

have none who make a trade of carrying freight in the direction of the Rocky Mountains, so we must take carts of our own. I expect that the contributions of our people here for this purpose will exceed in value £100 stg., or \$500, and I am happy to add that some of our Sabbath School girls are busy knitting socks, &c., to help the Mission.

I daresay you would like to know something of the people among whom we expect to establish the Mission, but at present I can give you no positive information; only I may say the band of Indians among whom we hope to be permitted to labour is numerous, and besides having men and women to instruct we may have about 500 children to look after; but it is a most difficult thing to persuade Indians to leave their children at school, and still more difficult to get them to make any provision for their support when they do leave them. The value of education is a difficult thing for a savage to learn. For the present we must go forth in the spirit of the hymn, that I daresay some of you have learned, which includes the verse:

“His call we obey, like Abraham of old,
 “Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold,
 “For, though we are strangers, we have a sure Guide,
 “And trust in all dangers, ‘the Lord will provide.’”

This letter will reach you before we set out, may I therefore request that you will remember us in your prayers in the school, and by yourselves at home, that the Lord may direct our way and give us favour with the heathen to whom we go, and that many of them may be turned to the Lord.

I am glad to hear that your school continues to prosper, and that the average attendance has been increased 20 during the past year. But might not a great many more children be got to attend school in your neighborhood? I know that a great many live there, and I rather think that a good many do not attend any Sabbath School. Now if every one of you will try and find out *one* boy or girl, who does not attend any Sabbath School, and induce him or her to attend your School and become a regular scholar, you will be doing real Missionary work and be preparing for greater usefulness when you grow up. Now children try and I shall expect to hear of an average attendance of 243 for the present year. I am also very glad that your Missionary contributions have increased. I hope you all feel a pleasure in giving part of your pocket money to carry the news of a Saviour to the wild men of the West. As a school you have given at the rate of *half a cent* each scholar on every Sabbath in the year. If every scholar in every Sabbath School in our church would do the same, even according to the number reported at last Synod, it would amount to more than \$4,550 00, (*four thousand five hundred and fifty dollars*.) And if we add the number attending the Bible Classes reported it would make an additional sum of more than \$1,492 00, in all \$6,032 00, (*six thousand and thirty two dollars*.) Now think of that! More than \$6,000 from Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes of our Church, each member giving at the rate of half a cent every Sabbath. And I am sure you will say that your own school *could* give at a higher rate if the scholars would all *do what they can*.

This little calculation, my young friends, may serve to show you the power of *littles*. You remember the pretty hymn:

“Little drops of water, &c.”

Your little word for Christ may be the means of bringing a great multitude to Christ in the end. Your little prayers offered from sincere hearts may bring down many and great blessings on those for whom you pray. And if only *one* boy in each of our Sabbath Schools reported would resolve through