

and got out the long sticks for it, and we also made a special subscription which more than covered the extra expense. As the carpenter was here, it could be put up much more cheaply than at any other time, so we went on with it. The people are much pleased with it. It would amuse you much to see with what astonishment they look at it, and wonder how we ever got it so high. One poor man came ten days' travel to visit us, he had heard so much about the church. He said all he could do was to give seventy-five cents; he would like to give more, but he was blind and could not work. I took his offering and put his name on the list. He said he had long wished to come and hear about Jesus and "see," as he said, the church. And it was very touching to see a friend take him all round it, inside and out, and explain everything to him. Then he came back to me much pleased, saying he had "seen" the church now. We have had several meetings in the church for singing. The people are very fond of singing, the old people as well as the young ones. One old man said to me the other day, "Please don't get so many new pieces to sing. I like to get one all fastened on my heart before you get another. There are two very good ones, sing them very much: one, "Jesus the Water of Life;" the other, "Come to Jesus." I like one because it makes me feel that Jesus will give me the good water, and the other for it says I am not to be afraid to come to Jesus." Now the way these poor people attend class and prayer-meetings is something wonderful, and the attention with which they listen to the Word and sing our hymns is to us a very encouraging fact and gives us great hope for the future. Indeed we have already had tokens of good, some fruit is already seen; we have a few who are true, and others who are coming to the light. I proposed, two weeks ago, that those who wished Christian baptism should meet me in the mission-house, and I would give them instruction with regard to it, and that in a short time we would baptize those

who were fit subjects. Above forty have presented themselves and more are coming. I should say that most of them have had their names down as members on trial since last winter, and have attended class-meetings, some during that time. I have taken this course that the people might more fully understand their position, for as yet their ideas are so low in regard to their duty to one another.

Our schools are well attended, and a number are beginning to read very well; thus we hope many will become able to read the Scriptures for themselves. There were seventy-eight children in attendance to-day. But our school-teacher who was here a few months has left us, and I do not see how I am to carry on the schools and attend also to the completing of the church and school-house and all other duties in connection with the mission. Mrs. Crosby is taking the adult school at present, but I do not see how she can do so long, for we are provided with no better school-house this winter than last, and the old Indian house we use is really too cold to be safe. I do hope the Missionary Committee will give us a school-house if possible. Could you not send us a teacher, a good young woman with a missionary soul, who would come here for the good she could do these poor people? Of course she would make up her mind to the isolation and want of society, etc.

The climate is not severely cold, but very wet, with frequent strong winds. The snow is creeping down the sides of the mountains now, and it is rather cold for the season.

I should have said that I am beginning to converse with the people in their own tongue, and hope soon to preach in it. And we are praying that some young men may be raised up, who could visit other tribes with me, and thus take the Gospel to those who have it not.

Our united love to you all, and hope that you and the dear friends of missions will do all you can for our work here; and above all pray for us, that hundreds of these precious souls may be converted and saved.