

Thus we had no break in the school work, except one week when the thermometer ranged from 40 to 72 degrees below zero.

At Christmas we gave them a Christmas tree. Being the first sight of one it was fairy-land to them. It was given them on the Saturday afternoon preceding Christmas. Rev. Mr. Rochester, Mrs. Rochester and a few other friends who kindly assisted were present. The parents of the children were invited. An organ helped to make the entertainment more attractive. The children gathered around it and sang several hymns, both in English and Dakota. Mr. Rochester addressed them very kindly. We did the best we could at interpreting, and think we did not fail to make the heathen who were present understand why Christmas was a day of such rejoicing to us. A bountiful repast, which was supplied by several of the ladies of our congregation, was one of the most attractive features of the programme and was immensely enjoyed by them all. Thanks to the Auxiliaries and Bands who did not forget the tree.

We have at present 25 on the roll, this includes 6 young men. Several of the women have been induced to come to learn to knit. As they are the principal bread-winners, we are obliged to allow them to come on any day, or any hour when not employed, thus rendering it impossible to have a class hour for them, which makes the work of the school more difficult to manage. However, we gladly welcome them and are pleased to avail ourselves of any means that will help to break down what has seemed almost an impregnable wall of superstition and opposition. In time we hope that they will be convinced we mean only their highest good. As they work away and listen to the children singing such hymns as "Jesus loves even me," and hear them recite their texts in their own language, we earnestly hope that it may be blessed to their spiritual good. They are so pleased when they finish their first stocking, and so are we, as