

Muskoka Missions.

MARY LAKE MISSION.—A very pleasant and successful Church Social was held in the Church Hall, Huntsville—one of the stations of the Mary Lake Mission, on the evening of the 20th of Dec. A capital supper was prepared by the ladies of the congregation, to which between two and three hundred sat down. After supper an excellent programme of music and singing by the local members, with Christmas carols by the S. S. children made the evening most enjoyable. Nearly \$40.00 was netted, which goes towards removing the debt on the church building, which has just been completed and furnished.

PORT SYDNEY.—At Port Sydney, another station on the same mission, there was a Christmas tree on the 26th for the S. S. children. The tree was very tastefully decorated, and gifts to the value of

nearly \$25 distributed to the children of the S. S. by Old Santa Claus, who to the great delight of the children, appeared in full costume. Besides the S. S. children, who number forty or more, there was something for every child present. A large number of people were present to witness the distribution of gifts.

The yoke of the new bell which has lately been purchased by Christ Church congregation, Port Sydney, was unfortunately broken in transshipment, and could not be hung in time to ring out the "merry merry bells" at Christmas, much to the disappointment of us all.

BRUNEL.—The new church in Brunel, the 3rd station in the mission has just been completed, and, though small, presents a very neat and comfortable appearance inside.

Wawanosh Home.

MISS BROWNE is now fairly established in her girls' institution, with eight scholars; and lessons and needlework go on regularly, day after day. Already has the Shingwauk Home found the benefit of this second institution, the girls fingers have been busy, and they have supplied all that we have wanted in the way of sheets and bed-linen, and underclothing for the boys, and have also furnished us with twenty-two hammocks for the front dormitory. We are doing away with wooden bedsteads altogether; wooden bedsteads harbour vermin, and iron bedsteads bend and break, and so the blacksmith has put up a strong horizontal iron rod down the centre of each dormitory, and from these are suspended the boys' hammocks. In return for these good services on the part of the girls, our boys make their boots for them, and we are preparing and hauling the stone for the remainder of their building. We also lend them a cow from our farm; and on Sunday, occasionally, Miss Browne enjoys the benefit of our buggy (sleigh it ought to be, but this extraordinary winter has produced no snow at present). The buggy is in rather a delapidated condition, and the horse occasionally lies down from

over weariness. still our friends at the Wawanosh are glad of some means of getting into town occasionally, and the Girl's Home is not sufficiently prosperous at present to keep a horse on its own account. It is a fearfully muddy road that road to the Wawanosh, and a soft winter like the present makes it doubly trying, shoes lost in the mud, impromptu rides on a horse's back and such and such like things have been the woeful experience of life at the Wawanosh Home. But though mud and mortar beds abound without, inside all is a pattern of neatness and decorum. The girls clean and tidy, in snow-white aprons and pinafores sit at needle work with the matron or assist her in the cooking and laundry work, while the Lady Superintendent attends to their studies, keeps account of everything, and corresponds untiringly with the supporters of the Home. This is the commencement of what, it is hoped, will ere long be a prosperous institution, with accommodation for some thirty girls, who, as at the Shingwauk, would be trained up to be useful members of society, earnest Christians and good, practical housekeepers, to tend the houses and rear the children of a future generation.