

work. Mrs. Lash had given much time and attention to the teaching and assistance of the women on the reserves.

Mr. Baird spoke particularly of two young men, former pupils of Mr. Moore's, one married lately and the other about to be married, who were beginning life on their own account in a most exemplary manner, and who had built comfortable homes on their farms. He pointed out how difficult it was for the Indians to acquire habits of industry, and said it was specially hard for one of them to work day after day *alone* at farm labour. A Piapot Indian of a few years ago utterly despised a man who tilled the ground. In referring to the new industrial school at Regina, Mr. Baird spoke in high praise of Mr. McLeod, the newly-appointed principal, and also of Mr. Mackenzie, the industrial teacher. The school at Muscowpetung had often been overcrowded, and the Government inspector had frequently cautioned the committee in regard to it; but this state of things would be changed now that the new school had been built at Lakesend. Many pupils formerly in the Muscowpetung school would also be sent to Regina; and the building at Lakesend would be partly an orphanage, and a school to which children might be sent whose parents object to their going so far from home as to Regina. These children would be chiefly from Pasquah's Reserve.

Now that the Regina school has been opened, Mr. Moore will be free to give his attention to evangelistic work on the reserves. He has acquired the language and is able to speak without an interpreter. Probably two churches will shortly be built in which he will hold services. One at the east end of Piapot's and one in the valley for present use, which will in time be removed to a higher site, when the Indians can be induced to leave the valley and farm the higher lands.

The epidemic in Cote's school is now over, and no deaths have taken place. Instead of withdrawing their children from the school when they happen to fall ill, the Indians now—such is their confidence in our missionary—bring their sick to him for care and treatment, turning the school into an hospital. Mr. Baird concluded his remarks by urging once more upon the Board the claims of the Indians upon their interest and prayers, and asked that prayer be offered continually for the missionaries who are labouring among them under so many difficulties.