

practice of English conversation ere any satisfactory teaching could be done in English in a mission-school.

By using the Cree names for Arabic notation, the scholars are prepared at once to proceed with arithmetic, minus the encumbrance of the English language.

The congregations on Sabbath are good, for the number of Protestants here. The interpreter, Mr. Donald Whitford, is on hand once in two weeks; while each alternate Sabbath the teacher conducts service in Cree, except prayers. These talks, in the interpreter's absence, are prepared in conjunction with him during his regular visits. First, a few verses of Scripture are selected, then the comments written in English, and afterwards in the Cree characters upon the arrival of the interpreter, who lives ten miles down the river. In this way correct sentences and idioms are obtained and practised.

ERVIN B. GLASS.

VICTORIA.

Many times during the past year we have felt much discouraged at the lack of apparent results in connection with our work at Victoria—the field seemed so barren. And yet we believe much good has been done, though only one conversion has been witnessed. No new appointments have been taken up, but the old ones have been regularly sustained. The attendance upon all our services has been good, much better than usual. The general religious tone of the settlement seems to be steadily improving—the “gospel leaven” is at work.

While we are doing what we can for the adult population, we are paying special attention to the young. Our Sabbath-school is very interesting, and we are much encouraged by the efforts of the children to acquire a knowledge of God's Word. The number of verses they have each Sunday, and the perfect manner in which they recite them, is astonishing. From the 1st of October to the close of March we conducted a day-school. Farming operations forced us to close it for a time, but we intend re-opening soon.

The work at Egg Lake is still in its infancy, but is promising. The chief's wife died lately. Her end was peace. The chief himself is under deep conviction. The last time I saw him he said, “I am thinking of God all the time, and often when I am out hunting I kneel down and ask Him to make me a good man.”

J. A. McLACHLAN.

WHITEFISH LAKE.

Regarding our work at Whitefish Lake Mission I have to state that it is yet moving in the right direction.

The Great Spirit has been very merciful and gracious to us, blessing the humble efforts put forth to promote His glory amongst the people of this charge, so that our members are advancing in the Divine life

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