

friends which accompanies this address will greatly gratify them, and while leaving the use of the money to your own discretion, they very respectfully suggest that the funds may be employed in the purchase of such insignia of your high office as, e.g., "the proper Episcopal vestments" and an "Episcopal ring." The surplus, if any, may be expended in the purchase of such standard theological works as you may desire to add to your library.

That you may long be spared and have strength to carry on the great work to which your future life will be devoted is the sincere hope and heartfelt prayer of your lordship's most sincere and affectionate friends.

On behalf of the congregation,

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Bishop Thorneloe was deeply moved by this grand token of esteem and affection, and in reply spoke very slowly and tenderly. He reviewed all the marks of esteem he had witnessed since his elevation to the high office he had been called upon in the providence of God to fill. He would never forget the many happy years spent among his old parishioners of St. Peter's. He had ministered to them in the days of their sorrow, and he had had the happiness to participate in their joys. The numerous ties of true friendship that brought them closer together during all these years he could not enumerate, and would ever look back upon Sherbrooke as a place where a host of faithful friends took an interest in his welfare. He paid a tribute to Dr. Kenner, who presented the address, and he did not like to say in his presence how much he revered and respected him. He thanked his brethren of the clergy who had been for so many years his faithful co-labourers, and who were present in such large numbers, for their kindness in coming to say farewell, and he would especially mention his faithful friend Archdeacon Roe, as well as Prof. Scarth and Rev. G. H. Parker, of whom he said that he owed them debts of gratitude for all their kindnesses to him. He was rejoiced to see present members of the great Roman Catholic Church, as well as large numbers from the various denominations outside of his own Church. This gave him much pleasure, for while he had ever firmly upheld and taught the doctrine of the English branch of the Church he was happy to find that he had done so in such a manner as not to alienate or hurt the feelings of those who differed from him, and he would welcome with joy the day when they all would be one—which must eventually come. He welcomed with pleasure the clerical gentlemen of other denominations, and thanked one and all for the kind wishes expressed in the address. He expressed the hope that they would continue to show their regard for him by taking a deeper interest in the Diocese of Algoma, and told of a workingman in the parish who had given him five dollars to be used in his new field of labour. The Bishop closed what many are pleased to call his

most eloquent address with a hearty wish for the welfare and happiness of all present, assuring all that he never would forget, in his new home, the many kind and true friends he had left behind, not only in the city of Sherbrooke, but in the whole District of Saint Francis.

### Burk's Falls Mission.

REV. CHARLES PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

In November last the incumbent commenced what he called a Bible class, held weekly in the vestry. In point of numbers it has been a successful move. There is no reading in turn for obvious reasons, and the teacher asks questions only to answer them himself. The evening is not devoted to one subject, but to three: (1) The Church Catechism; (2) the Sunday School Bible lesson—this more especially for those who teach the pupils on Sunday; (3) Church History.

For the first time in the history of the mission there were celebrations of Holy Communion on Christmas Day both at Sundridge and Burk's Falls. Christmas Eve was very cold and the mission priest did not get from home to Sundridge without the frost catching his nose. But he was soon comfortable under the hospitable roof of Mr. Joseph Edgar. Next morning he wended his way at 7.30 to the Church of St. Paul, which he found locked, and consequently without a fire. The door was soon open, but it was not so easy to drive out the cold. When he, with the aid of a penknife, had just succeeded in getting a fire help arrived. But it was not at 8 o'clock, but a good half hour later, that the service of the day began. The congregation numbered fourteen, with eleven communicants, a very good start indeed. It was at Sundridge, the first early service and the weather cold. Breakfast over, a quick drive to Burk's Falls was made—the roads were simply beautiful for their slipperiness. At 11 a.m. at Burk's Falls there was a good congregation, some persons present belonging to Christian bodies who do not at Christmas keep the feast. The church, too, was nicely decorated. The service was Morning Prayer, Holy Communion, with sermon. At its conclusion the clergyman was notified of the fact that two young people had driven in some ten miles in order that their firstborn might be baptized. Arrangements were made and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered at 3.30 p.m.

The Christmas trees which year after year are laden with presents for the children of the Church always deserve notice. Before another word is said about them the incumbent desires, in his own name and on behalf of the Church people in the mission, to thank those who so kindly contributed the bulk of the good things; we mean St. Stephen's Church W.A., Toronto, and the Junior W.A. of St. Mark's, Orangeville. May the givers' joy exceed that of the receivers! At the

children's festival, on New Year's Eve, at Sundridge the clergyman regrets to say that he could not be present, a serious cold having seized him and almost laid him up for fully four weeks. Mr. Edgar, therefore, presided, and did so with credit to himself and to the pleasure of those present who know him so well. At Burk's Falls the children had their Christmas tree on the Eve of the Epiphany. It was preceded by a bountiful tea which, at this end of the mission, has now become the traditional opening. Some prizes were given for lessons learned, viz., Bibles, Books of Common Prayer, and a few hymn books (A. and M.). The incumbent hopes in time to be able to give to each Sunday School pupil one each of the above books—to be the child's *own* and earned. He asks those who can help him in this feature of his work to send to him books for prizes, and trusts he will not be misunderstood when he says he desires books not of small print, but books that can easily be read. Then he can reasonably hope that Bible and Prayer Book will be used at home and in God's House.

### Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Christmas morning was bright and fair, and a large number of communicants came to the early celebration at 8 a.m. The attendance was also very good at the 11 o'clock service, the musical portion of which was particularly joyous and cheerful. The Psalms were chanted, and the anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings" (Goss), was well rendered. The offertory amounted to \$86, a substantial token of the cordial relations between pastor and people. The church was tastefully decorated, and I hope to be able, with your approval, to exhibit in an early issue a view showing the work of some of our parishioners, directed by Mr. and Mrs. Thursby, towards beautifying the interior of the edifice.

Our first patronal festival was held on St. John's Day, December 27th—the sermon in the morning being preached by the Rural Dean.

The Sunday School children were entertained on Tuesday, December 29th, and subsequently a programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, followed by a visit from "Santa Claus" and the distribution of prizes earned during the past year. The children have during the past ten months raised a sum of \$26 towards a new set of books for the library.

A watch-night service was held on New Year's Eve, and those who were present listened to an eloquent sermon preached by the incumbent, and then knelt in silent prayer till the tolling of bells and others sounds announced the arrival of a new year. H. B.

A TALENT may be perfected in solitude, a character only in the world.—Goethe.