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Indian Missions.

delightful spring weather since the latter part of March; not an hour's rain or snow, and very little frost. The ground is ready for ploughing, and they are just going to sow wheat and barley.

"I have just written a list of the inhabitants of White Fish Lake, as also of Good Fish Lake, 7 miles from here. There are at this village 25 families, 125 individuals, and 52 children of school age; of these last 1 is blind, 1 a cripple, and 3 so far away that they cannot attend school. In addition, a few young men and women have attended occasionally as they have had time. At Good Fish Lake there are 12 families, 65 individuals, and 28 children of school age; these are without instruction, except, perhaps, the very little which some of the parents may be able to give them; making a population of 190 in both villages."

MORLEYVILLE.

While at Edmonton last winter [1874], and shortly after I had sent in my report for the preceding year, I received a letter from the Chairman, who was then absent in Canada, informing me that a grant of \$500 had been made for the Morleyville School. I at once set to work looking for a teacher, and was successful in securing the services of Dr. Very, who accompanied us back to Morleyville and commenced teaching. Our temporary school-house was small and inconvenient, our books few, and yet our school has been a success. Our teacher has worked nobly. Some of his pupils would do credit to any Common School in the Dominion ; and though we cannot report quite the average attendance required by Government to obtain their grant, yet we are very much encouraged, and hope soon to be able to have larger school-room and more numerous attendance.

The Sunday-school is regularly kept up, and grows in interest. At times the attendance is very large, young men and women, and even the middle-aged coming to be taught the songs of Zion and pick up what they can of the distinct modes of reading English and syllabic —the latter nearly all can make use of. As soon as our church is finished this part of our work can be made vastly more interesting and successful.

During the past year our visits to the different camps have been seasons of great encouragement. To witness the intense interest with which the Gospel is listened to, to listen to the simple experiences and earnest prayers in our class and prayer-meetings, to see how faithful our native brethren who have been appointed to lead their fellows are in the discharge of their duties,—times and seasons such as these make the heart of the humble Missionary glad and to rejoice. Coming away from them he feels stronger than ever to "labour on at God's command."