

nearly \$100, gleams of pleasure like flashes of sunshine lit up their bronzed faces, and they sang with deep feeling, 'Behold the Saviour of mankind nailed to the shameful tree,' etc. This hymn and the tune were taught them and their fathers forty years ago, by the sainted Evans and Rundel. Thus ended our missionary service. When we came out of church, we were curious enough to count the Indian ponies which, like an army, lined the long fences around the mission property. We counted nearly 200, and learned that in some cases two persons rode one horse, and that a large number of the congregation had walked to church."

RELIGIOUS LIFE AMONG THE INDIANS.

The description which Mr. Dyke gives of the sacramental service and "testimony meeting," which followed the missionary service described above, shows that the effects which Christianity is producing in the hearts and lives of the red men of the North-west are precisely identical with those which is producing in the hearts and lives of their pale-faced brethren. Amid all the disheartening influences which are exerted upon these people by the changes which are taking place in their country, and the many things which conspire to darken their worldly prospects, the spirit of joyousness and gratitude to God was the most striking feature in their experience. One said: "I do feel happy to-day. I am thankful for what Jesus has done for my soul." Another: "I am thankful for the religion of Jesus Christ. My heart is glad, and though I have great trouble, the Word of God is my comfort." Another: "I want to put myself a whole offering on the altar of Christ. I am full of joy to-day." Another, evidently the son of a pious father, who had probably died in the faith: "I want my father's God to be mine. I feel that Jesus accepts me. I want to be clean." Another, who said he had been "trying to serve God for some years," added: "To-day my heart is full of joy. God is blessing my soul." Another said, with deep emotion: "In the search for life I do not want to be left behind. Jesus is mine. I want to love him more and more."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from REV. JAMES A. WOOD, dated LADNER'S LANDING, B.C., May 31st, 1886.

OUR new church at Langley Prairie was dedicated by Bro. Watson on the 23rd inst., which was to many a day of mingled pleasure and profit.

Although built at a cost of \$1,200, we are thankful to say that the whole amount is provided for by subscriptions, and if all are paid we will have about \$40 in the treasurer's hands. We organized a Sunday-school at once, and from the way in which they go to work I feel that success is certain.

The work at this appointment is more encouraging than it ever has been. Yesterday the congregation numbered sixty, which is the largest we have ever had. We have now got a small class which meets every Sunday.

Our two new appointments, viz., Lulu Island and Boundary Bay, are doing very well. We have at these

places congregations of from twenty to thirty. Although we meet in private homes at present, we will soon have a schoolhouse built at Boundary Bay. Lulu Island is the hardest appointment I have to reach, as it gives me ten miles of a row on Sunday morning, and it is very hard work rowing against the current during the summer season.

Last winter the tides were higher here than they were ever known, and at three full moons the water came into our house, at one time as much as four and a half inches. Since then we have got a dyke built all around, so we feel safe for the future.

HOME WORK.

Actonvale and St. Theodore.—Our work and mission are about as usual, moving on steady and sure. Our access to the people in shops and stores is remarkable. I sometimes leave my house in the morning and enter a store, where I put in a word for Jesus, which multiplies until noon, and often the hearers have multiplied from five to twenty. Thus, I am engaged for the Master occasionally. Of late the people are not so free to talk about religion; they have closed a few weeks' meetings in which they have been told not to have anything to do with the Protestants. We are getting well over our financial troubles; we have paid \$35 on the church at St. Theodore, and though the people have not been able to contribute anything toward my salary, owing to the large debt of the church, yet they have contributed somewhat to the different collections in the church and for the Missionary Fund.

E. DE GRUCHY.

Montreal Centre.—During the quarter special services were held at Longueuil for one week, which resulted in the quickening of God's people. Few French, however, came to the meetings. On the 16th of April was held the last of the series of Temperance meetings in the church at Montreal. These meetings have been remarkably well attended, there being at times over 100 persons present. The young people of the church take an active part in the preparing of the programme. Bro. Joseph Pinel is President of the Society. Our prayer-meeting, as well as all other meetings, are greatly affected, so far as number in attendance, by the closing of the Institute. Very interesting Missionary and Sunday-school Anniversaries were held in the end of March. The year has marked much progress in the lines of finance and organization.

L. N. BEAUDRY.

Oka.—I have nothing very remarkable to report for this last quarter, except that our meetings are always very good, and that our people, as a whole, are very zealous in the observation of their religious duties, and that great peace reigns among the faithful. Moreover, the chiefs are resolved to build edifices for the use of the mission, as soon as their spring sowing shall have been finished.

J. A. DORION.

Lawrenceville.—This is a remarkable and important place for a good work, and it is where I have the pleasure to devote most of my time, because it is a central place. I never had so much success on a mission since I became a missionary. I have preached the gospel to every French family of this place regu-