

which makes us forget for the time the hard experience of our lot. The day and Sabbath-schools have been better attended than ever heretofore. This also is very encouraging. The transient state of this people has been one of our chief drawbacks.

We have also made rapid strides towards civilization. Our people have put up between fifty and sixty houses (some of these finished), not mere shanties, but very good log-houses of hewn timber. Many of these would do credit to the handiwork of a white man. They have also learned to make lumber, and some of them have become expert in the use of the whip-saw. They have now about one hundred acres ploughed and fenced, but met serious discouragement this spring from the fact of there being no seed for them. The responsibility of this falls on the Indian Department of our Government. In consequence, only one-third of the prepared land is under crop.

Profoundly grateful for the mercy of our Heavenly Father, who has smiled upon our efforts at home, protected us from many dangers abroad, during long and perilous journeys, and hopefully looking into and working for the future, we will enter (D.V.) the incoming Conference year.

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Our work has been preparatory. We have laboured chiefly among the members of the Mounted Police, white settlers, and floating population. The Indian work has been attended to, but has not received the attention due to it. This was owing to the unsettled state of the Indians among whom our lot is cast, the amount of time demanded of us for the white work, and the want of a teacher. More time is now given to them. When we get fully located among them the most of our time will be employed in their interest. Indian services were held during the early part of the year, but were discontinued for want of an interpreter, and through the departure of the Indians. There are four white services, which have been well attended. The school has succeeded well. We had to give it up for some time, owing to sickness and removals. Many have listened to the Gospel for the first time in many years, and some have heard it for the first time in their lives. There have been difficulties, yet God has blessed us. Some have expressed a desire to "buy the truth and sell it not." Adherents of every denomination represented here have formed part of our congregations. We have a work in this Rocky Mountain District, and a position in the country. Our white work, for the present, must become subordinate, but in a year or two must be earnestly laid hold of. The past has been successful, and the prospects are pleasing and full of hope.

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