

Catholics who had come over from a Roman Catholic settlement some 150 miles away. I was delighted to find the Indians so ready and anxious to hear the Word of God. Some of the Indians from White Fish and Lesser Slave Lake had carried the good news before me, and I certainly realized that the Spirit of God, unknown to us, prepared the ground for the good seed. They have given us, as a body (leaving out the Roman Catholics), a most cordial invitation to go and settle amongst them, but they want a teacher or minister to take up his abode amongst them next winter. I promised that one would be provided, so that unless our friends in Canada can find us a good earnest young man I must leave St. Peter's and fulfil my promise, which I shall certainly do before December. I had the privilege of baptizing twenty-nine children at Wapuskow, and five at White Fish Lake, including two adults.

I am sorry to say that I shall not be able to leave for the East, since I have not succeeded in finding any one to take my place.

Some of the Indians I met are very poor, and need clothing. I do trust that the members of your Woman's Auxiliary will make a special effort to aid us in sending to these poor thirsting souls "the Bread of Life."—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE HOLMES.

THE SPRINGHILL COLLIERY DISASTER.

THIS dreadful disaster which caused the loss of 123 lives has cast a gloom over the whole country. The English Church congregation in Springhill has lost heavily. Church work in such places is of a peculiar missionary character, and is difficult in consequence of the constant influx of strangers and continual changes in the congregation. The Rector of Springhill reports sixty-eight family changes in eight months. In cases of accident, experienced nursing and attention are obtained with great difficulty. The Rev. Mr. Wilson has issued the following appeal, which we hope will receive the spontaneous recognition it deserves. The wealthy might respond liberally, and every clergyman could perhaps give one offertory to this laudable purpose, or bring the matter to the notice of the Missionary Society or Guilds of the parish. The contributions should be full and prompt; and we shall gladly receive and acknowledge any amounts sent to this office: The following is Mr. Wilson's appeal.

The recent appalling colliery disaster at Springhill Mines, in which 123 souls were suddenly called to meet their God, has dealt a dreadful blow to the English Church congregation at Springhill. Twenty-eight churchmen were killed. Twelve widows and forty orphans have been bequeathed to our congregation by

this calamity. In three Church households three members from each house were carried to the Church and to the grave. The sights and sounds of woe have overwhelmed us. For three long years have we appealed to "the household of faith" for help to build a hospital for our miners. Humanly speaking, if the hospital had been here, and proper nursing had been provided, some of the wounded might have been saved. We had hoped to have begun building operations this year, but this sudden blow has killed local aid. We implore our brethren to help us liberally and at once to erect the hospital and to strengthen our work for Christ in these districts of desperate danger. Subscriptions may be sent to the Editor of THE CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE, or to Rev. W. Charles Wilson, the Rectory, Springhill Mines, Nova Scotia.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND MISSION WORK.

REV. W. A. BURMAN makes the following valuable suggestions regarding Mission work in Sunday Schools:—

I. Sunday Schools in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada might be formed into Juvenile Branches or Auxiliaries of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society according to Dioceses.

They might receive the same recognition as the 'Womans' Auxiliary and should report annually to the Mission Board.

II. Annual Meetings should be held in every case. In large centres such a gathering might be a joint meeting of all schools taking part in the movement.

III. Monthly or Quarterly Sunday Meetings or Classes should be arranged, when short addresses should be given on Mission work or extracts read from Missionary letters or periodicals.

IV. A page in the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE and MISSIONARY NEWS might be set apart for recording progress and encouraging this work.

V. Schools should be encouraged to take up work among Indian children as their special object. Where desired, each Branch should select the particular Mission or Institution to which its contributions are to be given.

If no specific object is selected, then contributions might go to the General Juvenile Fund, to be divided at the discretion of the Mission Board among the different Indian schools.

VI. Contributions to be sent if desired direct to missionaries on the distinct understanding that a proper voucher for the contributions of each school be sent to the treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and to the person remitting the same.