

we were there, but we saw and examined some of the children. One instance, and it is only one, I may give, of an Indian boy, aged eleven, who could read with considerable fluency the Bible when opened at any part, and could repeat with perfect accuracy the creed, the ten commandments and the Lord's Prayer. I look for great results from the school. I must not forget to mention that he is assisted by the Rev. B. and Mrs. Jones—the latter a sister of the celebrated Methodist Indian Missionary, McDougall, who perished on the plains—and who are rendering most valuable service.

Nor must I forget in this connection to refer to the Industrial Schools, so called, established and supported by the government, in which Indian children are trained for the practical work of life, and to which the boarding school of which I have just spoken could act as feeders. These in all cases are under the charge of one or other of the Christian Churches. We were able to visit one of them *i. e.* that near Fort Qu'Appelle, under the charge of Father Hugonnard, and which contains about fifty boys and forty girls. As far as time permitted we were shewn everything connected with it, and were exceedingly pleased with its working. It is gratifying to be able to state that arrangements have been completed with the government for the establishment of another institution of this kind, to be situated near Regina, and to be under the charge of our own church. So much for what we saw of the work among the children, but the adults are not forgotten, nor should they be. Mr. Moore as I have stated already is beginning his work on Pie-a-pot's reserve. Mr. McKay for nearly three years has been at work at Round and Crooked Lakes, and the fruits are already appearing among the old as well as the young.

We spent a Sabbath with Mr. McKay at Round Lake on which day the Communion was dispensed. I need not say it was a most interesting occasion. Mr. Flett preached in Cree to a numerous congregation and at least eight or nine Indians were among the communicants. Doubtless this beginning is small but it gives the promise that the latter end will greatly increase and that here as everywhere else the gospel will prove itself to be the power and the wisdom of God in the salvation of souls.

Such is a very inadequate outline of the

committee's work so far as my connection with it was concerned. There is much else I should like to enlarge upon—the beauty of the prairie over whose surface we journeyed, the magnificent sweep of the Qu'Appelle valley, the hospitality with which we were everywhere treated, the sweet communion we had with one another and with friends we happened to meet. And so I might go on, were it not time to end, which I will do in the orthodox fashion with one or two practical remarks.

1st. I hope that one of the results of the meeting of the Assembly in the North West will be to lead our Church as a whole to take a deeper interest in the Indian people than she has yet done. It should not be forgotten that as a Church we are doing very much less for the Indian than either the Church of England or the Methodist Church. So Professor Hart of Winnipeg, who has given much attention to this subject, tells me. We are doing more I believe for the white population of Manitoba and the North West than any other Church. But we are certainly doing less for the Indians than the Churches I have mentioned. I do not want to be misunderstood. It should not be thought from what I have dwelt upon in this paper that we are working no where else but on these reserves. The last report of our F. M. Committee tells us that we have no less than seventeen laborers in the Indian field, not a few of whom have been enabled to do great things. There is for example Mr. John McKay on the Saskatchewan ministering to a Christian chief—Mis-ta-wa-sis and people. Mr. Tunkan-suiciye on the Assiniboine ministering to a Sioux band who came—to use the words of the Report—"a little over twenty years ago red-handed from the Minnesota massacre, but are now to a large extent a Christian community." And last but not least the able and devoted Mr. Flett, our oldest Indian Missionary, who ministers to another band, which to quote the Report again, "may safely be described as a Christian community." But while all this is so it still remains true that we are doing less for the Indians than our Episcopal and Methodist brethren. I cannot but believe that one of the many good results of the last Assembly will be to deepen and increase the Church's interest in this department of her work. Let us in this part of the Church especially not forget that now that our Foreign Mission work