

concerning the same, and have been on the lookout for its arrival. You will be sorry to hear that the Rev. F. W. Swainson, our senior missionary, has been compelled to relinquish his charge, being medically advised in England not to return to this cold climate on account of permanent throat trouble. This is a great loss to our work, but we hope to maintain, by God's help, the grand undertaking inaugurated by him, and with expected reinforcements to extend the work. As soon as his successor arrives at St. Paul's Mission to take charge of the Home (39 boys, and 25 girls), I shall proceed to "Red Crow's Camp" and occupy the Mission House there, to engage in itinerating operations among the various bands of Indians. In the summer they travel about with their "teepees," but during the winter remain in the same place, occupying their log houses . . . The work is as interesting as ever, though fraught with trying circumstances of course, largely owing to the lack of workers, and the slowness of the Indians to improve. The results at the Church Homes for Indian children are very encouraging; the children making good progress in every respect. They are comely, intelligent, curious and bright; just now I hear the girls romping about in their dormitories, prior to retiring (8.30 p.m.), also in the distance, I can hear the boys returning from the bush amid shouts and yells, they have been regaling themselves on the wild goosberries, I fancy, which are very numerous this year. . . . One of the greatest encouragements we have, is the constant and faithful co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary, their bales are most valuable; they practically supply our children's wants entirely, at least those of the girls, for much less comes for the boys in the bales. We hope to reach the older Indians through the children. Several of the parents have been led to respect our teaching through the influence of their children who have received training in our Homes. I wish that some of your ladies could take a trip West and peep in upon us, they would feel delighted, I think, to see the great difference between our children and the boys and girls in the camps. With regards and many thanks for your splendid bale.