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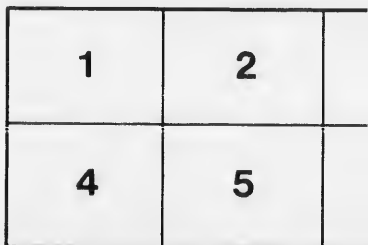
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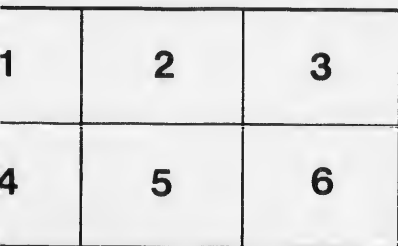
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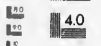
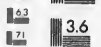
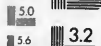
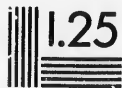
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Occasional Paper No. 7.

TWO MISSIONARY VISITS.

LUDLOW AND BLISSFIELD.

NOTHING will bring home to the Church people of the diocese the needs of their fellow churchmen so much as a simple description of some neglected parts as seen in a missionary visit. This paper will give a short description of two such visits.

On Monday morning, August 25, the Bishop-Coadjutor, with Rev. G. H. Sterling, started on a missionary trip through Boiestown and Ludlow, along the beautiful Miramichi Valley, to Blackville and Derby, and thence to Newcastle. This district of the Miramichi, from Escuminac and Baie des Vents (the *correct* pronunciation of which, as in vogue at the spot, is *Betty Win*) up beyond Ludlow to the head waters of this branch of the river, was travelled over by the faithful missionary, Rev. James Hudson, who was taken to his rest fourteen years ago. Two-thirds of the ground over which he worked is now occupied by three clergymen, and the remaining one-third is neglected, and has not been visited by any Church minister FOR EIGHT YEARS.

Leaving Stanley on the left, the missionaries arrived at Boiestown in the evening, and found that they were expected, and held service in a partially-lighted hall used for religious purposes. Here it was manifest that the majority of the persons present did not belong to the Church, but here and there, near a lamp, there were several looking over one Prayer Book and joining in the responses



when and how they could. The next morning the missionaries paid a visit to a churchwoman who had waited in vain for a clergyman to come and baptize one of her children, but, after weary waiting, as she knew the value of baptism, she allowed her child to receive it at the hands of others. However, there was yet another child to be baptized, and the mother, with tears in her eyes, was delighted at having her child baptized by the Bishop. This lady had *never ceased sending her subscription to the Church Society*, although she had not seen a clergyman near her home for eight years. As the missionaries drove away, the driver saw that he had not his own old whip, but a new one, and called out to have it changed. But no, it was a father's delicate way of making an offering for the baptism of his child.

A picturesque drive brought the travellers to Ludlow, but here at first their greeting was somewhat a cold one. "We are rather weaned from the Church," was the sad commencement. Indeed, so little had it been really thought that any clergyman would come (though notice had been given by letter) that little preparation had been made for service. However, innate hospitality soon prevailed, and the welcome, thawing out, became heartier and heartier. In the afternoon the two missionaries crossed the Miramichi in a "dugout," and visited the many church folk living on either side of the river. One lady (as is credibly stated), having been overlooked, has scolded the guide somewhat severely. But rain had come on, the grass by the river was very wet, and walking was very uncomfortable; and the pair had to get to Macnamee for evening service. This service was indeed inspiring and refreshing. Prayer Books were very scarce, so that the responses in the Psalms came only from one or two who were happy in the possession of a book and a lamp to read it by. But when the Gloria recurred, or the Lord's Prayer, then the responses came from all, and it was seen that all present were Church people, eager to join in the service when they had the chance. There were more than sixty present, who were glad to hear that a service would be given in the same school house the ensuing week. The next morning, when the missionaries left, a wonderful change had

come over affairs, and the heartiness of the farewell was inspiring. On inquiry, it was found that in and about Ludlow there were some twenty communicants of the Church of England, who still regarded themselves as such, though entirely neglected *for eight years*. One fine old man, who had been for some time crippled with rheumatism, said: "Ah, it is a hard thing to be left without the Communion for so long a time." Hard, indeed! It is to be hoped that the faithful elsewhere sometimes remember their brethren in Ludlow in their prayers; they seem to remember them in no other way. Hard, indeed, to be only forty-five miles from the capital of the Province, on a good road, the public stage road from Fredericton to Miramichi, and not to see a clergyman FOR EIGHT YEARS!

As the missionaries drove on, they stopped twice to baptize children, and once to have a short service in the room where Mr. Hudson used to hold regular services. There were still to be seen symptoms of his reverential care. An English lectern, made of oak, with some little carving, and the Bible, were still there; still regarded with respect. On leaving, the missionaries heard the owner of the house say, "Mr. Hudson said that when he died we should be neglected, and so we have been."

Mr. Hudson's memory is held in great veneration by the people in Ludlow, many of whom had characteristic stories of his sayings and doings; and one had been to the expense of having a chalk drawing made from a photograph of Mr. Hudson, and the enlarged portrait was hanging up, framed and glazed, in a prominent place.

As the two drove on, they viewed the church glebes at Blissfield, which should also yield something for the support of a missionary at Ludlow and Blissfield, for the Miramichi Valley Railroad is to pass through the district, and will increase the value of the land.

Having held confirmations at Blackville and Derby, the Bishop pushed on to Newcastle, where the two missionaries separated, the Bishop passing on to Richibucto, Buctouche and Restigouche, while Mr. Sterling had to retrace his steps through Ludlow to the River St. John.

On the return journey Mr. Sterling found people waiting for him at various points, eager for service, anxious for children to be baptized (one mother had carried her child three miles for the chance) and pleased to welcome and help in anything they could. On his arrival at Macnamee, Mr. Sterling found a crowd in and about the school house in expectation of service. The little place was packed, yet it only held about half the congregation. Those outside sat or stood by the open windows and doors, glad to be as near as that to a service of the Church of England. More than one hundred and fifty were present. The people were very reverent, and the responses were good, showing the presence of a large number of trained Church people.

After the service two men came to ask that their children might be baptized on the Back Road from Ludlow. The next morning, therefore, the missionary drove up the hill from the river, going over six miles out of the way; and, having baptized the children, he left, with many prayers that God would bless him for his kindness from the thankful parents.

This trip shows that there is a great work to be done in Ludlow and the neighborhood, and further up the river. When the people found that there was really a chance of a clergyman of the Church of England coming, they came in large numbers to the service. The spiritual harvest is great. May God stir up the Church people in the diocese to give more freely to the funds of the Church Society, that a missionary may be sent to work in Ludlow! Reader, will you now offer a prayer to this effect?

One result of the trip has been useful. The Bishop-Coadjutor has been able to recommend a Church teacher to the School Trustees, and there is now a Church Sunday school in operation. He has been in constant communication with his new friends at Macnamee, and his correspondent assures him that more earnest desires for Church service have been expressed since his visit than for fourteen years before. In the last letter received the writer says: "Already I hear expressions of thankfulness to you for sending us the teacher."

TRIP ROUND GRAND LAKE.

A month later the Bishop-Coadjutor started on another missionary tour. This time the journey was round Grand Lake. Starting from Maugerville with a cavalcade of eight teams, the party reached Douglas Harbor, where the work re-opened by Rev. C. H. Hatheway three years ago is now being carried on by Mr. Williams, under Rev. G. H. Sterling. Here the Bishop confirmed seven persons, and two very hearty services were held. The next day the party drove on to Newcastle, visiting on the way the curious and interesting Church Burial Ground on the point of land at Sypher Settlement, which was well worthy of a visit. At Newcastle the Church was full to overflowing, and thirty-three persons were confirmed, testifying to the earnest work of Mr. Sterling, under whose charge the Bishop of the diocese had placed Newcastle. Many old people availed themselves of the chance of being confirmed. One old lady of ninety-three walked two miles before she received a lift to lighten her journey.

The next morning the party broke up. Mr. Sterling remained at Newcastle for the Sunday, others went home, and the Bishop-Coadjutor, with Mr. Hatheway, drove on to Salmon Creek. On the Saturday night service was held in the School House, and there were seventy-five present, though the night was very dark and rainy and the roads were very miry, reminding the missionaries of the advice of the Homilies — "Your highways should be considered in your walks, to understand where to bestow your day's works. It is a good deed of mercy to amend the dangerous and noisome ways, whereby the poor neighbor, sitting on his silly weak beast, foundereth not in the deep thereof." The singing at this evening service was remarkably good, and the hymns were sung from memory. On Sunday morning two-thirds of the settlement attended a funeral at some distance, but fifty-two persons were present at the service. There were seven persons baptized. An equal number were awaiting baptism, but the funeral prevented their attendance. While the missionaries were at the Creek a

committee was formed to see about building a church there, which would be a great advantage, as the settlement is thriving and there is no place of worship there at present. Sad to say, one of the committee has since died somewhat suddenly of heart disease. He was one whose open and manly bearing and devotional manner at service attracted the Bishop's attention. His wife was baptized at the service. May God comfort and support her now that she is a widow! The Church has to thank a Presbyterian minister for burying one of her members.

After service the pair drove on to Salmon River, where service was held in Lloyd's School House, and the Bishop addressed a closely-packed and attentive congregation. One old man was moved to tears, and thanked God that he had seen and heard a Bishop in those parts. A further drive brought the missionaries in the evening to Coal Creek School House, where a great crowd assembled in and around the School for service. Though there were so many there, there was not the least approach to irreverence or even fidgety demeanor; had there been, there would have been some excuse, as many persons had to sit upon scanty support. On Monday morning, before leaving Coal Creek, the Bishop baptized two persons.

The missionaries now drove down the eastern side of the lake, and approached the part where regular services have been held. At Young's Cove, Waterborough, they stopped and held service. As some had been prevented by unforeseen circumstances from attending the confirmation in July, the Bishop was prevailed upon to hold a confirmation, when eight persons (one of whom had come more than twenty, and two others more than twelve miles for the purpose) were confirmed. Thus the missionary presented this year forty-nine candidates for confirmation in a mission supposed to consist mainly of other than Church people.

The result of the trip was to show that there is a great opening for work at the head of Grand Lake and Salmon River; and if the Parish of Chipman could be combined with Waterborough in a new mission, there is good prospect of success. Then all the district from Waterford to Maugerville would be worked by a

continuous chain of missionaries; and if it please God to give health and strength to those that are now working in that belt, a great work for the Church will, with God's blessing, be effected.

INCAPACITATED CLERGY FUND.

An earnest appeal on behalf of this fund was issued last year by a special committee appointed for that purpose. The appeal cannot have reached as many hearts as could be wished, for the response last year was only \$1,500, which sum was mainly subscribed or collected by the clergy. The question is really one for the laity, who should take care that they do not allow their ministers to suffer want when in disability from old age or enfeebled health. The appeal is found at page 109 of the report for 1884.

There is good provision made for the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, but hardly any for the clergy who may be disabled either for life or for a time. The prospect of prolonged life without full strength and health must therefore be more depressing to a clergyman, from a financial point of view, than that of premature death. The sentiment of sympathy for the bereaved touches the heart more than simple duty towards an aged minister of God.

It is proposed to raise enough during the next five years to provide some annuity for four clergymen who may have become disabled. The sum required is \$15,000, of which about one-tenth (\$1,500) has been raised. The remainder can easily be made up within the five years if there be any real sympathy excited for this most deserving object. Thus, say :

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After a meeting at Dorchester a committee was appointed which has raised over nine hundred dollars, and hopes to raise a thousand in five years.

After a meeting at St. Paul's (Valley) Church, Portland, a committee was appointed, which has not yet reported.

After a sermon at Trinity Church, St. John, a collection of nearly two hundred dollars was taken up.

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