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CHURCHILL MISSION.



GLANCE at a map of North America will show the above mission to be the most northerly post on the west coast of Hudson Bay. It is in the diocese of Moosonee. Here since 1883, a quiet, but most important work has been carried on

by the Rev. J. Lofthouse, of the Church Missionary Society.

He has favoured us with the following interesting account of his work, in a letter which did not reach Winnipeg until five months after it was written.

Mission work was, I believe, begun at Churchill in 1860, when the Rev. Dr. Gardiner visited the post, and stayed about a month. In 1861 Dr. Gardiner took up his residence here, but left in the following year. The station was twice visited by the Rev. W. Mason afterwards; and between 1871 and 1878 four times by Archdeacon Kirkby, who baptized large numbers of Chipewyan Indians. In 1880 Churchill was visited by the Bishop of Moosonee, who stayed here about two months. In 1882 Archdeacon Winter paid a short visit to Churchill. I was appointed to take charge of the station in 1882, but did not reach York Factory until October, 1883, and was then unable to go further. Early in 1884 I paid a visit of two months, and met with many Eskimo, and again in the summer of 1885 I spent about six weeks here.

In July, 1886, we came on from York Factory and began the building of the mission house.

Last year we were obliged to visit England to get medical advice for my wife, but by God's help were enabled to return in August last.

The work here is of four kinds:—

1st.—A small band of English speaking people numbering about sixty, most of whom are half-breeds.

2nd.—A small band of Cree Indians about thirty.

3rd.—Chippewyan Indians numbering about two hundred.

4th.—Eskimos, number quite unknown, as they stretch away hundreds of miles to the north of Churchill.

All the English-speaking people are professing Christians, and out of twenty adults over twenty years of age we have fifteen communicants. We have also regular day school with an average attendance of twenty-two.

The Cree Indians are all baptized, and several of them are regular communicants.

The Chippewyans are, with very few exceptions, all baptized, but none of them have yet been admitted to the Lord's Table, though many were confirmed last summer by the Bishop, when he paid a visit during our absence in England. I trust some of them will be prepared for Communion during the summer.

There are as yet no converts from amongst the Eskimo, though God is working with us, and I hope this spring to admit one family into the Church of Christ. The Indians have not yet contributed anything towards the church, though I hope to get them to do so this year. Our English-speaking people raise about £10 per year for our church fund.

From January, 1887 to December, 1889, we