

are acknowledged, and a verbal message from Rev. John Gemley, Secretary, how much he values this free-will offering from little half naked Indian children in the wilds of the north.

We give Miss Baylis' Report in full, at the close of her labours last year. It is dated Spanish River Mills, Oct. 10th, 1873.

" Rev. S. N. Jackson, Secretary :

" Dear Sir—In reporting to you the last Summer's work at Spanish River, I would state that I think the Mission has been highly appreciated both by Indians and whites. Most of the Indian children, as usual, attended the school—boys predominating. The clothing which the ladies of Toronto made was very serviceable, and induced a number to attend school. I had children this summer attending, who could read, write, and cypher nicely; also, drawing and designing on their slates. They also learned portions of Scripture, and Hymns. Of course, *Bible Instruction* I make the aim of the school; believing there will be no failure of these seeds taking root in time, springing up, bearing fruit. God's word 'shall not return unto Him void.' If we are faithful in sowing, God will do His part in causing to grow. The command is, 'To every creature.'

" A number of Indians and Squaws came very regularly on Sabbath mornings to Bible-readings, which I had for them exclusively, in the Indian language. Sometimes I had an Interpreter. When alone, I had to do the best I could. The Indian Hymn Books, which the ladies of the Congregational Church, Montreal, gave me, are a great help in singing. The hymns are very fine, and the tunes simple for them to learn. The Indians sing sweetly. The Sabbath morning with the Indians was the pleasantest part of the day. They paid great attention, and appeared to like these meetings very much. The Sunday School was well attended; including all the white children in the settlement, with a number of Roman Catholic children. Occasionally a few of the 'Mill hands' would drop in; but as I had no efficient help in teaching, I made it a general lesson for all. The English children learned portions of Scripture at home, and said them to me; with additional ones which I taught the Indians and French children, using Scripture pictures as illustrations. The Bible-readings in the evening were well attended by the whites, and the Indians who could understand English.

" Between the services on Sabbath, I went and read to the sick; two Indian women especially. One of these women died trusting in Jesus! She had been ill all summer, with consumption. I went daily to visit her; generally taking with me a cup of tea and a bit of food. Two of her boys attended the school. She liked me to read the Indian hymns every time I went. Two of her especial favourites were, 'Come ye Sinners, poor and needy,' and 'Jesus, lover of my soul.' But alas, Priestly vigilance and persecution! She was not permitted to die unmolested. But thanks be to God, who giveth His people that trust in Him 'the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!' So was it in her case. The day before she died, the priest went to see her, and wished to read the Catholic Service. She told him 'she did not want it—she was not a Catholic—but *belonged to that woman up there,*' (pointing to the Mission House,) meaning she was a Protestant. He left her. In the evening I went down to see her; and never shall I forget the pleasing expression of her eyes when she saw me. She was too weak to speak, but

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