

hanging on the walls, and brackets made of pine boards for keeping the lamps on. In almost all of the tepees a part of the ground is floored. Those who have been working among the Indians of this Band say, that during the last two years a great improvement has taken place in the homes of these Indians. Surely this is an encouragement to carry on the work. You often hear of the work in the school and of the pupils; I think I will tell you a little about the tepees work. We visit, as often as we can, the homes of our pupils—speak to them when we can be understood, or do some little act of kindness. It is almost necessary, when you make one of these visits, to carry with you a little salve, ointment, and a few bottles of pain killer. The squaws have great faith in Davis' pain killer. We have to dress wounds in almost every tepee. The salve is much better if we apply it. A service is held every Sabbath afternoon in a tent made by the Indians (a few of them) and called their Church tepee. About twenty attend the Church. There have been thirty and once, more, at the service, but we consider twenty a good attendance. A few of the Indians take part in reading the hymns for the service, all join heartily in singing. One or two friends address the people in English, then one of the Band interprets. The question has been often asked me by friends at home—Are the Indians all pagans? One squaw openly professes Christianity. Three Indians never attend pagan worship. They say they do not intend ever to worship with the pagans again. When you ask these Indians if they love Christ and wish to lead better lives, they always say they do, and indeed they try to do right. I often think it is the Christian's example that has to do much in teaching our religions to those darkened minds. Am I making my letter too long? While I am writing it, Topsey is teaching some little girls a lesson, playing teacher. Topsey is very anxious to be thought well of by little girls in Canada. Much could be said about the pupils but I will leave this for another time.

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Just received a box from Daywood & Johnson. We have secured the services of J. Thunder, the Indian Missionary who was with Miss Wight. He will be a great help in the life work.

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