

be more than all the gold and silver which the rich men gave?

And then we are speaking not only to you but to all the Sunday schools and all the children of the Church, from Halifax to Sarnia, a good many hundred miles, and a good many thousand children, and if each one does his best, there will be a goodly sum gathered for Christ's work.

In the Church in the United States, last year, they gathered \$68,396 from about 2,300 Sunday schools, as the result of a similar appeal to children. There are about 1,000 Sunday schools in this part of the Dominion of Canada, and if all give a little there will be a large amount collected and many hearts made glad and happy.

You must not think we are asking you to do this because we want to make Lent a gloomy time and to lead you to believe that you cannot be religious without being always sad; far from it. You know that even Jesus, however bare and rugged the wilderness was, could still look up to heaven and see the bright sky and the glorious sun or soft moon shining; so we want you to see in this time of fasting and self-denial, how to find true pleasure, and that is, in the thought of doing good to others whilst denying your own wills and wishes. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," said Jesus, and really we can have no greater happiness than in making others happy; and this can be done in in no better way than in trying to give to others as much knowledge of Jesus and as much comfort in religion as we have ourselves.

If you find any pleasure in knowing that you are members of Christ Church and therefore blessed with many blessings, it will surely make you anxious to bring others into the same Church to share them all with you.

Then think how glad you will be at Easter if you have denied yourselves something during Lent, to find that you do not feel one bit the worse for that self-denial, but are able to bring to Jesus the fruits of it all and present it to Him, that His Church might send glad tidings to others that now do not know Him at all. Just try this in earnest this year and certainly you will not fail to do it again, because you will have learnt now to prepare for a very, very happy Easter-tide.

RUPERT'S LAND INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.



THE Rev. W. A. Burman recently furnished to the Dean of Rupert's Land the following statement as to the work of the above institution:

"We have at present sixty-four children—boys and girls. These are drawn from seven of our mission stations, viz.: Fairford

St. Peter's, Brokenhead, Fort Alexander, Islington, Lac Lent and Frenchman's Head.

As to education, they are in various stages from the fifth class down to those who know nothing. The grading is that of the Indian Department, considerably lower than our own common schools. This is, of course, because the children have to learn English as they proceed.

In religious knowledge there is the same difference. Some have come to us from our Mission schools with a very fair grasp of religious truth and a good knowledge of their Bibles, especially history and the life of our Lord. Six children have been confirmed here, and fifteen are now being prepared. Of the less advanced, some have no knowledge at all beyond the vague idea that there is a God to whom people pray in time of trouble. Amongst all, however, and especially, perhaps, amongst those who come from the more isolated reserves, the religious instinct is strong, and they readily take in our simple spiritual lessons. The moral outcome of the truths thus imbibed is much the same as among other children. Some have rarely to be corrected for wilful offences, others are weak and easily fall into sin. On the whole we are much encouraged in this part of our work, and, doubtless, much of the teaching which now seems to be lost will ultimately have a blessed effect. There is an example of the former kind in my mind as I write. Rachel Silvercloud, now a girl of seventeen years, came to us eighteen months ago with her mind a perfect blank on spiritual matters. After as careful a preparation as her poor knowledge of English would allow, she was baptized a few weeks ago. Lately her health has entirely broken down and she has had to be sent home, to our great regret. She has, however, given very grateful evidences of her complete faith in Christ. She herself asked to be allowed to take her Bible and Prayer Book home. Both these she can now read fairly well. When she came she did not know a letter. One cannot help feeling that if our school had done nothing else than set the feet of this one ignorant Indian child in the paths of light and peace, we have already a rich reward for our trouble. I am sure others will rejoice with us.

In the other branch of our work, the industrial training, we have an attempt to solve the great problem of the future of our Indians. There is no reason, either spiritual, moral or physical, why they should not become part of the nation. If we may judge from history our forefathers in England were possessed of much the same virtues and vices as the Indians of to-day. They were shrewd in council, brave in battle, persevering in any important matter, and quick, when occasion called for it, to adopt new modes of working and living. The Indians have amply proved that they are not behind in