

Thanksgiving service, presided over by the Superintendent. An interesting part of the service was the ready manner in which each child rose and repeated without error a favorite text. During the service a collection was taken up for missions, amounting to \$5.

The "David Livingstone" Mission Band in Vegreville, continues to flourish. A pretty picture has been given us by Miss Mitchell, our Field Secretary. It was in Miss Windel's Home, in Vegreville. Two of the smallest boys knocked at her sitting-room door and Miss Windel said, "Come in." Two little gowned forms appeared and said, "We are ready for bed, Miss 'Vindel.'" Miss Windel said, "Come on, dears, and one knelt at each side of her knee and repeated the following prayer:

"Keep my little voice to-day,
Keep it gentle while I pray,
Keep my hands from doing wrong,
Keep my feet the whole day long,
Keep me all, oh, Jesus mild,
Keep me ever. Thy dear child."

And another scene from Miss Stewart's Home for boys. It was evening. One boy was playing a violin, an older boy cutting hair, 10 cents a cut; another holding wool for Miss Stewart to wind; two little lads on stools memorizing the 23rd Psalm, with the hope of getting 5 cents when it was done; two were knitting, others studying and, as there is no proper wash room, others were in the kitchen engaged in feet washing. Each was deep in his own work, quite unconscious of what the others were doing, while watching over all, was Miss Stewart, the happy house-mother, who loves her boys as much as any mother. Contrast these stories with conditions in their own homes and ask yourselves the question, "Are these school homes worth while?"

In September, 1918, the new Home for Girls in Teulon opened its doors with Mrs. Freeland (a sister of Miss Bell) as matron. Of the first three girls who arrived, one was Icelandic, one Ruthenian and one Canadian, thus putting into practice the W.M.S. policy, that these Homes are for any child of any nationality who likes to take advantage of them.

The formal opening of the Home had to be postponed on account of "flu," but was held in February, when between 175 to 200 were present. Mrs. Freeland writes, "I was very proud of my girls—the little ones sang a chorus, 'If I come to Jesus,' and the larger girls sang, 'Saviour like a Shepherd lead us.' Both groups did well for the short time we had to prepare the hymns and the difficulty some had to get the English. One pleasing feature of the evening was the number of Ruthenian women who came, and they seemed so happy and interested in everything; their bright head shawls lent color to the occasion. They also contributed to the grocery list."

One of the sweetest stories of our work in the Teulon Girls' Home is that told in the December "Messenger" of the arrival of Mary, the little neglected child of eight years, who had had to play mother to two brothers and a sister and a baby one and a half years old, and who, after being bathed and dressed and made to look more like a Madonna, stooped down and kissed Mrs. Freeland, and, adds the matron, "I was repaid." She knew no English when she came and already, in January, she is taking part in the evening vespers and reads her verses out of the Bible nicely. She loves pretty things, especially sunsets. Looking out of the windows one night at a wonderful sunset she asked, "Is that where Jesus lives?"

It is indeed a great joy that this Home and one for girls at Canora, Sask., is built. The latter was made possible by a gift from the late Mrs. Waddell, of Peterboro. It would have been opened ere now but on account of the epidemic it was thought best not to do so until after the summer holidays.

A remarkably strong testimony to the value of our work comes in the statement made before a body of public school teachers, "That, during the last four years of the war where Presbyterian and Methodist School Homes were established and mission work carried on among these foreigners, it was