

In the first part of this winter Algoma Mills was crowded with mechanics and navvies of all kinds. Here buildings were being hurried forward, and other works on a vast scale were in progress. It was a busy stirring scene, for this was to be the shipping place between the C.P. Railway and Lake Huron. In Algoma Mills alone there was a great field for mission labour. But orders arrived changing this prosperous state of affairs. The works were stopped, and a large batch of mechanics and others left, to be followed by more, until at last but comparatively few remained. At present all work on the branch line has been suspended, and the manager and loading people have departed. Here still, however, there are numerous families, and Algoma Mills forms quite a large village. A little school house has been erected, and in it I hold regular services, as well as Sunday school; but owing to unsettled arrangements and prospects day school has not yet been found practicable. People still say that there is a prosperous future for Algoma Mills, and I hope it may be so. Unfortunately there is no land fit for cultivation in the vicinity, and nothing but bush, and rocks, and lakes, and islands, and creeks, and fine scenery, and plenty of houses, and a saw mill at work, and a disused railway.

I trust this account may be found interesting, and I shall write again another time.

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APRIL 1st, 1884 Drove out to the Wawanosh to-day, very little snow on the road and hard work getting along. Held bible class and confirmation class. There are 6 girls preparing for confirmation. Susan Rodd has been sick but is better. This evening a football arrived which had been ordered some time ago, so the boys had their first game of football and enjoyed it greatly. No coal oil is procurable either on this or the American side, and as our stock is nearly exhausted, we have just put our clock an hour ahead so as to economise the daylight.

APRIL 4—This evening was confirmation class for the boys. Six boys are preparing for confirmation, and five others who are already confirmed, join the class. The subject to-night was "The Lord's Prayer."

We have one case in the sick room, a boy from Spanish River, named Madorr, he coughs badly and is losing flesh and we fear consumption. He is a bright, pleasant, intelligent little fellow.

APRIL 5—To day some Garden River Indians came with first supplies of maple sugar for the season. Being pocket money day a good deal was disposed of. Several boys took their cakes of sugar to our sick boy Madorr.

SUNDAY, April 6—Every Sunday evening we have Bible questions. They are written upon the blackboard in the school room, and the boys have their bibles and try to find them out. The questions to-night were (1) Who offered his daughter as a sacrifice? (7 answers correctly) (2) What heathen king offered his eldest son as a sacrifice on the city wall? (3 answers) (3) Who was told by God to sacrifice his son? (13 answers) (4) Who offered the first sacrifice recorded in scripture? (13 answers). During Lent most of the children at the Homes have been going without syrup and some without meat. We give them tickets to the value of

what they deny themselves, and the tickets they present at the offertory. The result has been collections of \$5 and upwards every Sunday. Part of this has been applied to the support of an orphan in Palestine, and part to the Neepigon mission.

APRIL—During this week, Holy Week, we had services every evening in the chapel, going through the account of our Lord's suffering for us. The boys answered questions and looked out passages bearing on the subject.

APRIL 11—Service and Holy Communion at the chapel yesterday morning (Easter Sunday), and in the evening at Garden River. Roads very bad, and it took 3 1/2 hours to get there. The congregation was small as most of the Indians were back to the sugar bush. At 7 o'clock this morning we went to visit the sugar camp about 4 miles back. Several boys from the Shingwauk came, having started away early in the morning. We got a good supply of maple sugar and got back to the Shingwauk about five o'clock in the evening.

APRIL 18—The Wawanosh girls spent the afternoon and evening here yesterday. We had plenty of games and all enjoyed themselves greatly.

ANNUAL REPORT—The Annual Report of the Indian Homes has been sent out to subscribers—We must apologise for several mistakes which have unavoidably occurred. On page 3, 2nd column, last line but one, omit "for.;" page 6 2nd column, for "brand" read branch; page 12 for Roweli read Rowsell; for Grey read Greey; under Building Fund omit "error \$7.23," and make total 1786.86. Page 15 August, "from Nova Scotia" should follow A. H. Campbell and not Mrs S. On page 18 for Mrs Haukin read Mrs Harkin, for Mrs Lennox read Mrs Knox. Under list of pupils, last column, read Uxbridge and Bowmanville. For "do NB" read St. John, N. B. Names of Indians and other minor mistakes are not corrected.

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