

which is about seven miles from the frontier of the United States, and twelve miles from the border of Manitoba. The people in this district have mostly been settled there six or seven years. They came in in 1882 and 1883 as it was thought almost certain that a railway would be made immediately. This year the hopes that have been so long delayed have again been raised, and this accounts for the rush there has been lately for homesteads, though the new settlers are not yet residing.

Our stopping place on Monday night was Mr. King's, fifteen miles north of Carnduff. The day was most intensely hot—the hottest we had in our expedition—and truly glad were we, after the 35 miles drive under the broiling sun, for the usual cool refreshing evening of the Northwest. The next morning, too, brought a most refreshing and welcome rain. For a whole month and more the country had been parched with scorching sun and drought. The crops were withered and even the grass could not grow. The farmers everywhere seemed utterly in despair. It was the worst year they had known, for even in 1886 there had been feed for the cattle. But now at length the rain had come, and for four hours it descended in torrents. The spirits of the farmers seemed to go up as if by magic. Though too late to get a good crop, it might even now save some, and the grass, at all events, would take a fresh start. Never was rain more welcomed. We only hoped that it was general over the Northwest. However, it stopped about 11, and we started on our 30 mile drive back to Can-

nington. After a rest of a couple of days we proceeded northwards again. At a half-way house to Moosomin Mr. Cartwright left the Bishop and went on to Moosomin, where he had to get a tent and other things for his new district. The Bishop was met by Mr. Salmon, who drove him to his house, about three miles distant, and four miles from the church at Fairmede, where service was to be held on Sunday morning.

Saturday was spent in visiting some of the Church-people in the neighborhood, and in the evening the Rev. W. Nicolls, who has succeeded Mr. Brown as clergyman in charge of this district, arrived. A good congregation assembled on Sunday morning. Immediately after service we had to start for Wapella (fifteen miles), where service was to be at 3, as Mr. Nicolls had to hurry on for an evening service at Whitewood, about nineteen miles further. The little church at Wapella is in a very rickety condition, as it was raised ready to be moved to another site last fall, but the moving was not accomplished, and now it is very one-sided, and every gust of wind makes it feel as if it might tumble over. However it was quite filled with a hearty congregation. The Bishop returned by the night train to Qu'Appelle, and thus ended a pleasant Visitation tour of about 250 miles, only marred by the general distress of the settlers at the long-continued drought and bad prospects for the coming winter, especially for those who owned cattle.

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“ Let us begin our heaven upon earth, and being ourselves tempt-