

the Rama children know all that she can teach them, they will not need to go to the Church school at Sault St. Marie, or elsewhere.

It occurred to me, however, that some home incentives might invest our own school with greater attraction, and accordingly I begged of Mr. Woolsey to announce to the school that prizes would be distributed at the close of the year. Also prizes for sewing, cleanliness, good conduct,

punctuality, &c., &c. I am persuaded this will have a good effect; and it gave me great pleasure to advise Mr. Woolsey that I would pay the amounts on his furnishing me the names of the successful competitors. I hope, therefore, as I stated at the commencement of this somewhat extended epistle, that our short visit to this place has not been without benefit to our Rama Indians. More when I see you.

COLLINGWOOD DISTRICT.

From the Rev. E. CLEMENT, Chairman of the District, dated Aug. 30, 1875.

I have just returned from the Christian Islands Camp-meeting. Seven of my own family, and a few friends from Collingwood, occupied the Mission-house, which was very near to the camp-grounds, and apart from the religious services had a very pleasant time. I think about four hundred Indians, all told, were present—from Saugeen, Cape Croker, Snake and Georgina 'slands, and from the north shore of the Georgian Bay. The Camp-meeting commenced on Wednesday; on Friday an excursion came over from Collingwood, and a service was held for them on the afternoon of that day.

On Saturday I preached for the first time, but with much difficulty, through an interpreter.

On Sunday I administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to one hundred and forty Indians, baptized six children, and including one on Saturday evening, an old woman of eighty, a Pagan all her days, but who wanted to die in the name of Jesus. I baptized thirteen adults, nearly all Pagans; and also married one couple.

The Indians on the island, by no means numerous, provided munificently for the accommodation of their visitors from the other Missions; three barrels of pork, \$75; seven barrels of flour, \$30; &c.

J. Ashquabe, from Snake Island, preached on Sunday morning.

Big Canoe, from Georgina Island, was very active and serviceable; he is regarded as one of the most consistent of the Indian local preachers, and very acceptable among his brethren.

Mr. Elliott was there from Parry Island; he is not at all well, but remains to preach in the church to-night and Tuesday night.

A number of conversions were reported, some of them Pagans, but an utter ignorance of their language, and in my case of their usages and peculiarities, place one at a great disadvantage.

When I returned from the Christian Islands, where I went to see about the Camp-meeting, I met Bro. Stewart; the same day he went up to Parry Sound, and got a chance the same evening to his Mission; so he was there for Sunday, the 22nd. I go to Parry Sound next Sunday, and on Tuesday meet the McKellar officials, so as to have the necessary information for the financial District Mission on the 19th of September, as I did not think it desirable Bro. Stewart should leave his Mission again so soon.

It is a great pity Mr. Salt is not here at this time. What prospect is there of his coming? If Mr. Salt is going to be long detained, I think *Big Canoe* would be willing to go for a short time, and be very acceptable to the Indians.