

taking away houses, fences, farming implements, and in fact everything that could be moved by a heavy current of water. The Indians, with their cattle and horses, had to fly to the mountains. Captain John (class-leader and exhorter) not only lost his winter's stock of vegetables, but all his seed potatoes and grain, so that he will not be able to put in any crop this year unless assisted by the Indian Commissioner. Notwithstanding all this, he, with his friends, rejoice in the blessed fact that all the floods of earth cannot wash away their title to heaven.

During the year we have included in our Circuit a little village named Popquom, where we have succeeded in building a church. We have now five Indian churches; a membership of 60, with 15 on trial, making a total of 75. We thank God and take courage, and while we praise Him for all that is past, we trust that He will yet send us greater showers of grace from on high.

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In looking over the year just closed, we find great reason to thank God for the many mercies we have received in connection with our work in this new and distant field.

Health has been given us, and, with a few exceptions, our people have been exempt from severe sickness.

The early part of the year was spent in hard work on the church, such as getting out timber, digging foundation, and pushing on the work of building. And now we are closing the year with fixing up an old house for the use of the school, and as the Missionary Committee are not able to assist us, with our own hands, and the assistance of the Indians, we have got out the shingles and done all the work; and the lumber material has been purchased out of the missionary's own means.

All our services are well attended, and also the schools, showing a desire on the part of the people to "learn the way of life." Still, the backslidings of some, and the darkness and sin of others, have led us to feel that we are now but sowing the seed for a harvest in the future, and we must learn to "labour and to wait."

We need a teacher very much, for the pastoral work is enough for any one to attend to, and then while my attention is taken up with school, visits to other tribes, &c., must be laid aside.

We are much troubled here about the unsettled condition of the Indian land question, as our people are often told by others that they will have to leave Fort Simpson.

God is still with us, and many of our people are doing well, and all are surely getting some light. Oh, for salvation to sweep through this land, we need it much.

In the twenty months we have been here I have married 62 couples; baptized 48 infants and 39 adults. Members, 23; on trial, 100; total, 123.

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