

have wearied for you and church services." The old man is now over eighty years of age. Some three months ago he had a stroke of paralysis which has left him in a very feeble state, yet, feeble though he is, he never neglects a Sabbath service, and takes much pleasure in them. In his younger days Mistawasis was the great war chief of the Crees in the West, whilst his skill as a hunter was unsurpassed. Previous to his conversion he was a polygamist, but then put away all his wives but one. Probably no Indian has exerted a greater influence for good over his race than has this chief.

Reaching the Reserve we found Mrs. McKay and her family still in the manse. They have since moved out to their farm just outside the Reserve, and will still take an interest in the mission.

On the three Sabbaths on which services have been held the church was crowded, over ninety being present. To one who has never attended church here, and has not seen the Indian on the plain, their appearance and service are a surprise. We had looked to see them in blankets and unkempt in appearance, but were pleased to see all clean and neatly dressed. The men sit on the left and the women on the right, and the service over, the former keep their seats till the women have retired. I was very fortunate in securing as my interpreter from the first Wm. Badger, a full Indian, son-in-law of the chief, a councillor of the tribe, and above all a Christian man who has had that experience I desire to relate. Although this kind of interpretation is new to him, he interprets with very great acceptance. I had thought that the sermon would lose much of its force by this process, but am pleased to hear expressions of appreciation from those who have before heard Mr. McKay in Cree only. Our service of song is most enjoyable, led by an Indian, Thomas Bird, whilst Miss Finlayson of the Agency presides at the organ, which was a gift of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

We have a Cree hymn-book both in Syllabic and English forms. By the aid of the latter I am able to sing without difficulty. As yet I have done but little at the language, but I expect to be able to announce and read some easy hymns next month, but it is not to be expected that the whole sermon will be in Cree for some time to come. Owing to lack of workers who have a knowledge of the Bible and can speak in Cree, it has