

at Aspden. I had heard of the fine church, erected at that place by Rev. Wm. Crompton, but I was not prepared for the perfection of design and finish exhibited in the substantial stone walls and for the real beauty and costly nature of the interior fittings, draperies, etc. How a Muskoka missionary, at first a farmer of the neighborhood, could erect free of debt a church worth \$4,000 in what is still a comparatively poor district, is a mystery to every person unacquainted with the life of Wm. Crompton. The money came from England, in response to an appeal made to English friends by this Muskoka pioneer, who went to the old land and told a plain story of the hardships of the first settlers. Other churches were built by him, but St. Mary's, Aspden, is the crown and glory of all. Pictures of this, whether in the humble and diminutive form of a 4x5 paper photograph or in the more imposing character of a lime-light view measuring many feet in diameter, never fail to impress an audience with agreeable surprise. Many finished prints of the negatives taken at Aspden have been made for the missionary by one of Canada's best professionals and sent forth from the mission to tell their story of zeal and piety to friends and helpers in distant places both in this country and in the mother land.

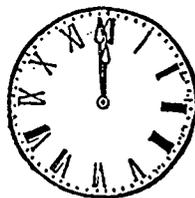
There is one thing which I regret concerning my visit to the heart of Muskoka, and that is that I did not point the camera at one of my missionary heroes while he was ascending with horse and buggy a long-paved acclivity. A horse going up steps and drawing his master after him is not a common sight in Canada or any other country. Nevertheless, in Muskoka, to a tourist riding in a wheeled vehicle, the experience sometimes seems like that. The rock on the steep incline being perfectly bare, logs are placed across the road to give the horse sure footing. Hence the ascent is almost a case of getting up stairs.

With the recital of one more incident I will conclude this imperfect narrative. At an out-station, belonging to the mission of Emsdale, I was to give an illustrated lecture similar to that delivered in several other places. The missionary conveyed me to the school-house of the district in good time, and we soon had everything in perfect readiness for the entertainment. We waited a long time before the audience began to arrive on the ground, and when the door was opened not all entered. There was no rush for seats. Still, as those outside had come a considerable distance, there was evidently a desire to be present at the lecture. Upon enquiring the reason for the diffidence, timidity, or other controlling feeling, we discovered that the lingerers were unable to produce the small pecuniary token which would entitle them to participation in the proceedings within. Times were bad, and money was

scarce; in fact, the latter had reached the vanishing point. However, as the missionary was personally acquainted with these worthy, but light pursed individuals, a compromise was agreed upon, the understanding being that they should pay the charge for admission as soon as they had gathered in their harvest and brought part of the produce to market. I entertain a reasonable belief that this promise was fulfilled and that the fund to be benefited was correspondingly augmented.

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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.
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Remember daily the mid-day prayer for missions.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession."—Ps. ii. 8.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

PREVIOUS to the General Synod of 1893 we were wont to look upon this diocese as our nearest neighbor; but, happily, we can now claim a closer connection still, and feel that it is one of the same household as ourselves—the Church of England in Canada, at whose head we find, as primate, the Archbishop of Rupert's Land. His Grace, the Most Rev. Robert Machray, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., prelate of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Working under the archbishop we find many whose names are very familiar to our members. Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Archdeacons Phair and Fortin, Canons O'Meara and Matheson, Rev. G. Rogers, Rev. W. Burman, and others to the number, in all, of seventy-five clergy. Owing to the influx of immigrants into this large diocese new missions are constantly needed to be opened. Indian missions also form a very important element in the work. St. John's College and School, in Winnipeg, are strong institutions for training men and boys, and owe much of their effectiveness to the devotedness of the archbishop.

During the past year Rupert's Land has shown that, though so largely a missionary diocese itself, it can still stretch out its hand to help others. In his charge to the synod the archbishop speaks of parting with one of his clergy, who had been constrained by his sense of the sad condition of the heathen in part of Central South America, along the Amazon river, to whom no one was carrying