

hundred members, and about the same number scattered in their hunting grounds, with their families, this winter, without counting those who occasionally enjoy my services and the preaching of God's Word at other posts and establishments; and if the Missionary Society would only fairly support and sustain this Mission as they do to other Missions there ought to be plenty of work for a Missionary at Oxford District without sticking in one

corner; but as it is I have to struggle through discouragements and disappointments for the sake of keeping within bounds of my allowance and appropriation.

Remember me before the throne of grace, that the word of God may have free course and be glorified in the conversion and in the salvation of this people, through the all-atoning blood of the Lamb.

*Letter from the Rev. E. R. Young, dated Norway House, April 3, 1871.*

We desire with grateful hearts to acknowledge the goodness of God displayed towards us, in the blessings bestowed—both temporal and spiritual—through the year just closing. We cannot report any very special outpourings of the Spirit, resulting in the speedy conversions of scores of souls; yet it is ours to report the quiet, gentle working of the good Spirit upon the hearts and consciences of the people, creating in them an increasing love for the House of God and its various ordinances. The class-meetings are now better attended than they have been for years past. We have at present twelve classes meeting regularly every week,—some of them having an average attendance of twenty-five. We have three local-preachers, acceptable and worthy native brethren, whose views of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity are clear and scriptural.

During the last few weeks your Missionary has visited every house and family, and endeavored to urge upon every unconverted person the necessity of a personal interest in the blood of Christ, and the folly and danger of resting short of knowing that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned sin. The result of that one round of pastoral visiting was the gathering in of between forty and fifty young men and women as probationers. I have placed them in the different classes and most of them are doing well.

The Great Reaper has been at work in our midst and several of our members have been gathered home. They passed away peacefully. All who had been living well, died well. Oh! how it dispels the doubts and fears to go to the dying couch even of a poor Indian

who has received the truth as it is in Jesus!

Permit me to put on record a brief memorial of Samuel Papanekis, who passed away from us most triumphantly on the 18th of March. He was converted through the labors of the Rev. James Evans. His thirty years in connection with the church have been years of consistency. He dearly loved all the means of grace. He suffered intensely during his last illness. His last words were very expressive. He said: "My poor body is full of pain and misery, but I am holding on to God. I am clinging to Christ who has been my all of happiness, of pleasure, and hope."

A dear little Sabbath-school scholar passed away under rather peculiar circumstances. One Sabbath morning she stated to her friends that during the previous night she had such a strange dream. She said a beautiful being dressed in white, with a lovely face, came to where she was sleeping and asked her "If she would not like to leave this cold, sinful world of pain and hunger for one more lovely and happy." She said, "Yes, I will go with you." The fair visitor then said, "I will soon come for you," and departed. On the following Saturday she burst a blood-vessel, and soon expired. To many this may not appear much, but to the Indians it seems very wonderful and has produced a deep impression. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister unto such as are heirs of salvation?"

Temporal affairs are occupying the minds of the Indians very much. We are doing all we can to help them that they may suffer less in future than they have in the past from pinching want.