

twenty-six (26) of whom attend the school ; the others think it too far to come in winter. I have been relieved from the task of teaching for the present by a young English gentleman, who came to spend the winter in the neighborhood, and who volunteered to perform that duty till spring, when he returns to Manitoba. With him the children are making good progress, as he is able to devote the whole day to them, whereas I was able to give only one part of each day. I hope the committee will permit me to look out for and engage a permanent teacher, who may be able to give instruction both in Cree and English.

In all, there are eight children being kept by the mission at present ; six of whom are with us, one (three years of age) is being taken care of by an old woman, in the second house from the mission, and Robert Burns, our first charge of that kind, is attending the school at Kildonan, and I am informed that he is making gratifying progress, and speaks English very fluently. I crave, in his behalf the prayers of the church, that he may become a true child of God, and that he may yet be employed in doing good among his own people.

With the large increase of our population, our little temporary school house is much too small, so that we are obliged to have our Sabbath services in our dwelling house, occupying two rooms which communicate with each other. The materials for a small church are now on the ground, and we hope to have the walls put up in a few days, meantime, the windows, &c., are being prepared, so that we trust we shall have the building fit for use before plowing time comes.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in July and December. On the last occasion twenty-four (24) of the communicants were present before the close of the services, but three of the Indian members were too late to be at the table of the Lord. The communion roll now contains thirty (30) names.

There were fifteen (15) baptisms during the year, fourteen (14) infants, (7 boys and 7 girls) and one young lad, who has been taken from an Indian camp, by one of our friends at Carlton, and who has adopted him into his own family. Three marriages have been celebrated ; two at the mission and one at Carlton.

The value of what may be called the *permanent* property of the missions, has increased by the sum of sixty (60) pounds sterling, being now estimated at twelve hundred and forty-five pounds sterling (£1245 0 0,) while the amount of farm produce is almost double what we had the previous year, and would have been very much greater but for the terrible hail storm that passed over this place on the evening of August 8th, and slight frost on the 16th and 23rd of the same month ; neither of which ever happened before or since the establishment of the mission.