

sergeant came and reported that the floating ice on the river had become jammed, and had forced the water to take a new channel, flooding some land near and endangering a house built on the bank, in which were two women and some children. One of the women had come to the barracks for help. Superintendent Perry ordered the police to go to the rescue with waggons, &c., and in the intense cold— 14° below zero—they set to work, and by half-past one in the morning women, children, and furniture, were all moved to another house. On Monday some of the men had to go seventeen miles to attend an inquest. To-morrow they may be called upon to perform some entirely different duties. I am leaving to-night for Vancouver, if I can get away, but it seems rather doubtful, as a luggage train broke through the bridge into the Bow River last night, and the line is, consequently, blocked. Everyone is talking about Klondyke, and numbers of young men are going from the North West in the Spring. I do hope something may be done in the way of providing Churches and Clergy for the thousands of Church people going into that terrible country."

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

GORDON'S RESERVE.—The Rev. A. Kettle has been placed in temporary charge of this Mission and School. He writes to a correspondent at Grenfell: "I am confronted by the great clothes question. We are terribly hard up for clothes for the children (of the School) for this winter, especially for boys. . . . What we chiefly want is clothing for the boys, and socks and stockings for the boys and girls." It is, we fear, too late now to supply this need for this winter, but many of our friends can knit warm clothing that such a need may not be felt next winter in Gordon's Indian School.

The following letter from Mr. Kettle will be read with much interest. He writes on *December 3rd*, 1897:—

"The BISHOP has asked me to write an account of the work among the natives on the Gordon's Reserve at Touchwood, and I do so most willingly as I want our Church people in England to understand what is being done.

"First of all there is what one may call the parochial work of the Mission. The Reserve is practically the parish of the mission priest. On the Reserve are some ten or eleven definitely Christian families, who are fairly regular attendants at Church, and many of whom are communicants; with these one has much the same work as in a parish in England, or among settlers in Canada. They come to Church well, especially the younger men; the number of communicants has, however, sadly fallen off, owing no doubt largely to there having been no resident clergyman among them since last March, until I was sent here a month ago. Besides these there are a few nominal Christians,