

There are fifty-four children on the roll, and the number of children in the congregation who received gifts from the tree was nearly 100.

We wish to publicly thank the kind friends in Toronto who sent us such very nice and suitable presents.

There is still another treat of a similar nature to come off in another part of this mission.

A. W.

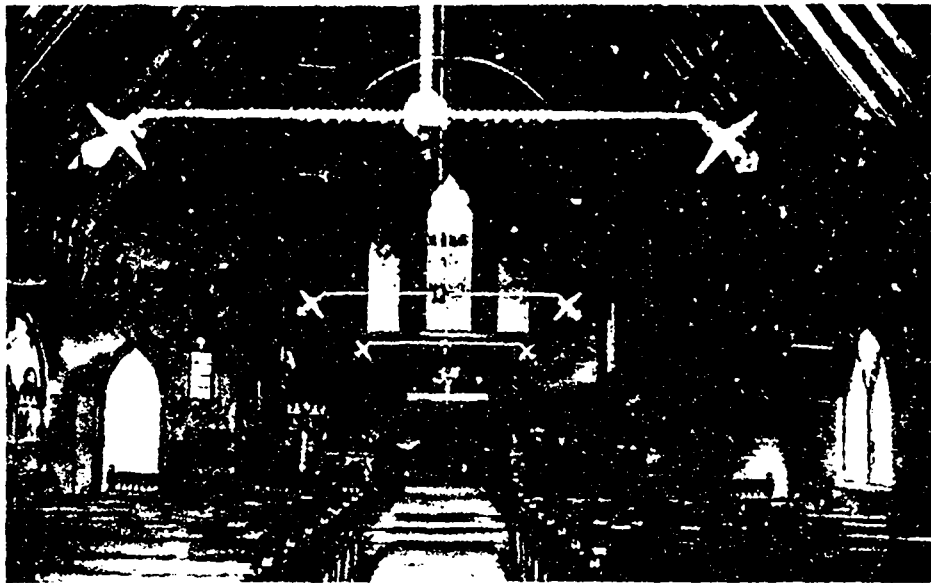
Bracebridge Mission.

REV. J. BOYDELL, M.A., INCUMBENT.

The Second Sunday in Advent (Dec. 6), 1896, was a red-letter day to the Anglican Church people of Bracebridge, for on that day they, for the first time, worshipped in their new church. Like the old building, the new bears the name of St.

Algoma. We note the fact, also, that the site is a new one—one of the best available on the southeast corner of Manitoba and Mary streets. In style and architecture we should say it is a mixture of gothic and classic, and has dimensions as follows: Nave, 48 feet long by 30 feet wide; chancel, 27 feet by 20 feet. There is a vestibule, constructed with the intention of continuing the walls for a tower. Vestry rooms for clergy and choir and a good basement for a furnace are other features worthy of notice. The interior of the building is marked by those distinctions peculiarly Anglican—the Holy Table, raised at the east end, choir stalls for antiphonal singing, lectern for the Holy Bible, etc. We doubt not that the furnishings will at some future

viz., three violins, flute, clarinet, cello, cornet, and trombone. Some of the hymns simply seized the congregation, and, as it were, compelled every voice to join the song of praise. The first service was a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, at 8.30 a.m., at which Bishop Sullivan, the late diocesan, was the celebrant, assisted by the incumbent, Rev. J. Boydell. At 11 o'clock Morning Prayer and Litany were said, and a sermon on the subject of the rebuilding of the Temple by Nehemiah, preached by Dr. Sullivan. In the afternoon Rev. W. A. J. Burt, of Port Carling, was the preacher, and at the seven o'clock service the Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan again preached, and held his hearers spellbound for an hour. In the evening the service was full choral.



The Newly Erected Church of St. Thomas', Bracebridge—Interior.

Thomas, thus keeping alive and connected all the memories and associations that have marked the history of the Church of England in Bracebridge. Before saying a word about the services it would be better to describe the church henceforth to be the regular place of worship of our friends in Bracebridge. It was erected in accordance with designs prepared by Mr. Charles J. Gibson, architect, Toronto, by Mr. T. A. Oude Kirk, of the same place. These gentlemen have, we believe, performed their work to the complete satisfaction of those immediately interested, and have given to the town of Bracebridge an ecclesiastical building second to none in the District of Muskoka, or, for that matter, the whole Diocese of

day be added to. There is one more feature we feel bound to notice, viz., the "dim, religious light," the subdued, softening effect of the colour of the red brick walls, which gives or rather adds to the reverence that is noticeable in Anglican churches everywhere. The seating capacity of the new building is about 250. When it is said that another 110 were within its walls at the evening service, our readers will have a conception of the crowd that squeezed in. Aisles and vestry were filled, but were not enough, as some seventy or eighty persons had to turn away. The services were brighter and more hearty by reason of the efforts of a choir of twenty-seven voices, augmented by an orchestra of eight pieces,

Other clergy present: Rev. Messrs. A. H. Allman, A. W. Hazlehurst, and A. R. Mitchell. Our heartiest congratulations are tendered to Rev. J. Boydell, and all those who have so successfully carried out the erection of so handsome a building as the new Church of St. Thomas, which is a credit not only to the Anglicans of Bracebridge, but, as a local paper says, "to our town." Nor will we end before giving voice to a word of praise to the choir which so admirably led the congregations in common prayer and praise. It is generally invidious to mention names in these matters, but Choirmaster Kirk and Miss Boydell (organist) may be named as an exception proving the rule.

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