

port me. God is very good to me, and I thank Him too for putting it in your hearts to be so good to orphan children. In my last letter to you, I told you about one of my sister orphans who was very bad with paralysis, and this time I have something sadder to say; she died on the 25th of December. She passed off so quietly. We were all very sorry. She was buried in the Scotch burial ground, and we went to her funeral. I am still teaching the little ones in the upper school. The members have increased since I last wrote. I taught for a short time in one of the Hindoo schools. I am sure it would please you very much if you could see these little children and hear them repeat their lessons. Some of them are as young as four and five. They are very fond of coming to school, and cry at times if their mammas do not wish them to come. It would be nice if we were all as fond of lessons. I am glad to say I am. The only lesson I find rather difficult is my arithmetic, but I am trying hard to get on with it, and I do hope will succeed. I got the third prize in the second class for general proficiency.

MISS PIGOT'S REMARKS CONCERNING MINNIE.

Minnie looks hardly twelve years of age, and for her age she is the brightest girl we have,—so gentle, and always looking thoroughly happy. I trust she may be spared to be a great blessing to her country. She is in the second class with girls that are older, and with them, too, she has eagerly fallen in with their additional duty of being Pupil-Teacher, assisting in our heathen and other schools. Minnie first began by teaching the little girls that lived for some months with us. The mother came with four girls to board with us, that she might acquire English habits. The father had been to England and came back obtaining a high appointment under government. In these circumstances, and with his own habits changed, he wished his family to adopt his own method of living. The two elder sisters improved remarkably, and their praises are in many places. The two youngest, of three and four, learned many sweet lessons, loving Minnie with their whole heart. Upon these going away, Minnie helped with the senior class at a heathen school, in preference to girls older, who should have done it. I have had to bring her into our upper-class Christian Boarding-school, to translate the lessons for our English Teachers as we cannot do it. She was chosen unanimously for her sweet disposition. I asked where she would like best to work. She answered "I like to do whatever you wish me. I like every place very much."

Foreign Mission Report.

(WESTERN SECTION.)

I. MISSION TO THE INDIANS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

AT Prince Albert, on the Saskatchewan, the oldest of our mission stations, two ordained missionaries have laboured during the year, viz.: Rev. Messrs. D. C.

Johnson and John Mackay. Mr. Johnson has taken the general oversight of the mission interests, and has conducted the mission school with marked ability and satisfactory results. Owing to the scattered nature of the settlement and the presence in it, at no great distance, of a rival school recently established by another denomination, the attendance has not increased to any large extent, but it is quite as good as could be reasonably expected. The average has been about thirty during the year. The school has been kept open regularly, with the exception of a few weeks when, owing to the out-break of scarlet-fever in the settlement, it was found necessary to close it. The pupils have been taught the ordinary branches of a sound English education, and carefully trained in the knowledge of the Scriptures and of the shorter catechism. A considerable portion of Mr. Johnson's salary has been met by the contributions of the parents whose children attend the school. Your Committee hope that at no distant day it will be found possible, with due regard to all interests which require to be conserved, to transfer the entire support of the school to the community more specially benefited by it. Owing to the removal of the Indians from the neighbourhood, it can no longer be regarded as to any large extent a mission agency. It is, however, doing work of great importance to the Church in the settlement; and it has been considered expedient to continue to the school a reduced grant, for at least one year, after Mr. Johnson leaves the field. The period for which he went to Prince Albert expires in autumn, when it is expected he will return to Ontario. Rev. Donald Ross who goes out to take charge of the Home Mission work at Prince Albert, and from whose presence your Committee anticipates much good, both to the Home and Foreign mission work, is very anxious to have the school continued for a time. And it is understood that when he removes to that distant out post with his family, he will be accompanied by a lady of whose experience and ability as a teacher your Committee have had the most satisfactory testimonials. She will be prepared to take charge of the school when Mr. Johnson leaves. And for her support the Committee have agreed to make a grant for one year.

Rev. John Mackay has had special charge of the work among the Cree Indians in connection with the Prince Albert Mission, and very satisfactory accounts of his labours have been received. From his intimate knowledge of the language, character and habits of the Cree Indians, there seems good reason to hope that, through the divine blessing, he will accomplish much good. He has two fields to which he chiefly devotes himself. The one lies on the south branch of the Saskatchewan, about twenty-eight miles from Prince Albert. At this point a considerable number of Indians