

The attendance at the school has been well sustained. You will be glad to hear that during the last few days we have succeeded in getting four new scholars from The Gardens. We have been working for these for the last three years, but at last we have them. Almost all the children of school age on Cote's and Kesekoos' Reserves are now in school, and any who are not in school are so young that there is no great hurry about getting them in. Splendid work has been done in the school.

Good advancement has been made in the literary work, and there has been a very marked advance in the industrial work. We took a small exhibit to Regina last summer and we expect to send something to Toronto and Ottawa next summer. Five of our pupils have gone to Regina Industrial School this fall.

At present we have just one vacancy and we expect that after New Year's it will be filled and a few supernumeraries added to the roll. Two little non-treaty girls are also coming after the holidays. Our roll will then number about forty.

Preparations for Work.

FROM MR. GILMOUR.

Hurricane Hills Mission, Indian Head, Jan. 7, 1896.

Up to the present, we had not been able to secure a suitable man for interpreter, but I have just returned from Regina, where I went with a little boy for the school, and have taken with me one of the boys belonging to this reserve. He is rather young (12 years), but we will try him for a while, and see what he can do. I have received permission from two of the Indians, at different points on the reserve, to hold services in their houses, so I will have a meeting in the morning at one point on the reserve, and in the afternoon at a different part of the reserve.

I find that these people have got into a habit of having a dance every Sunday, beginning usually in the middle of the afternoon, and lasting on into the night. There is no pagan rite or ceremony connected with it, but it is merely a pastime, and they got into the way of holding it on Sunday, because during the summer months they had more or less work to do on the other six days of the week, and Mr. Grant, the Agent, discountenanced as far as possible working on Sunday.

These Indians are, of course, out-and-out Pagans, not one on the reserve, I believe, making any pretence to believing in the Christian religion. Some of them are indeed openly hostile to our religion, but I do not think the work will be any more difficult than in any other place, where the beginning has to be made.

A New Station Opened.

FROM MR. RUSSELL.

The following letter has been received through the kindness of Mr. M. Swartout, Ucluelet. It gives an account of the opening up of mission work among the Indians at Ahousaht, B.C.:—

Ahousaht, Dec. 19, 1895.

It seems good to be able to speak of another new station. Since coming here there has been little time for anything but work. As you will