

in such a miserable condition that I dreaded spending the winter in it.

But about the time I began to build my house, my workmen, being all roving Indians, departed to hunt the beaver, the otter etc., in their wild lands, so that I was left alone with only a boy to assist me in building. Being determined, however, to have a comfortable home, I continued to build, day after day, and thus by steady hard work, we at length completed walls and roof by October 24th, when the ground was already covered with snow. Since October, I have finished the inside, and have long been residing within its comfortable walls.

Beside all the building etc. which I have done, I have also been keeping a daily school, which is attended regularly by five pupils. I could only devote two hours each day to teaching; but, I may be pardoned, in saying that they have all improved greatly, and *two* especially have taken rapid strides in learning.

About a week before Christmas, the Indians began to drop in, party after party, and by Xmas there was quite a large number here. As they arrived, they paid the minister a visit, for there is every indication now that they appreciate their minister, and very few stand out still in opposition to his teaching.

On Christmas Day I held an early service in Ojibbeway, at which, about 40 or 50 Ojibbeways attended, and all listened so attentively to the "Glad Tidings," that it would have done your heart good to see them. After service several asked me a few questions about the "Child Jesus." They have a habit of putting questions (seeking information), to their minister, and I highly approve of it; even when they come in the midst of my sermon, I do not set them aside but answer them for the benefit of the whole congregation.

At 11 a.m. I held an English service as usual, and on this occasion, had a larger attendance as some of the Indians who understood a few words of English attended.

At 3 p.m. there was another Ojibbeway service, attended by all the Ojibbeways at the settlement, and at this service I administered the Sacrament of Baptism to one of the Ojibbeway babies, whose mother had braved the long tramp for that occasion. As a rule, only the men come to this settlement in winter, and the women stay at home, as the distance is too great, and the journey too hard for the poor creatures to attempt it. Sometimes, however, two or three women come along with the men.