

fourteen miles, and held service there. The night was the coldest I ever experienced, and when we set out the next morning before sunrise to cross the lake, a distance of about forty miles, it is said, with wind sharp ahead, neither present experience nor future prospects for that day were very pleasing. The Indians with me froze cheeks and ears in a general way, but said very little about it, while I felt the cold very much with all my mummy-like wrappings, till finally I had to get out and run to keep my feet from freezing. The thermometer at the fort was useless in such intense cold. I have no doubt it should have gone down to fifty or sixty degrees below zero. I mention this to show under what circumstances of discomfort and peril our devoted missionaries are often placed. Dr. Taylor, one of the missionary secretaries, once in his life endured the most purgatorial sufferings occasioned by the swarms of mosquitoes which gave him such a warm reception in this same region, and gloriously did he depict his sufferings; once in my life, for a little while, I have felt the discomfort and faced the peril and endured the toil of a trip through there in midwinter; but what is all this in either case to what our dear brethren stationed out here have to meet with every summer and every winter? And are they not equally susceptible to suffering as either of us? Let our good brethren in the more comfortable home-work bear them up in their prayers and use all allowable means to secure to them the most liberal appropriations. These are the toilers who earn and really need the highest salaries going. High prices prevail, hungry Indians clamor, and perquisites and presents are unknown. These are noteworthy facts.

"The Nelson River mission is situated about three hundred miles north from Norway House, and is the most northerly point of our mission-field. The work of instructing these poor pagans was commenced by Rev. E. R. Young during his occupancy of Rossville, and by him a large number were converted and baptized. Through his representations and