

April 15th to May 15th. It is only fair to pay him enough to cover freight from London to Moose, etc.

Missionaries receiving bales should be written to and encouraged to send letters telling of the use of the goods and of their work for insertion in the Leaflet, and for reading to the branches contributing.

All cash contributions should be sent to Sir D. A. Smith, Montreal, our treasurer, not direct to the missionary for whose mission it is intended, and contributors must not expect an acknowledgment from the Bishop or missionary for many months (Sir D. A. Smith will acknowledge at once), as the detailed statement is only sent to the Bishop yearly, and we have only three mails a year. The mail for Moose Fort, etc., leaves Montreal about May 15th, August 31st, and December 20th.

J. A. MOOSONEE.

ALBANY RIVER DISTRICT.

MOOSONEE. — While ministering to the spiritual necessities of our people, we are constantly brought face to face with their temporal wants. The Albany River District, at least that portion of it bordering on the sea, is exceptionally poor, and the natives in this neighborhood find it difficult to make a living. This may be attributed entirely to the rapid disappearance of wild fowl and fur-bearing animals from this locality. Where formerly wild geese fed on our marshes in thousands, scarcely any are now to be seen, and in days gone by, where the Indian had no difficulty in trapping the fox, catching the marten, and chiseling the beaver, very few are now to be found. The question constantly pressing upon our people may very properly be thus expressed, "What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?"

ALBANY MISSION. — Albany is the headquarters of this district, and my time is almost wholly spent upon this mission. To visit our interior missions we must wait until summer; then many hundred of miles of hard travelling must be accomplished before they can be reached, and spiritual food carried to those few scattered sheep in the wilderness. At Albany, divine service is not confined to the Lord's day only, but our people are invited to come together daily, morning and evening, for earnest prayer and praise. Then there is the regular reading of God's Word, with explanations, followed by prayer that the good seed constantly sown may fall into good ground and bear much spiritual food. I may here mention that I have at the present time five young lads with me whom, by a course of training and study, I propose to prepare, with the help of God, for some branch or other of our mission field.

ENGLISH RIVER. — This station is on the south branch of the Albany River, and distant about 210 miles. There are only a few families of Indians attached to it, and these very often find their way to other places. One of their number, a very good and earnest man, has been acting as catechist in their midst for several years. So far as I can ascertain, he has been doing good work, and on every occasion possible he assembles the native Christians for united prayer and praise.

MARTEN'S FALLS. — With the chief here, I made arrangements that divine service be conducted as often as possible, and that he be assisted by one of their number, a very capable man. This chief has been newly appointed; he is very intelligent and a man of some weight. I am in hopes he will yet become very useful to us.

FORT HOPE. — There is most interesting work to be done here. Heathenism and superstition have long held their sway, but the people are no longer willing to be enslaved as they have been. They have heard of Jesus, and now they are anxious to give up all for Christ. Ere long we hope to have an ordained man permanently stationed at Fort Hope, and a more desirable spot for an active, zealous missionary to begin work in is not to be found in the diocese of Moosonee. Joseph Kechekechick, the catechist, who spent last year there, has been moved to Severn. We are building a church here. As Fort Hope is 400 miles from Albany, I cannot visit it as often as I could wish.

OSNABURGH. — I have now arranged for the construction of a church here. A family of five persons whom we overlook on the way I had to prepare for baptism. It consisted of a man and his wife and three children. This man and woman were very intelligent; they also showed great earnestness, and I trust they will remain faithful members of Christ's family here on earth. We had a celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper the day before we parted, and I hope that many souls were greatly strengthened and refreshed by it.

ALBANY RIVER DISTRICT.

Clergyman, native.....	1
Teachers, male—paid, 2; unpaid, 7.....	9
Baptized persons in district.....	1050
Communicants.....	200

LETTER FROM ARCHDEACON VINCENT.

Fort George, Moosonee.

Our little church will hold about 120 people, but I have had over 200, which, unfortunately, only happens when the heat, flies, and mos-