

some length. The Committee considered that the claims of the London Township churches would be ascertained best by referring the case to the High Court of Justice in the form of a friendly suit, in which the Synod, as Trustees, take the position of plaintiff, and the various incumbents of the churches in the city and township are made defendants. The case, as prepared by the Chancellor, having been printed and already in the hands of the members, was agreed to as to the form and approved by the Committee.

Mrs. Dillon, widow of the late Rev. M. M. Dillon, again made application to be placed upon the Widow's and Orphan's List, and threatened suit at law to enforce her claim. The Committee, as Trustees, after having on former occasions carefully considered the said claim, could not entertain it.

Application was made by Strathroy for permission to raise a sum not exceeding \$1,500, on security of the church, for the purpose of repairing the church and rectory. Granted.

Several matters were then considered, after which the report of the Investment Committee was read and confirmed.

A committee was appointed to prepare the convening circular of Synod, committee to consist of the Secretaries, Revs. Canons Innes and Smith, W. A. Young and Mr. F. Rowland.

The Bishop gave the benediction at 11:30 p.m.

**DEATH OF THE WIFE OF REV. S. L. SMITH.**—The *St. Thomas Journal* says:—"The many friends of Mrs. Smith, wife of the Rev. S. L. Smith, of St. John's Episcopal Church, will regret to learn of her death. The deceased lady has for a long time past been ill with that terrible disease, a cancer in the mouth, and her intense sufferings were throughout borne with Christian fortitude. Her decease was not unexpected, it having been certain for months that she could not recover, and but for the sake of her bereaved and sorrowing husband and children, none could grudge her the rest into which she has entered. To them the loss is irreparable, and the sympathy of all is extended to them in their affliction. Mrs. Smith was very popular among her acquaintances, and as a Christian, a neighbor and a friend, she will be greatly missed. The deceased was the eldest and only married daughter of Mr. John Corbett, of Parkhill, who was reeve of the township for twenty-five years. Her age was forty-three years, and she leaves seven children, three boys and four girls, to mourn her loss, the eldest of them being about fifteen and the youngest three. The deceased lady made all the arrangements for the funeral, and it will be carried out according to her wish.

The Rev. J. W. Armstrong, late incumbent of Onandaga, has been appointed to the Rectory of Crosswell & Lexington, Michigan.

**EXETER.**—This parish is about to become self-sustaining, and will, therefore, be constituted a Diocesan Rectory. Hensel is to be annexed to Staffa and Dublin. The Mission Fund will thus be saved a large grant.

**SEAFORTH.**—The Rev. J. Edmonds has resigned his charge of this parish.

**CHATHAM.**—The Rev. W. Haslam has concluded a ten days mission in Christ's Church, and is now holding one in Trinity Church. Much interest is manifested in the work—large congregations assemble at each service, and much practical good is being done.

#### DIocese OF ALGOMA.

VISITATION OF NIPISSING AND NORTH BAY MISSION BY THE BISHOP OF ALGOMA.

(Continued.)

At South-east Bay the Bishop held a service and preached, every available person in the

place attending, the organ, for canticles and hymns, being played by Miss Elliott.

On Friday the Bishop was met at South-east Bay by W. C. Caverhill, Esq., who drove him to North Bay, and during his Lordship's stay there he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Caverhill.

On Saturday the Bishop made some visits, especially to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's engine shop.

On Sunday, at Matins, the largest congregation ever before seen there attended at the little church at North Bay. It was filled, and chairs had to be obtained from the neighboring houses and placed in the aisle. At this service his Lordship administered the rite of Confirmation to seven persons. In the afternoon the Bishop appeared at the Sunday-school, and addressed the teachers and children. At Evensong the crowd attending was still greater, the Bishop preaching with very great and striking power.

On Monday the Bishop made some visits to settlers north of North Bay, and gratified them with his cheering presence in their log-houses, and words of comfort and prayer. On the same evening, at the earnest request of many, he held a special service in North Bay church, and again it was well filled, and again the power of his preaching was felt among them, and went home to their hearts. After service a vestry meeting was held, and the church accounts were examined.

On Tuesday the Bishop and Missionary proceeded at 4:15 a.m. by rail to Sturgeon Falls, and here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barton, station agent, Canadian Pacific Railway. At Evensong the little church there was well filled, and the people greatly benefited and impressed by service and sermon. Here also a vestry meeting was held, and the church accounts examined and minutely enquired into.

On Wednesday, at about 4 a.m., the Bishop and Missionary proceeded back east by rail, the former for Ottawa, the latter for North Bay; and thus his Lordship brought his visitation to a close for this winter.

The North Bay and Nipissing Mission District has only within the last few months come under the supervision of the Bishop of Algoma, having been previously in charge of the Missionary at Mattawa and Diocese of Ontario (and who built the little churches at North Bay and Sturgeon Falls), and consequently this was the first visitation of his Lordship, and the first visit of any Bishop to North Bay or Sturgeon Falls.

In this account the names of three laymen appear as entertaining his Lordship, and carrying out his wishes; and assuredly the interests of the Church of England will not be allowed to suffer in these parts as long as a hand can be raised in her aid by Scarlett of Nipissing, Caverhill of North Bay, and Barton of Sturgeon Falls.

As regards the Missionary at North Bay, perhaps people might like to know how he was impressed by this visitation through his field of work; and it was in these following respects, namely:—The vast amount of hard work done by his Lordship; the searching nature of the visitation; and the wonderful strengthening of the Missionary's hands thereby in every direction and every way. The Missionary has always striven hard to be among the most active in the Diocese, and yet, on his own ground, and particularly in the bush, he has been outstripped as it were by his Bishop in his one visit; for in one lonely and retired shanty the Bishop was the first of the clergy of their own Church to visit and pray within their walls; and in another lonely and retired shanty, and difficult of access, the Bishop was absolutely the first ambassador for Christ to reach there. The Missionary felt the rest and comfort in the burden being lifted and taken by the arm so strong and able in Christ; and there was left for the Missionary during those few days but to follow,

and behold, and listen, and learn. From many humble abodes, hidden far away, and utterly unknown to the outside world, prayers will go up for the success and welfare and happiness of their Bishop, from parents and little children, whose hearts have been reached by him for the Master.

**ROSSEAU.**—On Saturday, Feb. 20th, the Mission of Rosseau was brightened by a visit from the Bishop of the Diocese, on his annual tour through that portion of Muskoka, and right glad were all to see his Lordship, having looked forward with pleasure for some time to his coming.

At Raymond, the first station entering the Mission from that side, service was held in the house of Mr. John Etty, when the Bishop spoke to the people in his usual earnest manner, and exhorted them to more zeal on their parts, and encouraged them to a continuance in well-doing.

From Raymond we proceeded to Ullswater, where there is a church, which was well attended, and where the people were equally glad to see the Bishop. Evensong was said, and the Bishop preached a telling sermon, which was listened to with great attention, and all took a deep interest in it.

Service ended, the Bishop held another meeting, and discoursed in a free and firm manner to the Church members, all of whom remained, in the evening proceeding to Rosseau.

On Sunday, Feb. 21st, Divine Service was held in the Church of the Redeemer, where the Holy Eucharist was celebrated and an excellent sermon delivered. In the afternoon his Lordship visited the Sunday-school. At Evensong the church was full, and another beautiful sermon preached.

On Monday evening a meeting of the congregation was held, and the Bishop entered into the financial affairs of the church, which were in a very satisfactory state.

We are now looking forward to the Bishop's return at a future time, as both priest and people are always benefited by an Episcopal visit.

#### DIocese OF QU'APPELLE.

As many of your readers will be anxious to hear something about St. Andrew's before sending us the harmonium, church fittings, books for school prizes, &c., which we have lately asked for. I write a line in time to give them a chance of beginning the new year well! Much has already been done, for which we are thankful, but much remains yet to be done. Missionaries are obliged to be beggars; but those who know anything about the Indians, or Indian work, will understand that nothing can be got from the people themselves, who are almost entirely dependent upon the Government for the means of living. Six months ago nothing had been done here; now we have a day-school of thirty-four children of both sexes and of all ages; most regular attendants. Each child receives two biscuits per diem, these are given by Government as an inducement to them to come to school regularly. Hours are from 9 to 12 noon, and from 2 to 4 p.m. At first I had to begin with the A B C, but now the first class are in the 3rd Canadian Reader, have done addition and subtraction, and can write a fairly good copy. Both Indian and half-breed are naturally very quick, but rather lack application. When first I came in July, much amusement was caused by a pair of boxing gloves I had brought with me; these being something entirely new to them, caused great excitement for a time. We have Matins and Evensong daily, and it would shame many an "old country" congregation to see the way these people turn out to hear prayers and hymns of which many can hardly understand a dozen words, and addressed to a Being of whom they know as yet so little. All the children have learned to repeat the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the General Confession and some few hymns.