

and he read it with only three slight errors, two of which promptly corrected himself. Do you not think that was good for a native who has only had two hours a day in school for four months and who was brought from the far interior as a boy when only a very little boy, although he is now about six feet high? He did not know a single letter when we opened the school. Now he can read without difficulty every lesson in the primer, every hymn we sing, and is learning the Gospel by John. It may interest you more to learn what is being done among the girls at the new station. Well, there is Nacharie, who, in four months, has learnt to read better than her husband, who has been at school here about twice as long. Then Nambah—the favorite of the chief—has cultivated a large field in this country, pounded corn into meal, cooked for her family, looked after the chief's compound in his absence, nursed lively twins about one year old, and yet in the four months she has made so much progress in school that she read for me the eighth lesson in the Primer, with the twins kicking briskly on her feet; and made very few errors.

We have been putting forth special effort to find carriers for our goods at the coast, some of which have been there for more than two years. It is a very great relief to our anxiety to realize that our labor has not been in vain, for we have now about 150 men on the road between here and the coast, and we expect to have 50 more inside of another week. We think that 100 men will be able to clear out all the loads which have accumulated at the coast for this station, and thus prepare the way for the arrival of reinforcements from Canada with their goods. We are glad to be able to send seven of our young men to look after the above carriers and do evangelistic work among them. The young men will give them medicine when ill, sing with them in every camp, read to them the Gospel, and tell them about Jesus Christ not less than 45 times on the journey. We would ask you to pray for the young men engaged in such work. It is with gratitude to God that we can report continued good health. Miss M. Melville has had one slight fever since her sister left. I have not been a half day in bed. Kind regards to all friends.

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Maggie Walker Melville, second daughter of the late Rev. Henry and Mrs. Melville, was born at Toronto, Ont., July 11th, 1857. For a time they resided elsewhere, but finally settled in Toronto. My first recollections were of Maggie as a school-girl. She spent some years at the Collegiate and Normal Schools,