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## MISSIONARY WORK IN ALGOMA

ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND.

**T**HE Bishop's visit to this Mission occurred rather late in the summer, owing to press of business, and other causes, the visitation did not commence until Sunday October fifth.

On Saturday the missionary in charge, who had been waiting at the wharf for three or four hours, was rejoiced to hear, after dark, the whistle of the yacht *Evangeline*. He had given up hope of seeing the Bishop that night, and was pleasantly disappointed when he arrived.

Sunday morning there was to be service at the little church at Hilton. The building had been much improved since the Bishop's last visit. A small bell hangs in a tower over the church door. The inside also is scrupulously clean. The walls had been recently calcined and the whole floor had been well scrubbed and the windows cleaned by some young ladies of the congregation who kindly volunteered for this work, and they then placed in the aisle some cocoa nut matting which had been purchased out of the proceeds of a concert held last winter. In the chancel were two new chairs, obtained from the same source as the carpet. Altogether then the church looked very nice indeed, and as the hour for service arrived every seat was filled, by an attentive congregation. After morning prayers and the baptism of two infants, three of the young ladies who had helped to clean the church were presented for confirmation. The Bishop gave them a most suitable and impressive address before they again took their seats. Then followed a sermon on the text "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." The sermon was an emphasis on the word "must" in the text. The Holy Communion was then administered to nineteen persons.

After a hasty meal, we started for Richard's Landing school house. The rain poured down in torrents, still we pushed on, although we did not expect any congregation to meet us. However the rain held up a little just before service time and a few of these who lived nearest turned out and a little more than half filled the building. Seven candidates were presented for confirmation, one a married woman had walked several miles and got a thorough drenching going home again. The Holy

Communion was administered here also after the sermon. The rain was a great disappointment to the missionary and the people. This was to have been the principal service. It was expected that seventeen persons would have been confirmed and a very large number of persons intended to be present. Some had already started in waggons but had to turn back. It is hoped to build a church here, and the missionary was anxious that a large number should meet the Bishop. But God arranges things for the best, and the storm was meant for some good purpose. After church the Bishop retired to his yacht and slept on board that night.

On Monday morning the weather was so stormy that it was judged best to leave the yacht in safety at the wharf and ride overland to our next appointment. The Bishop had kindly invited Mrs. Beer and some others to accompany us in the yacht but all had to go by land. After jolting in a waggon over ten miles of stones and mud we found ourselves under the hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. Kent. Our inner man having been well cared for we all went in good time to the Jocelyn church, where a large congregation waited to hear the word of God from the lips of his servant the Bishop. Here again four persons were confirmed, twenty one partook of the Lord's Supper and one child was baptized. After church we were most kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. Young, who had prepared a bountiful tea, and here we spent a pleasant evening, the Bishop returning to Mr. Kent's to pass the night.

Early on Tuesday morning the Bishop and the Missionary accompanied by Mr. Young started for Tenby Bay, and arrived about noon, to find an abundance of good things prepared on the table of Mr. Watson. Mrs. Sprowle who did the honors was most kind and anxious that none should go away hungry. After dinner we passed on to Mr. Fuller's where service was held, but owing to various accidents the three confirmation candidates who were expected were unable to be present. After service we returned to Hilton, but the night was dark and the road not too good, so after creeping along with great care, fearful lest we should upset over a log or stone, or drive into a ditch or hole, we were so fortunate as to obtain the loan of a lantern, and arrived safe home but very tired, to find Mrs. Beer ready with supper and a good warm house.

This finished the Bishop's work on the island. He has held service in four of Mr. Beer's six sta-