

parents seem to appreciate it also,—more I think than in times past. The evening school, under Miss Brodie, was very well attended the first part of the season; during the latter part of the time, the young men have been busy most of the time in getting wood and with their hunting. But the school has gone on, and instruction has been given to some of the older as well as the younger women; some have made quite rapid progress, and are able to do what some of them have long wanted to do—read a chapter in the Bible. The evening school has been quite a success, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which it has laboured at times, viz: stormy evenings, and often work to be done at home. The older persons are much more anxious, many of them, to learn than the younger ones; and in some of the houses the old women will be seen perseveringly perusing over their primers, and calling in the aid of their children and grandchildren, as they go along. Miss Brodie and Miss Macfarlane have also given evening lessons in some of the houses where it was convenient for the people.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

Hardly any of them had ever heard of such a thing before, and their curiosity was quite excited as to what it would be like. The school-room was decorated with flags and evergreens, and paper lanterns (*improvised*, like most of our arrangements for the occasion,) and the effect when lighted, was on the whole a very pleasing one. The presents distributed were mostly books and articles of clothing, of which latter, some were sadly in need. The parents were present, and with the children, seemed greatly pleased with the entertainment.

The subject of total abstinence has also recently been brought up before the adults, as well as among the children, and several new names have been added to the temperance pledge.

GOOD FEELING.

There has been the kindest feeling between the people of the settlement and the Mission, during all the winter. They seem to appreciate more fully than in times past, the benefit which they receive from the stated preaching of the gospel, and the school for their children. They have decided among themselves that a new building is needed to carry on the Mission work properly; and, accordingly, a few weeks since, the men joined, and cut the timber for the frame of a new house.

Our present school was just then beginning to give signs of falling in; the great weight and *spread* of the roof has forced out of place several of the posts at the sides; but supports have been put up inside and out, so that there is no immediate danger. They planned for a house 20 x 30 feet and 11 feet high, with four rooms below, including pantry or store-room, and four bedrooms above. I wrote a few words to the carpenter in the fall, about the expediency of having a new dwelling house, and the need of it seems more and more apparent every month. The present one is small, inconvenient, and unhealthy, and the Mission work could go on very much better in every way, if we had a larger and more commodious one.

EPISCOPAL MISSION.

The friends of Missions, and of this Society especially, will be glad to know of the establishment of another Mission upon this coast, among a people who have heretofore had but very few privileges. Just about the