

VISIT OF THE BISHOP.

The Bishop's programme for a short visit to Muskoka before Christmas was,—Dec. 5th, Ferrishill and Uffington, Dec. 6th, Purbrook, 7th and 8th, Gravenhurst, 9th, Raysville, 10th, Stoneleigh and Bracebridge, 11th, Falkenburg and Ufford, 12th, Bardsville, 13th, Northwood, 14th and 15th, Bracebridge. A private letter from Gravenhurst, Dec. 8th tells of the difficulties in travelling owing to the dearth of snow at this early season of the year. The Bishop says "I go on to Bracebridge to-morrow, but fear I shall be unable to reach some of the outstations, the roads are in such a fearful state of slush. Mr. Osborne and I had great difficulty in getting here from the country for Sunday duty. We started Friday morning in a cutter and returned in a lumber wagon Sunday morning, with the horse hitched on behind, the cutter being left eight miles away."


UFFINGTON.—The Bishop of Algoma paid a visit to the Draper Township on December 5 and 6. Last winter the right rev. prelate was prevented from visiting this section of his diocese consequent on his visit to England. The visit this time was therefore looked forward to with more than usual interest. The Bishop, who was accompanied by the Rev. A. Osborne, of Gravenhurst, and the Rev. John Greeson, incumbent of the mission, arrived at the Ferrishill Church in time for service in the afternoon at 3. The attendance here was but small, but was considerably counterbalanced by the crowded state of St. Paul's Church, Uffington, in the evening. Long before the time appointed for commencing divine service the church was filled, drawn together, no doubt, by the fact, that there was to be a confirmation, an ordinance which has not been performed in this church for some few years past. There were eight candidates presented, and the few well-chosen words spoken to them by the Bishop could not fail but have their due effect. The sermon by the bishop was plain and practical, and attentively listened to, and the singing and responding most hearty. On Saturday, 6th, the bishop proceeded six miles further to Purbrook, where seven more candidates were admitted to the full privileges of the church, and received the Holy Communion. The people at this station have been very assiduous in their church work. The church has been lined, a large shed erected, church furniture and utensils bought, all quite recently. Thanks to the indefatigable help given by the lay reader, Mr. Charles Kirby, ably assisted by his two sisters, Miss Kirby and Miss E. Kirby. Altogether the bishop must have been pleased with his visit, and the church received new impulses. He returned to Gravenhurst on Saturday evening for the Sunday services.

The Rev. Edward S. Stubbs begs to acknowledge with many thanks, the receipt of a large box from the C. W. M. A., Toronto, containing books for Sunday-school libraries, useful clothing, and toys for the Christmas trees in his outstations.

Bracebridge, Muskoka, Dec. 19, 1884.

MANITOULIN.

LITTLE CURRENT.

 LITTLE Current is to be congratulated. A Canadian gentleman, resident in London, has promised to build a church there while his sisters have undertaken to furnish it. The Bishop is corresponding with the family with a view to the commencement of operations early in the spring. We believe it is no secret that this so far anonymous benefactor is none other than R. A. Jones, Esq., son of the Honorable Robert Jones, a member of the Legislature, who, during his lifetime, was living and well known in Lower Canada.

SHEGUIANDAH MANITOULIN ISLAND.

Nov. 12th, 1884.

BELOVED GREAT BLACK COAT,—We, the Indians of Sheguiandah, write to you to tell you that we wish to build a new church instead of mending the old one, and we wish to ask you to help us in this matter. We are willing to do all we can. We will give all the labour and as much as we can, but we wish you to help us to buy the materials. Perhaps some kind friends in England would help us if they knew of our need. We subscribe our need.

Chief.—A. Manitowasing.

James Bahpewash, Joseph Shebahgezbig,
Wilson Kagesheyagha, William Bahpewash,
Anthony Kageshagheyagha, Henry Muckedabia,
John Gakezhcoonga, and others.

The above appeal explains itself. The new church is sorely needed; \$1,000 will build and furnish it, with the labour of these poor Indians. It should accommodate 75 or 100. I will gladly receive contributions.

17 Wilcox street, Toronto.

E. ALGOMA.

SHINGWAUK JOURNAL.

Nov. 15.—Joe Greensky from Garden River called and I gave him contract for taking down bell tower of old church with view of utilizing timbers for belfry of new church. Dr. Reid called to see Indian boy Naudee, aged 12, who has had abscess in leg brought on by another small boy mischievously sticking a pin into him.

Nov. 16.—Sunday—Held morning service at the Sault, Mr. Wotton taking our chapel service, baptized an Icelander's child named Siggeir. Dined at Mr. Butchart's. Called at gaol and preached to the prisoners, 15 of them. Drove on out to Korah, 6 miles. Service at 3 p. m. and administered the sacrament to 13 communicants. Home to Shingwauk at 6 p. m. Service in chapel at 7. Then to see Naudee and change poultices.

Nov. 17.—Lanced Naudee's leg a. m. Dr. Reid called and prescribed. Began teaching Wanabeezis medicine, and put him in charge of sick room.

Nov. 26.—Up early, out around to farm-buildings boot shop and factory to see that all were at their work. All morning doing weekly accounts. Teaching my own children 12 to 12.30. Soney, who works on the farm absconded this morning. Received his pay last night, so, Indian like, took French leave. It