

MANITOBA HIGHLANDS.

The hardworking clerk of Minnedosa Presbytery, Rev. S. C. Murray, of Neepawa, writes to us of mission visits paid by him :

" Few places in the province have advanced more rapidly than the district east of Riding Mountain, north of Neepawa. Rosedale, formerly a part of Neepawa field, was this year found again too large for one missionary. To the help of Mr. Richmond, the earnest laborer at this place, came this summer Mr. Hamilton, a young man of missionary spirit just arrived from Scotland." " On October 27th," says Mr. Murray, " I visited Mr. Hamilton's wide field, and at one point dispensed the communion. The people are fond of Mr. Hamilton, and desire him to remain with them. Settlers are pressing into this region, and it will be largely Presbyterian. On the evening of the 27th I met Mr. Richmond at Orange Ridge, where services were first held one year ago. Eight persons presented certificates, and six professed faith. We had here a delightful communion service, and this will soon be a strong congregation." " Last week," says Mr. Murray, " I visited Yorkton field, where Mr. John A. Urquhart labored efficiently last summer. I held at Orkney, the chief station, on Saturday, a preparatory service and few people more appreciate a minister's visit than these Orcadians. On Sabbath morning I preached at Armstrong's Lake, where I baptized an adult and dispensed the communion. Driving sixteen miles, I reached Orkney. The congregation was the largest ever seen in Orkney, one family having come thirty miles from Devil's Lake to be present. Four children were baptized, six persons were received by certificate, four professed faith, and three elders were elected by ballot. We had a grand service, and the communion was most impressive. From Orkney we hurried over the eight miles to Yorkton, and here the communion was again dispensed. We had at the close a conference as to the affairs of the congregation; and at half-past eleven at night I found myself alone in my room at the hotel eating the last slice of the bread prepared for the communion service. I was awakened by the sound of 'Train time' at half-past four Monday morning, and hastily arose and departed. Yorkton is an important field. A church is much needed at Orkney. In this region we must have an ordained missionary this winter."

DAKOTA EMIGRANTS.

Trains of settlers' effects have lately been passing through Winnipeg chiefly to Yorkton belonging to the people who have tired of the dry climate and fierce storms of Southern Dakota, and are seeking homes in our Canadian west. Legends in large letters are on these trains such as "Farewell land of cyclones," "Ten years of failure," &c. We are sorry for the misfortunes of these people, but we trust they will now be satisfied. Some of them are Presbyterians. We shall do our best to see that they are supplied with the means of grace.