

work to oppose us, so let us be up and doing, lighting up the dark corners, preparing the way of the Lord. Your school at Red Hill is smaller just now ; very little people are sent to work on the estates in crop time, but we have got some footing there, three baptized, as I told you in a previous letter, and we must persevere. The cost, too, is small, being only \$66.18 for last year.

CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.

A Dark and a Bright Picture.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MARCH 5TH, 1889.

MISS WALKER.--Your kind letter of February 20th I received last week. It is indeed a pleasure to receive your letters. They are always full of encouragement. It is easy to feel cast down in the work among the Indians. Some days and even weeks, we feel as if we were doing a little ; then again, we seem to lose what hold we *thought* we had, and often wonder if any others feel as down-hearted as we do about the little we do among the Indians. I am glad you express the hope that Miss Fraser will remain. All interested in the school, in and near the Portage, express the hope that Miss Fraser will remain. They all think it is a relief to have two of us together in the work here. However, I trust the time is now past when any one will be left alone in charge of an Indian School. Sometimes I think that being alone in the building at night would be less difficult to bear than being with the children, for the care is then constant and seems to be no relief or rest. The difficulties can be looked upon so differently with a companion to share them, and one to consult with. Topsey is very much pleased about receiving a letter "all her own." She says she was almost afraid to open the letter for fear of not getting anything in the envelope. It is her first letter and a great prize to her. She keeps it in her treasure box and says she will write a letter to you when she can spell more words. Louisa is our most advanced pupil and a nice girl. Perhaps when you write again you would write her and she will take pride in answering your letter. We often look at Louisa and think that if nothing more is done than teaching her, our work is not in vain. Indeed many white children might be put to shame with seeing Louisa's house-keeping (of course Louisa is not always careful about her work). It is no difficulty for her to learn and repeat questions in the Shorter Catechism and verses from the Bible. We hope, in time, to have Louisa taught dress-