

enough to them for coming to school. The more I see of the poor creatures the less I seem to understand them. Untruthfulness and dishonesty seem highly developed in their characters. I do not find that they crowd around to hear the Gospel which alone can elevate truly those benighted creatures who are so happy in their gross darkness. How hardened is the heart of man, and how merciful and long-suffering is our God? I look over the past ten months and say : Alas, what have I done? About a year ago I tried to look into the future of a year, but in imagination the results were far different than in reality. But I have learned a lesson which I thought I knew. God alone can give such results. Oh, I would that I were more useful in His service. I would that they would receive Jesus to reign in their hearts ; then should the darkness be dispelled and the glorious light of the Gospel shine within and around them. In that bright light should they see the dangers that are lurking around them, parts of the one great danger of everlasting woe. The Gospel seems more and more a wonderful story, so simple and yet so far beyond our comprehension. Why do not all that hear it flee to Jesus as our only hope? How terrible is the thought that the heathen are perishing in millions without this Gospel, and how terrible, too, that any should perish who have Gospel privileges but forget God.

The Indians say that the white man's God is all right for the white man to worship but not for the Indian. They pray to both the good and the bad spirits, and hope after death to go to some happy place where there will be none but Indians. How sad that from the "white man" they should learn so much that is degrading. Among the sources of degrading influences is the abominable liquor traffic. I cannot understand why people should be licensed to make homes desolate, hearts sore, and hasten down to ruin the bodies and souls of their brethren in such vast numbers.

I value the book "Mary and I," which Mrs. Ewart so kindly sent me, very much, also the papers. I have an English Dakota dictionary, but I find the language very difficult to learn. I cannot charge my mind as heavily as I would, other matters press in upon it. The Indians learn English rapidly. Would that they learned as readily a Saviour's love, but when God shall give them new hearts and put new spirits within them, then shall they walk in His statutes and keep His judgment, and he will be their God, for there is nothing too hard for Him.

The women do much washing, scrubbing, etc., in town, thus earning money to support, in their way, their families ; but while