

as well as the leading doctrines which will be proclaimed within its walls, we decided to call it, not by the name of any saint or angel, but simply *Grace Church*. May the grace of God be strikingly displayed here in the conversion and sanctification of multitudes of souls. Already a few mercy-drops have fallen, but, oh, for showers of blessing! Since the opening took place our congregations have been considerably more than doubled; our Sabbath-school and our membership have likewise increased encouragingly. Until quite recently we had the honor of conducting the only Sabbath-school in the village: one has been commenced in the Episcopal Church within a few weeks, which has drawn off a few of the children of the adherents of that church. Our week-evening service, the only regular service held during the week in the town, is also well attended. These facts will indicate to you that a great change for the better in our circumstances has taken place since the completion and occupancy of our house of prayer. We try to feel that our responsibilities have increased with our opportunities.

I enclose with this a financial statement, which will indicate to you my receipts from all sources, and the amounts expended from the first in the improvements made and the buildings erected on these mission premises, which I trust will be understandable and satisfactory. Unto all who have helped forward this good work, whether by their prayers, their contributions, or in any other way, I desire to return my heartiest thanks, and upon them I trust the enriching and saving blessing may ever rest. In order to supply several new settlements in this province with the means of grace, and also to give the requisite amount of attention to our interests in this growing metropolis, I found it necessary, as the "one wanted" for this mission, according to

our Minutes of Conference, was not forthcoming, to employ a local preacher as an assistant. This will augment our expenses somewhat, but it has enabled us to extend the work and give many an opportunity of hearing the Gospel in their new homes, who otherwise would have been among the neglected. Before another winter, I doubt not, many other new settlements will spring up in this fertile region, and yet a greater number of laborers will be required. And are we not called to be *the pioneers* in this work of evangelization? Of all the denominations here, as yet, we have been the last to enter this important field; hereafter let "the last be the first." In order to afford some assistance to my good Brother Robinson, of the "High Bluff" mission, I have requested my assistant to spend a few weeks with him in special services. I am thankful to be able to report a good work of revival as the result of the Divine blessing upon their labors. Providence permitting, I hope to be with them next week, to assist in holding missionary meetings all through the mission, after which I will be able to write more fully of this work of revival, which I hope will spread through the churches as the fire spreadeth through these prairie in certain seasons. Our juvenile Christmas offerings have come in most cheerfully this year, and, I doubt not, this mission will more than double the amount contributed last year to the General Fund. We are all on the "tip-toe" of expectation in reference to a long looked for visit from one of the General Secretaries of our noble Missionary Society. Such a visit, in May or June next, will not only be gratefully received by the Missionaries and Churches, but, with the blessing, will greatly promote the interest of the work throughout. Please let us have it without fail.

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

EDMONTON.

Letter from the REV. G. McDougall, dated Edmonton, October 23rd 1871.

A party of Canada Pacific Railway Engineers returning to Manitoba, kindly offer to take charge of our letters. For five months we have had

no direct communication with the new province. Our circumstances when compared with last year, demand unfeigned gratitude. Then the terrible