

a good school-room, with all modern improvements needed to carry on the work. We still find it difficult to have regular attendance from the day pupils. We cannot tell of progress with them as they attend so irregularly that almost no progress can be made. The parents are to blame for this irregularity ; the children are willing to come when the parents encourage them. Even with the boarding pupils we have more or less of this trouble. The children remain quite contentedly till the parents or grandmother come and ask them to go home for a few days. They question the children and tell them stories, manufactured for the occasion, till they have them anxious to go home to the tepees. Sometimes by refusing to let the children go, or by coaxing the parents, we can have the visit postponed. Some however, will not be put off, and if refused they will try other means of getting them. A few months ago a mother stole her boy from the school. We had often refused to let him go. the boy always begging to stay, and more for spite than for love of her child this mother watched a chance till she found the boy up town. She then took him by force and carried him off to the tepees. We went repeatedly after him and tried all means in our power to bring him back, but he was always kept out of sight. Once the mother hid him in the woods across the river, keeping him there all night. We have not yet given up getting him back, and we feel sure that the mother's conduct helped rather than hurt our cause, as all the Indians condemn the woman for what she has done.

"The work among the Indians at the tepees goes on with increased interest ; all homes are open for us to visit, except one, and in nearly all of these homes we are kindly welcomed. We have yet to gain the confidence of a number of grandmothers. These poor old creatures are a great hindrance in our work, as they hate, with no small hatred, every effort made to change their life. They think the little grandchildren should do nothing but play, and the school is looked upon as a place where the children are made to work by hard task-masters. We cannot help pitying these poor old women ; years of ignorance and misery have blinded them to all good, but they have kind hearts and may yet be won.

"Religious services are held regularly every Sabbath ; not one Sabbath has been missed, but during the cold months the weekly