

and by cutting a road through heavy woods, in getting down to the warehouse with a team and bob-sleigh. There are two sets of bob-sleighs in here now, we have one and a trader has the other. Last winter it was very amusing to see the Indians all come to their doors to see our loads; we had in all 20 to 30 cwt., they thought they were tremendous loads after seeing, perhaps, 3 sacks of flour on a dog-sleigh. To freight in this winter with horses, instead of canoes, will save about \$200, just from the warehouse of the H. B. Co., Pelican Portages to Wapuskow costs usually \$2.00 a hundred lbs., and in a year's supply I always have over 100 pieces. The children are at home for their holidays, we intend to start school a little later this year for two reasons. We have no grant from the Government, and to save 6 weeks provisions for, say, 18 or 19 scholars is a consideration, especially by this means I shall avoid getting up so much by canoe. In supporting our children we cannot depend on fish, for while the lakes abound in fine fish, in either very cold or very hot weather they go out into the great depths and cannot be caught. So in the summer and in the winter the people often starve. Mrs. Young spent about 3 months here during our time of scarcity, and she felt for the people who would come in saying they had nothing to eat and we would, then, have to give some of our little store of flour. Even though Mrs. Young was our Bishop's wife, we had often only bread and butter to put on the table. I have been able, gradually, to get some cattle, and now I have 12 head, and we have been able with 3 cows milking to make butter about twice a week; this has been a great help. We have some pigs and poultry: both pigs and poultry are kept in dog-proof pens, there being a large number of dogs kept for working in the winter; we also have a large garden. We have a great deal of physical work, both winter and summer, and I have to raise all I can towards supporting the children. I do not like to beg, we stand out here doing for her, the church's work, that work the ascending Lord left His people to do; so is it too much to ask the church, at large, to bear the burden. Suppose every communicant of our church gave freely, a little, to our Lord, I think the men in the field would not only be greatly strengthened, but new work opened up here, leaving out of calculation the numbers needed in the foreign field to open new missions; willing men are wanted if these Indians are to be reached.