

unless the christian people sent them. Soon after this an Indian in liquor took his knife from its case to stab me as I was entering the gate of this fort. I told him to do so, but he asked me "what evil I saw in him?" I said that it was wrong for him to get drunk; he asked, "what is the word of the Muni-do?" I said, no drunkard can get to ishpinim; so he put down his hand. Next morning he with two other Indians came to my room much sad and explained the reason of his conduct: it was that one of my endeavours was slanderously reported by an Indian who was disappointed in my not having any goods to give. However there are a few, who have not such base motives, that have heard the Gospel, yet have not professed it openly.

Since the winter set in, my work (when no Indians call on me) is translating the portions of scripture on which the doctrines of Christianity are founded. Once every Sabbath I conduct divine service in the Fort, and on Sunday evenings read the Scriptures with a few of the servants that can read: thus trying I find it good to "wait upon the Lord," and I trust that it is so to the few that attend.

Second Letter.— I have just received your favour of May 7th, 1856, and feel thankful for the advice and kind thoughts expressed in it. By the mercy of God, we are in middling health. Mrs. Salt has had attacks of her complaint since the winter set in, but not so severely as last winter. She seems con-

tented, and I have often seen her contributing her mite in the good cause by talking to the Indian women on religious subjects. I have seen very few of the influential Indians this winter; but by what I have heard from them in our conversations, I think that for the future they will offer no opposition to the holding of a divine service amongst them. It is true that this station is very important, for it is a general resort for Indians from different parts. I will, trusting in the Lord, continue to endeavour to sow the seed among these Soteaux Indians, as long as we remain among them; for nothing is impossible with God, and the day may not be far off when He will pour out His Spirit upon them, to soften their hard hearts. May He grant it for His name's sake. Amen.

One of the Indians thought that we were about to leave this place; and he came to our room and said, "Don't go away, for we shall soon become Christians." His eyes at the same time were filled with tears. After talking to a chief, he said,—"I will not get drunk any more." Another chief, late in the fall, mentioned another site for a mission, and said that he would speak about it to his men. A woman with a large family, to whom Mrs. Salt had been speaking on religion, said, "If you go away we shall not like it: I will give you one of my daughters to teach, if you stop here." Mrs. Salt promised to take the girl in the Spring. We are kindly treated by the officers.

THE PIC, LAKE SUPERIOR.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. James Ashquabe, dated January 20th, 1857.

Since I wrote to you last I have been able to labour more than ever since I came to the Pic, and am happy to say that the Lord has been blessing my labours, although we are all alone in this far-north, cold country. But the Lord is here among these poor heathen. Since New-Year we held a protracted meeting, which is very remarkable. First night five were converted: the next night, to speak the truth, every unsaved soul present was converted, except one, and he deeply felt in his heart; but the day is coming, I hope, when he shall be blessed. Our meetings are happy meet-

ings: the preaching, and class-meetings, and prayer-meeting. Twelve were converted since New-Year. Thank God for his blessings. There was a young man in the Company's service who knew nothing about religion: he was truly converted, and his wife; and now they are both pious, and belong to class. The school is quite slow, but rather better than last year. While I was away fishing last fall, my wife kept school more than three weeks. I had six families in the fishery; and I then kept night-school, singing-school, and prayer-meeting, and preached to them.