

that he should go home. Finally I consented to let him go. He has been growing worse ever since, and to-day he is only the shadow of his former self, and lies at death's door. I visit him as often as I can, taking him little delicacies prepared by the teachers, which he appreciates very highly. Poor boy, I think he realizes he is not to get better. When asked how he feels to-day. His answer is "I don't feel well at all," or "I am not getting any stronger." It is sad to see him spending the last few weeks of his short life in surroundings so unfavourable. His father and mother are both heathens, and their home is anything but inviting and comfortable.

One of the girls, a child of twelve years (Lizzie Singoosh Cote), died a few weeks ago, and two others are absent from school on account of sickness. But the chief mortality has been among the older people and among young children. *La grippe* is a disease which goes hard with these people, as there are few of them who have really sound lungs, and when allowance is made for want of care and proper treatment, it is not to be wondered at that many of them are cut down.

Our stone building is now nearing completion. We hope to occupy it about the end of July. We are looking forward patiently to the time when it will be ready, and expect to have all the discomfort arising from lack of accommodation removed. A bell of 230 lbs. weight will be in place in a few days. This will be a great improvement, as it is impossible to keep the boys always within sound of the small bell.

An article of furniture we would like very much for the new building is a small cabinet organ or harmonium. Perhaps some of those interested in Indian Missions may feel disposed to come to our help in this matter. I am sure that if the ladies of the Board could be present some evening while the children are singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," or "We Plough the Fields and Scatter," or "Rock of Ages," or "Just as I am Without one Plea," and many of the other hymns, they would realize that their labours have not been altogether in vain, or their prayers without an answer.

*30th.* Our man and team have just arrived from Russell with a load of freight, having on board the bell, the school clothing and other things. The bell is a very good one; the children are quite interested in it, and much surprised at its loud sound.