

weeks—yet some of them have begun to be Christians, and others are now candidates for baptism. Among the latter is a man who has four wives, three of whom he has promised to put away.

There has been a good work begun at Island Lake. I visited them during the summer and found those who had been previously baptized trying to be Christians so far as they knew, and anxious to learn more of the precious Gospel truth, and others are inquiring the way to Zion. I took the names of nineteen candidates for baptism, who, if they continue faithful, will be baptized next summer. Many of them can read. I wrote out several copies of the Lord's prayer, and gave them some Testaments and a few hymn-books. Poor benighted ones! how anxious they are to learn all about the loving Saviour! Say, will you not pray for them and do what you can to send them the bread and water of life for which they so much hunger and thirst? If only they could have a native teacher sent them, one whose heart is full of Jesus' love, how great the blessing might become would be known only in eternity.

I wish there could be something done in the way of Indian literature. Isn't it too bad that they have so little, while others have an over-supply? They need a new hymn-book, and the Bible should be revised. And then if only a few even of the many good things which have flowed from different pens could be translated, how great might be the work of the silent preachers!

We have in full membership, 100; on trial, 15; and 23 candidates for baptism.

The church has been removed from the Mission to a very pleasant site near the Fort, re-erected, and only requires painting to make it neat and cheerful.

Because of building being so tedious and expensive, we have been able to do nothing towards building a Mission-house. We propose, however, to build at once near the church, as that is where the Indians always congregate.

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BEREN'S RIVER.

In presenting our yearly report, we desire to make mention of the loving kindness of the Great Head of the Church for His preserving care over your Missionary and his household during the past year.

In reference to our work, we rejoice to be able to report that the old superstitious rites and ceremonies, once so prevalent among the Indians at this place, are all abandoned. Not only has the outward appearance of a degrading paganism disappeared, but there is now an almost universal belief in our holy religion, and, on the part of many, an earnest desire to intelligently understand the plan of salvation.

While rejoicing at these things, we have to mourn over the absence of that thorough heart-work, the genuine conversion of the inner man by the transforming power of the Holy Ghost. While doing all we could for the temporal prosperity of these poor Indians, the great object

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