

are all pulling one rope and speaking one language; so do not be weak-hearted; go on telling about Jesus; knotty trees are hard to cut down, but the Gospel is a good, sharp axe; go on slashing and cutting. The ground will soon become a nice garden."

A number have passed away to the Church above. One old man dying heard the angels sing, and the music of heaven, and longed to pass away.

We have also lost one of our most influential chiefs, whose voice was generally on the right side. His illness was a long one, and he went to another mission village for medical advice. I visited him there shortly before his death, when he said to me, "If I do not see you again you may know all is well with me. I am just waiting for rest. My love to all my friends; tell them to meet me in heaven."

At the time of the first great revival, a young man, David Ryan, was converted, and with much zeal laboured for the conversion of others, but after a time wandered. Then affliction came, David was at death's door, which brought him to repentance. He suffered months of despondency of mind, and gradually failing strength, but at last he was enabled to triumph, and died very happy, rejoicing in the Saviour.

A young man, who but a few weeks before was strong and healthy, was brought home. On my visit to him he said, "Tell the young men, my friends, to listen to the Word, and to take warning from what I say to them."

We long to see a blessed revival on all our work in this land.

Members on trial, 252; total members, 490.

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On this mission the Lord has been with us this year, encouraging His servants by many new accessions to His Church.

During the fishing season the village is the centre of immense trade and labor, and many hundreds of Indians flock hither from outlying villages—heathen and Christian. The good seed sown at this season is, I trust, as bread cast upon the waters, to be found after many days. A revival spirit has been manifest one-half the year at least. Our people are beginning to feel the blessedness of Christian labour.

There have been nineteen adult baptisms and eight marriages, and many more candidates are awaiting baptism. All our services are better attended than last year. The class-meetings are not forgotten. As we speak through an interpreter, many white people attend our services on the Sabbath day. Our numbers have been decreased by two deaths, one of whom was baptised about one year before his death. During his illness he frequently told me that he ever trusted in the Lord Jesus; to him death was no terror. The other was one whose life was a pattern to show how a Christian should live, and his death to show how a Christian could die.