

WHO TOLD.

"Who told! Who told that spring is here?
I meet the news where'er I go;
But still the trees look bare and drear,
And still all day the cold winds blow."

"Why first a blue bird told the news,
He sweetly sang of springtime joys;
And then, as everybody knows,
The Pussy Willows told the boys."

Suggested Programme for May.

1. Hymn.
2. Short prayer by Leader.
3. Psalm 115, 1-8, alternately with Leader.
4. Roll call.
5. Business, reports, etc.
6. Recitation or solo.
7. Field Study, with questions and map.
8. A very few words from Visitor or Leader.
9. One verse of "Onward Christian Soldiers."
10. Short prayer or benediction.

FIELD STUDY FOR MAY.

OUR INDIAN WORK.

Coqualeetza Institute and Crosby Girls Home,
British Columbia.

(ADAPTED.)

The Indian has gradually been driven back, until we find there are now only about 100,000 in the whole Dominion. But both the government and the Church are waking up to their duty, and efforts are being made to educate and Christianize these people. The government has acknowledged its responsibility, and is willing to erect schools and pay half of the teacher's salary, the other half to be paid by the society which employs the missionary. There are already 18 Indian industrial schools in the Dominion and 277 government day schools. These are chiefly confined to British Columbia and the North West Territories, the 12,000 pagan Indians of North Ontario receiving very little help of this kind.

The W. M. S. is doing a grand work for the Indians of British Columbia. The Coqualeetza Industrial Institute at Chilliwack is one of which we are justly proud. Last year 123 pupils were in attendance. Besides being taught all the branches usually taken up in our public schools, the girls are taught sewing, knitting, dressmaking, laundry work, cooking and music, while the boys learn different trades. Some of the music pupils play very well, one of the girls being organist in the Sunday-school. They have a live Mission Band, which meets once a month. Misses Alton, Smith and Burpee are our missionaries in charge.

The Crosby Girl's Home, at Port Simpson, also reports a very successful year's work, although retarded by sickness during the early part of the year. There have been 41 girls in attendance, and all have progressed in their work. Our missionaries there are Misses Clark, Paul and Elliott.

Here also the girls are taught to do housework and sewing—even the little ones being delighted to help as far as they are able. They make all their own bread, which has been much praised. The younger girls speak

English fluently, as do those who have been brought up in the school. In school at the end of the year many promotions were made as the result of successful written examinations. Each girl promoted passed in all the subjects laid down for her particular grade in the course of study for the public schools of the province.

Growth in obedience, honesty and truthfulness brings cheer to the hearts of those engaged in training these children.

QUESTIONS FOR MAY.

1. How many Indians in the Dominion?
2. What is the Government willing to do for them?
3. How many Industrial and how many Government day schools?
4. Where are these found?
5. Tell what you know of the Coqualeetza Institute?
6. Who are our Missionaries there?
7. Tell what you know of the Crosby Girls' Home?
8. Who are our Missionaries there?
9. What knowledge are they giving, and what progress making?
10. Give some hopeful signs?

"Many Infallible Proofs."

AN EXERCISE FOR ELEVEN.

ALL RECITE.—Many proofs, immortal Saviour,
Thou didst give thine own,
Of thy wondrous resurrection,
Ere returning to thy throne;
Risen and ascended Lord,
Help us all receive thy word.

FIRST.—"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene."

SECOND.—"Then to other loving women,
Sweetly scattering all the gloom;
Latest at the cross they lingered,
Earliest gathered at the tomb

THIRD.—Then, "He was seen of Cephas," or Peter.

FOURTH.—"After that, He appeared in another form unto two of them, as they went and walked into the country."

FIFTH.—"Then the same day at evening, came Jesus and stood in the midst," but Thomas was not there.

SIXTH.—"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace be unto you.'"

ALL RECITE TOGETHER.—"Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

SEVENTH.—He appeared to nine disciples at the sea of Galilee

EIGHTH.—Then, to five hundred persons on a mountain in Galilee.

NINTH.—He appeared to the Apostle James.

TENTH.—Then to all the Apostles.

ELEVENTH.—After that, "He was received up into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God."

(Sing to Autumn or any 8's and 7's tune.)

ALL SING.—We, O Lord, with hearts adoring,
Follow Thee above the sky;
Hear our prayers, thy grace imploring
Lift our souls to Thee on high;
So when Thou again in glory
On the clouds of Heaven shall shine,
We, thy flock, shall stand before thee,
Owned for evermore as thine.