

and. It is a sad loss, for the people will never feel themselves to be a congregation until they have a building of their own, specially set apart for the worship of God.

The Rev. H. Beer desires to acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of a box of clothing for the poor, from Mrs. Sifton, Ottawa. Also another large box full of men's, boys and girls clothing, from Mrs. Geo. Marks, Bruce Mines.

The contents of the boxes will gladden the hearts and keep warm the bodies of some who might have suffered, but for the kindness of these ladies during the hard cold winter, now fast approaching.

SHEGUINDAH.

The Indian church in this mission, its friends in Toronto and elsewhere will be glad to learn, is making rapid progress—wonderfully so, considering that the Indians themselves are the builders. The secret however, lies in the fact that the Missionary, Rev. F. Frost, is on the spot, and loses no chance of utilizing every available moment. Nor is he a silent spectator only. He sets the Indians a good example by taking his own share in the toil. He reports that the building will be a very church-like one, which is no little satisfaction, in view of the hideous caricature of ecclesiastical architecture that are to be seen here and there in the Diocese, all for lack of proper and adequate supervision of plans &c.

At Sucker Creek also, another of Mr. Frost's stations, the Indians, moved by the same "Frosty" inspiration, have erected a most commodious and substantial building, which, for the present, must serve the purpose of church and schoolhouse alike. The Bishop hoped to have been able to go down and open it this fall, but what between the stormy weather that has prevailed, and the summons he has received to attend the meeting of the "Domestic and Foreign Mission Board" at Kingston on the 21st., he was unable to accomplish the visit, and was, most reluctantly, compelled to postpone it till next spring. Till now the services have been held at the Chief's house, which was always a model of neatness and cleanliness.

MANTOWANING.

The Rev. S. Cole reports a general progress along the line of this extensive mission. Its diameter is about thirty miles, but Mr. C. succeeds in covering the ground most successfully, considering the heavy drain it involves on his time and strength. Church-building is the order of the day here also. At Providence Bay, the *Ultima Thule* of the mission, a lot has been given and duly deeded to the Bishop; and the sum of \$125 subscribed totally in money and labour. The work too has been pushed with vigor, the building having been commenced, and carried as far as outside sheeting and roofing when last heard from. But here also some aid will be needed from outside—the people have done well, and deserve to be aided.

At the Slash also, about fifteen miles from Mani-

towaning, timbers have been got out for a foundation for a church, and a deed for the site is about to be placed in the Bishop's hands. This, of course, is the first step. Ground is never broken till this necessary preliminary has been complied with.

At Purple Hill, another of Mr. C's. stations, the logs are on the ground for a church, but the people are crippled for lack of means. Oh that some one were moved by a heart inspiration from Him from whom all good things come, to write to the Bishop and say, "Herewith I enclose you my cheque for \$5000 towards completing all the churches which I see by the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS you are erecting in various parts of your needy Diocese."

BRUCE MINES.

The Bishop visited the Bruce Mines mission on Saturday the 10th inst., reaching his destination about 4 p. m. by the Evangeline. On Sunday morning he steamed down to Thessalon, a number of church people from the Mines accepting his invitation to join him and attend the service there. A head-wind and a heavy sea prevailing, it was 11.30 before the village was reached, but a large congregation was waiting in the Methodist Church, kindly placed at our disposal for our regular services. The Bishop and Mrs. Sullivan were afterwards most hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs. Boyd, who removed to Thessalon about a year ago from Peterboro. The return trip to the Mines was accomplished in a little over an hour, and after tea at Mr. George Marks', evening service was held in the old Union Church, the Bishop preaching again, and afterwards administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to ten communicants. One of the most encouraging features in this mission is the erection of a church in this village for the use of the members of the Church of England. It is now rapidly approaching completion, but funds will be needed for doors, windows, plastering, furniture and lighting &c., and the resident church members cannot possibly provide them, having already exhausted all their local resources in money and labour. The edifice is a most church-like structure, and reflects great credit on the Missionary, Rev. F. C. Berry, who designed it.

Uffington.

Where is Uffington some one says? Why, away up in Muskoka, and if it is a village at all, it is all there, when we reckon two small stores, a blacksmiths shop, a post-office, an Anglican church, two more belonging to other denominations, and a farm house or two. But the Mission comprises the three townships of Draper, Ryde and Oakley, situated in one of the roughest, and probably most difficult pieces of country in Muskoka. The work from a church point of view is trying, but interesting. It consists in travelling through the bush, holding services, informal at times, in school-houses, private dwellings, or in some plain log building set apart for the worship of the Almighty. The people