

Christ. The hand of the Lord was also laid upon others with, I trust, happy effects.

It is now my great privilege to write to you as an ordained minister of Christ: for many years I had been desirous of such an holy office. May my thankfulness be shewn in giving myself up more unreservedly to the Lord's service.

Owing to the extent of the missionary field in the district, the clergyman in charge is frequently absent at out-stations; on those occasions I hold divine service here, which meets with increasing acceptance. I also visit Brandon every month; I am sorry that I cannot (under existing circumstances), attend oftener in this remote part of the mission: as the people come willingly, and I am sure feel their great want in this respect.

The School at Brandon continues to do a good and very necessary work; it received a very beneficial impulse last summer from the kind visits of Professor and Mrs. Hicks, who have taken a country residence on the shore of the beautiful lake which gives its name to the locality.

I have again to thank an all-merciful God for any measure of success which has attended my feeble labours; and also for his care of me and my family during the past year, and humbly pray that He may so dispose of us as it seemeth best unto His Godly wisdom during the coming year, upon which we are now about to enter.

Services held at Berthier during the year 1862..... 27

" " Brandon " " 12

Number of miles travelled..... 680

Mr. Evans will please to deduct two dollars from my quarter's salary, being the amount of the offerings of the children in school during the past year, in behalf of the Society. I am sorry that the sum is not larger: a great depression in business, as elsewhere, has been felt here.

Report of a schoolmaster who has much interest in the work:

Through the mercy of God I have the privilege of sending another report of your school in this place. In this remote part of the country little ever happens to interrupt the routine of work. Though circumstances over which I have no control have prevented any great increase of numbers, yet there has been no decrease. Diphtheria appeared in the place, and though several of my pupils had it, none died. Once only, since I came to Clarendon, has death visited my school. An amiable young man, who promised to be useful, died of paraplegia.

The last annual examination, though very severe, was very creditable to the scholars. In my last report I gave extracts from the examination papers. The written examination lasted two weeks; the *viva voce* one two days. The papers were laid on my desk for the inspection of visitors,