

and the seed put in the ground ; a small garden was also made. Everything grew much beyond our expectations, and we were supplied with garden stuff, potatoes, barley, and some wheat of our own growing, the very first season after our arrival. During the summer of 1867, ten additional acres were ploughed, and in the spring of 1868 the whole twenty were put under crop, and yielded remarkably.

In this God's goodness was wonderfully evident ; for the failure of the crops at Red River, by reason of the grasshoppers, would have prevented our friends there from supplying us with flour, as they had thus far most generously done ; besides, the winter of 1868-69 was a hard one for the Indians, and some of themselves acknowledge that they must have starved but for the supplies that we were providentially able to give them. At least two hundred and fifty bushels of turnips, and a large quantity of potatoes, barley and wheat, was dealt out among them during last winter—not because we designed gratuitously to support any of the Indians, but in the circumstances it was unavoidable. Besides supplying the Indians to the extent indicated, out of the crop of 1868 we paid for work or materials, and for goods procured at Carlton to the value of seventy-six pounds stg. (about \$380) out of the same crop.

Last spring about thirty acres were put under crop ; and although two months elapsed after sowing and planting before we had rain, still, through the blessing of God, everything gave a fair return, except turnips and garden stuffs. In connection with this department, I may state the progress that has been made in building. Two small additions have been put to our first houses, making each building 36 ft. by 18 ft. A small school-house has been put up 18 ft. by 14 ft. ; in it our Sabbath services are usually held ; the lower part of the principal dwelling house has been occupied for a year, and the flooring for the upper flat is nearly ready. To that building a kitchen has been added 24 ft. by 13 ft., but it is not yet finished ; a milk house 22 ft. by 12 ft. (with an ice cellar) has been put up, also a barn 48 ft. by 22 ft., a stable with four stalls, and two byres of the same size as that first erected. A well has been sunk in the court, and good water obtained at a depth of 16 ft. It may be expected that our furniture is of the scantiest and most common description. A stockade six and a half feet high has been commenced, which is intended to surround all the buildings, the garden, and the hay and wood yards. Besides these, we contrived and constructed a circular horse power for the small grist mill which the committee allowed me to purchase.

The farm is now supplied with the various implements required except a fanning mill, and this accounts for no inconsiderable portion of the outlay for the mission.

SETTLEMENT OF INDIANS.

It cannot be said that any of the Indians have as yet become actual settlers.* Several families have been induced to cultivate small pieces of land, both here and at a lake twenty miles distant ; those, whose farms are here, we have assisted by ploughing, and we gave seed last spring to all who applied. During the harvest of 1868, and also last harvest, a large number of Indians were camped at the Mission, and many of them, both men and women, were induced to help in the harvest field, and some shewed that they could soon learn to work.

As far as possible we exact work of all Indians who apply to us for provisions ; the men cut fire-wood and assist in bringing home wood and hay, and any other work they are capable of ; while the women help to clean the houses, and prepare leather and make Indian shoes and the like. We put up a small house for an invalid who came to us in May, 1867 ; he has been here ever since, incurable ; his wife assists in house work, washing, &c. ; both they and their child have been baptized, and the man has been admitted to the communion.

NOTE.—After the above sentence was written, the man here spoken of died peacefully, December, 30th. The burial has just taken place, December 31st.