

sula Church well begun. The walls are being ceiled with pine put on in narrow boards running diagonally in bays. These are to be oiled and varnished, which, when the windows and pillars have been trimmed and stained dark, will give the whole a very cheerful and comfortable, as well as appropriate appearance. Notwithstanding the incomplete and disordered condition of the Church we had a brilliant, hearty Service on Christmas night, the choir singing, in addition to the usual beautiful hymns, the anthem "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion."

On Friday afternoon, December 23rd, the Peninsula children with the teachers of the Sunday School and day school met at the Parsonage and enjoyed a very happy tea together, which was provided and prepared by Mrs. Bayne. The evening was made very bright, particularly for the little ones, by the traditional Christmas Tree laden with presents, which were distributed by the every-joy-bringing Santa Claus. Part of this happy affair consisted in the presentation of a dozen heavily plated silver knives and forks to Mrs. Louis Amett from the congregation, as a token of their appreciation of her unfailing able discharge of her duty as organist and choir leader. Mrs. Bayne and myself were also much delighted with the gift of an excellent eight-day clock from the members of the Ladies' Guild, which was accompanied by a kind and gratifying address.

Little Gaspé Church was very prettily decorated with evergreens and appropriate mottoes in white letters on a red ground. On Christmas morning there was a bright service here with a Celebration of the Holy Communion. Here also the congregation has been practically mindful of those who labour to make beautiful the praise of our public worship. After the service Miss Price and Miss Gavey were each presented in the Vestry with a purse containing five dollars, in recognition of their faithful services in the choir.

On this very day, as if to set forth and emphasize the sad and awful side of the life of Him in whose Incarnation all were rejoicing, Mr. Robert Ascah, an old and respected member of Peninsula Church, was smitten with a stroke, from which he died on

December 31st, just as the year was expiring. He will be missed not only among his relatives, but in the Church and neighborhood. His family are all grown up: the eldest son, a graduate of the Montreal Diocesan College, labours among the Cree Indians in the Diocese of Moosonee, two others ably carry on his work on the homestead, whilst the youngest is studying at McGill with a view also to Holy Orders.

NEWPORT.

The Rev. A. H. Moore reports.—

We began another year of work in this Mission with many things to stir us to both thankfulness and encouragement. Before the cold weather came, the outbuildings of the Parsonage were clapboarded and painted at a cost of about \$40.00. Our anxiety about getting the funds to meet this expense was shortlived, as Mr. R. Elliott undertook the work of making a collection, and not only wiped out this item but secured over \$30.00 to apply to another purpose. Thus, through his energy and the help of many kind friends, who gave either work or material, we have accomplished a much needed improvement free of debt.

The Ladies' Guilds of Randboro and Island Brook are working away faithfully. The former held its last meeting at the home of Mrs. E. R. French, when a pleasant afternoon of work was spent. The last meeting of the Island Brook Guild was held at the home of the President, Mrs. G. French, and some twenty women assembled for work. The members of both Guilds, to the number of twenty-five, met at the Parsonage a few months since, when the Incumbent spoke of W. A. work, and it is hoped that we may soon have a Branch in this Mission. Our main hindrance is the distance our people live one from the other.

While speaking of parochial gatherings we remember with pleasure the gathering of the Sunday School children of the Mission during the Christmas season at Sawyerville. Tea was served for upwards of sixty children. A short programme of recitations and singing, followed by distribution of the gifts from a well laden Christmas Tree closed a pleasant evening. We have recently received from the