

**KETTLE POINT.**—At the annual Vestry meeting of St. John's Church, Kettle Point, Rev. J. Jacobs occupied the chair. The Churchwardens' report for the past year was read and adopted, which showed that after paying all expenses there was a small balance on hand. Mr. Sutton Shawkeence and Mr. Adam Kiyosh, Wardens and Lay Representative to Synod. The following were appointed trustees of the mission day school for the current year:—Messrs. Jeffry, Bressette, Isaac Shawnoo, jr., Lewis Cloud and Elijah Eshquabe. The church choir was re-organized with the addition of a few new members. The Sunday School is in a very satisfactory condition, and the and the congregation is at times quite large, the chapel is at times scarcely large enough to accommodate the number that attend divine service. If funds were on hand it is most desirable to build a new and more commodious church, and the present chapel could be used entirely as a school house. The number of communicants are increasing, and there are a number of candidates awaiting confirmation.

**DELAWARE.**—The annual Vestry meeting was held at Christ Church on Easter Monday. The meeting being opened in the usual way by the chairman, the Churchwardens presented their financial report, which showed a considerable increase in the Sunday collections, and all accounts being paid there remained a balance on hand of over \$70.

The retiring Wardens were re-elected—Mr. C. J. Fox and Mr. Thos. Nagle. Mr. R. Price was re-elected Lay Rep. to the Synod.

The old church, which is a frame building erected nearly half a century ago, is now beginning to show marked signs of decay, and all agreed that soon a new and more substantial edifice would be required to fill its place. It was therefore deemed necessary to take some steps towards the formation of a Building Fund for that purpose. A building committee was accordingly appointed and a subscription list opened. The good people of Christ Church are to be congratulated on the success of their new enterprise, as we understand the subscriptions already amount to nearly \$600, and all join with them in the hope that with God's blessing upon the united effort that is now being put forth their new church may be opened free from debt and consecrated at the opening service.

#### ALGOMA.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

The Rev. T. Macaulay Tooke desires to acknowledge the receipt of a Communion Service for the use of the Huntsville congregation, and forwarded by the Rev. Canon Givins from Hamilton, by the Lord Bishop of Algoma.

The Missionary Bishop of Algoma thankfully acknowledges the following contributions received for Mission work in his Diocese:—St. Anne's, Richmond, P. Q., per Miss Cleeve, \$12.50; St. Anne's, M. Bourne, P. Q., per E. Journeaux, \$10.50; Amherst, N. S., per Rev. Canon Townsend, \$30; Board Foreign Missions, N. B., per W. M. Jarvis, \$89.87; Rev. E. Cooper, England, interest, per Mahaffy-Robb, \$16.15; Mrs. Mahaffy, \$1; Mrs. La Batt, England, for Church Building, \$40—\$194.66; Dr. Ridley, per Rev. Canon Givins, \$20; C. W. M. Aid, per Miss Westcott, for Rossau Mission, \$50; Rev. A. Holland, per Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, \$20; Mrs. Bartlett, per Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, \$13; per Rev. F. Kirkpatrick, Sec. Treas. Diocese Ontario, \$54.55; per Mrs. Simpson, Sec. Treas. Diocese Montreal, \$244.90; per Wardens St. Thomas Church, Bracebridge Collection Missionary Meeting, \$11.55; per Mrs. Bromfield, England, for Neepigon Indian Mission, \$4 16s. stg.

During a late tour through the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts the Missionary Bishop of Algoma held 60 services at 45 different stations or settlements; baptized 49; confirmed 85; administered Holy Communion to 437 persons; and travelled nearly 800 miles in cutter or on a buckboard. Sermons and addresses, 78.

The Bishop of Algoma's address is Yorkville, P.O.

Mr. G. J. Cox, Lay-Reader, begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipts of a parcel of book from the Rev. C. W. Patterson, Oak-ridges, per the Rev. T. Lwyd, Gravenhurst, for Holy Trinity Sunday School, Ryde.

#### THE BISHOP'S TOUR.

(Continued from our last.)

We started on our return journey on Monday, Feb. 23rd, driving twelve miles over a very rough, stony road to Commanda Creek, where we remained for the night. This is a wild weird looking place, one our

forefathers would have peopled with "eyrie folk," and a place which puzzles you to think how any one could come to settle in it. Yet even here we met with many who once had been Church people, but who had joined the Sects because the Church did not seem to care for them, whereas the Sects sent some one to keep the people together. A congregation of forty-nine met us for service in the evening. Two men took up the responses, and as these two stood, knelt and sat in the proper places they saved us from the necessity of having to tell the rest when to do so. One of these men came last year from Essex, England, and we wish he could have been heard, not only in his old home in the village of Chulmley, or his county of Essex, but in all England, when he was describing to his Bishop in Canada what he and his wife felt "because he could not go to Church." "Sir," he said, "if I hadn't my Prayer Book and Bible I should be soon worse nor a heathen." If he could but be heard we do not think those at "home" who hear the sound of the Parish Church bell every Lord's Day, would be quite so indifferent as they appear to be at the spiritual destitution which is starving the souls of their brothers and sisters in Christ. This man's house being on the roadside, the Bishop called and left with him a "Churchman's Almanac" that he might be able to find the Lessons and read them as Sundays came round. He and his wife had walked six miles of that wild road and had to walk back the same night. At 7 A.M. we left Commanda Creek, Tuesday, Feb. 24th, and got over the twelve miles to Mecunoma by 9 A.M., and were happy to meet there the Mr. and Mrs. R— previously mentioned, with their little baby.

The people belonging to the house are Church people, and with a few strangers, also Church members, we formed quite a congregation for the Baptismal service. We had considerable talk with Mr. and Mrs. R—, who did not regret the sixty-two miles of travel they had had to get their babe made a Christian; and they told us there were quite a number of families about Eagle Creek, all members of the Church at present. How long they would remain so could not be said, as the sects were very busy amongst them. We ascertained that a highly respectable young man was school teacher of that section, whom the Bishop and Messrs. Crompton and Moseley all knew, so a message was sent, asking him kindly to get the people together, and, with the assistance of Mr. R—, hold a Lay Service every Sunday, until Mr. Crompton could manage to come to them, which he promised to do (D.V.) in the summer.

Again we set forth and did our ten miles, arriving at Magnetawan Village about 1 P.M. We had a meeting of Church members at 3 o'clock, they being in somewhat more cheerful and hopeful spirits. Mr. Crompton promised to make an earnest appeal to outside friends so that a Church could be erected with as little delay as possible. We went to see several sites, some of which were offered as gifts, others at a very low rate. We were also told that the Methodist preacher had on the previous Sunday evening quite "pulled to pieces" all that the Bishop had said in his former address. This was good, because it thoroughly roused the people, and our friends beat up from far and near, so that at 7 P.M. the school-room was densely packed. The night was a very wet one, and the water freezing on the roads made them dangerous even to pedestrians, but the people came five, eight, and ten miles to the service, our friend of "I'm there, if God spares me," being one of the number. Mr. Crompton had just commenced the exhortation when a commotion was made at the door, and a woman's voice heard saying, "please let me pass," and then, "come on, mother." With some difficulty a way was made, and two women carrying babies came forward, and some men. The younger got as near to Mr. C. as she could and he recognized her as a candidate of his upwards of four years ago, who, after her confirmation, had married and gone back into the bush. Mr. C. handed her a Prayer Book, and soon her voice rang clearly over the room in unison with that of her old pastor, as if they had never been separate; this brought about quite a revolution, for we had a cheerful and a hearty service. The young woman and her mother had come upwards of five miles to have their children baptized, with several others. We had another meeting after service, when it was determined to take immediate steps towards building a Church in the village. Mr. Crompton was pressed very much to promise to come and hold service, and finally he did so, providing the Bishop is enabled to supply some of his other numerous stations. Much outside help will be needed here, for it will not do to put up a temporary building, but something to tell amongst the people. Plenty of help in the shape of work was promised there and then, and more will be forthcoming; but of money they have none, and at the least \$600 or \$700 will be required in cash. Oh, that God may put it into the hearts of His children more highly favored to send the money needed.

We left Magnetawan village with spirits somewhat more cheerful but in a down-pour of rain, and crossing Ah Mec Lake we drove to Mr. Guttridge's at Midlothian, in the Township of Ryerson. Here we found our friends in good spirits. They have started

a Sunday School, which is prospering, and in answer to an appeal from Rev. Mr. Crompton, the sum of £60 stg. was sent by the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows, England, by the Rev. Mr. Monck. They are preparing to build their church; the foundation logs are placed, and as every man who owns a yoke of oxen turns out to draw lumber to the site from the mill, seven miles, they hope to commence the building early in the spring. We had a sweet service at which the Bishop baptized, preached and celebrated the Lord's Supper. His address will be treasured in their recollection, and much was the hand-shaking, and loath the tongue to say "good bye" at parting.

Going south eleven miles we spent an hour or so, having prayers, at the house of Mr. Roberts, Doe Lake, where we had the pleasure of meeting several Church friends, particularly one, who was a sort of deputation from a number living near and at Katrine, and who came to see if arrangements could not be made by Mr. Crompton for holding a monthly service there. The Bishop was especially pleased with this man's conversation, and Mr. C. promised to write and as soon as possible arrange for a service at Katrine on his way south from Magnetawan village.

Seven miles more, and we called at the house of Mr. Boys and met more friends.

A further drive of ten miles and the Bishop was met by his son, who has a beautiful location on Fawn Lake, Township of McMurrich, whilst Mr. Crompton drove a further eleven miles to his home for a day or two.

The night of Saturday, Feb. 28th, was exceedingly stormy; one of the fiercest wind-storms ever known came and continued all Sunday morning. Mr. C. had to drive over eleven miles to meet the Bishop at Christ Church, Ilfracombe, and as the journey was one of extreme peril, one of his sons accompanied him with his axe. The cutter had to be lifted over trees and driven over some, whilst upwards of a dozen had to be cut out of the way, so that the journey took three hours to accomplish, with the pleasant thought that some of the falling boughs might bring all to a sudden conclusion. The consequence of the storm was, that many who meant to be present at service were afraid to venture through the bush, or over the lakes. Yet we had a decent congregation and a good service at which Mr. Crompton presented four for confirmation and we had twenty-five communicants. A fifth, a young woman, would have presented herself, but she dared not venture the five miles in the bush; her brother (who was confirmed) said, he had hard work to get there.

After luncheon at the house of C. G. Harston, Esq., we drove down Buck and Fox Lakes to Hoodstown, where, as usual, a numerous and joyous people met us in their new, but far from finished, Church. Being all more or less musical, the service was really well done. A brother and sister were presented for confirmation, and we had twenty-seven to meet at the Lord's Table. The two confirmed, make four out of the same family within three years of Mr. Crompton's ministry who have been bitter dissenters.

March 4th.—Morning service in St. Mary's Church, Aspdin, with a very numerous company of worshippers, cheerful service, baptism of four and a celebration with sixteen communicants. After service a Church meeting was held and the Bishop was urged upon very pleadingly to try if he could not let them have a clerical service oftener than once a month. Mr. Lalor was appointed Lay-Reader.

Friday, March 5th.—Evensong at St. George's Church, Lancelot. The day was an exceedingly stormy one with a deep fall of wet snow, so that women could scarcely get along, and, in consequence, we had not so many in attendance as we expected. But his Lordship was pleased to see those who were there, and he complimented them on the evidences he saw that "Life" was amongst them.

Thus was brought to conclusion a long and arduous tour. We have had much to encourage, but more which gave us pain. It is sadly grieving to hear on every hand the cry for the Bread of Life; it is still more grieving to know that there are thousands of youths of both sexes belonging to Church parents, who, when grown up will have left the church of their fathers, because she has not made any provision to retain them; and it is sadder still to think that there are thousands more being reared without any knowledge of God in the world, and who are growing up practically worse than the heathen. The places mentioned in this tour are not by any means to be considered as the limits of our calls; most of them may be styled "Head centres" from whence many stations could be formed.

At Spence there is East Road, some twenty miles, having in it many Church families.

At Magnetawan village we could branch down Chapman Valley, sixteen miles, well peopled, chiefly with members of the Church.

At Mecunoma we have Eagle Lake road on the one side and an eastern road on the other, from ten to six teen miles again with Church people.