

Auxiliary. He also offered to attend the Auxiliary Meetings in his parishes till they got well started, and give them some Missionary information on the subjects for the month.

Mrs. Phillips, of Hawkesbury, has kindly invited your Editor to the rectory to meet the members of the Hawkesbury Auxiliary.

*The following is an extract of a letter written by Rev. Geo. Bruce to St. James' Church Branch of the W.A., Perth.*

.. The two bales were received in good order and condition; words are inadequate to express our gratitude for the very useful and most acceptable articles. I must tell you a little about our Christmas tree. At first we were much exercised in mind if we could manage one, but I am glad to say that the liberality of the ladies was ample for the occasion; and we, who are living here in the wilderness, thought that the tree looked magnificent. It was a great delight to the children, who so eagerly looked for a small gift. Over one hundred received a small remembrance of the day. The programme was lengthy; several of the children took part, some recited and some sang. The chief and councillors gave short speeches; and before the unloading of the tree, Mrs. Bruce served out tea and cakes to over one hundred and fifty persons. An Indian thinks it a luxury to get a sweetened cup of tea. In my remarks I compared the past with the present. When I first came here it was with difficulty that I could feel my way through the forest, there was not even a footpath, and there was only one solitary 'shanty.' The Mission was then at lower Fairford, five miles from here, but had to be abandoned on account of high water, and was moved to the present site. The church was a low log building entirely innocent of lime, no pews but stools, the women sitting on one side of the church and the men on the other. Mostly all had the original garb, 'The blanket,' etc. Very few could make use of books, a voice here and there was heard responding, the same in singing, whilst a half dozen of the old heathen men squatted themselves down near the stove: and very soon the 'fire-bag' was brought out, and the contents, steel, flint, touch-wood, pipe, knife and tobacco put into use; giving the congregation the full benefit of their enjoyable whiff at the pipe. Now we have a comfortable church 35 x 69 feet, and a congregation that can worship similarly to any civilized congregation. We have also a choir. Almost every one can read, either in the Indian syllabic characters or in the English language. We have now four places of worship, and over two hundred children's names on the register. The services on each Lord's Day are conducted in both languages. We have also a Sunday-school. Besides the care of this church and its vicinity, there are quite a number of groups of scattered inhabitants, some twenty, thirty, fifty, and eighty miles away. Last week I returned after an absence of nine days visiting. [Here follows a most graphic description of the tour, space permits only a very abbre-