

to 21 men and 23 women in St. John's Church, afterwards confirming in private a man and a woman too ill to come to church, making a total of 46. During my visit there were two native weddings, and all the white settlers in the vicinity were invited to the wedding feast, many accepting. One of the natives in his after-dinner speech made this significant remark: 'We are pleased to have so many white people at our feast; it helps to uplift us.' Would that this were always true! On Saturday afternoon, February 27th, Rev. W. E. Collison, two Massett men and myself, left in a canoe for Queenstown, a new settlement 25 miles up the inlet, which we reached Sunday afternoon. Service attended by most of the settlers in the neighbourhood was held in Mr. Martin's store. The return journey was made on Monday in seven hours, wind and tide being favourable. Hundreds of wild ducks and geese were seen. Massett Inlet has a fringe of timber. A little way back the land is usually more open and comparatively level. When the soil beneath appears good there is often muck or moss on the surface. If the settlers could get their land with a waterfront, without the barrier of a timber limit there would be more to encourage them. Where there is only a slight fringe of timber the Provincial Government could easily

arrange this. The most pressing need at present is for a regular steamship service to Massett carrying the mail. This was brought home to me by the difficulty of regaining the mainland by schooner during the stormy season. The first attempt failing, the second taking a day and a half. Timber, coal, agricultural land, sheltered waterway, mild climate—these are the elements which ensure material prosperity in time, but it will take time."

The Rev. J. H. Keen, treasurer of the Diocese of Caledonia, begs to acknowledge gratefully the receipt of the following sums, through the Bishop of Caledonia, towards the rebuilding of St. John's Church, Essington, B.C.: Mrs. Agnew, Montreal, \$15; Miss Estey's Class, St. John, N.B., \$4; "A Friend," Toronto, \$20. It will be remembered that the church, with other buildings, had to be blown up, to save the rest of the town.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Report of Dr. Hodgins, the Historiographer of the Education Department of the Province of Ontario for the year 1908 has been received. It refers to our debt to the United Em-

pire Loyalists in the matter of Education—makes mention of distinguished pioneer teachers—and gives a number of most interesting reminiscences both of the pioneers and their successors. This report should be read and pondered by each Canadian teacher of to-day. It is rich in historic and biographic interest with regard to that splendid body of men who were the founders of the educational system of this province. It is both entertaining and instructive, and cannot help proving to be highly appreciated by all who are interested in the rise and progress of education in Canada.

Child Life in Bible Times. Illustrated. By Lucy Sandys. London: Arthur H. Stockwell.

Miss Sandys has placed parents, teachers, children, and scholars who use this book under an obligation to her. These twelve stories from the Bible, beginning with Isaac and ending with Our Saviour, are well and wisely told. They cannot fail to interest and profit all who read them—whether old or young. In apt and simple language, they engage the attention. By the art of the story-teller the interest is sustained, and the underlying truths unfolded and enforced are commended to heart and mind with earnest sympathy and deep spiritual intention.

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