

LAKE WINNIPEG FISHERIES.

Mr. J. S. Hamilton, a student of Manitoba College, thus writes of this mission:

The work is very varied. All forms of belief are met, and nearly every vice exists. Sceptics and indifferent are numerous, though a larger number, including some Christian Indians, appreciate the efforts made for them. The most important station in my field was Grand Rapids. On the opposite side of the Saskatchewan, from the fishery station, is a large Indian reserve. I remained four weeks at Grand Rapids, holding service on the Sabbath morning on the reserve, and in the afternoon at the fishery. The average attendance was 60. From this station I sailed about 75 miles to a camp on Reindeer Island. Here there were 40 men, but as the camp was removed to Horse Island, in two weeks I also left this island. Last year the most important point was Little Saskatchewan, but it was not so this year. I visited for four weeks Horse Island, where upwards of 40 men were employés. In all the stations nearly everyone turned out, whatever their denomination. The congregations are generally assembled in the cook house or on the fish barge. The men are dressed in their every-day fishing dress, but are attentive and respectful. The singing at some of the services was very good. I held in my short stay seventeen services, besides having many conversations on Christian things. The literature sent by Knox Church, Winnipeg, Christian Endeavor Society was very useful. I would recommend that in future the missionary should be sent into the field early in June. My stay was a most pleasant one.

HARROWING OLD GROUND.

In the French settlements along the Red River south of Winnipeg there are scattered groups of Protestants. Three of these—Union Point, and Glenlea on the west side of the river, and Niverville on the east, have been worked together this summer by Mr. J. B. Ferguson, a zealous student of Manitoba College. Union Point has a comfortable church, has this summer enclosed it with a handsome fence, and proposes to paint and improve it. The attendance at service is good, and a successful Sabbath school is maintained. Glenlea and Niverville congregations worship in their frame schoolhouses, which are crowded with worshippers. There is a whisper that a new church in each place is being planned. Fourteen have been received this summer by profession and certificate into fellowship.

AUGUSTINE CHURCH, WINNIPEG.

This enterprising little congregation lately extended a call to Rev. C. W. Gordon, B.A., of Banff. We regret, so far as Winnipeg is concerned, that he has refused the call. Banff is to be congratulated on keeping its minister. We trust Augustine Church will speedily get a suitable pastor, and that our south wall in Winnipeg will soon be manned.