

ST. BARNABAS, VICTORIA.

It is with much satisfaction that we write the record of the past month.

On December 15th our sale of work was held in the Cathedral school and was the means of adding about \$160 to the funds. About 100 persons partook of the high tea and pronounced it a success; a short concert was given at the close of the sale.

A subscription was started early in the month to provide for the painting of the interior of the church. The work was completed in time for the Xmas services and the appearance of the building has been very materially improved. \$72 has so far been subscribed and about \$30 more will be needed.

Our Christmas services were hearty and well attended. There were 46 communicants and an offertory of \$14.25 for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

On the 29th we had our second confirmation service, nine candidates were presented to the Bishop and listened most attentively to his Lordship's instructive addresses.

On New Year's eve we had evensong at 11.15. There was a fair congregation. Immediately after 12 o'clock the Communion service was commenced, the rector being celebrant. Instead of a sermon, addresses were delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and the Rev. J. B. Hewetson. There were 39 communicants at this service.

We, at St. Barnabas, feel that we have had very much to be thankful for during the first year's existence of our parish, and we look forward confidently to the future, believing that God will continue to bless the work and determining that the close of 1892 shall see our church full and our debts extinguished.

G. W. T.

SONGHEES INDIAN SCHOOL.

The children of the above school, with their parents, were invited to a "Christmas Tree" at the Cathedral schools, yesterday afternoon, by the kindness of the "King's Daughters." Games and other amusements were indulged in, after tea; then the presents on the tree were distributed to each child by a gentleman who admirably acted the part of "Santa Claus." Bags of candies were also given to the delighted