

christian knowledge he had received, and was so engaged when brother Rundle arrived in June, 1840. Brother R. found a people prepared of the Lord, and when brother Evans arrived, about September 1st, 1840, quite a society had been formed. Adam Moody is the most talented man we have in this place, but liquor has ruined him. It is a query with me, how much others are responsible for this and other defections, in consequence of the example they have set. But Adam says he wants to join the church again. He understands Chipewewa. He has joined "Old Amos's" Class.

May 1.—The geese are just now passing in numbers. About ten days or two weeks later than in some other season.

May 4—I have worked very hard at boat-making, for about two or three weeks. Our Indians are all away goose hunting; so there is but little to do at present. I had the boat carpenter five days: but since he left I have built a boat all alone. This is my first essay at boat-building. I have made myself one suitable for travelling around among the Pagan's encampment, when they come in next summer. There is no summer travelling here by land; the whole country being mostly composed of bogs, swamps, lakes, rocks, thickets, &c.

May 21—Yesterday I had a precious season, and our friends from the Fort were over, for the first time, in their boats. We have about five months open water, and seven months ice.

May 23—Thermometer 10 below the freezing point, and this after so much warm weather. We had our garden well under way, and part of our potatoes planted. I have some fears for our potatoes, though three or four inches under ground.

June 19—This morning Sir George started for Canada. They seemed a happy company of two canoes. By them we both received and sent accounts and letters. Land of my birth and affections, when shall I visit thee again!

June 20—To-day the oldest man in our village died, and was buried this morning. He has been helpless and speechless ever since I came. He was long considered the chief of this band: was revered by all. His children, grand

children, and great grand children, seem almost half of our tribe, and constitute, on the whole, the best portion of our population. Mrs. Steinhaur is his grand daughter. The old man failed gradually, and at last the weary wheels of life stood still. His end was peace. He has been a member of our church from the first establishment of the mission. Yesterday afternoon I was busy in the garden and repairing the roof of our house where it leaked.

This forenoon, after the funeral, I put rockers on a chair, and Miss A. will cushion it for the parlour. Miss A. works for the girls early and late. Now that she has learned the amount of her salary, and finds she will have something remaining after supplying her own wants, she is making many things for her girls. A short time since she bought a whole piece of print, from which she gets bonnets for 30 girls—she has over 40 in all. A short time since she bought one pound of Berlin wool, which she bestows on the girls, teaching them fancy work. She proposes to give to her girls and the poor all that remains of her salary after supplying her own wants.

June 21—Our men start to-day for York. Our christian Indians are among the most faithful and trusty of the Company's servants. The pagan Indians often desert when employed on voyages. There is a demand for more men than our village supplies.

June 22—All day working at fence making around one of our small fields: nothing of this kind is done well unless I am present and assist.

June 25—The weather is warm and fine for our garden, but alas! the grubs have come upon us in swarms, like locusts, and are devouring every green thing.

June 27—Started this morning, about seven o'clock a.m., for Beering River, with two of our good native brethren. We go to make an effort to benefit the poor who are famishing for the bread of life. I now and then lift my heart to God, and ask him to send us prosperity. I have no hope of doing good without his special blessing.

June 28—We started this morning about sunrise, and with a fair wind, and with the help of oars, made good speed.