

once. In any event, buildings erected thus would be of a very inexpensive kind, as in the event of a band giving up its reserve to the Government, and removing elsewhere, the Society's claim to mission buildings might lapse.

The Saugeen Church has always been a central point in our mission, and it is from thence, at present, that we must expect to draw our Native Teachers for the work.

Mr. Robinson writes in November last :—

"Since my return I have, by request of the Board of Directors, visited Saugeen, to investigate charges that were publicly made against one of our native agents last June. I am happy to say they were without the least foundation, and that the party shares the confidence of all the members of his church and is deserving of ours.

"I preached thrice, delivered them other addresses, administered the Lord's Supper to about eighteen adults, Indians, members of the Congregational Church, and besides baptizing an infant, had the great pleasure of *baptizing a Pagan woman*, giving her the name Mary. Barrell assured me that she has for some time given him satisfactory evidence that she is truly connected to Christ as well as to Christianity.

"One of the men now working with the Church was a Romanist, and is son of the said Mary; another son about fifteen years old is still a Pagan. Barrell and I visited at their house, and finding the Pagan youth within, I urged him to follow his mother's example, and believe on Jesus; his answer was: 'I believe that mother loves Jesus, and that she has done well, and *I hope that I too will love Jesus soon.*' I had the great pleasure of hearing an Indian man thank me for having done good to his soul, by a sermon at Cape Croker, and say that he had then and there determined to serve the Lord. He is one of those now working with the church."

SPANISH RIVER.

Miss Emma Baylis, of Montreal, is now at her post, for the fourth summer, at the mouth of the Spanish River, on the North Shore of Georgian Bay. Her labours extend to beginning of October, when most of the Indians go back into the interior and separate. The thanks of the Society are due to the Ladies of the three Congregational Churches in Toronto, who have furnished Miss Baylis with a stock of garments to clothe some of the almost naked children who gather into her school. It is difficult to say to an Indian child from a Pagan household—*Be thou instructed and trained*, while we "give them not those things that are needful for the body."—(James ii. 16). No welcome to a beloved teacher could be more touching than Miss Baylis received last year from four four-year-old little French children (who had not themselves been at school but had learned it from the others) singing to her "Come to Jesus, just now!" This, with "Jesus loves me, this I know," and "Happy Land," the whole of the Indian children have got; and they sing them in their wigwams in the thickets, beside the frozen lakes of the interior, all winter; and come down to the shore with them again in the Spring!

Miss Baylis had a few Bibles with her last Summer, which she sold for the Bible Society, as she had opportunity. Then, on the principle that the greater blessing always rests with the *giver*, she induced the children to put their coppers into a missionary box. It was opened with all due ceremony in the Autumn, and found to contain fifty-three cents, which was devoted to the Bible Society. Miss Baylis takes up with her, this year, the January No. of the U. C. Bible Society's "Recorder," in which these contributions