

their young lives much precious fruit of the spirit has been manifest.

VISITING FAMILIES.

Besides my work with the children, I have sought to do something for their parents in their own homes; and as often as the weather would permit have spent three or four evenings weekly going from house to house, for scripture reading and prayer, and for the purpose of teaching those who could not come to the evening school. I have always been most kindly and gladly welcomed by all, and have often found my coming impatiently looked for. Sometimes, to test their interest, I would make no attempt to read for awhile after going in, and have often been much gratified and encouraged by the "hints" they would give, by brushing a little "bench" and setting it by the table before a little, dim seal oil lamp, which they would snuff again and again, looking at me all the time as though they wanted something, as they really did, and which with a prayerful heart, I sought to give them. They never seemed weary though I gave them ever so much, but were *always ready for more*. I believe some of the happiest, if not the *very happiest* evenings I ever spent, have been in these humble little homes, reading and talking of Jesus to these needy souls.

MOTHER'S MEETING.

Towards the middle of winter, seeing much interest manifested by many of these mothers, Miss Brodie and myself, anxious to use every means in our power by which we might lead them to Jesus, were led to call them together, once each week at the close of school, for an hour of prayer, which we have continued to do till the present; and much encouragement and blessing has attended our efforts. All in the settlement have attended *regularly* so far as possible, stormy weather and bad walking *never* causing their absence. We have had the joy of hearing from *all but two* of these who have met with us, supplications for God's mercy and forgiveness; and we have reason to believe that some of these souls have been gathered into the fold of the Good Shepherd, and numbered with the dear children of God.

THE LORD'S GOODNESS.

Indeed we have great reason to rejoice in all things concerning us and our labour here this winter. We have been continued in life, and the health of our little number most wonderfully preserved. I do not think I ever spent so many months so free from illness as during this winter. Why, I have lost *but one half day* from school and a portion of one Sabbath. Truly the Lord has been good to us! And *what a privilege* to be associated in labour this

winter with Miss Brodie! How little I knew the blessing in store for me when the trial, of which you are already aware, came to me in Boston, and I sailed from that port expecting, on reaching these shores, to be left to labour alone. How noble her self-forgetfulness and devotedness to her Master's cause, that she was willing to return again so soon to these scenes of her former labours!

MISS BRODIE.

I am well aware of the high esteem in which she is held by the friends of this Mission, and yet I feel that they do not know one-half of her worth, and the value of her life and labours here. See is greatly loved and appreciated by this people *far and near*, and they take much delight in talking of her life among them, especially of that winter alone, in which she so proved her care for them. I have not spoken of her work this winter, nor do I need to, for you are assured that, as in the past, she has been *constant and untiring* in her efforts for the good of this people and the prosperity of this Mission. For my own part, I feel that I cannot esteem her too highly, or sufficiently express my grateful appreciation of the noble spirit which led her to return to share this winter with me. I trust she may be long continued to labour here; for the Mission and the people *need her*.

THE FUTURE.

We are longing to know what news "Blais" will bring to us, and did we not know that the dear ones we have left behind, as well as ourselves, are safe in the Lord's hands, these would be anxious days indeed. Nine months is a long time to wait. We wonder what are the plans concerning the Mission? Will Mr. Carpenter return, or will another be sent? We trust the Lord will direct. We, who have laboured with Mr. Butler, and know how earnest and faithful have been his efforts for the good of this people, feel that it will be a sad day for them when he is called to leave the coast.

As the past winter has been unusually mild, the ice is going very early, and we hope soon to be again at Caribou, when whence we shall look for early arrivals.

We hope to hear that our friends in Montreal are well; we know they will rejoice to hear such good news from us, and we trust they will still pray for us.

M. M.

In our next number we will endeavour to give a sketch of the Mission down to the present time, or, at least, to the latest intelligence received.

Another Missionary.

We rejoice to know that another Church will soon have its Missionary on the New