

Uffington Mission.

REV. A. H. ALLMAN, INCUMBENT.

Notwithstanding dull times and low prices the Christmas season brought some brightness, hopefulness, and activity amongst us here. The Christmas Day services were well attended, and the entire locality was quiet and well ordered.

On Christmas morning prayers were read at St. Paul's, Uffington, at 10.30, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion. There was a cheerful reverence pervading the entire service, and the singing was earnest and hearty. The sermon was preached by the incumbent from Luke ii., and the offerings, both in kind and money, indicated good feeling and gratitude generally. The church was tastefully decorated.

CHRIST CHURCH, PETERBROOK.—The Christmas services commenced here at 2.30 p.m. The congregation was the largest seen on this day in five years. The service was bright, earnest, and devout. The incumbent preached from Luke ii., and offerings both in kind and money demonstrated the fact that harmony, peace, and gratitude prevailed. Another element of brightness and hope is found in the action of the various branches of the W.A., and this must be acknowledged with both appreciation and thankfulness. Every Christmastide is marked by generous sales containing new and second-hand clothing; barrels also arrive, packed with that varied assortment of articles which Christmas trees call for, upon which young eyes love to feast with eager anticipations. Public thanks are hereby tendered to the following branches: St. Andrew's, Grimsby; South Ward, Peterboro; Church of the Ascension, Hamilton; and Chatham.

St. Paul's Christmas tree entertainment on New Year's Day was a great success. Happily the rain, which fell heavily, did not prevail, and parents, children, and friends gathered until there were over one hundred to tea. That being over, the entire company adjourned to the Orange Hall, where the Christmas tree was manifest in all its beauty. After a lengthy and well-executed programme, the tree was divested of its fruits, much to the delight of the young people, and the party broke up with many expressions of gratification.

Schreiber Mission.

REV. E. LAWLOR, INCUMBENT.

Rev. M. C. Kirby, R.D., assisted at the services and preached Sunday, Oct. 11th.

A sale, tea, and entertainment was held on Dec. 16th, and the sum of \$70 was cleared after all expenses were paid.

The church has been neatly decorated for Christmas. On the second Sunday the choir expected to sing carols, but owing to a fearful storm at the time very few were able to go to the service; and it was impossible to have them. We hope to place five new pews and a new pulpit in the church some day in the near future.

The parsonage will be repaired next May or June. The local W.A. is working splendidly, having paid off \$171 within the last six months.

I beg to acknowledge from Bishop Sullivan books for the Sunday School; from Mrs. Sullivan, and friends in Dartmouth, fancy articles for the benefit of our sale; friends of Schreiber in Port Arthur books for Sunday School; from W. A., Barrie, a bale of clothing for the Indians.

EDWARD LAWLOR.

Sudbury Mission.

REV. F. C. H. ULBRICHT, INCUMBENT.

The seventh annual bazaar of the Church Women's Parochial Aid Association of the Church of the Epiphany was held in Warren's Hall on December 17th. For several weeks previous to this date the ladies had been preparing the articles for sale; and with the energy and "push" they are noted for spared no pains to make the affair a thorough success. "We are bound to have a parsonage" came from feminine lips; and Sudbury Churchmen know that when our ladies say anything—well, they mean exactly what they say. Nothing could surpass the energy and amiability displayed by the workers.

A supper and a concert were given in connection with the sale, and were voted by all to be thoroughly successful. The kindly good-nature shown by our guests, at the tables, and afterwards towards the performers, made the work of the entertainers a very pleasant duty. Proceeds amounted to \$110. This brings our fund up to \$450. The C.W.P.A. intend to give a series of "At Homes" between New Year and the Lenten season, in aid of the same fund.

A few days' rest, and then the Christmas decorations demanded our attention. Again the members of our congregation entered heartily into work and succeeded in making the interior of our Church look very pretty.

The Sunday School children's Christmas treat was given on the 29th. A hearty supper, a Christmas tree, and a "romp" filled the programme, and gave the children three hours of solid enjoyment.

The incumbent has every cause for thankfulness in the present condition of the mission.

FRANZ C. H. ULBRICHT.

A Narrow Escape.

Our lay missionary at Temiscamingue—Mr. James Hickland—had a narrow escape from drowning on the last day of the year. In a letter to the editor, written on the evening of the day mentioned, Mr. H. says: "I have just returned from Liskeard. . . . I left home this morning shortly after 8 o'clock. When about two and a half miles up the lake—following a sleigh track as best I could—I stepped on a covered patch of ice which proved an air-hole. I went down as low

as my arms, and after struggling for about five minutes in the water I escaped, thank Almighty God! I was about half a mile from land and I rushed to the first house, where a man named Moore removed my frozen clothes, and after about three hours I was able to proceed. It was a marvellous escape from the jaws of death. . . . There is a chilling sensation over my whole frame. I cannot write much now, but hasten to give you these few words that I am saved." We hope our friend's cold dip will have no worse result than to make so careful a man more careful as he journeys about his vast mission.

Port Carling Mission.

REV. W. A. J. BURT, INCUMBENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Allen are about to have placed on the roof of Christ Church, Gregory, a turret to receive the new bell, of which mention was made in the last issue of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS. The children of the above have presented to the same church a stove and pipes, so that up to the time of writing we are able to use the church for worship. We wish to publicly thank Mr. and Mrs. Allen and their children for the aforementioned gifts, which are much appreciated.

The debt on the parsonage is now reduced to \$50. This should be paid now—in fact, it should have been paid a year ago; but Mr. Woods, to whom it is owed, has been very lenient with us, and has given his consent to wait until next August for this last payment.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment in connection with the Sunday School at Gregory took place on Tuesday, December 29th. Tea was served at six o'clock for the children and parents. This was followed by a lengthy but side-splitting programme, and the distribution of the gifts from the tree. The incumbent occupied the chair. The report presented by Superintendent Woods was most satisfactory. Everything passed off very pleasantly indeed, and all went home highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The Christmas tree and concert of St. James' Sunday School, Port Carling, was far ahead of other years. Tea was served in Victoria Hall at 5 o'clock for the children, parents, and friends. The doors were open to the public at 7 o'clock, and at 7.30 a very pleasing programme was rendered by the children of the school. This was followed by the "Entering of Santa," who was welcomed by Mr. Burt and the chairman, Mr. Foreman. "Santa" then addressed the children, causing much laughter and merriment. His speech ended, he proceeded to distribute the gifts from the tree. These had been arranged with excellent taste, so that the tree looked charming with December fruit; and we feel sure proved most gratifying and satisfying to the happy recipients.