

I preached in the morning to the Indians and in the evening to officers and men at the Post, and baptized two children. I was detained Monday preparing two trains of dogs from here to accompany me to Winnipeg to bring Rev. E. K. Young back to his Mission after District Meeting. Preached again Monday evening at the Post.

There were not many Indians at the Mission as some were away fur-hunting. A large quantity of timber was prepared for the Mission House and Church, so the work has progressed finely during Rev. E. R. Young's absence.

On our way to Winnipeg from here the second day we met quite a number of Indians at Dog's Head, and preached to them. They received the word gladly; many of them were penitent and wept while I told them that God gave his Son to suffer death for their sins and to bring them to heaven. 'Tis hard to think of these souls perishing for lack of knowledge. I only met a few Indians the rest of the journey, to whom I offered such instructions and advice as suited their condition.

We stayed one night only a short distance from a wigwam in which they were beating their "conjuring-drum." I went over and talked with them and advised them to become Christians. My conversation did not seem to take hold upon them, though they remained quiet while I remained; but I was scarcely in our own lodge when their "te tum, te tum," the peculiar manner in which they beat their drum, began and continued during the whole night until we started about 3 a. m. Thus

we occasionally meet with those who pay no heed to Christian instruction, but they are the exception.

I arrived at Winnipeg on the 2nd March, being 12 days from Rossville, completing the journey of some 340 miles by dog sleds, and only lodged in three-houses during that long tedious journey. I left Winnipeg on the 12th, immediately after District Meeting, and arrived at Rossville on the 20th, being absent in all thirty days.

We were agreeably surprised on the 5th of the present month by the arrival of Rev. J. Semmens on his way to Nelson River. But as the ice will not be safe for him to venture the remainder of the journey with sleds, it being too late in the season, he is under the necessity of remaining here till the first open water when he will embark in a canoe to complete his long tedious journey.

Our services with the Indians here on Good Friday and Easter Sunday were very precious. And while I preached to them the resurrection they were wrapped in wonder and thrilled with joy as I spoke to them about the certainty of the resurrection and the happiness of those who died Christians and rose again glorified saints. Our dear Brother Semmens arrived in the evening for service but was unable to preach on account of fatigue, a fatigue unknown by all but those who have performed this journey during the winter.

Our Schools both here and at Norway River are prospering nicely, but we feel the necessity of a lady teacher in this village, which necessity we hope will soon be met.

*From the Rev. O. German, dated Oxford House, 3rd March, 1874.*

The promise of the risen Saviour, "Lo, I am with you alway," is still verified to his disciples at Oxford.

There were a number of people in on Christmas and New Year to whom we tried to "preach the Word." On New Year I for the first time dispensed the Sacrament to a few of these Sheep in the wilderness. Twenty-nine in all partook thereof, those receiving it at their homes being unable to attend the public service. Two were received on trial, an old man, John Stinson, and

his wife. John has since died (15th Feb.) and I trust has found a home in heaven. His son-in-law, William Flint, who also partook of the Sacrament, and had been married little more than two months, died on the 29th Jan. How sweet will heaven's rest be to those wanderers of earth who have so few of earth's comforts!

The Lord is still working among the few that are here, and a few occasional comers also hear the word gladly. I am afraid that some of the poor widows