

have now twenty individuals entirely dependent on us ; among them are six orphans, and a widow with her two children : we hope to be able to support them by fish from the lake. We shall also be frequently obliged to support the Indians who visit the station, and it is, therefore, very important to increase our internal resources. In order to bring the land into cultivation, the heavy, wet clay, and the swampy, mossy ground, must be drained ; the stony soil, covered with firs, must be cleared of stumps and stones ; sand must be procured from a distance to lighten the clay ; the rocky margin of the lake must contribute its aquatic plants and its superfluous fish for manure ; and by these means we hope in time to raise potatoes, oats, and barley, garden herbs, and hardy vegetables. As yet nothing has been planted, except two bushels of potatoes and a few turnips. This work will not only, we hope, supply some of our many wants, and render us by degrees less dependent upon external help, but will afford employment to the Indians.

“ At present I am alternately blacksmith, carpenter, and plasterer. Out of doors, I am now in the drain, now at the fence ; the axe, the spade, the hoe, and the hammer, are becoming equally familiar to me. Meanwhile the school is not neglected ; and I am also engaged in instructing the Indians, and preparing some of them for baptism. In the winter, when all are assembled, I hope to have regular adult classes.

“ Mr. and Mrs. Settee have done much and suffered much since their arrival ; but if it is decided for us to remain here, the Bishop has promised to send us a carpenter from the Red River next summer, when we hope to have a house built, and we shall all be more comfortable.”