

GRAND VALLEY.

The past year has been one of great anxiety. The small progress we have been able to make in our work, compared with that done in Ontario, arising from this being an entirely new field, and no churches or school-houses yet erected, together with the comparatively small population scattered over a large extent of country, has often caused us to feel that the former days were better than these. We have not been, however, without the assurance that the Great Head of the Church was with us. This has been a great comfort to us in the midst of our toil, and has lifted us above our sadness. The returns for the present year cannot be taken as a criterion in any sense. Most of the settlements visited by us are only one year old, and yet the development of the country is something wonderful. Settlers are flocking in, and passing through this part of the country by scores. This part of the country bids fair to be equal in every sense to any portion of Manitoba, or the North-west. We believe, also, with careful management, it will be a good field for Methodism. Our prayer is, that God may prosper His cause in this place. Members, 31.

T. W. HALL.

BIRTLE.

The year closing has had a good deal of sunshine, rendered the brighter by some dark shadows. I am thankful to be able to report progress. The sanctity of the Sabbath is now much more regarded than when I came in. 'Tis one of the crying evils of the North-west that there is no Sabbath kept by travellers on the prairie. The Word is everywhere heard with gladness. We have an Official Board, two classes, three local preachers—who nobly aid in the work—ten preaching appointments, about thirty Methodist households (very widely separated) and twenty members. Our earnest prayer is, that the Great Head of the Church would so water the seed, sown with a trembling hand, that it may bring forth an hundred fold to His glory

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