

Monday 17th.—Much better to-day, and am able to take a little exercise in the open air. Beautifully clear with scarcely a breath of wind. The air is keen and bracing. This morning the trees and shrubs were all covered with a coating of pure white, although it had not snowed; last evening the air was filled with a damp haze or fog, and as it fell on the bushes, it froze in flaky crystals, which looked very beautiful when the sun rose; but by the evening it had nearly all disappeared in consequence of the great evaporation.

Monday 24th.—We are all busy again; two of the men sawing, and another hauling home fish with the dogs; and as there are scarcely any children at home, we have no school just now, and Mr. Sinclair is planing the flooring for the Schoolmaster's house. I finished our new kitchen last week, and have now commenced my study.

Sabbath, 30th.—Should have gone to the Fort yesterday, but was informed that the ice was not sufficiently strong. Several of the hunters returned on Friday on a temporary visit, consequently our congregation is a little larger to-day.

December, Saturday 6th.—Very busy in preparing letters for Canada, England, &c., in expectation of the Packet. This afternoon went to the Fort. Weather colder than it has yet been—thermometer 15°.

Sabbath 7th.—Preached twice to-day to the servants of the Hon. Company; a small but attentive congregation.

Sabbath 14th.—Our congregation larger to-day than it has been for some time, and also very attentive, some wept during the sermons.

Sabbath 21st.—Quite a large congregation to-day, and the people were very attentive; the weather intensely cold, the wind blowing very hard from W. N. W.

Wednesday 24th.—Indians daily arriving to keep Christmas and attend the Quarterly Meeting and Watch Night: preparing Class papers and tickets. In the evening, held our usual prayer meeting, and afterwards gave tickets to two classes; experience of most of the members very satisfactory.

Thursday 25th.—Christmas day.—Shortly after daylight, all the Indians, men, women and children, came to wish

us a *merry Christmas*, when Mrs. Brooking gave each family some flour, according to the number of children.—Held a public service this morning with quite a large congregation. Although we had not turkey or goose for dinner to-day, yet we sat down to good old English fare, viz, roast beef and plum pudding, with cabbage, carrots, and parsnips. And here I might observe, that we raised about 200 tolerable cabbages, and in order to preserve them, we ventured upon an experiment, viz, we left them in the garden until they were thoroughly frozen; they were then cut and packed away in the empty ice-house; at present they are as fresh and sweet as they were before the winter set in; so far the experiment has perfectly succeeded. This afternoon, the Indians, old and young, enjoyed themselves at foot-ball on the frozen river; poor creatures, it is the only season of the year when they can enjoy themselves together, as at all other times they are scattered far apart, over hundreds of miles of country.

Friday 26th.—Met the other two classes this evening for tickets; upon the whole, the experience is very satisfactory. I find that we have now 92 members in Society. Mrs. Brooking very busy in cutting out dresses for the women and children, and shirts for the men; indeed, the place is no sinecure either for the Missionary or his wife, if they do their duty.

Sabbath 28th.—To-day we had our Quarterly Meeting. The Indians had all collected early so as to allow our services to be commenced at half past nine, a. m., just one hour and a half after daylight. We had very delightful seasons both at the Love Feast and Lord's Supper. A strong sense of the Divine presence was felt by all, and we could all say that it was good to be there. Many of the Indians had come three and four day's journey in order to be present at the services; a case probably, not easily to be paralleled. One who was so ill as not to be able to walk, was brought to Church, on a sled, and crept to his seat on his hands and knees. May they always continue to enjoy the blessings of the gospel in genuine simplicity and love.

Wednesday 31st.—All hands busy in preparing for the New Year's Feast.—