

bring it from the railway station (which is 40 miles distant). After considerable trouble and expense I succeeded in getting part of it brought to the reserve, and part to Fort Qu'Appelle. When the whole had arrived, our little log shanty was so crowded that, it was with difficulty we could get to bed, or find a vacant place to get our meals. As bale after bale arrived, my dear wife and myself often exclaimed, This hut is too small to contain the abundance of good things sent by the dear ladies of Ontario. The Foreign Mission Board sent us word that probably a temporary boarding school would be built in the fall, and I was requested to assist Rev. A. Robson, Fort Qu'Appelle, and Mr. Wright (Indian Agent) in the selection of a site. This we did with all speed, fully expecting something would have been done in a few weeks, but owing to delays, and an early fall, nothing was done in the matter. The house being wretchedly cold, something had to be done in order to keep us from freezing during the winter, and I racked my brain to find out what to do. At last my wife and I came to the conclusion that we must try to build a log house on the new school site. I gave a promissory note for a quantity of logs, and after considerable delay, got them brought to the site. Then arose a difficulty about getting lumber, which has to be carted 40 miles, but even that difficulty was overcome. I got permission to take a fortnight vacation, and commenced to put the log frame together, which when completed, we raised with the assistance of a white settler, who was accustomed to such work. Then I got my Indians to help with the building, and I considered that this was really a wonderful achievement. When mealtime came no class of persons could have been more energetic. My poor wife, how hard she had to work to keep a supply of food, huge piles of bread, great iron pots full of a peculiar kind of stew (called pohoutuck), large cans of tea with milk and sugar in proportion. During the time occupied in building the house Mrs. Toms used 5 bags (100 lbs.) of flour, so that you can see we have had an exceedingly busy time. The house is now finished. It contains four rooms and we have also built a school-room, which we use for special meetings of the Indians. I have just started a class on Thursday evenings for adult Indians. The following is a programme of the proceedings, viz.: first hour scripture lesson taken from Dr. Vincent's Illustrated Berean Leaf, the next half-hour newspaper topics, the last half-hour general subjects. These meetings I think will do much good. At our last meeting many were anxious to find out what the eclipse of the moon meant, and they were rather surprised when I explained what caused it, and that learned white men could