

sented. He then placed himself in a corner of the room. I took that to be a sign for me to commence, but before I said all that I wished to say to him, he interrupted me, and said, "That is enough, I will hear more by and by." So I cannot say much as to the prospects of establishing a mission amongst them, but I may know more about it in the Spring.

We are kindly treated in the establishment. The chief factor, John Swanson, Esq., sent us some provisions from Fort Alexander on the return of a north

canoe. Mr. Robert Pither, P. M., the officer in charge, kindly proposed to me to have a practice meeting for singing, in his room, for the benefit of the servants of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company. They are now able to sing a few tunes in parts, a thing which is essential in order to make a contrast to the screeching songs which I heard during the Fall among the pagans.

We have service every Sabbath.—Most of the people here profess the Roman Catholic faith.

We are all well.

ST. CLAIR.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. Solomon Waldron, dated, St. Clair Mission, January 9th, 1855.

You doubtless are looking for some account of this Mission, as the second quarter is past; and we have, with much gratitude to our heavenly Father, to inform you, we have peace in our borders. The attendance upon the means of grace is very satisfactory, and, we humbly trust, they are, by the blessing of God, rendered seasons of edification, as well as awakening. A rather remarkable conversion of a pagan occurred of late. He professed his belief in future rewards and punishments, but found not how to believe in a crucified Saviour: he was affected; his trouble increased. What man could not do, the Spirit could. He dreamed and beheld a man nailed to a cross, and was permitted to witness his agony and flowing blood. This dream so affected him as to assist him to believe in Jesus crucified, and he has been happy ever since.

Our holy-days have been highly delightful, and we trust profitable. On Christmas day we had a full attendance, three discourses, and a repast for the people, consisting of three hundred buns and three bushels of fruit. Would that you could have witnessed the smiling, happy faces! A public collection covered all expenses. Our Quarterly-meeting was on the Sabbath following,—including a watch-night, two sermons, sacrament, love-feast, and prayer for penitents; and the altar was well filled.—Two o'clock, January 1st, found us singing the praises of Him whom we love, "because he first loved us."

We are somewhat annoyed by the lumbermen and sailors introducing the fire-water amongst us; but only *one*, so far as I know, of our members has been induced to drink, and he was on trial; but he appears truly penitent. Mr. Chase still interprets for me, and gives general satisfaction. I think he is the best translator of the Scripture-lessons I ever knew. Since the close of the first quarter—during which my daughter taught—we have had no school, principally owing to sickness and absence. Our school-house is occupied by a connection of the chief's, who has built an addition to it, and appears resolved not to give it up. He is a papist, and receives the priest. We have the offer of another house requiring considerable repairs. Can you send us a *good* teacher? Kahbeeche, of whom I made mention in my last, is here. He occupies the teacher's house. He is sick since our camp-meeting. He is unwilling to teach the school, but is anxious to be employed, should he recover his health, in the mission work, but says, "I do not expect Mr. Wood wants to employ an old waggon in his great good work."

Mrs. Waldron is very much at home among the sick and dying; many have been recovered; about 30, however, we have lost the past season: some of them our best members.

We are highly pleased with the Missionary Notices. We require an Industrial School here, on a small scale; but more of this hereafter.