

in all. Three persons have been added to the communion roll, one man and two women, two being Indians, and one a French half-breed. There are now twenty-six names on our communion roll. There were two marriages at the Mission during the year, one of the couples being Indians.

Such is something like a bird's eye view of the work of the past year, far from being what I would have wished it to have been, and yet it should call for praise to Him who has graciously preserved our lives and bestowed upon the Mission even such a measure of success as has here been noted. There is much that might be done, had we the means necessary for it. I have reason to think that many of the Indians on the plains will now be disposed to listen to a missionary going from this place; but I repeat what I have so often remarked in my letters, that that work cannot be satisfactorily attended to till the Church shall send out a second missionary; likewise, to do justice to the school, we ought to have a person capable of teaching both in Cree and English. At present, the burden of the school falls upon myself, and thus prevents my attending to other work. There should also be a properly qualified female to look after the girls when not in school. Some such provision must be made, if we are to take into the Mission all the children that may be offered to us. I sincerely trust that the members of the Church who are advocating the commencement of a mission in China will first allow this Mission to be placed on a proper footing; then, by all means, extend as much as possible. But besides sending helpers, let the Church be more earnest in prayer in our behalf, and more anxious for the salvation of the poor remnant of this territory, and we shall not be without a blessing on our efforts.

Yours most sincerely,

JAMES NISBET.

MISSION WORK AT LAKE SUPERIOR.

We have received a letter from Rev. J. McFarlane, dated 4th February. Mr. McFarlane states that he has been agreeably disappointed in regard to the climate, as it has been much milder than he anticipated. He has had service on the Sabbath at Fort William and Prince Arthur's Landing. The attendance at the former place was about 50, and at the latter from 20 to 30. At Fort William, the families are, with scarcely an exception, Presbyterian. He has been employed several times each day in instructing the young, the fees going towards the funds of the Home Mission Committee. Mr. McF. purposed in March to go to Thunder Cape to labour among the Indians there, and was to remain there till the opening of navigation. He speaks in the strongest terms of the importance of missionary labour in these regions. It is believed that there will be an immense increase of population attracted by the productiveness of the mines.

MISSION TO THE NEW HEBRIDES.

LETTER TO THE CONVENER OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE, FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

DEAR SIR,—I write to you as being Chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

You have probably heard ere this of the death of Rev. James McNair, of Erromanga, one of our beloved and honoured missionaries. It is scarcely a year since we were called to mourn the departure of our dear brother,