

is a good sized one storey log building, well whitewashed, and with the grounds about it neatly cleaned up. The interior is in one large room with a big clay fire place in the side opposite the door. There are no chairs, but benches and upturned boxes are provided for the white men and such of the Indians as wish to use them—some of the men and nearly all the women and children sit on the floor. The hymns are in Cree, and are taken from a little book compiled by Mr. Moore, the translations being made in most cases by other missionaries. Prayer is offered in Cree by Mr. Moore and Thomas Stevenson, an Indian with some white blood in his veins, who became a Christian under Mr. Moore's preaching some two years ago, and now acts as interpreter. Mr. Baird reads a chapter with comments and Dr. Robertson preaches a simple sermon—these being interpreted sentence by sentence. Then follows the baptism of two children, one being a son of the man in whose house we met. With the exception that one man, apparently without any irreverent intention, drew out his pipe and lit it, and that the infants once or twice distracted the attention of the congregation, the service was of the most decorous character and the attention shown by the listeners was evident. There was a decided innovation upon Presbyterian usages when immediately after the service a bag of candies which had been brought by Mr. MacDonald was produced for the regalement of the children.

Altogether both in material comfort and in appreciation of spiritual truth there is very decided advancement evident in the Indians on these reserves, and there is little room for doubt but that the generation now growing up which has had the advantage of being trained in an industrial boarding school will be greatly in advance of the status reached by those Indians who were adults before they came within the reach of christianizing or civilizing influences.

MISTAWASIS RESERVE.

The work left vacant by the death of the Rev. John McKay is being carried on in the meantime by Mr. Jacob Bear, the Rev. Hugh McKay's native assistant, who will remain until a permanent missionary reaches the field.

It gives the Committee pleasure to announce that a successor to Mr. McKay has been found in the person of Mr. Frank O. Nichol who completed his course of study in Knox college this spring, and who with some knowledge of what Indians are like, gained from a summer's Home Mission work in the neighborhood of one of the reserves, has volunteered for this work. Mr. Nichol will, it is expected, be ordained in Toronto during the month of July, and will, we are assured, enter upon his work supported by the sympathies and prayers of God's people everywhere who wish well to Indian missions.