

be laid for the future success of the Church in this place. What we have to contend with is not merely prejudice against the Church and her Services, but particularly a spirit of thorough indifference to anything that is of a religious nature, scarcely one-fourth of the population of our Town ever being found within a place of worship on Sunday.

With such difficulties as these the Church's growth must naturally be slow; add to this the fact that the business interests of this vicinity are in a state of stagnation, causing the removal of many of our families to centres where the breadwinner may obtain a livelihood, and you have a fair picture of Mission life in Beebe Plain.

In the face of all this, not a little has been accomplished during my thirteen months' incumbency of All Saints' Church, which shows a balance on the other side in the way of encouragement to persevere in one's efforts to sow the seeds of Catholic Truth in this corner of the Master's Vineyard. I am thankful to know that the spiritual life of many of those entrusted to my care has been deepened, that in several instances a fresh start has been made along the line of the "Faith once for all delivered to the Saints." It has been my privilege during the year to have been instrumental in bringing three adults and nine children (not including infants) within the fold of Christ's flock through the waters of Holy Baptism. Two of the adults were immersed by me in the river here on the second Sunday in July, 1896. Our Sunday School of some forty members, including an Adult Bible Class, although of a shifting character, owing to the removals referred to above, affords me a great deal of satisfaction, inasmuch as we hope that the teaching which is being given there every Sunday is of such a nature as to build up our children in the principles of a vital Christianity, equipping them with reasons as to why they are Church people. Our Ladies' Guild, organized October 5th, 1894, has done and is doing good work. This year they have pledged themselves to raise fifty dollars towards the Assessment. During the year we have held regularly two Services in our Church every Sunday, a Celebration of Holy Communion twice a month, also a week-day Service on Wednesday evenings, except when a Saint's

Day has occurred during the week, when we have held it on that day. During Holy Week we had a Service every evening.

When we turn to speak of the temporal work done here for the Church's improvement, we feel that we owe a large debt of gratitude to the Hon. E. J. Price, Dr. Robt. Hamilton, Wm. Rae, Esq., and other Quebec friends for their liberal donations of money, which have enabled us to have a new furnace put into the Church, the outside painted, a Cathedral glass east window inserted, as well as several important and very necessary repairs and improvements made in the interior of the Edifice.

To the Sisters of the Church, Kilburn, England, and to St. Matthew's Guild, Quebec, we are likewise indebted for several gifts, which have done much to beautify our Altar and Lectern.

We are looking forward to having the Lord Bishop with us on Sunday, November 1st, the sixteenth anniversary of the Consecration of our little Church, when a small class of Candidates will be presented to him for the Apostolic Rite of "Laying on of Hands."

COOKSHIRE.

The Rev. A. H. Robertson writes:—

In June last I sent you an account of the destruction of the spire and tower of St. Peter's Church, Cookshire, by a cyclone. It has been found that the damage is serious, and the work of Restoration and Enlargement more costly than we expected. St. Peter's Church is one of the very few stone Churches in the Eastern Townships, and reminds one of some of the beautiful old parish Churches in England. We wish to enlarge and restore it in seemly fashion, and should be glad of any assistance from our friends in Quebec. The probable cost of the whole work will be about \$3,000, and the people of Cookshire have raised about one-half of that sum.

FITCH BAY AND GEORGEVILLE.

The Rev. R. W. E. Wright reports:—

There has been a large number of Summer visitors at Georgeville, a great many of these being Church people, so that our Services there have been well attended.

Rev. Dr. Wright, of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Montreal (father of the Incumbent), paid a three weeks' visit to Fitch Bay, and helped at most of the Ser-