

ence of the season was that of the usual nature:—teaching the children, and meetings and visitation with the grown people. Her first day last summer was an “examination” of the children as to the former summer’s teaching, when it was found “the children had remembered a number of texts and hymns and Bible questions.” Including a few white children, (for whom a small fee was charged—there is no other school in the place) there was an average attendance of eighteen to twenty-three. “Some of them,” Miss Baylis reports, “made rapid improvement in reading, writing and arithmetic, Bible-questions, singing, sewing, etc. The attendance:—Sabbath morning, Indian Bible-class, ten to twenty-five; Sabbath School (Indian and white), eighteen to twenty-seven scholars; evening Bible-readings, seven to twenty-three. After the classes were through, they each received a *text*, and good reading to take home. The Indians like to come and sing the Indian hymns. They would remain in the school-room all day on Sabbath, if I permitted them.” Miss Baylis also took up a week-evening class for Indians who wrought at the mills. Some made good improvement, and were anxious for more. The short visit of the Misses Bilbrough was much prized, and was very helpful to the work. Miss Baylis speaks gratefully of the kindness and friendliness of the proprietors and managers of the saw-mills. She also refers thankfully to the use she was able to make of children’s garments made up by Toronto ladies at Mrs. Page’s, and gifts from Shaftesbury Hall S. S. and Miss Lauder’s pupils, and others of Montreal. “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”

SERPENT RIVER.

As stated in last report, a native teacher was labouring among this band at the date of the Annual Meeting. Mr. Lister took him with him as boatman and interpreter, and kept him thus employed till 20th September. Messrs. Lister and Walker spent a Sabbath with them early in the season, and made other visits, one of which was made the pleasant occasion of a “Tea Meeting.” Mr. Lister says: “The Indians here are slowly improving in civilization. Two good frame houses have been added during the summer; and they are from year to year buying more of furniture, good clothing, etc.” The first gospel sermon was preached here by our agents. Before 1874 they had steadily refused to permit missionary labour among them. Twenty miles west of Spanish River.

SHE-SHE-GWAHNING.

An Indian village on Manitoulin Island. When Mr. Lister arrived here on 13th June he noticed, he says, “a great many neat and elegant Roman Catholic prayer-books, while the *Testaments* I gave them last summer have either been yielded up to their religious authorities, priest and bishop, or are *cunningly secreted*, as I know to