

of the native. He was trained in the parish school and pushed his way on till he became a trusted employee of the Hudson's Bay Company. He married Miss Ross, sister of the wife of Dr. Black, of Kildonan, and at the time when he entered the service of the Presbyterian Church as interpreter for Mr. Nisbet, he was in the employ of the company at Edmonton. He helped to choose the site for the new mission at Prince Albert and he has performed a like service for most of the missions we have since established. The advantageous, and, in most cases, beautiful sites on which are erected the mission buildings at Okanase, the Crowstand, Round Lake, Muscowpetung's and Piapot's, all owe their selection in some measure to the good judgment of Mr. Flett and his knowledge of the needs of a missionary establishment. Mr. Flett retired from the service of the Prince Albert Mission in 1869, mainly on account of the health of Mrs. Flett, who needed to come to the Red River for medical treatment. In 1874 Mr. Flett undertook mission work again, and was sent to the Indians in the neighborhood of Fort Pelly, about 300 miles N. W. of Winnipeg. He held a roving commission and endeavored to carry on work among several widely scattered bands—especially among two groups of reserves—one was the head waters of the Assiniboine River about Fort Pelly, and the other west and south of the Riding Mountain, 150 miles S. E. of the former. This was evidently too wide an area for one man to overtake satisfactorily, and accordingly, when Mr. Flett was ordained in 1875, he was stationed at Okanase with oversight of that and two other reserves and with instructions to pay occasional visits to the Fort Pelly reserves which were put under the care of Mr. Cuthbert McKay, a young Christian half-breed, as school teacher, whose work was made doubly valuable by the help of his wife, a native of the parish of Kildonan. Mr. Flett has continued ever since in charge of Okanase, and now, in his 79th year, when he tells us his resignation is at hand, it is his comfort to be surrounded by a body of