact. The Archdeacon had the pleasure of seeing several of his old Huntsville friends in this mission, and it was, doubtless, refreshing to him to find that their spiritual wants were so well attended to. Divine service was held on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The prayers were read by the incumbent, the lessons by Mr. Llywd, and a powerful sermon was preached by the Bishop on "The Christian Life," based on Philippians iii. 13. When service had concluded we repaired to Mr. Murray's for lunch, and the two sisters, Miss Lottie and Miss Catherine Anne Beavis, were most assiduous in their efforts to supply our wants.

The Archdeacon just when going to dine took suddenly ill, which, I confess, alarmed me very much. He was surrounded by a band of devoted servants, who did all in their power to do the necessary, the Bishop himself, with his own hands, rubbing the limbs and applying the cooling lotions to the parts affected. After an interval of about two hours we were again on the lake, rowed by two of Mr. Taylor's sons, to Dawson Point. Here the people of that neighbourhood were anxiously awaiting our arrival. Service was held in the new school and the Rev. Jas. Hickland presented to the Bishop five candidates for confirmation.

We next proceeded to Mr. Dawson's and partook of a liberal and varied tea, while two boats from the other side of the lake were awaiting to take us across to Haileybury, Mr. Paul Cobbold and Mr. John Westron acting as oarsmen. Here the school building was crowded and a good many were standing outside, especially Indians and their squaws and their little children, who had come from their tents, where they were encamped on the edge of the lake. Five candidates were also presented here for confirmation.

At end of service the Bishop, the Archdeacon, and the incumbent were invited to Mr. Cobbold's to tea and spend the evening. After a most enjoyable evening we parted for the night, the Bishop and Archdeacon remaining at Mr. Cob-

bold's and the incumbent retiring to his little, lonely parsonage, situated on Mount "Nebo." The following morning a Eucharistic service was held, and, subsequently, a meeting in re the quota of missionary's salary, and the affairs of the new church were discussed. Mrs. Farr supplied a well-spread table, and a final lunch was given by Mrs. Cobbold and her mother, Mrs. Proyben. At this stage the sound of the *Meteor* whistle intimated that our time had expired. We joined the steamer about 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon and sailed to Ville Marie, where service was held at 7.30 p.m., the Archdeacon reading the prayers, the incumbent the lessons, and the Bishop preached. The Archdeacon also gave an address. At the conclusion of the service all the people were introduced to the Bishop, and everyone seemed so highly pleased at meeting and hearing their Bishop and expressed regrets at his rather quick departure.

The Bishop expressed himself very much satisfied with the entire work of the mission. The arrangements were of an accurate character and in every respect satisfactory. My own deep conviction is that if our beloved Bishop could only afford to spend about double the time here many persons would become adherents or members of the Church who are at present either leading dissolute, indifferent lives or are connected with the dissenting bodies which so sorely oppress Church work in Temiscamingue.

JAMES HICKLAND.

After receiving the above a letter reached the editor from the pen of the Archdeacon, giving a description of the above visitation. We subjoin nearly the whole, withholding only a few sentences which are simply repetitions of what Mr. Hickland has written:

At 8 p.m., July 22nd, we met at North Bay by appointment and took the train the same night for Mattawa, where we were met and hospitably entertained for the night by the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Anderson. On Saturday at 9 a.m. we took the train for Gordon Creek, on the new line of the C.P.R. running north along the east shore of the Upper Ottawa. At 2 p.m. we went aboard the *Meteor* (Captain Redmond), Mr. Lumsden's new steamer plying the waters of Lake Temiscamingue. On reaching Baie des Peres, we were joined by the Rev. J. Hickland, Temiscamingue missionary, who gave us a hearty welcome to his distant and northerly mission. At 11 p.m. we arrived at our landing place, the new village of Liskeard. The *Meteor* standing out in the lake a boat called a "pointer" took us up the mouth of Wabis River to the village. Here we were met by Mr. Murray, a first settler, whose guests we were to be, Mr. Hickland being the guest of Mr. Armstrong, Crown Lands Agent.

A sad drowning accident caused by the upsetting of a boat, and involving the loss of two lives, a man of sixty years, and a