

thanksgiving service was held, with offertory of \$2 for Pension Fund of Church Society.

At Hardwood Hill the same plan was followed in the school-house, with \$9 raised for building fund of new church.

At Brompton, thanksgiving service in church in the afternoon, with offertory for Pension Fund, followed by social entertainment by the children in the evening. Here the Sunday-school children have undertaken to keep the church insured as their part of church work; and their social, really an interesting one from the manner in which their hymns and recitations were rendered, yielded, with some donations sent in, over \$10 for this purpose.

At the Oxford Line school-house a social tea was furnished by some of the Ladies, but it was thought best to have no money taken.

I might say this point is worked by the Rector of Sherbrooke and Missionary of Brompton together, and as the Rev. P. C. Read, of Bishop's College, who has been taking charge of Sherbrooke during the summer, was about to give up to the Rev. Mr. Thornloe, the new Rector, a more fitting mark of appreciation at this point could hardly be devised; and I am happy to state there is a probability of his being able to continue the Sunday duty, though his work at the College is very arduous.

LABRADOR.

We have been favored with the following letter to Mrs. Williams, wife of the Lord Bishop of Quebec:—

STICK POINT, LABRADOR,  
Sept. 28th, 1885.

MY DEAR MRS. WILLIAMS.—In compliance with your request to write something about Labrador, its people, or some little incident connected with my missionary labors here, I will endeavor to give a general description of my first missionary journey on this bleak coast, adding in connection with it a few remarks regarding the people.

I landed at Natashquan, the western limit of the mission, on the fourth day of July, with a heavy heart, scarcely suppressing, as I gazed upon the dreary aspect which the coast presented, the words "barren! barren!" As far as my eyes could reach, nothing but endless cliffs covered with stunted bushes were to be seen in the way of scenery.

The day following my arrival being Sunday, I held morning and evening service in a large room of Messrs. Robins & Co. In it rough benches were placed sufficient to seat at least sixty persons. I assure you I felt much cheered as I listened to their hearty responding and singing of the Church's hymns, and retired that night feeling more reconciled to my gloomy surroundings and strengthened for my work. On the seventh of July I left Natashquan in a small barge (the mission boat being unfit for use) to proceed to Blanc Sablon, the eastern limit of the mission—purposing to visit, hold services and catechise the children on the way thither.

All along my route I found the people eager to hear the word—entering into the Church's service with a heartiness that would put to shame some of our parish congregations. In almost every household the work of my predecessors was manifest—the adult members of these, despite their educational disadvantages, being well informed in religious things. Truly the seed has been sown in good ground, and only requires culture and God's blessing to bring the same to maturity.

This coast is remarkable for its beautiful and picturesque bays, in which generally the people locate their summer houses—mere sheds, habitable only during the summer. As soon as the fishing is done, however, they retire inland into more substantial and comfortable houses situ-

ated amidst hills—sheltered from the wintry blast. They pass the seven long, dreary winter months occupied chiefly in hunting game and building boats.

The people are simple in their habits, and, with few exceptions, industrious, their chief trait of character being their open-hearted hospitality, ever willing to lodge and supply with food the weary traveller.

The next place that I visited worthy of mention was Harrington. Here I found ten families, all of whom seemed much pleased by my arrival. Having spent a pleasant and I hope a profitable week among them, I proceeded to Mutton Bay, the missionary's headquarters. Here I established a Sunday-school, to be carried on during my absence by Mrs. Galliot, lately from Newfoundland.

It indeed seemed pleasant to me to be again privileged to hold services in a building set apart for that purpose. I held matins at 9 o'clock, and evensong at 8 o'clock, with address. These services were well attended, and much interest evinced.

On the 24th of July I set out to visit the eastern portion of the mission.

The appearance of this part of the coast, until I arrived at Bonne Esperance, filled me with anything but happiness. Endless cliffs, towering one above another, without a solitary tree to relieve their monotonous sameness, were only to be seen. Arrived at Bonne Esperance, the scene changes; the coast being no longer so rugged and barren, is more thickly populated. Here and in its vicinity I remained nearly a week, busily engaged in ministering to the people.

The life of a Labrador missionary is not at all times a pleasant one, as the following incident will show: I left Stick Point, my present abode, to visit Bradore, a place some fifteen miles to the eastward. I left with a fair wind, hoping to accomplish the distance in a few hours. So sanguine was I of this, that I neglected to take any food with me in the boat. One-third of the distance had scarcely been accomplished when the wind suddenly veered to the east, blowing directly contrary to the course I wished to pursue. There was one alternative, however—return; this I did not wish to, thinking by a succession of tacks to reach my destination before darkness would envelope us in its sombre folds. In this conjecture, however, I was disappointed, darkness overtaking us while yet several miles from Bradore. To make matters worse, the wind began to blow, not fiercely, yet sufficiently strong to send the spray into the boat, thoroughly drenching me. Hungry and cold, I at length arrived at my destination, having been twelve hours in the boat without food. Of the missionary's winter experience I cannot as yet write anything, not having as yet passed a winter on the coast.

There is one thing very much to be deplored, that is, the almost entire failure in this season's fishing; knowing full well what such a failure would entail, I was sorely troubled about the welfare of my people during the coming winter. As far as I can learn, however, they have succeeded in procuring sufficient food for the winter. I have distributed a portion of the clothing sent, to those whom I deemed most in need; the remainder I will distribute during the winter. At such a time as this, when the people can scarcely secure a sufficiency of food, believe me, your gift to the mission was well-timed. And could the working parties in England but see the joy which these articles of comfort bring to almost destitute families, I am sure they would feel amply repaid for their kind assistance. As their pastor, I take this opportunity to thank you and Mrs. Mountain and all connected with this good work the thanks of the people, coupled with the hearty thanks of

Yours most sincerely,  
JOSEPH EAMES.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MISSION OF AYLMER.—On Monday, the 16th instant, a solemn and interesting service was held in St. Peter's Church, Cawood, when the bodies of three of the faithful departed were removed thither from the woods and fields where they had found a temporary resting-place. In former days, when this part of the Mission was almost inaccessible to the nearest Missionary, and when there was no road through the woods to the nearest churchyard, it was the custom to set apart a corner of the farm as a place of interment, where the bodies of the dead were placed "until we shall have a clergyman and churchyard of our own." The remains of some who had been buried many years before could not be found at all, though efforts were made to give as many as possible Christian burial in consecrated ground. A good number of people took part in the service, which was the regular office for the burial of the dead, with a short address on 1 Cor. xv. 53.

The congregation worshipping in the Methodist meeting house, Kagulagua, have petitioned to have a fortnightly instead of a monthly Sunday service, and as the attendance has been surprisingly large, and the Methodist authorities amongst those anxious to have it so, the request is to be granted for so long a time as the assistant lay reader is stationed in the Mission.

MONTREAL—St. Stephen's.—The usual weekly meeting of the Church Association was held on Wednesday evening last, Archdeacon Evans presiding. There was large attendance, and an attractive programme, consisting of songs, recitations, readings and piano solos. Amongst others who assisted were Miss Macfarlane (two songs), Miss Booth (several piano solos), and Messrs. Stoba, Crossley, Howell and the Archdeacon.

St. James the Apostle.—The Ladies' Aid Society propose holding a sale of useful and fancy articles on Thursday and Friday, 3rd and 4th December, in the school-room connected with the church, from 2 p.m. till 10 p.m.

A very successful musical entertainment was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, in the school-room, on Tuesday evening, 17th inst. Mr. Harris led the choir, which rendered part songs, and there were duets, readings and recitations by the Rev. Canon Ellegood, Miss Sowerly, Miss Grier, Mr. Russell, Mr. Hatch and others.

St. Matthias' (Cote St. Antoine).—The concert given on the evening of the 17th in the Synod Hall, under the auspices of the congregation of the Church of St. Matthias, was no less an artistic success than a financial one. The Rector, the Rev. Canon Norman (whose musical taste and ability are well known), acted as conductor. The programme included a madrigal, and songs by Master W. Barlow, Mrs. Cheesman and Mrs. T. W. Elliott. A feature of the concert was the trio by Miss Millicent and Master Harold Thomas on violins, and Mrs. Sutherland Taylor on the piano. The playing of the children reflects credit upon their instructor.

St. George's.—The Young Men's Christian Association have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, Very Rev. the Dean; 1st Vice-President, no election; 2nd Vice-President, W. W. L. Chipman, Esq.; Secretary, Mr. W. J. White; Treasurer, Mr. Fred. Hamilton; Committee, Messrs. D. Browne, H. Carmichael, Cole, M. Dartnell, Kyte, Prescott, Ridout, Rankins, Walklate and Wetmore; Organist, Mr. Meek, and Auditors, Messrs. Dartnell and Kyte.

We understand that the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, of Peterboro', has been offered the curacy of this Church.