

of the young people have gone to the United States. Last January I formed a branch of the Epworth League, which has been of great benefit. Our twenty families are divided into two congregations, one in the village of Port Hood, and the other on Port Hood Island, a mile from shore. This weakens our weak forces. All of our twenty families are poor save four or five, who have to give the most of the money raised. Now bear with me, and let me boast a little, for the benefit of those circuits and missions that are always "begging." Recently we (four families giving nearly \$100 each) raised over \$400 and paid off the parsonage debt; and by the close of this year we will have raised for all purposes between \$700 and \$800, which, in proportion to our ability, I challenge any circuit or mission in Canada or on the continent to beat. And within five years we have built a church and bought said parsonage, raising, with circuit expenses, etc., some \$4,000 or \$5,000.

The other day we held our missionary meeting, and raised \$50, as much as formerly. The circuit receipts have been but \$200, very small, but for means few circuits reach the proportion, and this year we will come up to \$250.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented winter, and all other drawbacks, which are many, our little flock being so scattered, services have been regularly held and fairly attended, and several have confessed Christ and joined the Island church. J. B. HEMMEON.

**Maple Creek.**—This year, thus far, has been one of prosperity. We have been able to finish our parsonage upstairs, which makes it quite comfortable, and also to do something towards furnishing it. The mission is advancing financially and spiritually. God has been pleased to pour His Spirit upon us and save souls. About twenty presented themselves as seekers, and at least twelve profess to be converted. We are indebted to Bro. Teeter, of Medicine Hat, and Bro. Dean, of Banff, for valuable assistance. To God be all the praise. J. WESLEY JOHNSTON.

**Colebridge Mission** (Bay of Quinte Conference).—This mission is thirty-two miles east of Bracebridge, the same distance north of Minden, and eighteen miles south-east of Huntsville. It is about thirty miles in circumference, composed of six preaching places at various points on Trading Lake and Lake of Bays, in Ridout and Sherborne townships. The whole mission contains about 100 Protestant families, in all, perhaps 400 souls, of various persuasions, many of them in this part of the country for fifteen years without Gospel privileges, and as a result are disposed to accept such at the hands of any Christian Church. There are about 150 children on this work capable of attending Sunday-school, but without papers or books; any persons having such to dispose of please address them to the Rev. Alfred Brown, Dorset, Ont. Last May District Meeting of the Lindsay District recommended the formation of this mission; Conference ratified this recommendation, and sent Mr. Alfred Brown, a young man just received this year on probation, as their first missionary. This young brother, with true Methodist zeal, has traversed this broad field on foot, by canoe, by snowshoes, carrying his hymn-book and Bible, and frequently his rifle, visiting, praying, sing-

ing, preaching to this neglected people, until two Sabbath-schools have been formed, and quite a number converted to God. This mission should be named Dorset, instead of Colebridge, as the post-office is called Dorset. My Recording Steward, Bro. R. H. Baker, and myself, visited this work in February, to cheer the young missionary, and get an exact knowledge of the work, and we strongly recommend that this mission be transferred to the Bracebridge District, and worked under Huntsville, for the following reasons: 1st. Because it is only twenty-five miles by steamboat or good waggon road from Huntsville, whereas it is thirty-two miles from Minden (the nearest point in the Bay of Quinte Conference from which it can be reached), over a wild, rocky, uninhabited, untraversed region, without passable roads, for the most part. 2nd. Because the people of Dorset Mission do all their business in and receive their mail from Baysville or Huntsville, and there is no communication between Minden and Dorset, because it is impossible to travel to and fro except with great hazard. JAMES S. McMULLEN.

THE Catholic African Association of Germany has granted 25,000 marks toward building a missionary steamer to be used on Lake Victoria.

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