

ST. PAULS MISSION.

BLOOD RESERVE.

This mission is in the charge of the Rev. F. Swainson. It is the largest Reserve in the Diocese, the Indians being scattered over forty miles of territory. This makes the work of the missionary difficult. Day schools are established at different points on the river, by means of which about a hundred children are brought under instruction. The irregularity of their attendance is, however, a great drawback, and every effort is now being made to enlarge the boarding school accommodation. During the year the Girls' Home has been completed, and will hold twenty-five children. At the last visit of the Bishop of the Diocese it was formally opened, free of debt, and the same day news was received that the Government would grant \$750.00 towards a Boys' Home at the same place, provided the money be expended before June 30th. An effort is now being made to raise \$850.00 in order to put up a \$1600.00 building which will accommodate thirty or forty children.

When the Girls' Home was opened there were fifteen children in residence, and it would have been full but for the want of clothing for dormitories and children. Will friends sending bales to this mission remember girls' dresses and pinafores?

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

My first year's residence at this place was completed about two months ago, and looking back I see the work has made fair progress, the most encouraging being among the children. We have three day schools on the Reserve, and in addition to these we have a boarding school for girls, accommodating twenty-five. The work here has been most encouraging. Six of the elder girls were baptized a short time back, and many of the others are now professing their faith in Jesus. In addition to the baptisms mentioned above we have also been asked to baptize a number of infants, some of whom were dying at the time.

These Indians are slowly learning to appreciate the benefits of education. A short time ago the Indian Commissioner called, and several of the chiefs, Red Crow, Thunder Chief, Bull Shield, and others, asked that a "Home" might be built at the C. M. S. Mission for their boys. This was most encouraging to me, as it showed the Roman Catholics had not the paramount influence as they claim.

F. SWAINSON.