

bearing the fruit of a very substantial sympathy with our work. May such agencies multiply till even the feeblest congregation in Canada can boast its little band of Christian women associated together in the fellowship of the Church, as "believers" in Christian "work."

To be Continued.

Muskoka.

BEGGSBORO. Sunday, Jan. 27th was a great day in that part of this country where Beggsboro' is the P.O. and "head centre," for on that day was opened one of the many churches which have been called into existence by the energy of the Rev. W. Crompton, the travelling clergyman in and about Muskoka. So far as he could find out, Mr. C. thought there were not more than three families about there who belonged to the church, and he worked with the possible view of calling back many who had strayed to the Sects. Now he finds there are eleven families who claim the English church as theirs. One man who lives two miles from where the church is built, has never been known to attend any place of worship since he came into the bush two years ago. To the astonishment of all this man came forward to assist in the preparations a day or two before the all important Sunday. He worked with a will, and gave Mr. Crompton reference to his clergyman in England, who knew him as a boy. He is moderately well educated, as is also his wife and they have undertaken to commence Sunday School in All Souls church. A large congregation met together on Sunday for morning service, many of Mr. C's. old friends coming twelve miles from Ryerson and Emsdale purposely that there might be a celebration of the Eucharist. We had fifteen communicants. Free lunch was provided for all comers from a distance, and "man and beast" were well taken care of by Mr. and Mrs. Boys. Another goodly company met for evening service at which the Rev. Mr. Kilner preached. The offertories amounted to \$2.80 and will be devoted to church expenses.

An opening social was held in the church on Monday evening Jan. 28th and into a room built to accommodate 75 adults, one hundred and forty crowded. Old friends came from Ryerson, Katrine, Emsdale, and Buck Lake. Amongst the latter were Mr. Ballwin and lady, and Mr. Fauquier. Under the arrangements made by Messrs. Watson and Boys things went very smoothly, each one seeming to vie with the other to promote the harmony of the evening consequently a most enjoyable time was spent. It would be wrong to omit mentioning that a very good organ was lent by Miss Essie Blain (Presbyterian) who sang several pieces and accompanied the rest. Miss Copeland, Miss Maggie Mackenzie (Presbyterian) and Miss Gilmour (Baptist) were so kind as to offer their services. They really sang well and added much to the enjoyment. Mrs. Baldwin also sang and was rapturously cheered, and Mr. Fasten gave us a good old English song. The Rev. Mr. Kilner sang twice. One gentleman (Presbyterian) a brother Free Mason of Mr. Crompton's, came above fourteen miles over fearfully bad roads in order to be present. Another (Roman Catholic) came seventeen miles. These gentlemen enlivened the meeting greatly and were quite ready to obey the numerous calls made upon them. The Rev. Mr. Crompton played Winter's "Jesu Audi Nos" amidst an almost breathless silence. The sweetly delicate strains calmed everybody's feelings, but the applause was most hearty. Mr. Fauquier addressed the audience very briefly and made feeling allusion to his father—our late beloved Bishop, and the appreciation in which the Bishop held Mr. Crompton's services. By way of finale Mr. Crompton called upon the company to help towards adding to the pleasure by singing "Shall we Gather at the River." The women sang the verses, men and all joining in the chorus lustily and with a good courage. All were then called upon to stand up, and the "Doxology" sung to the Old Hundredth and accompanied by Mr. Crompton, brought to a close an evening of real pleasure which will not

soon be forgotten by those present. The church has evidently made her mark.

The proceeds of the social were \$35; after expenses are paid, the over plus will be spent in fencing the church grounds.

Our Indian Homes.

The examination of the pupils at the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes was concluded the first week in February, and it passed off very satisfactory. As regards the boys, it was certainly the best examination that has been held since the home was opened, and speaks well both for pupils and teacher. According to the plan which has been adopted for several years past every pupil is required to get 100 marks for each year he or she has been in the home in order to rank as "victor" and get a prize, those who obtain 80 marks or upwards for each year are called "aspirants," and all below 60 marks for the year are "lags." Girls and boys are examined in the same subjects, but girls have the option of putting in needlework, knitting, laundry work &c. in the place of history and grammar. At present there are two boys and two girls reading in the 4th book, nine boys in the third book, two boys and five girls in the second book, five boys and five girls in the 2nd part of the 1st book, the rest are beginners. Nine boys are learning English grammar, seven boys English history, thirteen boys and seven girls learning geography. The result of the examination shows:—Boys—seven victors, 15 aspirants, 2 below mark, and 1 lag. Girls—7 aspirants, 7 below mark, and two lags. The boys who took the highest marks were Benjamin Shingwauk 523 out of 625, Jackson Kahgaug 453 out of 595, and Johnny Maggrah 382 out of 478.

A fire broke out in a class room of the Shingwauk Home on Sunday evening Jan. 27, caused by the bursting of a lamp. It might have proved very serious, but fire pails filled with water are kept distributed about the building, and by the help of these it was speedily quenched before any great damage was done. The table and part of the floor were burned and the walls and ceiling blackened. John Esquimaux lost some books of notes on theology and his bible and prayer book.

Mr. Wilson has received a letter from Charlie Maggrah, one of the two Indian boys who went round Canada with him six years ago; he is now a tall fellow 6 ft. 2 in. high, and living with a farmer near Toronto; he takes the *ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS*, and has read the article, "Shall we keep on," and he says—"I say YES—if possible. Do not go back on it. I hope our Heavenly Father will put it into the hearts of the supporters of that Home to help all they can and not let it pass, for if that home was to be let pass it would be a big damage done in the world. I know myself that school has done a lot of good since it started—great many of the boys turned to be followers of Jesus Christ."

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Rectory Albion Mines, N. S.
Jan. 18. 84.

To the Editor of Algoma Missionary News.

My Dear Sir—On the other side is Rule 10, Widow's and Orphan's Fund, Diocese of Nova Scotia, amended.

Three times it is said in the current number of your very interesting paper that clergy removing to Algoma from any other Canadian Diocese, thereby forfeit the claim previously acquired in that diocese upon this fund. You will see that this is not so with regard to Nova Scotia.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF H. AND F. MISSIONS. 1877

Diocese of Nova Scotia, page 17.

With reference to the proposed regulations relative to the case of clergy leaving the diocese, the following amendment was adopted.