

THE Children's Presbyterian.

THE CHRISTIAN'S PORTION.

Is thy life lonely?
Jesus is near thee;
Is thy heart saddened?
Jesus can cheer thee.

Dost thou feel friendless?
Jesus befriends thee;
Helpless and hopeless?
His grace attends thee.

Dost thou lack power?
Jesus can give it;
Grace for life-witness?
From Him receive it.

Dost thou fear trial?
He will shine through it;
Fiery temptation?
Jesus foreknew it.

Long'st thou to love Him?
He notes thy sighing;
Notes it—to give thee
Soul satisfying.

Woudst thou be faithful?
Christ can uphold thee;
Fear'st thou to falter?
His grace will unfold thee.

Out of his riches
Each need supplying,
Trust Him for living,
Trust Him for dying.
—*The Christian.*

LETTER FROM A PASTOR.

Dear Children:—

The last Maritime Presbyterian told you that there were not less than 4000 Indians in the Lower Provinces. Throughout our whole Dominion there are 110,505. Is anything being done for these poor people by Christian men and women you ask. Yes our own church has a mission among them in the North West. There are now three missionaries and

three teachers instructing them. One of the schools is taught by a young Indian, and a good many children are found attending these schools. Last year the head chief of one of the tribes came out openly on the Lord's side and is now a follower of Christ. Having much influence among the people he will no doubt draw many more to the Saviour. Now children the same Gospel to which you listen every Sabbath day can raise up these poor people and make them useful in the church and world.

You should be very much interested then in sending the message of Salvation to those who need it. And when you hear of good being done you ought to rejoice and feel glad and say, What hath God wrought?

Let me tell you then, that what our Church is doing among the Indians here, that the Churches in the United States are engaged in the same work and among the same people. Last summer a meeting was held in Philadelphia in behalf of educating the Indians. Several Indian boys were present from a school at Carlisle. They sat upon the platform and some of them made little speeches. I want to give you one of these speeches which I read some days ago. You will say what a noble speech and it will show you what the Gospel and education is doing for the Indian in the United States.

"I am very glad to see you to-night my friends. I have a few words to say about Indians. There are a great many Indians who like to fight. They can't do anything to help themselves because they don't know anything. There are twenty-seven different tribes at the Carlisle school. Some of them were enemies to each other before they came to Carlisle. But now all the tribes at Carlisle school are friends to each other. We all came here to learn the same things. We want to learn your ways and the English language. Now the Indian children can learn. Do you think we can't? The English language is better than any Indian language. We can get along better if we learn to speak English. We can't learn to