

## INDIAN MISSIONS.

## CAMP-MEETING AT CHRISTIAN ISLAND.

*Letter from the Rev. E. HURLBURT, dated October, 1870.*

I have thought, that perhaps if I were to send you a few lines relating to my Mission work, it would be acceptable to you.

The camp-meeting which we held in August on Christian Island, was, by the blessing of God, a great success. We had Indians from Rama, Snake, and Georgiana Islands; Saugeen, Cape Crocker, Parry Sound, and the North Shore; beside our own Indians on this and Beausoliel Islands, numbering, all told, 52 tents, (or wigwams,) and from 450 to 500 Indians. The meeting continued five days. We are very thankful to the Missionary Secretaries for sending to our assistance the Rev. Allan Salt, who, in connection with the local preachers from the various Indian Missions, labored very faithfully and did much good. A vast amount of good was effected at this very interesting meeting, in the conversion of Indians, the reclaiming of back-sliders, and the great quickening of God's people. At the close of the meeting, we found that the converted and reclaimed numbered 26; of these, 6 were Pagans, who were baptised and received into the Church. But we cannot fully estimate the amount of good effected by the numerical increase. Very many of the followers of Jesus felt that they had experienced a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost, and impressions, perhaps, left on the minds of many that may in after days bring forth good fruit to the glory of God.

## BEAUSOLIEL ISLAND.

This Island is situated some 25 miles in a north-westerly direction from Christian Island. In the summer season we visit the few Indians at Beausoliel by sail-boat, and in the winter we walk to the Island, over the ice and

snow on snow-shoes. We have visited them twice this summer. At our last visit we held a quarterly service, most of the Indians were at home. We had a very interesting and profitable meeting. If those few Indians at Beausoliel could be induced to remove to Christian Island, as they belong to the band living on this Island, we think it would be much better for them, as there is ample room for all the band on Christian Island, and abundance of good land; besides it would be a saving of expense to the Missionary Society, as we cannot get to and from Beausoliel without incurring more or less expense.

It is not my province to interfere with any of the arrangements of the Government or Missionary Society, as relate to the Indian work, &c.; but as you take a deep interest in the Indian work, I thought of making a suggestion or two to you, if you would have no objections. It is this: that if the Indians on Snake and Georgiana Islands could be induced to remove to Christian Island, or those at Cape Crocker, as there is room enough on this Island, and good land enough for all, it would form quite a large settlement of Indians. Here we have a good Church; and as this Island is such an isolated place, the Indians would, in a great measure, be excluded from, or not exposed to, those temptations so peculiar to the Indian mind when living among or surrounded by the whites, as it is well known that the worst vices prevalent among the Indians they learn from unprincipled white men. Besides it would be a saving of funds to the Missionary Society of more than \$500 yearly, as one Missionary and one School Teacher could attend to them all if living on this Island.

## LAKE OF THE TWO MOUNTAINS.

## THE DAY-SCHOOL.

Miss Parent writes of the school, "When I commenced the school I found they nearly all knew the alphabet, and four of the boys could read pretty well. Only two understood the first

four rules of arithmetic, the rest are in subtraction and addition. Some of them are very good writers. They are very intelligent and like to come to school, and seem to be very grateful for what is done for them. They are very