

the rocky shore on skates. He had, however, miscalculated the difficulties of the way and had to pass the night as best he could, in company of a roaring fire, but without blankets. He found the Indians (who still profess paganism), very kind and hospitable. They are advancing too in civilization—the influence of christianity indirectly reaching them. We fear our funds will not allow our maintaining a school among them this summer; but as several of these families are frequently found at the other stations, they will still have some advantages and the missionary will visit the Indian hamlet at Serpent River as often as possible, in his mission boat, during the season.

Twenty miles further east is

#### SPANISH RIVER.

At this place, where are saw mills, there are always Indians employed in the summer. They live in shanties and wig-wams and send their children to Miss Baylis' school. Numbers of these Indian girls and boys are now growing up to adult age, with a good foundation of Scriptural knowledge obtained in the Mission School. Last autumn, some of these Indians were so impressed with the advantages of christian teaching, that they told Miss Baylis they would, when she left Spanish River for the winter, remove to Mississagua, to be within the reach of Mr. Lister's ministrations. Miss Baylis has collected the gifts of the friends of our work in the city of Montreal, and is now at her post again. The over-fatigue of last year, consequent on her holding three or four Sabbath services, in addition to teaching and visiting all the week, has induced the directors to counsel her to confine her Sabbath work to the Indians; leaving the white residents to resources they ought to be able to provide for themselves.

Other places in the same region, as

#### SHE-SHE-GWAHNING, LACLOCHE AND LITTLE CURRENT,

are visited during the season of open water, as often as possible. At most of these lake points, Indians from the far north toward the Hudson Bay, come down for two or three months in summer to trade. And the gospel can thus be carried into the vast interior, far more than we can perhaps ever know anything about in this world.

The Rev. James Howell has visited many parts of Ontario and Quebec, collecting for the Society. We have to thank many kind friends everywhere for their continued confidence and gifts. The great depression of business has made it difficult for any benevolent society to collect an adequate support; yet we present this report without any actual debt on the Society. We hope for better times during the year we now enter, and we earnestly appeal to our friends to assist in the important work of sending the gospel to the remnant