

to many members of the congregation, when mutual pleasure was fully evident. The Bishop also discussed the interests and needs of the mission, in its relation to the diocese, with the incumbent and church officers, showing the necessity for even more strenuous efforts than hitherto.

ST. STEPHEN'S, VANKOUGHNET.—On Wednesday, October 27th, the Bishop was astir early, since breakfast had to be taken, and more than ten miles of rough road traversed, in order to reach the third station by 10.30 a.m. There were but few persons present when the Bishop and incumbent arrived, but the number was soon augmented. Morning Prayer having been said the incumbent presented an adult to the Bishop for the holy rite of Confirmation. His Lordship delivered a very able and lucid discourse, which received most earnest attention, and then proceeded to the celebration of the Holy Communion. After the service quite a number of persons were introduced to the Bishop, and through the thoughtful and kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Moffat, the Bishop, incumbent and son were refreshed with a tasty lunch. Presently farewell was said, and then the return journey was made to Uffington.

The next business was a trip to Barkway, Township of Ryde, seven miles distant, which, having been made, a visit was paid to Mr. John Irving, ex-warden, who gave the Bishop and party a warm welcome, and invited us all to a bountiful spread with his family.

On Thursday, October 28th, the Bishop was again ready to start for Gravenhurst, and thither he was duly conveyed. The Rev. W. A. J. and Mrs. Burt welcomed the Bishop, the Rev. A. H. Allman, and his son, to dine with them, and shortly after that function the Bishop was escorted to the Rosseau boat, where leave taking and separation ended a profitable season of intercourse.

Alas! a day of sadness and grief came all too soon to the Uffington congregation. On Tuesday, November 9th, Andrew Kirkpatrick (brother of the people's warden, Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick) was killed instantaneously at a skidway, in the township of Livingston. A telegram was despatched to Bracebridge, and thence the sad news was sent to Mr. R. Fielding, a member of

St. Paul's, with whom the deceased had previously worked for some years. The information was immediately communicated to the incumbent, who was accompanied by Mrs. Fielding, to break the terrible news to the widowed mother. The effect was heartrending. The members of the family were summoned, and the interment took place on Saturday, November 13th. A very large congregation assembled, when our Church's matchless burial service was read, and an address delivered by the incumbent. The local lodge of the I.O.F. also attended, of which the deceased had been a member up to the moment of his death.

### Another Encouraging Trip.

My last trip from Korah to Goulais Bay—twenty miles and return—made a journey of forty miles for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ to six people.

I always carry wire and rope on the journey in case the harness or the buggy breaks down, and on this particular journey—through mud in the valleys up to the axle and over the hills strewn with boulders as big as loaves—the breast strap broke and the wire was called into requisition. I went on a few miles farther and then noticed the rim of one of the wheels was getting loose, and again the wire came in useful. Again we go plodding on, and the next thing that breaks is one of the tugs. All my wire is used up, so now I fall back on the rope. Having thus repaired the tug, we resume what we can hardly call the even tenor of our way, and arrive at Goulais Bay, having performed the journey of twenty miles in the magnificent time of seven hours.

I always go up to Goulais Bay on the Saturday before the Sunday service. When I built the church in this settlement two winters ago I tried to place it in as central a position as possible. Some of the people are two miles from the church, some three, and some six. The words in the "Ordering of Priests" seem peculiarly appropriate to this mission: "Seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad and for His children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever."

When I got to Mr. Macaulay's house his wife said there was no room for my

horse in the stable, but she thought there was room at Mr. Stoakley's. So to Mr. S's I go. He lost his wife last spring, and he began to unfold his tale of woe. An adopted boy of sixteen had run away from him, and he was left quite alone—an old man of seventy—to milk his two cows and make butter, to wash and to cook, and to go to the bush and cut his own wood. After sympathizing with him I meekly suggested that my horse would be glad of food and shelter, and then he said he had no room in his stable, but there was a shed in which he might go. I inspected the shed, and found crevices two or three inches wide, through which the wind and snow rushed. I have lost one horse on this Goulais Bay trip, and having no desire to lose another, I concluded that that shed would not shelter him for all night. However, I left the horse there munching a bit of hay, and wended my way back to Mr. M's, and he arranged to put two cows in one stall and thus provide room for my horse, and then he sent his son, Reuben Bismarck, to fetch my horse. Before retiring for the night I examined the children in the Catechism. Mr. M. has thirteen children, but two are married.

The next morning I found a congregation of thirty-two at the church, and six reverently and gratefully received the Holy Communion. And thus, as I said before, ere I reached Korah again I travelled forty miles to give six persons the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

J. P. SMITHEMAN.

### Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

A special service was held in St. John's Church on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, at 11 a.m., the congregation being a fairly large and representative one. Rev. E. J. Harper of Fort William preached the sermon and subsequently assisted the Incumbent at the celebration of the Holy Communion. The offertory in aid of the Clergy Superannuation Fund, amounted to \$12.45.

Rev. J. W. Thursby has prepared a series of sermons for this Advent season upon "The life of man, as contemplated by the Church," divided into the four stages of life: "Childhood," "Youth," "Manhood" and "Old Age." Three of these have been already