

kind to us in our sorrow. The Indians, on our arrival, manifested their sympathy in many ways, and did all they could for us. We have had blessed services, several conversions, and many have been reclaimed to a closer walk with God. We have had trials, and our work has been misrepresented by crafty men. But the work can be seen by godly men.

We had a good missionary meeting. Brother Crosby took the services on the Sabbath, and we are a little in advance of last year. Miss Savage is a good teacher. The school was very small during the summer months, but is doing well now. A night school for singing is held. We beg an interest in the prayers of the Church.

#### SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

*Letter from the REV. J. A. McLACHLAN, dated VICTORIA, ALTA, December 15th, 1888.*

**L**AST Sabbath we dedicated our new church to the worship of Almighty God. We expected that Bros. German and Steinhauer would have been with us, but circumstances compelled them to disappoint us. However, everything else was favorable. We had delightful weather, a large attendance, and, best of all, God was with us. The church is an excellent log building, with sittings for about one hundred. It has a double floor, is ceiled with matched lumber, and wainscotted as high as the seats, the balance of the wall being covered with white cotton, which was kindly furnished by Mr. Tupper, a member of our congregation, making altogether a neat and comfortable building. The Missionary Board, as you are aware, gave a grant to purchase lumber, nails and glass, but the people themselves furnished the logs and did all the work. The church would have been completed some time ago but for the long illness of your missionary. But, thanks be to God, we are able once more to take up our full work. Our prospects at present are good. The efforts made by the people in building the church have had a very beneficial effect, causing them to feel an interest in church work, such as they never had before. The work in general has suffered somewhat by my long illness, but we are trusting that, with the blessing of God, this winter we will not only regain what ground may have been lost, but also make an advance at every appointment. God willing, we expect to open a new appointment among the Half-Breeds who have lately settled at Egg Lake, some ten miles south of this point. Personally, I never felt a stronger determination to labor earnestly for the Master, or a firmer conviction that the blessing of God would attend my labors. We have had a very trying time, but out of all the Lord has safely brought us.

*Letter from the REV. J. A. McLACHLAN, dated January 14th, 1889.*

**Y**OU will be glad to learn that the Lord is blessing us in our labors among the Indians at Wah-sa-te-now. An earnest desire for the Gospel is being manifested, but our work is hindered by the want of Bibles and hymn books in the Cree language. Can you possibly send us a supply? I have an appointment with

them every two weeks. Several have decided for Christ and been baptized. We are very busy this winter, as besides our usual work we are teaching school. Owing to failure of the crops and other reasons, the people of the settlement were too poor to pay a teacher's salary, so we have taken hold of the school ourselves. Hoping that you will continue to pray for us, and that you will be able to send us the Bibles and hymn books.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

*Letter from the REV. E. SNOWDON, dated BAY ROBERTS, January 14th, 1889.*

**W**E were anxiously waiting a reply to our appeal for \$300 for the building of a parsonage at Spaniards' Bay on this circuit.

Our fears were put to rest and our hearts were gladdened by the receipt of yours of November 28th, per Mr. Shaw, and in a fortnight later, with a cheque for, \$221.60.

We are more than grateful for this liberal allowance of \$250, less interest, in aid of said parsonage and struggling cause.

We held a bazaar in November, for same object, which was a grand success, when we consider that two years ago Methodism here had only two Methodist families, and often no more than nine persons for a congregation, and twenty persons comprised a large congregation. The few who joined our Church in the revival have done nobly; shortly after the arrival of the Labrador fleet, the few brave hearts laid the foundation of the parsonage.

Soon the sound of hammers were heard, and by free labor and unanimous effort the building rose with rapidity.

In an incredibly short time the work was so far advanced as to admit of our holding the bazaar in it, and the total receipts amount to \$550; which, with grant received, our people will thoroughly complete the building, and have it ready for occupancy by next Conference, and free from all incumbrance.

#### HOME WORK.

**Mountain Grove Mission** is situated on the C.P.R., about half-way between Toronto and Montreal. It consists of six appointments, and there are others which might be taken up as Sabbath work, if we had more help. One thing we lack is sufficient local help. Nevertheless we have plenty of work, and the people are very kind and willing to do all they are able. Since my coming to Mountain Grove, we have purchased parsonage property, on which there was the outlines of a house, which we repaired at a cost of about \$80, which has been paid, and also, this year, built a nice stable, 20 x 30, worth \$100, all paid for with the exception of \$15, which will be paid by February we expect; leaving the principal on property to be met as the yearly notes come due, which notes have been successfully met so far. And the people expect to meet them till they are all paid.

We had a visit from Dr. Bredin, November 11th and 12th. Preaching on Sunday evening, and lecturing on Monday evening, subject, "Ireland and the