

it is almost impossible to make out the name of the perso. sending them, especially if it is written with a lead pencil. They did not send a letter with it, but Miss Baker asked in one of her letters if I had received it, and I told her I had, supposing she would tell the person of its safe arrival.

I must ask you to pardon me for being so long in writing. Of course I need not tell you that I am always kept busy in the winter time, so many of them have been sick this winter. One poor woman has been ill for a long time; we do not expect she will recover. I used to go to the camp nearly every day to see her. A poor old man died the other day, and there is an old woman who will not likely see many more days. It is sad to see the old people dropping off, one by one, without knowing of the love of Jesus. It is hard to teach the old people, they are so superstitious, and so firmly believe in their own happy hunting ground. It is not so with the young people; they are always anxious to hear and learn about something new. Hecanhdeska always comes to church when he can. He is learning to read in his own language; he takes a great interest in reading the Bible; he has started at the beginning and wants to read it right through. I gave him your letter to read; he was very much pleased to see you had remembered him; he is going to write to you when he has time; just at present he is out on his farm at the Reserve.

The school is closed now, as I cannot get across the river. We have had beautiful weather for the past two weeks. All the snow is gone. We expect the ice will go out of the river very soon. I hope I will be able to get across next Monday. I am anxious about the sick people.

MISSION STUDIES.

The Armenians and Armenian Girls

By MISS FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

Public attention has of late been so often directed to the dreadful sufferings of the Armenians in the Turkish Empire that a simple sketch of their history and of the condition of women and girls among them should be interesting to my young readers.

The Armenians claim to be descended from Togarmah, the great grandson of Noah (Gen. x: 3), and to be one of the oldest nations of the earth. Their country was the mountainous region lying between the upper part of the Euphrates and the Caspian Sea. The Garden of Eden is supposed to have been in this region, and here, too, is Mount Ararat, on which the ark rested.

For hundreds of years the Armenians were a powerful and independent nation, attaining their greatest glory during the reign of Tigranes I.,