

this number can be largely increased so soon as we secure additional accommodation and the necessary Government aid for their board. The children are contented and happy, and are making very fair progress.

The boarding system, although bringing with it a large amount of additional outlay and labor, is without doubt by far the best means which has yet been devised for the training of Indian children. Some of the advantages are the following:—It secures regularity of attendance. The children are kept clean and properly clothed. They are taught order and cleanliness. They get a sufficient amount of wholesome food at regular intervals and in an orderly manner. Although allowed to visit their parents occasionally, they are in a large measure removed from the baneful influences of their homes. They learn to work, and gradually get removed from their minds the false idea, so common among the Indians, that work is degrading. It is surprising what an effect discipline of this kind produces in a short time. They soon learn respect both for themselves and their teachers. Obedience is secured not altogether through fear, but because it is felt to be a duty to obey, and becoming behaviour takes the place of rude impertinence.

With regard to Mission work proper, I have nothing of a very special character to report. Services have been kept up regularly during the year at four different points, and the general interest has been maintained. The attendance on the part of many is regular, and a quiet earnestness pervades our services, which would indicate that the preaching of the Word is not without its effect. We have held two communion services, both of them large and interesting gatherings. The summer communion was held during the visit of Prof. Hart and Rev. Messrs. Baird and Flett. At that service three were admitted to the membership, and at our last communion four young persons were received on profession of faith. They underwent a pretty thorough examination, and showed considerable acquaintance with Bible truth. This brings the number of names on the communion roll up to twenty-eight.

I may also mention that during a late visit to one of the heathen houses, the head of the household informed me that a number of the heathen party were thinking of applying for baptism. But as might be expected, we have a good deal of opposition to encounter. One old heathen quite lately told me that some one had been advising them not to come and hear us