



MAGNETAWAN CHURCH.

St. Paul, at Seguin Falls; a fairly good building at St. John's, Dufferin Bridge, another at Pearceley, called Holy Trinity; a plain frame building, known as St. Peter's, Midlothian; and still another, designated as St. George's, Magnetawan. A house adjoining this church was purchased for a parsonage, and, with the other sites, duly deeded to the Bishop. Mr. Young was ordained deacon on Ascension Day, 1885, and priest on Trinity Sunday, 1886. Mainly through the exertions of the Rev. A. J. Young, who collected money while on a visit to England, a parish hall was erected, adjoining the church. In February, 1886, the stations of Dufferin Bridge and Seguin Falls were separated from this mission and attached to that of Broadbent. The Church of St. George the Martyr was much improved by Mr. Young. When he first saw it, it was seated with rough benches, stovepipes were poking through the roof, and battens hanging down in many places, while not a scrap of paint was to be seen anywhere. Brick chimneys were erected, suitable seats and other necessities, such as font, organ, reading desks, provided. The vestry also was furnished. The exterior was sided and painted, and the approaches cleared up. A new fence also, with flight of steps and entrance gate, was provided. The old porch was torn down, and in its place a tower was erected, provided with a bell to summon people to prayer.

St. Peter's, Midlothian, which had been built with money raised at Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, by friends of the Gutteridge and Briggs families, who lived near where the church was erected, and had been opened for service in July, 1886, by the Rev. W. Crompton, was improved by Mr. Young, and a tower erected. A

bell was presented by an English clergyman, but has not yet been put in position for use. At the present time the church is in a rough state. The people are loyal, but poor; they attend the services well and do what they can. The church is very cold in winter. It needs lining, and has only a temporary foundation. The seats are merely rough boards without backs, and are therefore none of the most comfortable. In 1890 a lot was secured at Dunchurch, and the erection of a church was commenced. The people are few and very poor. There is a debt of about \$63 on it, and about \$150 will be needed to make the building habitable.

Holy Trinity, Pearceley was improved somewhat, but it was impossible to make it anything

like a church. In fact, the place as a mission station has been abandoned, the people having nearly all moved away. The Rev. A. J. Young was appointed to North Bay in April, 1892. Then followed a period of desolation; the good seed sown was scattered; many families went to the Northwest. In the summer of 1893 a student, Mr. A. C. Wilson, from Montreal Theological College, held services till October. The Bishop of Algoma then appointed Mr. T. J. Hay as catechist in charge. The mission has now five stations, two having been added this summer. These are: (1) Dunchurch, fifteen miles from Magnetawan, where service is held on a week night every two weeks. (2) Chapman Valley, four miles away, where service is held in a schoolhouse every fortnight. The building at Pearceley is to be taken down and re-erected here, if suitable arrangements for it can be made. (3) St. George's, Magnetawan, where service is held every Sunday. There is a Sunday-school here. (4) Spence, seven miles away. Services held in a schoolhouse are well attended; people had not been present at a church service for many years till October, 1894. (5) St. Peter's, Midlothian, ten miles away. Services held every other Sunday. Midlothian, Chapman Valley, and Spence are the most promising stations in the mission. The people are poor, but take great interest in the services and attend well. The roads are bad and the people scattered. The mission north and south is eighteen miles, by forty miles northwest and southeast, so that in visiting the people long drives are necessary. Twelve services were held in October, 342 miles covered and 67 visits paid by the catechist. Church newspapers and other literature are distributed, but the supply is far too small.