

Indian Work.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE.

Morley Mission and McDougall Orphanage.—

This year now drawing to a close has been one of considerable trial to our people. A complication of disease came to the reserve during the winter months, and many children fell victims, and a cloud of sorrow has hung over the mission. At the Orphanage, the new school-house had to be turned into a hospital, and the Institution practically quarantined for some time. The Principal and Matron and other members of the staff were almost continually on duty in attending to the sick and dying. But notwithstanding these troubles, a remarkable condition of Christian fortitude and patient trust has been strongly apparent, and your missionaries have been encouraged in seeing that many of these people are possessed of a sublime faith in God. The migratory habit of the Mountain Stoney is still a serious drawback to our schools, and, indeed, a very great drawback to steady growth on all lines; and yet we are delighted to report improvement even in this respect.

JOHN MCDUGALL.

White Whale Lake Mission.—I have nothing very remarkable to report this year. The regular services have been held week by week and have been very well attended. The preaching of the Word has not been without good results. The people are slowly but surely growing, but they are nomads, often being in the woods for long periods, coming home having forgotten much of the teaching of the past. The school, under the teaching of Mr. W. G. Blewell, has been a great success. The children have made progress, and the reports sent by the Inspector and Indian Agent in reference to the school have been very good indeed. *Stony Plain.*—Services have been held during the year twice each month, and the people have turned out very well. We have been able to reach, also, the few half-breeds who live in the neighborhood of the reserve. I have to thank the Committee of the Presbyterian Church Missionary Society for lending me their building for a preaching-place. We have here a few true members of our Church who look to us for help. *Riverre Que Barre.*—Our work has almost ceased here. Two more families are removing to White Whale Lake. No doubt, in time, the remaining two will come also. The people here are also often away. All the Indians on this mission have improved very much in temporal things. This spring they have twice as much land cultivated, and there is a much greater willingness to engage in farm work. I am very hopeful for the future.

C. E. SUMERSET.

White Fish Lake.—There has been during the Conference year a growing influence against certain harmful practices. Effort has been made to make the people think and aim at ideals in morals, religion and secular life. It requires fertile resources to wean the people from questionable amusements and at the same time furnish them with something better. The white women at White Fish Lake have organized a society for the Indian women, the object of which is home adornments and comforts, and moral and social improvement. This work is difficult to manipulate, but its influence will tell for good sooner or later. There is urgent need of a new school midway between White Fish Lake and Good Fish Lake, where twenty-six pupils can be secured within easy reach of the school site, and where Sabbath services should be held. The attendance at the three day-schools has been very encouraging, and there is a reflex influence, the one upon the other, between the day-schools and the Industrial School at Red Deer. The White Fish Lake school has been a bright spot for the young during the year; their English and manners have greatly improved. The prospects for an efficient school at Saddle Lake are bright. The teacher, agent and Indians tore down the old house, enlarged and rebuilt it on a central site near the mission. As teacher and missionary at this appointment, Mr. McKitrick is doing acceptable work.

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Missionary Readings.

Signal Trophies at the Feet of Jesus.

THE above is the title of an address given by the Rev. Frederick J. Stanley, L.H.D., recently of Japan, at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the United States, held in Philadelphia, and published in the *Missionary Review of the World*, from which we take the following extracts:

"The opening of the Chinese Empire, of nearly four hundred millions, to foreign trade relations with, and the establishment of manufactories by, all the sixteen civilized powers of the world—if the treaty of peace shall be ratified by May 8th, at Chefoo, as the conclusion of this Oriental war—is another trophy. The East India Company for a hundred and fifty years, and the combined diplomacy of the sixteen civilized powers of the world for the past fifty-five years, have been able only to force open twenty-four treaty ports, but God through little Japan in the past ten months, as His 'Gideon and three hundred,' has opened the entire nineteen provinces of that great Mongolian Empire! A marvel in Oriental history! 'Behold, what hath God wrought!'"

"The Empress of Japan riding beside her husband in an open carriage, on February 11th, 1889, when he promulgated the constitution—that was the first time in twenty-four hundred years' history of that empire that the wife had been thus publicly recognized—a result of the diffusion of Christian principles in that land.

"Last year the Emperor and Empress celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, the only time in twenty-four centuries a Japanese monarch had thus acknowledged the sanctity of marriage—an unparalleled event, tending to the final acknowledgment of Christian monogamy. This trophy we joyfully lay at the feet of our beloved Lord.

"Unprecedented honor was shown woman when Yajima San, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Japan, heading the petition of several hundred Japanese women, succeeded in gaining admission for women to the galleries of both houses of Parliament as interested spectators of the political affairs of the nation.

"Another trophy to lay at the feet of Jesus is that venerable, snow-white-haired saint, Morita San, of Tokyo, now at the age of seventy-seven still laboring as a Bible reader, who thirty-five years ago was transformed from a despised outcast (*baba*) to a noble Christian woman. To-day she beholds in Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches several of the first boys she led to Sabbath School three decades ago, standing as leaders in education and Christian religion of the nation and the Church.

"The Empress of Japan is President of the Red Cross Society, which organization prompted the Christian and humane orders last September by the Japanese commanders for the treatment of the enemy's wounded and prisoners.

"With her own hands Her Majesty has prepared bandages and lint during these past ten months in the palace at Tokyo, and sent them six hundred miles to her husband in Hiroshima, with this message: 'Please accept these and use them to bind up the wounds of both the Chinese and Japanese soldiers.' A nineteenth century miracle! for her ancestors and even she had been taught during the seven hundred years of feudalism (which fell only in 1868 A.D.) to only *hate* and *destroy* their enemies, never to *show mercy* or *kindness*.

"Only three decades of Christianity in that land produced this as a trophy—'Love your enemies'—that the Empress, although not an avowed Christian, is yet so governed by Christian principle as to bring forth these remarkable deeds of love.

"The magnanimity of the Emperor of Japan and his advisers the past few weeks is without a parallel in history. When dictating the terms of peace this month to China, they stipulated that the five thousand Chinese prisoners to be returned on the ratification of the treaty should be