

was very much comforted by receiving the Blessed Sacrament which I administered. We had a hearty Christmas service in the little church, which the Indians had decorated nicely for the season. We sang Christmas hymns, and used the service for Christmas Day, and had a celebration of Holy Communion. I explained that I could not get to see them on Christmas Day, so we kept the festivity as soon as we could and as near the day as we could. There was also a sermon suitable to the occasion, and after the service I distributed the W.A. gifts to the children. Each boy and girl got some article of clothing, and some old women received blankets, or, rather, quilts, and all ended most happily and joyously.

After the service I went with Big John to his home at the mouth of the river. It was midnight when we arrived, but I slept in his house, and next morning administered communion to his mother, who was sick. The rest of the Indians in the neighbourhood came in and we had service, and an old Indian and a young boy were baptized. I had some private conversation with the Indian, and found him in earnest, as far as I could know, so I improved the public occasion by explaining the meaning and obligations of baptism.

The following week I went over to see the Indians on the Spanish River. The journey thither was more dangerous than the crossing the other way; the cracks were a "terror," as the mail-carrier said whom I met on the portages. The ice was bulged and open in many places, and sometimes it seemed as if large pieces were floating like a raft. However, "all's well that ends well," and I reached my destination at night with nothing more than a broken gearing on the sleigh, which occurred in the woods after I had crossed over the ice.

The school here is in charge of Miss Morley, who lives over the schoolhouse, which also does duty as a church. Our Christmas service in Epiphany were repeated here with fully the same earnestness, and a good number partook of Holy Communion with me. I was just one day too late to bury an Indian sister, who had been ill a long time, but who was buried in the little graveyard by our lady teacher and catechist, according to the rites of the Church of England. We had services evening and morning, and instruction to children, and distribution of W.A. garments to them.

F.F.

**Emsdale Mission.**

REV. A. W. H. CHOWNE, R.D., INCUMBENT.

Friday being the only evening when the school can be used for such purposes, a most enjoyable time was spent at Ebberston on the evening of the 12th of February. A concert was given, with recitations, readings, and addresses. The school was well filled, and everything went off well. All seemed to enjoy themselves until late in the night. The piece which seemed to take most with the children was when Sambo telephoned to Montreal in great haste for a carload of flour, and, in answer to his importunate demand for its immediate arrival, received a cloud of Manitoba flour in his face, which stopped his further use of the instrument. We deeply regret that we have to resort to so childish a plan to obtain money to furnish God's house; but even this has its good side, for it helps to keep the people united by social intercourse, and this is no trifle. The Raverworth Glee Club performed in a most admirable manner. The proceeds, \$8.50, are towards seating the church. We thank all who helped us, and shall be glad of their help again. Mr. George Worsley (churchwarden) worked hard to get up the entertainment and make it a success. He is, in his office, a good example to many who care nothing about doing their duty.

A.W.H.C.

**Port Carling Mission.**

REV. W. A. J. BURT, INCUMBENT.

In obedience to the wish of our new Bishop collections were made in four of the stations of this mission for the India famine fund, with the following result:

St. James'.....	\$16 00
Christ Church. ....	12 00
St. John's.....	5 00
St. George's.....	2 25

Total... .. \$35 25

\$25.25 of this amount was forwarded to the Rev. R. Renison, B.A., Sault Ste. Marie. \$10 will be paid at Easter.

W.A.J.B.

**Temiscamingue Mission.**

JAMES HICKLAND, CATECHIST.

On Saturday evening, January 30th, there was a social entertainment held in the public school at Liskeard. An abundant supply of suitable presents for the school children and their friends was

suspended from a large Christmas tree. There were a large number of Church adherents and their families present, notwithstanding the unusual inclemency of the weather. A varied and extensive programme was gone through, including readings, recitations, music, and singing by the children. Mr. McKelvey and the local magistrate, Mr. John Armstrong, made short and appropriate speeches. After this the gifts were duly distributed, and almost all present received some gift or prize. The catechist in charge, Mr. Hickland, then delivered an address, urging upon the young the all-importance of patience and perseverance in the study of God's Word while they had youth on their side and minds tender and susceptible to receive the blessed truths and promises contained therein. Like the little Samuel, who while yet a child, served the Lord, and as a consequence grew on in favour both with God and also with men, so would they increase in honour, in spiritual and temporal blessings, and, above all, they would attain to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus, which is nothing short of life everlasting. Mr. Hickland then informed the people and children that it would be most desirable to have special prizes for those children who would display unusual merit in Scriptural knowledge during the forthcoming year. He stated that a special prize of \$2 would be awarded to any boy or girl who could repeat verbatim the "Sermon on the Mount" and the Church Catechism, and half this sum to any other boys or girls who could repeat one of these subjects. As many of them were already acquainted with both subjects, the task would not prove one of great difficulty. The speaker next solicited the hearty co-operation of all parents to see that the "home lessons" were duly prepared and the appointed verses committed to memory. If parents either neglected or declined to enforce this binding Christian duty, they could not be said to have brought up their children in the fear, nurture, and admonition of the Lord, and the fruits of neglect, which meant failure in the one thing needful, would, he feared, be the sad results in many of their lives. The safest and best way to carry out this undertaking is for the head of the household to have an appointed hour for Scripture reading, and allow nothing to interfere with this arrangement. Examples in such cases are always better than precepts, though both must be combined. Occasional questioning on the home lesson by a parent is most profitable. "Yes, study