

## A REVOLUTION AMONG THE INDIANS.

Reports of a very encouraging character come from Mistawasis. The church is crowded at the Sabbath services; sewing classes and Sabbath school are much appreciated. Twenty-six of the Indians combined some days ago and provided the missionary with what will almost amount to his winter's supply of wood, hay, potatoes, and other necessaries. (What a revolution is this for Indians, who naturally look upon a missionary not as one to whom they give but as one from whom they get, supplies!) The communion is to come early in November, and already several of the Indians have asked to be received at the Lord's table. The repairs which it has been found necessary to make in the manse are being executed under Thomas McKay, son of the late missionary, and Indian carpenters. A plasterer will be brought from Prince Albert to complete the work. Miss Christie McKay, who has with much self-denial performed the work of schoolmistress ever since the school was established on the reserve, has given up the position, and is about to be married. Her place as school teacher will be taken by Mr. D. H. McVicar, B.A., who will also act as interpreter for the Rev. Mr. Nichol. Mrs. McKay, the widow of the former missionary, has built a house on a farm adjoining the reserve, and to this she and her family have removed. It is natural that Mrs. McKay should be unwilling to quit the scene of her own and her husband's labors, and we will count their continued presence as a most helpful influence in support of the young missionary and his wife.

## A STUDENT'S "SHORT-CUT" TO MISSION WORK.

Mr. W. J. Wright has been appointed farm manager and instructor in trades at the Crowstand school. He has already gone west to enter upon his work. Mr. Wright is a student of Manitoba College preparing for the ministry, who at the call of the committee has shown his willingness to fill a necessitous place in our Indian work—for genuine mission work it is, although the name of the post savors of other things—to train these wild children of the plains under Christian influences to industry, order and obedience, to develop in them self-denial, and a desire to be useful in the world. Mr. Wright is a practical carpenter and blacksmith, and to accept this position, ungrudgingly leaves the place he has had during the summer, in which he made wages considerably larger than what he will now receive. This will be a valuable addition to the staff of the Crowstand school and will both give a more decidedly industrial cast to the training of the boys and will set the Rev. G. A. Laird, the missionary, more free for evangelistic work among the Indians of his own and neighboring reserves.