

for building a house. I trust that others will soon follow his example.

4th, Friday.—The Indians who passed on Wednesday have returned again to-day, and three of them applied for books. One of them is a son of Ogemah-sis (Little Chief), who was some time since greatly opposed to Christianity, but whose mind has lately undergone a considerable change. I enquired, Can you read? "A little: I have been learning from Nah-ma-bin, but we have only one book among a great number of us." Do you wish to become a Christian, and be baptized? "Ah-che-ka-mah (yes, it is the truth): as soon as the ice breaks up we all mean to come to the Mission; and my father, myself, and others will all be baptized, and serve the Lord." I have more than once remarked the readiness with which the Indians learn to read their own language in the syllabic character. The person of whom he learnt to read was baptized, with his wife, last summer, and has been this winter among a band of pagans, and has been zealous.

5th, Saturday.—A messenger arrived with letters and papers from England and Canada. I have been busy about the front of the house: it now begins to look neat and comfortable.

7th, Monday.—Yesterday we had a good day. A great difference is perceptible in the cleanliness and general behaviour of the Indians on the Mission, and they appear to have a clearer perception of the truth.

11th, Friday.—Spring birds are making their appearance. Mr. Sinclair told us of a remarkable circumstance which occurred last week to his uncle. That Indian, with his son George, a lad about eighteen years of age, left their camp to go hunting: they wandered about two days, and saw nothing; so that during that period they had nothing whatever to eat. The third day being the Sabbath, he determined to rest, and not to hunt, but to spend the day in prayer: while he was on his knees he was disturbed by a noise close by: on looking in the direction from which it came, he saw a herd of small deer, out of which he and his son killed eight. It seems, after having prayed for spiritual blessings to rest upon him, he was, at the moment when the noise attracted his attention, engaged in praying that something might be given him to eat.

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear." Another day in this cold climate, without food, would probably have proved fatal to them.

12th, Saturday.—Mrs. Brooking, our little daughter, and myself left early this morning for the Fort: the weather was fine, and we had a comfortable ride in the cariole.

13th, Sabbath.—Preached this morning to the people at the Station, and had an attentive congregation: after sermon I baptized Mr. Wilson's youngest son.

May 5th, Monday.—As there are but few children at home, most of whom are girls, Mary has commenced teaching school to-day, so as to let Mr. Sinclair go on with the work during the fine weather.

11th, Sabbath.—Preached to-day to a good congregation, from 2 Peter, 11, 12. The Indians were very attentive, and some wept. I trust that there is good being done. May the Holy Spirit work in them until they shall fully surrender themselves to God!

15th, Thursday.—Sent off two men, this morning, to Norway House to procure seed-potatoes.

20th, Tuesday.—Had a council with the Indians, this evening, to induce them to get land cleared for planting potatoes in, offering, as an inducement, to give them seed. Also urged upon them the necessity of building their houses. Some of them promised to proceed immediately with both planting and building.

25th, Sabbath.—This has been a blessed day. Preached from, "And if the righteous scarcely be saved" &c.: many wept, and all listened with profound attention. In the morning baptized an infant, and published banns for three pairs. In the afternoon met Bro. Harry Rose's Class for tickets. Only four, out of the twenty-four members, were absent—three men, who were off to Norway House, and the Class-leader's daughter, who had to take care of the children while the parents attended. During the week I had to draw up the class-papers and tickets by hand, as we have no printed ones here. The experience of several was very satisfactory. One said, "I feel thankful to God that he ever sent his gospel to this