

them by the ladies, and whispered in his ear the good news. His face lit up, and he said: "Oh, when will it come? I have just had a request from some old parishioners of our's who are now farming in the country, for some papers with which to start a Sunday School, in their settlement. They had tried having a Union S. S. with the other denominations, but it had failed. They especially ask for 24 copies of the Church Catechism (they count on 24 scholars), some LEAFLETS and illustrated papers. If any of your readers have any old ones on hand, if they would send them to me, I would gladly forward them, or the direct address would be, Mrs. Wm. Sharpe, Ellisboro' P. O., Assa.

We had Mrs. Reeve on the platform at our Annual, on her way to join her husband. Your letter of greeting from the Prov'l. W. A. was read by Miss Milledge, and received with applause."

STURGEON LAKE MISSION, PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.

There are about 145 Indians on this reserve. They all live in small log shanties for the winter, but they are very bare, and most of them dirty. Two men have been baptized into our church. The wife and child of one have also been baptized, but the wife and children of the other are still heathen, with these exceptions, the whole tribe are heathen. There are families who are willing to listen to the Gospel news, one in particular is pleased to see my husband every Sunday morning with his prayer and hymn books, and join with him both in prayer and hymns. The first time he went there the men were lying around on their so-called beds, the old women smoking, and the half-clad, dirty-looking children playing on the floor, which was also far from clean, but on his second visit he was pleased to find the house and people much tidier. There was an old soap box placed in the centre for him to sit on, and some pictures which I had given the children were on the walls. This is, so far, the most promising family here—in fact, the father, who goes by the English name of Frank Bowson, has as good as promised to be baptized in the summer. The old chief here is a stumbling block, for he refuses to listen to the "good news," and still holds those fearful heathenish dances and most of the Indians are afraid of what they call "bad medicine" if they do not join them. The school is a very unsatisfactory affair at present. There are 11 names on the register, but the children attend so irregularly that it seems hopeless work to try and teach them anything. However, we hope to start a boarding school this summer, with the help of our kind friends in the east and private contributions (some have been promised already), and we are about to solicit more from our friends in the "Old Country." My husband hopes to have the mission house enlarged this spring, and both the Bishop and Arch-deacon have kindly promised to defray the expenses as far as possible.