

The Macedonian cry never appealed more strongly to anyone than did it on this occasion to God's Minister, for within a few miles were some twelve families, in whole or part, members of the Church, destitute for years of her Services and the Blessed Sacraments, and to a great extent without any religious instructions whatever. Four miles away lay the town of Jackman, suffering much in the same way, and, though possessing a large Congregational Church, only having regular Services for about six months of the year, and those generally conducted by a College Student.

The want was an irresistible appeal and so a monthly week-day Service was inaugurated during the following months, ending in a visit from Bishop Neely in May, 1897, who was so impressed with the needs of the locality, that he placed in the hands of the Priest in charge sufficient money with which to secure the services of a resident Lay Reader during three months of the summer. The Bishop, upon this visit, administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation to a class of eight Candidates.

Starting with the first Sunday in July, 1897, in Dennistown, and the third Sunday in the same month in Jackman, regular Sunday and Week-Evening Services were held in both places until the end of September, in which much interest was taken and from which much good, we believe, was derived.

On the twenty-first of October, 1897, the Bishop of Maine, with an impressive Service, laid the corner-stone of our proposed Church and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in a tent, erected upon what was then known as the Church lot, this lot of land being the generous gift of a new member of our Mission. At this Service the Bishop confirmed a class of nine Candidates, ranging in age from fourteen to fifty-six years.

During the succeeding winter more

or less regular Services were held, as a rule, on one Sunday each month, besides which we were privileged in having a Lay Reader resident in the Mission for a month at Christmas and for ten days at Easter, thus enabling us, for the first time, to appropriately keep in this locality these great festivals of the Church.

Early in May 1898 work was begun on our Church building, and on Thanksgiving Day 1898 we opened it for the worship of the Most High. We had hoped for the presence of Bishop Neely on the opening day, that he might formally consecrate our little building to its holy use; but, owing to the lateness of the season and the general inclemency of the weather, we have had to postpone this act until the end of May 1899.

The Church is a neat Gothic structure 27 x 45 feet, with a tower 11 x 11 feet, fifty-five feet high, on the North-East corner, in which is hung a sweet sounding 32-inch Blymer bell. It has cost with simple furnishings about fifteen hundred dollars.

The building contains many loving gifts from many loving hearts, the majority of them being received by the Priest in charge from unknown friends, who were led to give of what they had by the appeal of so great an opening for Domestic Missionary work.

This work in the Diocese of Maine has been a labor of love for the writer, and he rejoices to-day at the work God has accomplished through his humble ministrations, at the harvest ready waiting. In less than two years, twenty-three souls, one-half of whom have been adults, have been regenerated by the waters of Holy Baptism, seventeen have had outpoured upon them the seven-fold gifts of God's Holy Spirit, and a number of others are awaiting the Bishop's next visit that they may be even also blest. The Holy Eucharist, during these months, has spoken to souls hitherto destitute of the One all-prevailing Sacrifice of