

✓ A MEDICINE MAN SINGS "HAPPY LAND."

Miss Baker, of Prince Albert, writes thus on the 24th of March about work in her recently erected school building:

"I opened with ten pupils and have the promise of four more next week. I spend a good deal of time after hours reading to the adults. I am pleased to say that I can now read to them quite fluently in Sioux. I cannot say that I see any desire on their part to abandon their heathen practices, but I feel that you know *what patience* is required in the Indian work and can sympathise accordingly. And then, the Indian is so reticent, that one never knows what is going on in his mind. We have only one Medicine Man who is in favor of the school. He puts on my fires. To-day he remained all school time looking on. I tried to teach the children one verse of the hymn "Happy Day" in English and then in Sioux. He seemed quite taken up with it and remained for half an hour after school trying to learn to sing it. He would exclaim every little while, "tokestan," meaning, soon he would be able to sing it. I was quite delighted.

THE CHURCH - GOING BELL.

Through the kindness of a lady in Nova Scotia a bell is being provided for the Crowstand Mission. The uncivilized Indian disdains any instrument for indicating the flight of time. "Hours" in his opinion "were made for slaves." But with school for his children at nine o'clock in the morning, with religious services for himself and his family on Sabbath and week day, and with the dawning idea that time is a gift that brings responsibility, this will be a most acceptable gift for the reserve.

CHINESE MISSIONS IN THE HOME FIELD.

The ladies who for several years have been sowing the seed in faith in a Chinese Sunday-School at Winnipeg, are now coming back with joy bringing their sheaves. Three Chinamen were last week received into the membership of Knox Church, two of them by baptism. Coincidentally with this comes a letter from Mrs. C. B. Pitblado, of Santa Rosa, California, saying that the Chinamen in the Sunday-school had invited their teachers to a festival, and some eight or nine of them presented to the superintendent envelopes containing contributions amounting to \$71 for the building fund of the new Church.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Presbytery of Calgary, an attempt is being made on behalf of the Synod to secure the appointment of Mr. Thomas Paton, to spend part of his time among the Chinamen along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the Rocky Mountains, and partly among the white pioneers in the same region. Mr. Paton spent twelve years as a colporteur in China, speaks several Chinese dialects and has already been remarkably successful among the Canadian Chinamen.