

telling them what he could not do; then told them, as the next best thing, what they might do; viz, choose from among themselves some person of known piety and consistent conduct, whom he could appoint to the office of a Lay Reader; whose duty it would be to hold service and read a well selected printed sermon, a least once on each returning Sunday.

Following out this plan, no less than nine congregations, varying from thirty to sixty in number, have been formed during the last six weeks, and as many Lay Readers appointed by the Bishop.

Of these congregations, thus formed, seven have determined, *at once*, to set about the work of erecting buildings, on sites which are to be deeded to the Bishop in trust, wherein the nuclei of what, it is to be hoped, will grow into large congregations, may meet together for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God. Thus the older members will be kept together, and the younger ones, trained up to know and love the services of the Church, until such time as Clergymen may be sent to labour amongst them. It was, indeed, cheering to find members, (and not a few females amongst them), walking four and five miles, whilst others travelled seven and eight miles in sleighs drawn by oxen, to meet their Bishop, and avail themselves of the opportunity, alas, so seldom afforded them, of attending a Church service, bringing their children to be baptized, and themselves partaking of the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. During this tour the Bishop travelled 656 miles, of which more than 499 were over Bush Roads; addressed 36 congregations; baptized 5 adults and 41 infants; confirmed 49 candidates; administered Holy Eucharist to 162 members; and appointed 9 Lay Readers.

### Visit to Muskoka.

The Bishop of Algoma, arrived at Gravenhurst by train from Toronto, on Saturday, the 29th of January, for his third visitation to this portion of his Diocese,