

of the devout demeanour of the Indians. Those who are ready to say "*Indian Missions are a failure*," should have been there, and they would have witnessed as devotional an audience as they had ever seen in any part of the world. The entire service was very solemn. The church was greatly crowded, and it was to me quite evident that the *church should be enlarged*.

On the following Thursday and Friday the Indians held a bazaar, for the sale of their fancy work. It was well attended, not only by many people from Orillia, but by many of the guests from the Couchiching Hotel.

The articles showed much taste and skill; were very cheap, and after paying all expenses, netted some \$120,—the efforts of Christian hearts and hands of those now happily the worshippers of the true God, but some of whom not long since roamed these very forests in pagan darkness.

I spoke with the Rev. Mr. Woolsey about the enlargement, as I did also with Benson, the chief, with Snake, Jacobs, Shilling, John Wesley, Big Wind and others. I ventured to tell them that if they undertook the enlargement the Missionary Committee would assist them to half the cost, provided they would themselves pay the other half.

They entered into the project most heartily; and without loss of time called a council meeting, and made provision for the amount, and purpose having it completed by Christmas.

Mr. Woolsey will doubtless write to you about the matter.

The addition will be about 24 feet, and will greatly improve the appearance and proportion of the building, apart from giving additional room.

It is proposed also to remove the driving shed, which is at the church door, and place it in the rear of the building,—to level and sod the plot, and to enclose the whole in a very neat fence.

I have also suggested to Mr. Woolsey that he should induce the Indians to have their dwellings whitewashed,

which he says he will endeavor to have done.

Last Sunday I had arranged to preach for them, and as I took my family with me, you will not be surprised that to do this I had to take *three boats*, an Indian rowing each, — Charley Jacobs, Joseph Shilling, and John Wesley.

We reached Rama in about thirty-five minutes; and although this was but an ordinary service some twenty of the Indians had to stand by the door. We had a pleasant service. I never preached to a *more attentive congregation*. Several of the Indians walked with me to the boats. During the service the wind had risen so high that it would not have been safe to have had all return in the boats. A Mr. Smith, who was in the congregation, kindly offered to drive Mrs. Macdonald and some of the children to the hotel, a distance of four miles, whose kindness we were glad to avail ourselves of. Thus lightened, we ventured out with the balance in our boats, and although with our cargo considerably lightened, were not altogether free of "*perils by water*," some of us getting thoroughly drenched. What pleased me most was the testimony borne by Mr. Smith to the quiet, orderly conduct and Christian consistency of the Indians among whom he resides. He wants no better neighbors or more honest customers.

On the Tuesday Mr. Woolsey called at Couchiching, and we spent several hours together. I submitted to him what my own views were, but urged him to have the alterations made, subject to the advice and oversight of some professional man. I was grieved to find that some of the Indian children, under the influence of inducements that were being put forward, were leaving for the Church school at Sault St. Marie. I wish the Church school there every success, but I do not wish that they should seek to proselytize our children.

The young lady in charge of our school at Rama appears a very suitable person for her place, and when