

ren forward in their studies. As it is now going on, I fear we shall be unable to get either teachers or interpreters from among them in a few years; as the young people speak less English than their parents who were taught by Mr. Evans and his immediate successors. The Rev. Mr. Ruttan has succeeded admirably at this post; his kind, prudent and Christian walk, and his zealous and faithful ministry have borne fruit abundantly, while his excellent young wife, right from the Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton, only a few weeks elapsing from the day she left her studies there till she entered upon her duties in this far off mission, has been "a helper indeed" to her husband. Long may these devoted servants of Christ be spared to each other, the Church, and the great work they are now so heartily and so *cheerfully* prosecuting.

At Norway House I received the most kind and considerate attention from the Chief Factor, Mr. Ross, and also from Messrs. Sinclair and McTavish; in fact this holds good of all the officials of the Hudson's Bay Company at every post I visited. They are all manifestly interested in the mission work, and in sympathy with our missionaries, of whom they spoke to me in the kindest and most commendatory terms.

The mission at Jackson's Bay, near Oxford House, and about two hundred miles north-east from Norway House, was established at a more recent period, and has been occupied by Rev. Messrs. Steinhaur, Brooking, Stringfellow, Sinclair, and the present missionary, Mr. German.

At the outset, premises as mission and school houses and a church were erected, and, I understand, paid for by the missionary society in England. The expenditure must have been very heavy. At the present time the tendency of the settlement seems towards the fort, which is about fourteen miles from the mission house at the bay. The decision to build a church near the fort was a wise one. Here large numbers collect every sea-

son for trading purposes, and several families reside permanently, who, with the officers and servants of the Company will make a good congregation throughout the year. A beautiful site has been selected and a comfortable church erected, and is now in use, though not quite finished. The mission house at the bay is occupied by Mr. German, our bachelor missionary, who has his interpreter and family residing in a portion of the building, by whom he gets his "house-keeping" managed. A comfortable building, comparatively new, is used both for the school and the place of worship. It seems necessary to keep these two extreme ends of an awkwardly shaped mission, as many families will continue to reside at the bay on account of an excellent fishery there, while others will reside near the fort as the employees of the Company. In working the mission, Mr. German gives one Sabbath at the fort and the next at the old mission, holding two services at each place, with prayer meeting and class and bible class during the week, as he can get them together. During the summer a school is kept open at the bay with about forty children, but in winter the families scatter, as elsewhere, to their hunting grounds, and the school is interrupted. The membership when Mr. G. went there in September, 1873, consisted of about sixty—since that date he has received fifty-seven on trial, and the membership is now one hundred and seventeen. He also visits an outpost about one hundred and fifty miles away, where he has instructed and baptized a large number who were unevangelized prior to the above given date. I was greatly pleased with the heartiness and cheerful spirit manifested by Bro. German in the prosecution of his work, notwithstanding his lonely position and hard field. "The Lord loveth a *cheerful* giver," whether the gift be in money or in service.

We reached the mission on the evening of Christmas day, after a very fatiguing day's run, from early morn till long after dark. On Sabbath I