

15th, Monday.—Immediately after breakfast, we had the church full to witness the baptism of two adults and three infants, who could not get to the Mission yesterday, in consequence of a very great storm, and also to witness the marriage of seven couples. As all the Indians took tea together in the church, before they separated for their winter hunt, I embraced the opportunity of holding a service with them.

17th, Wednesday.—To-day feel very unwell, probably from having taken a chill yesterday, while exposed to very inclement weather. In the evening, although I ought to have been in bed, yet I conducted a service with the Indians, and married two couples, who could not get to the Mission on Sabbath.

18th, Thursday.—Still very unwell. The weather has been uncommonly stormy during the last fortnight, and more rain has fallen, during that time, than for many years before; and, as it is now hay-making time, it is attended with considerable inconvenience.

21st, Sabbath.—The weather seems quite changed; frosty nights and clear days. We had a tolerable congregation to-day, although a number have left for their winter hunt. Baptized a widow and her son, and had a very good day.

22nd, Monday.—Married two couples

this morning. Several of the Indians are leaving, to-day, for their hunting grounds. Many of the Re^r River boats passing up from York story. We have had a beautiful day, and have finished our haymaking.

23rd, Tuesday.—Quite a severe frost during the night, followed by a beautiful day. Commenced digging our potatoes, as we cannot venture to leave them in the ground any longer. Myself employed in roofing the wings of the house. White fish are now getting plentiful.

26th, Friday.—Finished digging the potatoes to-day: we have a far better crop this year than we have had at any time before since we have been here, and they are also of much better quality. Good potatoes, here, is merely a relative term. What we call good, here, would only be considered fit for the pigs in Canada. Indeed, we have not raised a mealy potato since we have been here: the season, being so short, will not allow them to ripen sufficiently.

29th, Monday.—We find that the fish are now in season; consequently we have sent off our people to commence our fall fishing: nearly a fortnight earlier than last year. Nearly all the Indians are also gone for the same purpose. Raising our turnips and carrots, and bringing them in from the garden.

The following extract of a Letter from the Teacher, Mr. Sinclair at Oxford House, dated Dec. 3rd, 1856, was addressed to, and has been kindly sent us by the Rev. John Ryerson. Co-Delegate:—

We have every reason to hope that our Mission is rising continually, and will become an important one. The holy ordinance of baptism has been administered to a great number of adults and children this summer, and many couples have been married according to the rule of our Christianity. Mr. Brook-^{ing} has formed four classes, and upwards of an hundred persons have been received on trial for Church membership, who are anxiously inquiring what they must do to be saved. The Church is well attended with attentive hearers every Sabbath day, especially this summer; indeed, our church has been sometimes far too small. After the forenoon service the classes meet. Our Quarterly Meetings are also encouraging. It is deeply affecting to listen to those who were once heartless now relating their Christian experience. I think the Gos-

pel is really understood and valued by many of this people; for it is a very common thing with them to converse among themselves, when they leave the house of God, upon the subject of the sermon, (which is far more profitable than to talk about worldly things,) and should there be anything in the sermon that they do not understand, they go at once to the Missionary, requesting him to explain more fully; and thus cheer his heart by giving him to see that they hear with attention. The "great word," you know, is the name that they give to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And truly it is "great," for it is the Word of God that came down from Heaven to teach poor sinners the way to Heaven.

You ask, has the Gospel found its way to this land? Thank God! it has; and its effects have already been very