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taught, the result of a thorough and well-arranged system of teaching. The Sunday-school is also doing a good work for the rising generation. The children are making progress in the knowledge of the Scriptures, which are able to make them wise unto salvation.

Our church membership at present is as follows: Whites, 9; Indians, 333; total, 342. There have been 3 deaths and 53 removals; we have received 25; decrease, 31. I have to report 69 baptisms and 13 marriages.

JOHN H. RUTTAN.

### OXFORD HOUSE.

Nearly three years ago I came to this Mission resolved by the help of God to do what I could for these people. Everything was new and strange, and, I had almost said, difficult. But the Lord has been with us and helped us to do something which I trust will tend to His glory and the good of souls.

I found it difficult at first to do all that I could have wished to do, owing to my ignorance of the language. That is, however, being gradually overcome, and I hope, ere long, to be able to dispense with the services of an interpreter, and to speak to them face to face, as a man talks with his friend. I was pleased to find that many of the people were able to read the syllabic characters, and better still, that they very much valued the privilege of reading in their own language the message of God's mercy to them. The Gospel is for all—everywhere and under all circumstances. In his tent along with his family, or alone beside the camp-fire, the Indian sings a song of praise to God, and by the fire-light reads His Word, and realizes that it is the power of God unto salvation. I have no hesitancy whatever in saying that the Gospel was intended for these people as well as for others. It has shown its power among them just as among the races of different climes in other parts of the world, in that to many of them "old things are passed away," and "behold, all things are become new." I feel sure that from Oxford House as well as from all this "wild north land," there will be many found in that day who have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." We have not been without encouragement since we came, for God has been working among the people and making them know His saving power, but,

"O that they all might taste and see  
The riches of His grace!"

Theirs is not the richest earthly inheritance, but the heavenly one will seem all the more blessed when they come into full possession of it. A number have been added to the Church, and believers have been encouraged and strengthened. And we ourselves thank God and take courage, because He gives us the privilege of being co-workers together with Him in the work of soul-saving.

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