

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

LETTERS from the Rev. J. F. German, M.A., Chairman of the District, contain encouraging statements affecting the Missions throughout the Province. In Winnipeg, the congregations continue good, and the general interests of the Church are promising. The Rev. Wm. Halstead reports favourably of his own Mission at Portage-la-Prarie, and of the success attendant upon Rev. Mr. Lawson's labours at Palestine, at present our most Western Domestic Mission in Manitoba. The absence of the grasshopper plague has restored the people to their former cheerfulness; they needed nothing to augment their confidence in the richness and productiveness of the soil, or the healthiness of the climate.

From BEREN'S RIVER the Rev. J. Semmens writes approvingly of the excellent condition in which he found the Mission premises, and passes a high encomium upon Mr. and Mrs. Egerton R. Young. Nor is he less enthusiastic in his laudations upon the garden, for the vegetables and flowers with which he found it adorned. Upon the religious aspects of the place he is less sanguine, and more cautious in his utterances, but more hopeful of the future.

From JAPAN we have information of the safe arrival of the Rev. Messrs. Meacham and Eby, with their families. They reached Yokohama September 8th. Mr. Meacham had settled down to his work at Numadzu, and Mr. Eby was actively employed at Tokio. The brethren had organized the first District Meeting ever held in Japan, and among other subjects speak favourably of three candidates for the Christian ministry, converted Japanese.

FORT SIMPSON.—Miss Knott, teacher for this Mission, reached her destination October 7th, after detention of six weeks in Victoria. Miss Knott reports :—"I think these are the finest body of Indians I ever met with and much the largest. They received me most heartily, the whole congregation shaking hands." The Rev. Thos. Crosby had visited Alaska, where a number of his converts had settled for the present, who had formed a church, and were exercising a good religious influence in the community. The American officer in charge of the place had written to Mr. Crosby in very commendatory terms of the good already effected there.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Selina and Isaac, per Rev. Wm. Taylor, for Japan	\$2 00
Rev. J. E. Richardson and Wife, St. Armand, a thank offering	20 00
Anonymous	200 00
Anonymous, towards the reduction of the debt	95 00
Per Rev. W. W. Sheppard—Charles De Coverly, for Japan, \$6.00; A Friend, Burford, for French Canadian Missions, \$1	10 00
Profits on Indian Needle-work sold by Mrs. Sanford, per Miss Batty, Norway House	6 67
The total amount received from Circuits to date	\$515 68

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