

It may interest you to know how the children earn their money. I allow them so much for their work. For example, this is Easter week, and I thought a rest from books would do no harm, but we cannot afford to play all week. Our supply of wood for the summer months must be cut, etc., so the boys are sawing it. I split it myself, and then the boys pile it neatly up. For sawing and piling they are allowed 5c. a load. We have frames made in which we place the poles while sawing them. Six or seven poles make a load. Eight loads is a day's work. To-day they cut four loads and took a half-holiday. My own boys are reading "Ivanhoe," and the others always get the benefit of their reading. "Locksley" is quite a hero with all, and every spare moment is spent in bow and arrow practice.

The work has moved along very smoothly during the past winter; the children have had good health; the Indians have given us very little trouble; in short, it has been the pleasantest winter we have spent at File Hills. Fanny is looking well, and is stronger than formerly.

Now as to the parents, they have been fairly comfortable this winter. Some of them had their houses nicely whitewashed outside and inside. We gave them a number of lesson cards, which they pasted up on the walls. The children are always pleased to see their father's home looking nice.

Mr. Jacob Bear, from Round Lake, spent a month with us last fall, also two weeks with us this spring. He spent his time chiefly with the Indians, whose children are in school, and who expressed to me a wish to be counted as our people. We held service in "Moostoosocoops" house, just across the lake from the school. Each Sabbath Mr. Bear spoke, and I and the children sang a number of hymns. Those present gave good attention. I hope to see Mr. Bear back again during the summer.

Mrs. Skene has been well this winter, thanks to the ladies who sent so much made-up clothing. She has not done so much sewing as in some former winters. Her eyes, though more or less troublesome, have been rather better.

Efforts of the Indians at Bird Tail.

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There are now nine women that are members in full communion, members of the Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S.; one of these, Mrs. Jason Ben, has been away at Deloraine with her husband, who is acting as interpreter there. One was received to full communion last Sabbath, who was a member before, but her husband left her. Then being left in a helpless