

1. *Muskoka and Parry Sound.* This is the great free grant district, consisting of sixty-six townships, with a population of 27,000 and an acreage of three and a-half millions, a large proportion of which is good farming land. Here we have *seven clergy* at work against three when the diocese was first set off. Their work is entirely among the *white settlers*, who are pouring in continually and establishing their homesteads on the government lands.

(a) *Rev. R. Mosley*, at *Parry Sound*, was appointed to his station before the Diocese was set apart, and had been twelve years at his work. Within the last few years he has built and opened a church at the Sound, and collected congregations at five out-stations. Mr. Mosley is partly supported by the C. C. C. S. His people are very poor, and the total amount of local contributions does not exceed \$100 in the year.

(b) *Rev. J. S. Cole*, the incumbent of *Bracebridge*, was also already at his post when the Diocese of Algoma was found. He has seven out-stations, and is assisted in his work by five lay-readers. To visit his people, Mr. Cole has to travel twenty-seven miles in a northerly direction, and seventeen miles eastward. He received a portion of his income from the S. P. C., part from his people, and the remainder from the Diocesan Fund. Over \$800 was raised in his Mission last year for church purposes.

(c) *Rev. W. Crompton*, was appointed by our late Bishop, as a *travelling missionary*. He has been nearly seven years in the field, and during that time has formed congregations through an area of nine townships, and has been the means under God of erecting *sixteen places of worship*. Of these sixteen churches, ten have been handed over to the charge of other missionaries. Mr. Crompton supplies the remaining six. Mr. Crompton has at present eleven stations which he regularly visits, and at which congregations of from thirty to sixty persons assemble and join in the services of the church. Services are held at each station regularly once in three weeks. The extreme distance between the farthest separated of Mr. Crompton's stations is sixty-three miles north and south, and fifty-seven miles east and west, so that his district may be said to cover 3,000 square miles.

(d) *Rev. Thomas Llwyd* resides at *Gravenhurst*, as his head quarters. This is a village of some 1,500 inhabitants, and has railway communication with the outer world. Mr. Llwyd's mission extends over seven townships, each about eight miles square. There is a population at present of some 6,000 settlers, and great have been the hardships that they have had to endure, owing to the terrible bush fires of last autumn. The fire burned over 15,000 and 20,000 acres, and rendered more than one hundred families homeless. During the five years' existence of this mission, three churches have been erected and opened free of all debt; one of them a frame one at a cost of \$1,700, and two logs ones at about \$450 each. A good frame parsonage has also been built at a cost of \$1,350. The people though poor are liberal, and as much as \$250 per annum is contributed by them towards the clergyman's salary. Last year the village of Graven-