

their way to the mission,—the Bishop with his party and three remaining guides accepted the offer of Mr. Hodder and Mr. Scott, and embarked in their sailboat (obtained from the Hudson's Bay Co.) for the return journey.

But the elements were adverse, fierce and contrary winds prevailed; and day after day the waters of the lake were torn into a seething waste of waves. Progress whether by sail boat or canoe was out of the question. For three days and nights the travellers were compelled to seek the shelter of certain islands which lay most opportunely in their way. And this delay, to the Bishop's very great regret, made it impossible for him to keep his appointments at Port Arthur and Fort William.

On Sunday, the 23rd, the wind had abated somewhat and the outlook was more promising. But as the conditions were still unfavorable for the sail boat the Bishop determined to try and save some of his appointments by attempting the remainder of the journey in the canoes. Accordingly, the morning prayers being said, a start was made. The course lay over wide reaches of the lake. It was a rough journey. The wind was still high and gusty. At times the canoes were exposed to its full force. They were tiny vessels to cross such wide expanses of heaving water. But the Indian guides are skilful boatmen, and, by the blessing of God, the end of the voyage, Flat Rock, was reached in due course without the slightest mischance, although an occasional run had to be made into the shelter of some friendly harbor.

Some day the public will realize what a splendid lake Nepigon is. The river is already famous for its fishing and its beauty. But the magnificence of the lake remains yet to be recognized. It can hardly fail to become one of the most famous and favorite of Canada's summer resorts. It is truly a wonderful and beautiful sheet of water. With its countless islands (not yet shown upon our maps), its beautifully wooded shores, its great bays, its lofty headlands, its wide stretches of open water, its variety of scenery, its abundance of fish and its strong, fresh air which is an invigorating tonic for tried and tired workers, the marvel is that it has remained so long unknown and unfrequented.

One thing is certain, to the Bishop and his party the recent visit to Lake Nepigon was full of interest and full of pleasure. The weather, it is true, was not always propitious. There were strong and adverse winds. Showers were the order of the day. It became quite an ordinary

occurrence to run for shelter, and the tent fly was in constant requisition. On one occasion at the mission it required all hands to hold up the episcopal tent in the teeth of a hurricane, and to put in order and dry everything after the drenching rain was over. But such trials were brief, and served, on the whole, to add a not unpleasant spice of adventure to a trip in other ways delightful.

On Tuesday, July 25th, just fifteen days from the time they started, the party stood again on the little beach at Red Rock, thanking God for His mercies. And among those mercies not the least was this, that during their absence, Ahbi seekung, the sick guide, had begun to amend.

Fort William.

REV. E. J. HARPER, RECTOR.

On Sunday, the 10th of September, at the evening service, the Bishop of the



Nepigon House, Hudson Bay Co.'s Post, Lake Nepigon.

diocese paid this parish, St. Luke's, his annual visit for the purpose chiefly of administering, after the manner of Christ's apostles, the sacred rite of "laying on of hands," commonly called "Confirmation." As usual this beautiful service, together with the golden opinions, which many friends of the Church are forming of our beloved Bishop, attracted a very large congregation. Nine persons, four males and five females received the sacramental rite. The Bishop addressed the candidates at some length giving them some solid advice, and afterwards preached with much earnestness to the general congregation.

The usual choir rendered chants, anthem, and hymns very creditably. In the absence of Mrs. Harry Sellers, the organ was taken by Miss Maud Livingstone in a manner which left little to be desired.

WEST FORT, ST. THOMAS.—On the afternoon of the above date, the Bishop

preached, and confirmed two candidates at this station, before a full congregation. Here thoughtful loving women had placed many beautiful cut flowers and potted plants in God's little sanctuary, filling with their odour the place of His promised Presence.

For the most solemn service, and the one which evoked much sympathy and ardent prayers for the young patient sufferer I shall now take you to a private house in the former station, whither the Bishop kindly went with the incumbent on the following morning and "confirmed" a young girl who is dying of consumption. The congregation here consisted of the father, sister, and grandmother of the candidate together with a few friends deeply interested in her welfare spiritually and temporally. After a few simple fatherly words the Bishop "laid his hands" in blessing on this afflicted member of God's great family, then commended her to the keeping of

Him who chastens but in mercy. May those who read these words pray the Lord Jesus to grant a happy release to her soul.

St. Luke's parish hopes soon to be able to report that the church grounds have been enclosed with a neat and enduring fence. In aid of this object a social was held at the parsonage on the evening of the 13th at which the Bishop was fortunately able to be present and made a short address. A nice sum was realized. Three contributions amounting to \$7.50 have already been handed to the Bishop in aid of the "afflicted brother" whose case was alluded to some time since. We hope more may be able to follow.

A neat private font is much needed by the incumbent for use in this parish. Will some one kindly think of us in this connection when distributing gifts?

Gore Bay Mission.

THE REV. L. SINCLAIR, INCUMBENT.

His lordship the Bishop visited the western branch of this mission in the beginning of September, and confirmed four candidates at Meldrum Bay and two at Silver Water. He also solemnized one marriage at Meldrum Bay and baptized five.

Cockburn Island was also visited.

Much good work has been done in these districts through the efforts of Mr. E. McKittrick, of Trinity College, Toronto, who also accompanied the Bishop during his visit—and who, I am sorry to say, has to leave for his future studies.

LAWRENCE SINCLAIR.