

last month he came running to school *barefooted*. Well, we did not know what to do, as Aousta's father is not a "treaty" Indian, and the Government makes grants only to such, but the old man, Four Souls, was so anxious to have us take him, and the boy himself is so much in need of everything, that we took him. Mr. Wellbourn mentioned his case in his last letter to Prof. Baird, and unless the Committee object, we hope to do something for Aousta. He is a bright-faced lad, and has a lovable manner, but he is very ignorant.

One of our little band is in sore trouble at present. Ootanow is a widow and has two grown-up sons, one married. The unmarried one has lost his reason, and his mother is grieving. When we see any of them in distress, we feel more than at any other time the need of knowing the language. There is one consolation in this case,—Ootanow has learned to carry her troubles to God, and her prayer in our meeting to-day was little else than a wail from the depth of a sorrowing heart, and our God always hears such.

Mr. Wellbourn got the bell yesterday at Edmonton. The children are delighted with it, as indeed so are we. It has a fine tone, and we hope soon to have it in place and doing good work for us.

*Feb. 22nd.*—I might mention that we had twenty-two outsiders at our service yesterday, among them several Romanists. There are at least nine of our own people off the Reserve just now. Yesterday's was the largest meeting we have had, except the Sabbath that Mr. McQueen was out with an interpreter, when we had thirty. That number, with our boarders and family, make quite an audience, one far beyond the capacity of our schoolroom.

In a letter received from Prof. Hart on Saturday, we are told that we shall soon hear from the Committee regarding the new school-house, when we shall be able to use both schoolroom and