

too under most discouraging circumstances, the place being left for years without a missionary. The most of the Indians, especially, have proved loyal to that Society that first gave them the blessings of salvation, while influences hostile to the faith of the Gospel, antagonistic to our church, have not been wanting to lead them to other communions.

Last summer we held a Camp Meeting at Garden River on the old camp ground, where God cheered our hearts by the conversion of souls, and the reviving of many who had held fast the beginning of their confidence and rejoicing of their hope, and of some also who had wandered back into the wilderness of sin.

Our congregations here are gradually increasing, and openings for the entrance of the Gospel are multiplying. What shall we do? The harvest is too great for the laborers. It is most distressing to us to see so many ready to be rescued by the word of God for Christ, or perish in their sins, and our work so great that we cannot reach them.

Our teacher, Miss Knott, possessed with the truly Apostolic Wesleyan Missionary spirit, is succeeding with the school beyond our expectations; and although there are rival schools springing up since we began, ours is well attended and must succeed.

Batchewana is doing well also, considering the very spare attention we can give it. We have many faithful souls here who are pleading for a Missionary. They, as in the case of Garden River, have been left for years as sheep in the wilderness without a shepherd, yet their faithfulness to Christ and our Church cannot be excelled. Some say that the Indians have no stability in them; here we have many living witnesses to the contrary, faithful to God and happy in Him, though surrounded by the white savage with his accursed bottle.

Michipicoton, another of our old Missions, should be re-established.

We are distressed for Nipigon with upwards of five hundred souls without the means of grace. Is there not wealth enough and Christ-like sympathy enough in our church to supply these perishing ones with the bread of life? or must they be left to starve? "while

no man cares their souls to save." We believe that there are many of our people sufficiently wealthy and would be none the poorer when the records of Heaven are reckoned up, were they to supply these immortal beings with a messenger of God for years. Were our Missions a failure then we might hesitate, but soul-saving success in all these now destitute Missions evinces the contrary, and those who are still abiding in the faith are living witnesses that the Gospel is still the power of God unto the salvation of the Indian, and that that power can preserve blameless surrounded by a wicked and perverse people. And while many of us are willing to labor on these outposts with an allowance sufficient to meet our table, travelling, and some incidental expenses, be the same more or less, and build churches and dwelling-, working with our own hands, preach in dwellings, Indians' wigwams, or in the open air, we rejoice to know that many of our brethren have more abundant allowances in our cities, towns, circuits and more domestic Missions; yet while many grand churches are being erected to the honor of our cause, to the glory of God, in keeping with the demand and spirit of the times, let not these more comfortable surroundings be the end of our zeal, or absorb our thoughts that we cannot look to the regions beyond and help those poor souls who are perishing for the lack of knowledge.

There are many more fields we might refer to, but we can only mention them. The Indians at Lakefield have been wondering for years why no Missionary has been sent to them. Prince Arthur's Landing and surroundings must, not many years hence, become places of vast importance. These places were to be left without a supply during the winter, hundreds of souls closed in and no means of grace. To meet the demand we parted with our devoted colleague brother A. Bowerman, from whom we have just heard that he arrived safely, met a kind welcome, has organized a class, and is likely to succeed on that distant branch of this mission. We think our field is too large when myself and colleague reside over 400 miles apart and do not see each other for six months.