

group, and soon after he had a comfortable mission-house erected. For the two last winters Mr. Mackay has, at his own expense, maintained a school at the mission house. This school has been very successful. The children receive, to a large extent, both food and clothing, as well as instruction from the missionary. During the last winter there were some twenty children in attendance. It is a great help to Mr. Mackay that he can now speak freely to his people in their own language. The infant church here met with a severe loss last autumn, in the death of Chief "Little Child," a few weeks after he and his two children had been received into the church. Mr. Mackay says of him: "He was not left long with us after his profession of faith in the Lord Jesus, but long enough to be instrumental in leading others to embrace the same Gospel which he so much loved."

5. CÔTE'S RESERVE.

This reserve is situated near Fort Pelly, on the Assiniboine River, in the north-western corner of the Province, about 100 miles north of the nearest station on the Canadian Pacific Railway. There are 264 persons resident on this reserve, under Chief Côté. Our church is represented here by Mr. C. G. McKay, who discharges the double duty of missionary and teacher. The chief and his head men have just shown their appreciation of Mr. McKay, by asking to have him ordained as their missionary. The number on the communion roll is about thirty. There is no church, and Mr. McKay has during the winter been holding services in the houses of the Indians with good attendance. There are twenty children in the school.

6. PRINCE ALBERT.

The High School at Prince Albert is doing good work, and making satisfactory progress. The Rev. Alex. Campbell, B. A., an experienced and successful teacher, was appointed last July, to co-operate with the Rev. Mr. McWilliam in the school and mission work. Under their excellent management the school is justifying the action of the General Assembly in establishing it. There are now sixteen pupils attending it, studying the branches of higher education.

7. ASSINIBOINE RESERVE.

This reserve is situated about ten miles south of Indian Head, Assiniboia. There are upon it 273 Indians of the Assiniboine tribe, under Chief Jack. This reserve was examined last August by the Convener and Mr. Flett, and recommended by them as a suitable field to be taken up by the church. It was accordingly agreed to begin operations by establishing a school. The efforts of Mr. Scott, teacher, are well seconded by his wife, who teaches the women and girls sewing, knitting, etc. There are nineteen children in the school, and they are making as much progress as could be expected. This is an important re-

serve. Here, too, the clothing sent by the ladies has been a great boon to the Indians, and a great help to our missionary.

8. PIAPOT'S RESERVE.

This important reserve is situated in the Qu'Appelle valley, about thirty miles north-east of Regina. This group has a population of 863 souls, and would form an excellent field for the labours of a missionary. Of these reserves, Piapot's is by far the most important. It has a population of about 400. These reserves also were explored by Mr. Flett and the Convener last summer. At that time Chief Piapot and his councillors gave their consent to the opening of a school on this reserve in connection with our church, and it was expected that the government, with, perhaps, some assistance from our Committee, would at once erect a school-house; and Miss Rose, of Woodstock, Ontario, an earnest and devoted Christian and experienced and successful teacher, was appointed to take charge of the school.

9. STONY PLAINS RESERVE.

This reserve is situated near Edmonton. It is under Chief Enoch le Potac. The number belonging to the band is 171. Here, through the Rev. A. B. Baird's efforts, a school was opened last December under the care of Mr. M. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is a thoroughly practical man, and has had extensive experience in dealing with the Indian. He is assisted by his wife, who teaches the girls how to sew, knit, etc., and he is conducting the school with energy and success. The average attendance is nineteen, a high winter average in a school so lately established. This report shows that we have thirteen reserves under our care, with a population of about 3,200 souls. We have in our seven schools about 125 pupils. The whole Indian population of Manitoba and the North-West Territories is 31,954. There is, therefore, less than *one-tenth* of the Indians of this part of the Dominion under the care of our Church. This record is far from being creditable to either our patriotism or Christianity. Our labours should at once be increased at least twofold. In regard to the ministrations to the temporal wants of those wandering tribes, on whose heritage we have entered, and for whom we are so specially bound to care, Mr. Mackay says: "Our mission work here differs from other foreign missions in that it is (1) work among paupers; (2) work among a race passing away; and (3) work among inhabitants of our own country. As to Government aid, Mr. Mackay says: "The Government has been dealing liberally with our bands during the past year. They have received much food and help in farming. Four men have been appointed as farm instructors. We think each of them is suitable for his work and position. And we trust they will be of assistance to us in our mission work." Much of