

the Rev. Dr. Wood and the Rev. J. G. Laird. It is a plain structure, finished according to contract, and will seat about two hundred persons comfortably. It is provided with a bell, to call the willing worshipper to the house of prayer. The spire rises to a good height, and can be seen twenty miles distant on the bay. It is a pleasant place to worship in, is well attended, and to some it has already become the place where they espoused the cause of God, and their spiritual birth-place; so that the great object of building the house is being realized. In this we rejoice! We rejoice, too, that without mishap the temple has been finished. But much more do we rejoice for prosperity within its walls, and peace among those who worship in it.

Although contracted for by builders, and paid for in Indian funds, yet the work has not been accomplished without exertion and anxiety on the part of the Missionary.

H. BAWTINHEIMER.

CHRISTIAN ISLAND.

We have experienced in the forepart of the Conference year much sorrow in the loss of our two grown-up daughters. We believe God's sustaining grace was vouchsafed to us. May we strive to be more faithful, even unto the end.

The stated means of grace on this Island have continued without interruption, and we have had some seasons of spiritual good. I visited Beausoliel Island last fall, once during winter, and once before Conference. Received, 16; dropped, 1; deaths, 6; members registered, 82.

There are still a few families that stay away from the Mission during the winter, but we have hopes that such habits will cease.

A new parsonage is much needed near the church. The Chippewas have agreed in council to pay \$200 out of their Government annuities to help to build a parsonage.

They also appear to do more about farming by clearing land in the interior of the Island.

The day-school has been kept open, except five weeks during the sugar season, when the children had to go with their parents into the interior of the Island. The Chippewas pay a part of the teacher's salary through the Indian department. The school register has 26 names, about half is the average attendance. The children have made some progress in reading and spelling.

The Sabbath-school has been attended by 33 scholars, all are learning the first catechism.

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GARDEN RIVER.

My attention has been directed through the year, to two things, viz., 1st. The home work at Garden River; and, 2nd. Some efforts to extend the work.

Of the first, I have to say, that our services have been regularly maintained through the whole year: two public services and the Sunday-school each Sabbath. The morning service is for a mixed congregation in English; in the evening, through an interpreter, especially

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