

The first station visited was  
BAYSVILLE

a village of about 200 inhabitants, situated at the south East end of Trading Lake (or Lake of Bays) and about 16 miles distant from Bracebridge. Service was held in the little frame church dedicated to St. Ambrose, at 7 o'clock, the first held by any one (save the lay-reader) for nearly a year. There are not many church families but amongst them there are some who show a very practical interest in the improvement of their church in spite of the paucity of the services. They have collected from outside help and among themselves between \$300.00 and \$400.00 with which the building has been roofed and plastered, window frames have been put in and the church ground fenced. There are still several needs such as Communion Plate, Font, rail for chancel, and a vestry but as there is a debt of \$20.00 on the work already done, these needs must remain unsupplied for the present.

A start was made next morning (Wednesday Dec 10th) in spite of a Scotch drizzle for

#### STONELEIGH

where 11 a.m. was the hour appointed for service but the clocks of Muskoka are proverbially indifferent so that it was close upon noon before our congregation had assembled. The little church here is of the roughest description, the plaster in many places being conspicuous for its absence, thus providing an inexpensive system of automatic ventilation. A hearty little service was followed by a vestry meeting at which attention was called to the unfinished state of the building, about \$50.00 being needed to put it in a sound condition. No grant having been already made by the S.P.C.K. towards its erection, the Bishop held out the hope that an application for aid would meet with a favourable response. The various heads of families present also promised to aid their minister with oats (for his horse) and potatoes. A Sunday School lately started here was spoken of as being in a flourishing condition, the great need being magazines to give the children every Sunday and a lending Library for the use of the scholars.

Mr. Piper, the people's warden, entertained us most hospitably, but time was short and we had to hurry on to Bracebridge 8 miles distant, where at 6 p.m. the Bishop met the church officers and workers at tea in the "Parsonage" and had some social intercourse with them before adjourning to the church for a Devotional Service at which he gave an address specially to workers, calling their attention to the way in which all the returned Jews aided Nehemiah in the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, princes, priests, guilds and women all being found willing to take their share. About 25 of the congregation which numbered 70, remained to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Next morning (Thursday Dec. 11th) we drove 6 miles North to

#### FALKENBURG,

but all the settlers were hard at work on the railway now in course of construction, and as a consequence the attendance at the service was miserably small. The Bishop preached from the text Rom. 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ

for it is the power of God unto salvation." The warden, Mr. Moore, stated after the service that the church was free from debt, but uninsured, thus the Bishop said must be remedied forthwith, and called on the families belonging to the church to unite in showing more interest in the cleanliness and general condition of the building. After a hasty dinner kindly provided by Mrs. Moore, we drove another 10 miles to

#### UFFORD,

where the Rev. R.W. Plante of Port Sydney met us. The hour for service being 6:30 p.m. we had ample time to rest and refresh ourselves with Mr. and Mrs. Gill's abundant hospitality. Then a mile of heavy walking brought us to St. John's church where a crowded congregation numbering between 50 and 60 assembled to see and hear the Bishop. Here the good work done in the Sunday School was very apparent for in it the children are taught to respond and take the alternate verses in the Psalms, consequently the service was a very hearty and enjoyable one; and although there is no instrument to lead the singing, the canticles are chanted and the hymns sung admirably. The Bishop preached from the text "my Father worketh hitherto, and I work;" his sermon being listened to with marked attention. It was followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion at which there were 8 communicants.

At the vestry meeting attention was called to the very draughty state of the church and it was decided to put up felt paper and over that a wooden lining. It was also definitely settled that this station should belong to the Port Sydney Mission and not to Bracebridge, for though each missionary supplies a monthly service, there can only be one hand to hold the reins. Mr. Knowles provided his Lordship with accommodation for the night, while a small apartment known as "the Prophet's Chamber" was placed by Mr. Gill at the disposal of Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs.

9 a.m. Friday Dec. 12th saw us starting off for  
BARDSVILLE,

picking up the Bishop at Mr. Knowles en route. We had a little difficulty in keeping to the road through the bush as it had not been broken for nearly a mile. However by noon we reached our destination, where another very small congregation assembled to meet their Bishop. After the Litany, his Lordship preached from the text "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Math. 18:3. He addressed himself specially to the juvenile element in the congregation which predominated. No regular vestry meeting could be held owing to the absence of so many church members. An eight mile drive brought us back to Bracebridge. The next day (Sat. Dec. 13th) the Bishop drove alone to Northwood which station is to be henceforth part of the Gravenhurst mission. Its members are very united and work together for the best interests of the church, it contrasts favorably with many a larger and more flourishing church.

Sunday Dec. 14th was quite a field-day, a good congregation assembled in St. Thomas Bracebridge in the morning, to whom the Bishop preached a very solemn sermon on the words "We must all ap-