

not all, avail themselves of ordinances at their hands. The English church has a few adherents. Till lately all denominations used the same building, for the cost of which they were assessed by the Company according to their relative strength. The Primitives have erected a neat and commodious chapel for themselves. The Wesleyans too would like to have one of their own. These regularly occupy the Union Chapel at present, and little inconvenience has been felt hitherto; though, certainly, it will not be small whenever the other bodies receive anything like regular supply. In the meantime the Wesleyans cheerfully give place to any visitant for a short period, and gratify him by large audiences, but at the cost of making him unable to determine how many have an interest in his mission.

I made my upward trip in the Waubuno, the owners of which charge ministers travelling on duty only half fare; a kindness which deserves grateful acknowledgement. I had a delicious sail through some of the finest scenery in Canada, the attractions of which, if anything, increase for the fifty miles between the mines and the Sault Ste. Marie, which I was enabled, on a most favourable day, to visit by the following week's trip of the Waubuno. The weather, however was just beginning to break. On the first Sabbath, rain poured all day in torrents, and the audiences were not large. The same cause seriously affected attendance at week-day services. Next Sabbath the morning was fair, and the large Union Church was crowded, but by the evening the deluge again commenced. I had intimated that though I was appointed for only two Sabbaths, it seemed likely I would have to remain with them a third Sabbath, as by neither of the two steamers on the route could I get home in time; which, though by no means very convenient for me, seemed gratifying to the people. On Monday evening, however, one of my people, Capt. McNab, arrived from St. Mary River on his way home with his trim little Schooner the Stanley and I at once arranged to set out with him. It was a venture; we might have been long enough tossed about, like many before us. We had a fair wind, however, the whole way, though a little too strong; which, after vigorously shaking us in rough attrition with everything round, and giving us full experience of the varied sensations connected with a vessel sailing for the most part on its side, landed us in Owen Sound, in thirty-six hours; with the satisfaction of knowing that the steamer could not have done it more quickly.

Yours, &c.,

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MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.

The Free Church Record for December contains much interesting intelligence as to the progress of the gospel in India and Africa. Dr. Wilson of Bombay gives an account of the baptism of two young Parsis. Both of them appear to be earnest and devoted christians, and one of them has his heart greatly set on becoming a missionary to his fellow countrymen. Dr. Wilson states that the Parsis are daily becoming more liberal in sentiment, and is of the opinion that they will be the first of the tribes of Western India to receive christianity as a body, and the foremost too in its propagation.

The Rev. N. Sheshadri gives an account of one of the evangelistic tours which he and his fellow labourers are in the habit of making, carrying with them the good seed of the kingdom.

An interesting communication appears from a native connected with the Howrale mission station, in the immediate vicinity of Calcutta, giving