

advised that additional pupils shall be supported at these schools by our Society. The school at Lakesend has been closed partly on account of its proximity to Regina, but as the latter school is now full, we have advised its re-opening. Should the Foreign Mission Committee deem this undesirable, some suitable disposal will be made of the building.

TH. TRANSFERRING OF PUPILS.—After formal conversations with the principals of schools, teachers, etc., we have reached the conclusion, that a regular system of grading should be adopted in our Indian school work; that children should be promoted to the Boarding school, and from thence to the Industrial school, after attaining a certain standard, either of age or proficiency.

HOLIDAYS.—Considerable difference of opinion prevails on this question; but all are agreed that children should visit their parents, at least, once a year, as it is better both for parent and child to preserve, to some degree, home ties and affections.

MEETINGS WITH INDIANS.—We had the privilege of attending the public worship of God several times with the Christian Indians. We also had opportunities of meeting, on many occasions (frequently by special invitation), with the chiefs and head men of particular bands. At all these receptions we were treated with the utmost respect and courtesy, the proceedings being generally marked with the greatest dignity and decorum. The addresses of these men were often eloquent and touching, and very pathetic were the allusions to the benefits received from our Society. At Birdtail, we were met by a number of the representatives of the Indian Woman's Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S., who addressed to us most gracious words of welcome. To these we responded, conveying to them appropriate words of kindly greeting from our Society.