

but stayed four days in the town, kindly entertained by Mrs. McLeod, one of the ladies who are so very much interested in the school. So far there are only six children who stay day and night; I cannot say permanently, as they are all within reach of their tents, and we cannot tell what moment they may wish to return to them. There are also day pupils—fathers, uncles, etc., of the children; these are quite anxious to learn. Two of them, David and Peter, read in the second part of the first book, and write well in that class. I shall not forget to tell you in the future of their progress. One of them is getting quite gray-haired. He has—as indeed all of them have—long, long hair; his brother has bangs. It is distressing to see the children as they appear in the morning. Just fancy the appearance of especially the boys before their hair is combed and braided, a task which they very unwillingly commence, and not without a great many refusals. Quite different from what I expected, they have not the least dread or restraint at my presence, and care little indeed for my commands. It is well I do not understand their language, for when I tell them to do anything they answer by what I know is impudence in their own language. However, on the commands being often repeated, they, after much delay, generally obey. They are by no means stupid, but very unwilling to do work of any kind, and although they understand a good deal of English they do not talk anything but in their own language, except when they are playing at "Pussy wants a corner." I am glad that I commenced at meal times by sitting at the table with them, which I did at first with a great effort, but I find there a grand opportunity of teaching, also they try to imitate me there. I hope yet to win their affections. But above all I hope to be used by God our strength, upon whom I feel my dependence more than ever, in leading them to a merciful and loving Saviour. Earnestly ask God's blessings upon us, and He will bless us. It is a source of very great comfort to believe that prayers are being offered up in our behalf. An Indian chief visited us; also Mr. Solomon, the Indian preacher, who read and addressed the school in the Indian language, and seemed to be very earnest. We are well protected from the cold weather, having two heating stoves and a cooking stove, with plenty of splendid wood. We never feel the cold indoors, except in the mornings, before our stoves, which do their work with admirable speed, get properly to work. It has been as cold as 40° below zero since I came here, and sometimes quite windy, and we certainly feel the cold if exposed to it, but as it is a dry cold, and