

duties allow him, and I am not sure that he does not do almost as much as a regular Missionary. He is a native of (born in) the country, so that he is perfectly at home in the use of the Indian language. He takes great delight in the Sabbath and week evening services. In addition to preaching and leading class, he has a regular Bible-class in which his people are greatly interested. He has a kindly address, and is much loved by his people. He often finds an opportunity of dropping a word of counsel to any one who comes to the fort for a night, or even for only a few hours, as is often the case, when the Missionary would not see him at all. During my visit last summer, I felt that the ground had already been preparing, so that it was easy to sow the seed. I have before written you about what I then saw and heard. Mr. Isbister has written several times since, and the report was always good. There are thirty-five in full membership, and fifty-four on trial. A good many of these latter had been baptized before.

These are not yet thoroughly imbued with the sacredness of the marriage relation, but they are improving.

I shall, (God willing) begin my summer peregrinations within two or three weeks, the first or second week in June.

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OXFORD HOUSE.

THE religious state of the membership does not appear to give much satisfaction to the Missionary, who earnestly looks for a soul-awakening and converting revival. The enforced absence of the Indians at their hunting-grounds for so large a portion of the year must be unfriendly to their steady growth in piety, although they are very conscientious in observing the return of the holy Sabbath, and as a general rule keep up the exercises of devotion whilst absent from the sanctuary of the Lord. During Mr. Langford's residence he had only interred four adults and three children, but he had baptised thirty adults and one hundred and three children. In the deaths of the adults, most delightful testimonies were borne to the power of Divine grace in preparing the sufferer for "life and immortality."

Amongst the young, the day-school is doing a good work, under the zealous and efficient teaching of Miss Parkinson. In the month of July the average attendance was fifty-seven and four-fifths per day; during the other months the average was not so large, but still very good.

Mr. Langford reports from this Mission,—

Our Island Lake Indians are making steady progress in the Divine life. We held a sacramental service there last summer for the first time, which was a most solemn and impressive occasion. Their expressions of thankfulness for the Gospel, and determination to continue in the faith, cheered and encouraged us.