

in connection with Montreal Theological College. The Indian Church at Sheguiandah has been erected through the united exertions of the Churchwomen of Toronto, whose generosity has also enabled me to solve several other problems.

Two parsonages have been built—one at Port Arthur, costing \$1,500; the other at Uffington (Rev. J. Greeson), while a third is in course of erection at Bracebridge (Rev. J. Boydell), on which, with outbuildings fence, etc., the congregation propose expending \$2,000. This will give us 13 parsonages, for so many out of 24 missionaries. The supply is very inadequate, and our clergy, who are as yet unprovided for, are compelled to rent houses, at an annual cost, sometimes of from \$60 to \$100. This outlay involves a heavy charge on their too scanty incomes, and also offers a serious hindrance to effective missionary work. We still need 11 more parsonages, to cost, on an average, \$800 each. Are there not men and women in the Church wealthy enough, if only willing, to say, each, "I will be responsible for one?"

THE "EVANGELINE."

The experience of three summers has made the meaning of this recent addition to our Diocesan appliances abundantly evident, so that it stands amply justified to all who know anything of the peculiar geographical configuration of our territory. The "Evangeline" has already solved successfully two problems, which before were, one of them difficult, the other impossible. First, she has enabled me to visit the organized missions in the Lake region, such as Garden River, St. Joseph's Island, Bruce Mines, Gore Bay, Sheguiandah, Manitowaning and Parry Sound, containing 33 stations, with an almost unfailing punctuality, as well as regularity, which conduce not a little to the effectiveness of my work. During the past three summers I have failed to keep only two appointments, and these in consequence of heavy storms, which interfered more or less with navigation generally, so far as small craft were concerned. Secondly, the "Evangeline" has equipped me for ventures of missionary exploration with a completeness which leaves nothing to be desired. All along the north shore of the inside, or north channel, there are points, such as Blind River, Algoma Mills, Serpent River, Spanish River, etc., which none of our missionaries can visit regularly, owing to the distance from their centres, and which, in many cases, know the Church of England, only as she is represented in the service held by the bishop on the occasion of his annual visit. During the summer of 1885, the missionary boat enabled me to break entirely new ground along the north and eastern shore of Georgian Bay, at such points as Collins' Inlet, French River, Byng Inlet, etc., at one of which, I was told, in illustration of the dire religious destitution that prevailed, that the people had not been visited by any minister of any Protestant communion for three years previous to my appearance among

them! Indeed, no later than two days since, on my way to this session of the Provincial Synod, my little boat brought me, under stress of weather, to a tiny island, where I found a fishing station, comprising about thirty families, which had not had a solitary religious service of any kind during this entire season. I need scarcely say that the ministrations which I am enabled to furnish under such circumstances, are as "rivers of water in dry places."

The funds expended on the purchase of the "Evangeline" were raised, mainly, in England. Her annual maintenance, including repairs, fuel, wages for pilot and engineer, etc., costs about \$1,000 per annum, towards which the "S. P. G." generously grants £100. The amount contributed by the Canadian Church during the past three years has been \$373.50. This, however, does not include the sum of \$308, part of the proceeds of a Church sale held in Toronto.

INDIAN WORK.

Our missionary work among the aborigines still holds on the even tenor of its way, with tokens of success, however, which, though not very marked, are, under the circumstances, sufficient to make us thank God and take courage.

1. Garden River. This long established mission has not made such progress as I had hoped for it, owing to the difficulty of securing a clergyman familiar, to some extent, with the language. For the four Indian missions in the Diocese, we have only three missionaries who speak Ojibbewa, and hence some one of them must lack constant pastoral care till the number is increased. This difficulty, I trust, will be surmounted before long, as the Rev. C. A. French has expressed his readiness to identify himself with our Indian work, and master the language as quickly as possible. Meanwhile frequent services have been held by the Rev. E. F. Wilson, who adds this, when at all possible, to his other multiplied duties. On the occasion of my last visit to Garden River, the congregation numbered about 115, and the communicants 22, while two candidates were presented for confirmation.

2. Sheguiandah, (Rev. F. Frost). Here a very decided advance has been made, in the erection of a new Church, at a cost of about \$800, which was provided by the Churchwomen of Toronto, the Indians doing the work, under the missionary's supervision, from plans provided by the bishop. Mr. Frost has been unsparing in his expenditure of time and labor on his work, including, as it does, four services every Sunday, for the benefit of two congregations of whites, and two of Indians. The second of the latter is held at Sucker Creek, where the red men have, with their own hands, erected a building, designed to serve temporarily as both church and school-house. For the latter purpose I have secured a grant of \$200 from the Indian Department, as stipend for a teacher.