

reasons the St. Michael's (Lake) scholars and many of those from Cadboro Bay were prevented from attending.

However over 50 little ones assembled and thoroughly enjoyed, to all appearances, the bountiful tea, the prizes, the well loaded Xmas tree, and the programme of songs, readings and recitations (rendered by themselves) that had been prepared for their entertainment.

CO WICHIA N.

SHAWNIGAN MISSION.—A Mission has been started in the Shawnigan District in the Parish of Cowichan, by Mr J. Nightingale, of Tip Tree Farm, the Bishop having appointed him lay-reader, under the Rector, Rev. J. A. Leakey. Services are held every Sunday, in the Shawnigan school-house, by kind permission of the trustees, and are well attended. It is hoped that this year may see a small church erected in this neighborhood, so that members of the English Church may worship God with fitting surroundings.

The Rector also hopes for a Church in South Cowichan, where there are now many church people.

C. E. T. S.

By kind permission of Mrs. Jessop, a meeting of temperance workers, including members of the C. E. T. S. and other Societies, was held in her house on Monday evening, January 16th, to draw up a petition to the Legislative Assembly in favor of temperance legislation. This step was taken in response to a suggestion made by the Hon. John Robson, who, in his address to the members of the C.E.T.S. on January 9th, had counselled the presenting of such a petition, which would have, he said, the effect of strengthening the hands of the Government in their endeavors to pass a bill for the regulation of the liquor traffic during the coming session of the House.

The following petition was then drawn up:

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled:

The Humble Petition of the Undersigned Residents of
SHEWETH:

THAT WHEREAS your Petitioners have observed with great regret the evils arising from the absence of restriction in the sale of intoxicating liquors, with respect both to the hours during which those liquors are exposed for sale, and to the number of places where they are sold;

AND WHEREAS your petitioners believe that a thorough revision of the laws relating to the liquor traffic is desirable in the interests of the community at large;