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NORWAY HOUSE.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. T. Hurlburt, Chairman, dated
Rossiille, Dec. 11th, 1855.

In again reporting the state of this Mission, we render unfeigned thanks to the God of all our mercies for continued health, with the many other blessings we enjoy; but above all for the measure of spiritual favours graciously given to us.

We have on our Church books the names of 135, including three on trial. Some of them give evidence of deep piety, while there are others whom we fear are only nominally Christians. We are laboring to lead them on in a godly manner.

There are not so many at home this winter as last, but those we have here are comfortable in regard to means of living. There were three new and very comfortable houses finished off last fall. Fish were abundant and good, and rabbits swarmed in all the region. The other day I saw one of our brethren bring in forty, the avails of one day's hunt; and another, an old woman, showed me a pile of about thirty she had brought in that day. In addition to plenty of good food, we have a general time of health, and are living in peace, and many, I trust, are walking in the comforts of the Holy Ghost.

Our present school-house—the printing office—is well arranged and very comfortable. Miss Adams has an average attendance of thirty-five, but she has the names of fifty on her school register for this winter. The attendance of the larger scholars is not regular, as they are often absent to get wood, or to go with their parents and friends for rabbits. Last Sabbath I counted forty-nine present at the Sabbath school. In summer we have more. Some memorise portions of scripture, while the younger ones are exercised in the catechisms, never omitting the Ten Commandments.

We are sadly in want of school books. For the last two years none have been received. There are a few bibles and testaments still remaining, with a few other tattered school books. There are a good many old periodicals about the premises, such as "Juvenile Offerings," &c., &c., &c.; any or all of which Miss A. uses when she can find enough of the same numbers to form a class. With these, slates, and some writing books, she manages to keep both herself and the children busy. On account of this destitution of books, notwithstanding Miss A. is indefatigable in her attention to her duties, still it is impossible to do justice to the school. Had we paper we could print school books for ourselves.

Enclosed I send you a copy of the Ten Commandments which I have just published here, both in the Syllabic and Roman characters. Our elder people,

with thousands in the woods, read the former, and our school children the latter. I hope it may be a step towards inducing our people to use the Roman character.

This is my first effort at printing. I found the type much mixed, and I had the task of examining one by one more than 10,000, and arranging them in order. Then I had to learn the art of setting them. The first day I set about 300, and was in all haste to exhibit some proof of my skill on paper, but I found so many strange mistakes that I began to question whether I had not lost my senses. The next day I set at the rate of 3000. I then had another difficulty; we had neither rollers, black ball, nor anything of the kind. I studied long and experimented much, and now have rollers that answer, as you see, and that without cost, except my own labour. I struck off about 300 copies, and have pasted some of them on boards, and hung up one in every house in our village. I now feel able to print any thing we want in our missions, either in Chippeway or Cree, in the Syllabic or Roman character. If you will but furnish us with paper, ink, and cheap binding materials, it will prevent me ever having any idle time on my hands. You will observe that the space occupied by both characters is about the same. This is contrary to my former statement. I now learn, for the first time, that in the edition of the Gospel according to St. John, published here, the lines are separated by some "fixings," of which I know not the name; this, with the width of the margins, led me into the error above mentioned.

If we print much we must have the printing office solely for that purpose, and this will render it necessary to build a new school house. On our arrival here, we found the old school house torn down, it being too much decayed to be longer used. All the boards were disposed of to Mr. Mason. We require a school house for about seventy-five scholars, with an apartment in it for a work-room for the women and girls, where Miss A. could teach them all the branches of industry desirable in their circumstances. This is the nearest approach to an industrial school that the exigencies of his region call for. I estimate the expense at £50. The house to be 30 x 38 feet, weather-boarded outside, and ceiled inside with boards, both the walls and overhead. I should expect to superintend and do much work myself. I shall endeavour to get out as much of the material this winter as possible. I hope you will signify your pleasure concerning this matter at the earliest opportunity.

In regard to the brethren in this District, all are well as far as I have learned, and are pursuing their labours with more or less of promise and success. I have requested them, in accordance with the requirements of the discipline, to forward me quarterly reports of the state of the work under their charge.

From the Oxford House Mission I have no report.