RED RIVER, &c.

1862. Mr. John Mackay ordained by Bishop Anderson.

Great progress at the Westbourne Mission.

Alarm excited at Westbourne by the warlike demonstrations of the Sioux. Excitement at Red River occasioned

by the Sioux wars. Bishop Anderson confirmed seventynine persons at the Indian Settlement

in June.

Fairford visited by Bishop Anderson and twenty-three persons confirmed. Discouraging aspect of Fairford Mission in consequence of the sale of spirits to the Indians by the free traders.

Great temptations put in the way of the Christian Indians at Cumberland by the free traders, who exchanged rum for furs. The chief men amongst the Indians held a council and signed an agreement refusing to barter furs for spirits.

Rev. E. A. Watkins compiled a Cree Dictionary, and visited the Missions at Nepowewin, Moose Lake, and Cum-

berland.

The Rev. R. Hunt left English River in June, to return to England. This Mission also suffered from the inroads of the free traders, the Indians being dispersed in consequence and few

visiting the Mission.

The Rev. T. Smith took charge of English River, and formed an advanced post in the Chipewyan country, at the earnest request of the Chipewyans, who were eager for religious instruc-

tion.

Two new churches erected at La Prairie by Archdeacon Cockran.

Rev. J. Settee and Rev. W. Stagg itinerated amongst the Plain Crees. Frequent wars between the Crees and Blackfeet rendered these journeys dangerous.

Archdeacon Hunter visited Fort Alexander. Much progress at this Mission. A Mission House erected and Indian farms commenced.

Native Communicants at Red River

numbered 1019.
A new cathedral church (St. John's) erected at Red River at the expense of the Colony.

A party of Sioux in warlike costume, and fully armed, visited Bishop Anderson's residence. The Bishop addressed them through an interpreter.

The Rev. J. Mackay, native pastor, appointed to Cumberland in the absence of the Rev. E. A. Watkins, who had returned to England.

HUDSON'S BAY.

The Rev. W. Mason arrived at York Factory in August, on his return from England, re-ceived a warm welcome from the Christian Indians. A church built by the Hudson's Bay Company at York Fort.
Mr. J. Mackay left for Red River.
Rev. J. P. Gardiner removed to Churchill.