

tion in 1919. During the early part of the year small-pox, in a mild form, visited the reserve. No deaths occurred but we were kept busy giving lessons in sanitation, etc. In the early winter came the influenza. There were eighty-four cases, but only two died. When not prevented by sickness the children have attended school and made good progress.

At Lizard Point the work is steadily progressing and the missionary writes that he is convinced that the future of the Indians is bound up in agriculture. They are in a much better position financially than a year ago. They sold the best part of 1,000 tons of hay. The attendance at church services has been encouraging, especially during the milder weather, but decreases in the winter, as we have no shed to shelter the horses and it is too cold for them to stand out. We had eleven deaths on the reserve from influenza and the population stands at about 200. The women meet with Mrs. Scott once a week to learn to sew, and thus provide articles of clothing for their own use. Those who can read are beginning to enquire for papers and books. We distribute some reading matter among them and a few subscribe for Church papers. The weekly envelope system for mission purposes has made a start with fair success.

On the Pipestone reserve there are sixty-five people, twenty-eight of these are Presbyterians. Sabbath services were conducted as usual, and during the year three infants were baptized, two were added to the communion roll, and there was one Christian marriage. The Indians regret keenly the death of their minister and supervisor, Rev. Mr. Ross, as he was a kind friend to them. The financial side of the work is low, owing to the failure of crops. Mrs. Thunder has just completed ten nice quilts for sale; the money they bring will go to the W.M.S. funds. The missionary adds, "We are so grateful to the young women's Bible Class in Victoria Church, Toronto, for the gift of a magic lantern. It has been a wonderful help in our work. The Indians from other reserves visit them when the lantern is in use.

In spite of difficulties, in the way of temporary quarters, the work at Alberni, B.C., is making steady progress and we are delighted to learn from the Indian Department at Ottawa that they purpose erecting a new boarding school at Alberni this coming summer.

The staff and pupils suffered much from a severe attack of "flu," and one bright boy passed away. The inadequate quarters made it very difficult to look after the sick. Kind friends in Alberni came to their relief and ministered day and night until all were out of danger.

The work of the Barclay Sound and Ucluelet was cared for by Thomas Shewish, native missionary, while Rev. J. T. Ross kindly supervised the building of the new boarding school at Ahousaht.

We again record our sorrow at the sudden passing away of our new Principal, Rev. Mr. Matthews, at Lake of the Woods Boarding School. We welcome his successor, Rev. P. Martin, and wish him true success in the undertaking before him. We regret that, owing to conditions, it has been well nigh impossible to get competent workers for the school. To all new members of staff we extend a cordial welcome and wish a God speed to all who have gone from us.

These few incidents from the reports of our Indian workers show, in a very small degree, the nature of the work they are doing. We know that this ministry to our red brethren will not fail of its reward, nor return unto the Master void of results.

