

PREFACE

TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

IN preparing a new edition of this work, it will be desirable to mention the changes that have taken place in the Mission since the account was first published ; and the writer is thankful to say that considerable progress has been made. The former stations have, with one exception, acquired greater stability, and several of the promising spheres for new operations, mentioned near the close of the volume (p. 208), have already been entered upon. The Rev. Messrs. Horden and Watkins are occupying two new stations on James's Bay ; the former at Moose Fort, at the head of the Bay, the latter at Fort St. George, considerably more to the north, where he has access to a tribe of Eskimos, who, with their different language and habits, may be almost considered as constituting a distinct Mission.

The Rev. C. Hillyer has the charge of another new and important station at Fort Pelley, in the Plain country, 100 miles north-west of Red River, where the way had been successfully prepared by the labours of Mr. Charles Pratt.

The Rev. H. Budd has likewise commenced a station on the River Saskatchewan, among the Nepoweewin Indians ; a Catechist is permanently settled at Moose Lake, and another among the White Dog Indians, near