

told them to lay up as much provisions as possible during the winter, to come here in the spring bringing their provisions with them, and we shall assist them as far as we are able in ploughing the land, and that we shall furnish them with such seed as we can spare. We have also promised to lend them oxen to haul timber, and that we shall direct them in building houses. We have reason to believe that a beginning in this department will be made in the spring, and we must be prepared to implement our promises.

Since May last we have never been without some Indians about the mission, and at times a considerable number, and I am glad to be able to report that prejudice is fast giving away; there are many who would not come near our meetings at the first, who now come every time that they are in the neighborhood: and on New Year's-day the old man who for many months would not come within hearing of prayer or preaching attended our religious service with his whole band of followers. At that meeting there were fifty present, of whom more than half were Indians. This is the largest number we have had at any single service.

SABBATH SERVICES, &c.

I continue to have two services every Sabbath, and a class for the young people. Cree is always given when any are present, who do not understand English. I also continue my visits to Carleton. I have been there nine times during the year. I have services both in Cree and English—the most of the people about the fort attend.

During the year I have baptised three adult Indians on the profession of their faith in Christ; I have also baptised five Indian children, and four other children, twelve baptisms in all during the year. On two occasions we enjoyed the sacrament of the Lord's supper. On the first of these occasions there was *one* Indian at the table of the Lord, and on the last there were *two*.

ENCOURAGING REVIEW.

I think I have now completed the information I have to communicate, and I trust it will be found satisfactory by yourself and the committee. Great results could not be expected in so short a time, yet there is surely cause for gratitude to God that a not unfavourable commencement has been made. For my own part I did not expect that the Indians generally would be found so friendly in so short a time—nor did I dare to hope that even three *Indian* children would be found in the mission family within less than a year from the time of our pitching our tents here; much less did I anticipate that an English school would be in full operation within thirteen months of that date; nor did I expect to find so many of the Indians so favourable to settlement as I have found. I trust that my anticipations on this last point will be realized, for only by this means can we expect much improvement.

In all these I see indications that God has graciously directed us thus far, and that if we are only faithful in the work that He has put to our hands we may expect His blessing thereon and much good to be the result. But if all the departments of work are to be fully carried out another missionary should be sent out without delay. To attend to all the work at the mission station, and to itinerate to the extent that is desirable is more than can be accomplished by one missionary.

Before I send off this letter I hope to hear the result of your conference with the Wesleyan committee in regard to Edmonton. But as I stated in a former letter, even without Edmonton, we could easily give employment to more than one additional missionary.