

songs, recitations, etc., given by the children of the Sunday School, who had practised the same under the careful supervision of Mrs. Kelsey and Miss G. Sharpe. The little folk sustained their parts well—a fact which not only does credit, but is an encouragement to their teachers. The distribution of prizes and gifts was the last portion of the programme.

Two days after, December 31st, the Sundridge folk had a very successful Sunday School Christmas Tree. It was held in the Orange Hall in that village, in which the people gathered from 7.30 p.m. until shortly after 8 o'clock, when the entertainment commenced. The room was crowded with villagers, who were not disappointed if they gathered together to participate in a "happiness" meeting. Miss Josephine Carter, who had taken much pains in the necessary rehearsals, presided at the organ. The programme was well presented by the children. It concluded, they all received gifts from the well-laden tree. The Sunday School at Sundridge, during the past year, has increased in its number of pupils.

### Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—The Christmas services were particularly bright and appropriate in this parish. There were two celebrations, one at 8 a.m., the other after Morning Prayer, the communicants numbering sixty-four. The service at 11 a.m. was fully choral, the processional hymn being No. 61, "Christians, awake." The Venite and the Psalms were chanted to music from "The Cathedral Psalter"; Jackson's Te Deum and Jubilate were effectively rendered, as also the Sanctus and the Gloria, by the same composer. The prayers were intoned by the incumbent, the responses being chanted to Sir J. Barnby's setting for Festival use. The lessons were read by Mr. G. H. Feldtmann, whose assistance at this and previous services has been greatly appreciated by the incumbent. During the taking up of the offertory, the following "Sentences" were sung by the choir: "Let Your Light so Shine," and "If We Have sown," (Dr. Martin's). Mr. Thursby preached from the text, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel."

On New Year's Eve a "watch night" service was held at 11 p.m., at which there was a large attendance of parishioners, who spent the few remaining minutes of the old year in prayer and ushered in the new one with the singing of the Te Deum.

Sunday, January 2nd, was marked by the presence in church at Matins of the members of Shuniah Lodge, A.F. and A.M., while at Evensong the Sunday School children were present and sang carols.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Mr. W. S. Percy was elected director for the ensuing year, with Mr. W. A. Burrows as vice-director, while Mr. John Ford was re-elected to the office of sec.-treas.

An entertainment was held in the Town Hall on December 21st under the auspices of the St. John's Circle of King's Daughters, the proceeds amounting to nearly \$45, have been devoted, as to \$30, to the extension of the Sunday School building, the remainder, \$15, as a gift in aid of the School funds, to defray the expenses of the annual distribution of prizes.

The incumbent, Rev. J. W. Thursby, has received a package of very useful and interesting pamphlets, etc., published by the S.P.C.K., from a friend, and desires to take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of the same.  
H.B.

### Bishop's Appointments.

- T. 1.—Visit North Seguin Mission—Consecrate St. John's Church, Dufferin Bridge: Confirmation and Holy Communion.  
W. 2.—Confirmation at Sundridge.  
Th. 3.—Confirmation at Burk's Falls.  
F. 4.—Take train for North Bay.  
Sun. 6.—(Septuagesima.) Thessalon.  
M. 7.—Take train for Sault Ste. Marie.  
T. 8.—Sault Ste. Marie.  
W. 9.—Sault Ste. Marie.  
Th. 10.—Sault Ste. Marie.  
F. 11.—Take train for Ottawa.  
S. 12.—Ottawa.  
Sun. 13.—(Sexagesima.) Preach in Ottawa.  
M. 14.—Interview authorities of Indian Department.  
Sun. 20.—(Quinquagesima.) Visit Macdonald Mission, Garden River.  
M. 21.—Return to Sault Ste. Marie.  
W. 23.—(Ash Wednesday.) Sault Ste. Marie Pro-Cathedral.  
Th. 24.—Sault Ste. Marie.  
F. 25.—Sault Ste. Marie.  
S. 26.—Take train for Sudbury.  
Sun. 27.—(1st Sunday in Lent.) Confirmation in Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, and visit Coppercliff.

### Bracebridge Mission.

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

The Bishop, who is making a visitation through his diocese, arrived by

train at Bracebridge on Saturday, January 8th, 1898.

On the morning of Sunday, the 9th, Divine service was held in St. Thomas' Church at the hour of 11 o'clock, when six candidates were presented for confirmation. After a very instructive and edifying sermon preached by His Lordship, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, in which about forty people participated, including those who had just been confirmed.

In the afternoon the Bishop with the incumbent, drove to Falkenburg, where there was a very large congregation to meet and welcome them. Some Bracebridge people went out to help in the musical portion of the service and their aid is much appreciated.

In the evening the church at Bracebridge, although a large and spacious building, was taxed to its utmost to find seating space for all the people who wished to hear the service. The Bishop was again the preacher of an instructive and edifying sermon, which was listened to by the large congregation with rapt attention.

On Monday and Tuesday meetings of the Standing Committee were held in the vestry of the church, at which were present: His Lordship, the Bishop of Algoma, Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, Revs. J. Boydell and Charles Piercy, and Mr. A. A. Mahaffy. We regret to say that Ven. Archdeacon Llywd was taken ill on his way to Bracebridge and was therefore unable to take part in the meetings of the Standing Committee.

On Wednesday the Bishop was driven to Baysville by the Rev. A. W. Hazelhurst, incumbent of Baysville.

A. T. B.

### The Bishop's Visit to the Manitoulin Island.

The great Manitoulin Island is a large and wonderful island lying in the waters of Lake Huron. It is about 100 miles long and at its widest part nearly 30 miles wide. Its shores are beautifully broken by deep bays which are very picturesque. On it are many lakes, some of them very large—one is said to be twenty miles long. There are a good many Indians living upon it and the white population is rapidly increasing.

The Bishop was disappointed in the boat from Parry Sound, which failed him. He was therefore compelled—in