

dren to school. Now, they tell our people these are the sort of missionaries who ought to be your teachers, who will do so and so for you ; then you will be all right and comfortable. It is not required of you that you should be always praying at prayer-meetings, and to go to a class-meeting was never heard of in our Church. It is the duty of the minister to pray in church and not yours. A few wavering ones from among our people may be affected by the uneasiness of these unstable people, who, I am sorry to say, have never promoted the interest of any community they moved in, at least they have not promoted the honor of the Christianity they profess, but rather brought a dishonor on it, and thus give an occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

Such are some of the difficulties and opposing influences operating and thus militate the good work within our borders ; yet, in the midst of these, you will be pleased to learn the good cause is advancing in the hearts of our people, inasmuch as they manifest no abatement of their appreciation to the means of grace and ordinances which they now enjoy. From the time our people came home from the plains, I may say was the commencement of better times with us. After much humiliation and prayer by Missionary and people for a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the various means made use of to advance the divine life in the heart and life of this people, I am thankful to say our prayers were answered, so that the aspect of our religious life presents an improved character, inasmuch as our members appear to have received the quickening influences of the Divine Spirit ; and by these influences our young people have been greatly affected and benefitted ; and careless sinners, who have never manifested a desire to serve God and save their souls, have been made to see the error of their ways, and have come in also. The Lord has done a great deal for this people, whereof they are glad ; and for me

also, because I now see what I was most anxious to see, that the people of my charge should have not only the form but the life of godliness. To effect this, through the blessing of God, has been my solicitude, and I might say, has been my life-work.

During the first part of December, I took a journey to the upper part of the District, and visited Victoria, Edmonton, and Lake St. Ann's. The brethren at Victoria and at Edmonton are doing all they can to promote the good cause ; the soil on which they are laboring is sterile, if they do not effect the conversion of sinners it will not be for the want of an effort, for they are good men and true. During my absence of three weeks my helpers, that is, the two local-preachers and class-leaders, kept up the meetings, so that the usual good feeling that pervades in our religious gatherings had not suffered.

Our Quarterly Meeting took place on Christmas day. Such an occasion is highly prized by the Christian Indians of this station, but more unusually so at this time. The feeling manifested by the people may by some be attributed to the excitable character of the Indian, but in my estimation it was palpably the work of the Spirit. I have been present and taken part in many such a meeting in our Missions in this country, in Ontario, and in England too, but I never saw a people so much affected as we all were at our lovefeast and sacramental occasion.

The speaking at the lovefeast was very lively—two and three got up to tell what God was doing for their souls, whose "tongue was as the pen of a ready writer." Some who never spoke on such an occasion were heard to speak in a language in which they were not accustomed to speak—"the wonderful works of God." Some of our old members were so much affected that they could only utter—Ne mah-me-chim-mahw Kis-sa Mah-ne-too (*i.e.*) I praise God. Heaven was very near to all of us on that occasion. We felt, though we could not utter the sentiment of the poet