

people, we reached Spanish River Mills about midnight, having on our way visited some Indians at Bayfield Sound.

On Saturday Mr. Clarke was compelled to keep his bed. He had for several days been quite poorly, and was now completely prostrated by dysentery. Our work, however, must be done; so, making engagement for two services to the mill hands, and one to the Indians, for Sunday, we reluctantly left Mr. Clarke on his sick bed, and started for Serpent River, arriving about four o'clock p.m. Here we saw about forty Indians, including the old chief; gathered as many as we could in council, and preached to them Jesus. We found these Indians more favourably disposed than ever; and, under the very shadow of the pagan pole, had a patient hearing for the gospel. The result of council was the avowed purpose to gather the whole band to this point as speedily as possible, for proof of which several houses in course of erection were shown, and that they would then welcome a teacher. Hoisting sail, we reached harbour at Prairie Island about midnight, through some squally weather, and difficulty in avoiding sunken rocks.

After a rainy night, on the beautiful Lord's-day morning we hastened to get back to Spanish River in time for service; with all our efforts, however, we only arrived about noon, and found that in our absence Mr. Clarke had risen from his bed of weakness and pain, held the promised service, barely able to stand; his motto evidently was, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." About three p.m., after a visit to the wigwams by Keshick and Barrele, a few Indians came together in the school-house to hear a sermon founded on the parable of "The lost piece of silver." About forty people came in the evening to hear a sermon on Mark 24, "Unto you that hear shall more be given."

On Monday morning, spreading tent and coats for Mr. Clarke's bed on board, we started for Sagamook, and on arrival found that most of the Indians were absent. The men refused to come together, and as they are without a chief to call them, we went from one wigwam to another, talking to them of Christ and his gospel.

In the afternoon we reached Lacloche, and leaving Mr. Clarke to the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, of the Hudson Bay post, to return home by the steamer *Waubuno*, we visited the Whitefish Lake Indians, who were camped on one of the Lacloche Islands, and conversed with them respecting the gospel for themselves and children.

These are the finest looking Indians whom we have seen, in point of cleanliness and intelligence. Although pagans, they are prepared to give a fair hearing to Christianity. One old man stated that although not prepared to accept Christ, he would not oppose Christianity, but would consider and give us his mind when next we met. After a run of about forty miles, we camped on an island off Manitouling Bay. Next day, Tuesday, we had a view of the large village Wequema-kong, site of the flourishing Jesuit Mission. At night, the rain having driven away the mosquitoes, we were able to get some sleep, for which we were truly thankful; and on Wednesday, about 5.30 a.m., we started on our long sail across to the mainland. Obligated by stress of weather to camp at Horse Island about noon, we next day were favoured on our journey, so as to make some ninety odd miles, and reach Presqu'isle harbour, near Owen Sound. After leaving Keshick at his home on Sydney Bay, about midnight, wet, cold and supperless, we gladly anchored in Presqu'isle harbour, and longed for the day. Next morning we found ourselves at home in Owen Sound, careless about winds and waves, and thankful that, unlike our Blessed Master, we had a home wherein to lay our heads.

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