

on the Palestine Mission, in exchange with Bro. Lawson. I conducted special services at Gladstone and he at Poplar Point. During my stay ten made a start for heaven, and since then a large number have been added to our Church. There was not much accomplished at Poplar Point owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever, which kept the people from the services. However, the members were quickened and the name of one young man has been taken on trial.

On Sabbath, the 9th inst., I started special services here, which are going on very favourably. Five have already made a start, among them one very interesting case, the Meadow Lea schoolmaster. We have every prospect of a good time, and I hope to be able to report many added to the church.

My February Quarterly Meetings were seasons of refreshing. On the 17th inst., our beloved Chairman

visited us at Poplar Point, and presided at our official meeting on the 16th inst. Our half breed friends greatly enjoyed his valuable services, and indeed all of us. Yesterday I had my quarterly meeting in Woodlands, which proved a time of great profit. The melting influences of the Spirit rested upon us, and my faith for a glorious revival was strengthened.

I expect our Church building scheme to be carried out next summer and intend to make another attempt to secure five acres instead of the one already promised to us. There is no trouble in getting land for church purposes, the difficulty is to get it in the proper place. The locating of a church in a place like this is a very vexatious question, and requires a good deal of prudence.

My Quarterly Board has unanimously invited me back for the third year, which I take to be a token of confidence and approval.

FORT FRANCES.

From the Rev. A. B. HAMES, dated January 2nd, 1878.

A few lines from this isolated field of labour may be interesting to all whose hearts are in the work of spreading the truth as it is in Jesus. This year so far has been one of pleasant missionary toil. Providence has favoured us with excellent health. Though we cannot report as favourably as we could desire upon the spiritual condition of our work, we have not been without manifestations of the Divine presence. We have a few of whom it may be said truly, they have been with Jesus and learned of Him, and who exhibit the beauty and power of the Gospel by their consistent living and devotedness to the cause of our blessed Master. The public services have been seasons of increasing interest and blessing. The class and prayer meetings have been regularly sustained, and there is a manifest increase of interest in the Sunday-school work. We have an excellent Sabbath-school.

Last October we were highly favoured with a visit from our much esteemed Chairman, the Rev John F. German, M.A., who preached three soul-stirring sermons to large and attentive congregations. His ministrations will not be soon forgotten. While he was with us the propriety of taking steps towards erecting a church was carefully considered, but owing to the impracticability of procuring lumber it was decided to postpone the matter until spring. There is a fair prospect of having a church built next summer. S. H. Fowler, Esq., a lumber merchant of this place and a consistent member of our Church, assured the Chairman that he would build a church himself next year, if so be the Conference continued to send us a missionary—a most generous offer. He is a very liberal supporter of our cause. He gives this year \$150 towards the support of your missionary. Fort Frances is steadily improving.