

Communion is dispensed on the first Sabbath of every month, and during the preceding week, an hour is appointed daily to hear the private experiences of each communicant; the object being, not a confession for absolution, but a review of the religious life of the foregoing month, in order that the missionary may afford help by his advice. A regular sermon is preached in the forenoon, as well as at the other two services of singing. Only communicants are present in the evening when communion is dispensed, and after they have partaken of the elements they follow the Apostolic custom of greeting one another with an holy kiss. It is emphatically a holy kiss, as no ^{one} but those who feel that they can engage in this part of the service without hypocrisy will commune.

At all their gatherings great prominence is given to singing, for which the natives have a very keen ear. There are trained native choirs that can read music at sight, and they are accompanied by the organ or some other instrument of music, and even by a brass band. Whole services are conducted with merely reading of the Scriptures and singing; indeed, in every meeting, about half the time is spent in the service of praise, participated in by the whole congregation, to whom Sankey's tunes are very familiar.

The Lot is often resorted to in difficult matters, and there are accounts of wonderfully suitable decisions arrived at by its use. The American Board of the Moravian Church resolved to begin work among the Esquimaux of Alaska some years ago. Owing to the urgency of the case, they sent for one of the more experienced missionaries of Labrador to go out in the following year: but it so happened that nearly all those on the coast were new men, unacquainted with the language. The Superintendent knew of but one man of sufficient experience for the work, and him the mission could least afford to lose at that time. However, he resolved to seek the will of God, and to this end spent the whole night in private prayer. In the morning he informed Mr. Yenish of the request and, leaving it to his own consideration, gave him ten hours to reply. In three hours Mr. Yenish returned and declared that he could not offer to go, but would submit to the Lot. All the missionaries assembled for prayer, and amidst the tearful emotion of the whole company, the aged Superintendent with large drops coursing down his cheeks plead for guidance from God. The Lot was then drawn, and it was decided that Mr. Yenish should not go forth from among them. Next year they received word from the Board not to send a man, as the request had been made owing to a mistake of one of the committee.