

Thus not only are we sowing, but, if I may use a homely expression, harrowing in the seed also. I am also able to meet again with old patients, who, when in the hospital, heard the gospel. It is often and truly said that the medical missionary does not have to go to the people as they come to her. The greater number of them, however, having found what they sought—bodily healing—go their ways and we see them no more, and any interest they may have shown in the gospel story dies out of their hearts.

We were roused from sleep a night or two ago by a crowd coming to the hospital bringing a couple of women who had been poisoned. They were mother and daughter, and in preparing the evening meal the daughter-in-law of the household had, into their two shares, along with the spices, put some datura—a common poisonous plant—hoping in this way to take their lives and so become mistress of the household. We succeeded in thwarting her plan though the mother's life seemed for a long time beyond hope of saving. Poisoning is by no means an uncommon crime, especially among the women of this land.

The most of us are in our usual health. Miss Dougan is convalescing and in quarantine after an attack of smallpox, which, we are all very glad and thankful, proved not to be a severe case.

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

Good News from the Birtle School and the Birdtail Reserve.

FROM MISS MCLAREN.

Birtle, May 16, 1895.

We had the children photographed lately ; I send Mrs. Shortreed one by the next mail. You and Mrs. Jeffrey will, no doubt, know a number of the faces. Some new ones have come into the school since you were here, but we are very thankful to say none are missing. Those you mention specially in your last letter are all here and doing well. Hugh still goes to the printing office, and I have Hagar hired at five dollars a month to help me with the sewing, chamber work, etc. She got her discharge from the schoolroom a few months ago, but I find her more satisfactory than any seamstress I can engage. She excels in tailoring, and is so pleased to be able to help her father and mother with her own earnings. The girls have all taken great pleasure in learning to run the knitting machine. A number of them understand and are able to work it very well indeed. The larger ones are at present busy making rag mats, pegging them. Each girl as she finishes one sends it home to her mother.

You understand the school is on the half-day system now. We do not keep any servant. Now that Hagar is able to take charge of the sewing room,