

band are absent, being camped at various points on the river and adjacent islands. On returning to our camp after council we had evening service, adopting mutual inquiry plan and with such subjects as 'Wherefore has the Church lost the power of working miracles?' and 'What is the unpardonable sin?' Thoughts on conversion as a moral miracle and evidence of Christianity, and on the danger of presumptuous sin, with prayer and praise and Scripture, helped us to a happy Sabbath evening. The scenery here is very fine. Next morning, our last half-dozen biscuits being very precious, and our meat the opposite of tempting, I rejoiced over a goodly pike which I hooked for breakfast, and found a deeper emphasis than ever before in the petition—'Give us this day our daily bread.' Starting with a head wind, we were compelled to camp on Arid Island, and still some miles distant from the Spanish River Mills, the store and the bread needful for supper and breakfast. Next morning at Spanish River."

FRENCH BAY, SAUGEEN.

This Indian church is an off-shoot of the old Congregational Indian Church, at Colpoy's Bay, at one time under the missionary care of Rev. Ludwick Kribs, and afterward of the late Mr. James Atkey, and native deacons. The majority of the Indians connected with the church on the Saugeen Reserve, live near the Lake Huron shore, at French Bay, some five or six miles from the little Indian Village of Saugeen.

William Barrell, Indian Evangelist, is at present in charge of the church. Under date of the 16th of May, Mr. Barrell reports a membership of thirty-two—fourteen men and eighteen women. The Sabbath School has four teachers and twenty scholars. The Indians feel the comfort of their little church edifice, erected a year and a-half ago. An orderly attendance, averaging thirty, is every Lord's Day seen in the building. They have even obtained a small melodeon, to assist the service of praise. And larger churches with choirs, so difficult sometimes to manage, will sympathize with the passing trouble of the young Indian preacher, whose organist had for several Sabbaths before the date of Report, taken a huff at something; and refused to play! As a compensation for this little trouble, Mr. Barrell has organized an adult class, under the sounding title of a "Young Men's Christian Association," in connection with the church and congregation. He says these meetings have been very good, and largely attended, though some have backslidden through drink, and lost their former interest in the "Y. M. C. A." He says there have been fewer deaths this year—two members have died. "I am continually," he writes, "visiting my people and sick folks, and the Lord is with us in our meetings, and He is with His word Everywhere the chiefs are very friendly with me." Mr. Barrell has his mind much set on erecting a small building in the Indian Village of Saugeen, for preaching and Sunday-school. He says: "If the Society would give leave for me to go round to collect for the benefit of the church in *Saugeen*, I believe we would have a place made where the people might worship Then we might expect to do more work in *Saugeen*. But as it is, we have no Sunday-school here (in the village) as we have no place where we might have one." On this question, the Directors will consult with Mr. Robinson. Were there enough money, a small grant would be made at