

our cottage having been turned into a hospital, we were glad to take a rest, and made a visit east.

"Upon our return we assisted in a school which was carried on by the ministers of our Church. In 1891 a High School was established by the Government, and then work was commenced among a pagan band of Sioux Indians at their encampment, about 3 miles from town.

"Here we carried on our work in a tent, until a small building was erected. The medicine men bitterly opposed us; nevertheless, slow but sure progress was made. In 1895 the Government gave this band a reserve, and our school was then transferred to it. This is situated on the north bank of the Saskatchewan river, about 9 miles from the town. My assistant, Miss Cameron, and myself live alone on this reserve with these Indians, because we are sorry to say that, as yet, only a part of the band has consented to settle down on this reserve. We hope, however, that ere long they may be induced to join us.

"The medicine men are our greatest hindrance, and to relate our experiences with them would fill pages.

"In religion they are polytheistic, worshippers of the sun, north wind, air, water, etc. And their mode of worship consists principally in holy dances and holy feasts. They believe all sickness is caused by demons taking possession of the individual and the medicine men pretend to have the power to cast them out.

"The Indians living on the reserve are making good progress, the women and larger girls being taught to bake, knit, make quilts and sew. The children come to school in the morning and remain until evening. We give them their dinner at the school house, after which the girls wash the dishes and tidy the room.

"When we first settled on the reserve we could only get a few small children to come to Sunday School, but now we have regular Sabbath services, which I conduct mostly in Sioux. We have an organ and they all enjoy singing hymns. We often open with a familiar hymn 'Anpeta de Wakance,' which is Sioux for 'This is the day the Lord hath made.'