

They all behaved well; they were dressed clean and neat for the occasion, and at the conclusion of the service, led off arm in arm to their dwellings. In the evening a little penmican and flour, tea and sugar were given to the newly married people. The first seeds were sown in our garden to-day.

3rd, Tuesday.—About noon we saw a canoe approaching from the Fort, and to our great astonishment and delight found that it contained our esteemed friend, Wm. McTavish, Esq., on his way to Norway House to meet Sir George Simpson. He had purposely come several miles out of his way, to pay us a visit although in great haste. He staid with us about three hours, and expressed his pleasure at the improvements going on at the Mission. I spoke to him about some assistance from the Honourable Company to finish our Church, and he readily consented to bring the matter before the Council. He has already sent to England for some material to furnish the pulpit.

4th, Wednesday.—Had quite a large congregation this evening, when I embraced the opportunity of speaking to them about making some arrangements for the wives and children of those who go on the Brigades, to remain on the Mission, that they may enjoy the advantages of the School and religious services. But I must confess that it is very difficult for them to do this, as fish are again getting scarce and they have no other means of obtaining food.

This morning a man and his wife came to the Mission with their little child. Until lately they have been opposed to Christianity, especially the woman who has been influenced by her mother, an old pagan woman who seems to have had considerable influence over her. They attended the prayer meeting this evening, and seemed surprised to hear the prayers and praises, as well as the sobs of our Christian Indians. Several other families have come home to-day.

5th, Thursday.—The man and his wife mentioned yesterday called again this morning. We gave their child, who is sick, some medicine and flour. They seem to be thinking very much about Christianity, and express their desire to leave off their old ways and to be baptized. Talked with them very plainly about the danger of remaining in sin,

and of the necessity of leading a new life. I find there is nothing like telling them the plain truth, without mincing the matter, if you have a wish to save their souls: they will hear it so long as it is spoken in love. But if you fear to *offend their prejudices*, and speak to them doubtfully and timidly, little or no impression will be made upon their minds, and they will doubt your earnestness and sincerity. I record this as my deliberate opinion, formed from sixteen years experience in different parts of the world. Finished planting our potatoes to-day, quite a fortnight earlier than last year.

6th, Friday.—Three Indian families came this morning at 6 o'clock to see us. One of the men had two wives. He expressed a wish to be baptized with all his children. I told him that he would first be under the necessity of putting away one of his wives, as Christianity did not allow polygamy. Cases of this kind are very difficult to be dealt with in this country, as young children are not easily cared for here. While I was conversing with the man, Mrs. Brooking was engaged with one of the wives.

7th, Saturday.—About noon I started in a small canoe for the Fort. I took Mr. Sinclair with me, as we heard that quite a number of Indians with their families were there who have never been on the Mission, and I was anxious to converse with them and give them an opportunity of hearing the Gospel. We arrived shortly after 4 o'clock, and after getting tea, I took Mr. Sinclair with me and visited several of the camps. Several had been on the Mission previously, and had expressed a wish to be baptized: with these in particular, I wished to converse. It is not very pleasant to one with sensitive feelings to enter these camps.

8th, Sabbath.—A beautiful day.—About 10½ a. m., we commenced our public worship in the large mess room: as the service progressed the place became thronged: the Indians, both men and women crowded in in great numbers until the room became insufferably hot, and by the time we had sung the second hymn, it was evident that we could not proceed with the service there; we therefore went out of doors on the grass before the house. I stood on the platform in front of the house,