

JULY THOUGHTS.

July is our month of heat. To the well-watered, well-rooted plant it is the time of amazing growth upon the prairies. To the sickly, ill-natured grain it brings the yellow leaf and decay. So with shallow, superficial Christian life, "When the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away."

Our native people are still fond of their tents to shelter them in the heat of summer. The glorious future of the Christian Church is so represented: "And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat."

Even our great Rockies with their icy fields and snow capped peaks feel the July sun, and the mountain-fed rivers flow full of water. It is a wondrous sight to behold even the lofty glacier giving forth from its bosom gushing streams. The sun comes forth from his tabernacle, "And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."

Rich men, who are blossoming and flourishing, who trust in your riches and cling to them, while missions and charity are clamoring at your door, hear the vow of the Lord: "You must soon be tested, for the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth."

"The seed of the apple tree
Brings forth another tree which bears a crab;
'Tis the great Gardener grafts the excellence
On wildings where He will."

ON THE WING.

Dr. King and family and Rev. P. Wright and wife are both across the ocean, enjoying the hospitality of the "land o' cakes."

Rev. J. Pringle was at the Assembly, but hastened back to the cool breezes of Lake Superior.

Rev. R. Nairn has been married and on returning to the Lake of the Woods had a grand reception. Our best wishes!

Rev. Dr. Duval, when last heard from, was on the other side of the arm of the "dissociabile mare" in P.E. I., and Rev. Joseph Hogg and wife were among their kith and kin by the sea.

Dr. Bryce, it is said, is engaged in some recondite researches in Ottawa library and is giving Bank street church a hand.

Rev. A. Urquhart, of the Wheat city, and Rev. J. C. Herdman, of the Ranchmen's metropolis, have both returned to their devoted flocks.

Rev. John Hogg, of North church, Winnipeg, was the first to reach home after the Assembly; and our faithful elders Major Walker, Messrs. Paterson, McBride and Young have all returned.

It was a great Assembly for Western men!