

five adjoining settlements. His field consisted of a northern and southern section which were about thirty-five miles apart. In the former, were three preaching-stations, namely, Himbrae, Riversdale and Sumner. In the latter were Dongola, Little-Cut-Arm and Spy Hill. It is unnecessary to say that the different stations had Sabbath services only once a fortnight, and still the missionary was kept pretty busy, owing to the extent of his territory and the number of families he had to visit. This field is but in its infancy; and, under fair treatment, may reasonably expect to see better days. Mr. MacGregor entertains high hopes for the future, both of the country, and of the people in Dongola and his other preaching-stations. It is a matter of regret, however, that, for the present at least, this field will be without a missionary for the winter months, notwithstanding the efforts that have been put forth by the Home Mission Committee to secure one.

Another important field, that of Red Deer and the neighbouring districts, was under the charge of Mr. G. D. Ireland during the summer months. This field is situated ninety miles north of Calgary, on the Calgary and Edmonton Railway. It contains four preaching-stations, namely, Red Deer and Penhold which had Sabbath services weekly, and Hill-end and Edwill where services were held fortnightly. The attendance at these

services was good, being forty for Red Deer, thirty for Penhold, and twenty-three for each of the other two places.

In this mission, which has an area of about three hundred square miles, there are over forty families. They all seem anxious to hear the gospel preached, as may be inferred from the fact that they have guaranteed the amount required of them for student supply during the coming winter. Up to the present time, however, no student or other missionary has been secured for this place for the winter; and it is to be feared that it also must remain vacant until April.

This will, undoubtedly, make a good field, probably a congregation in the near future as it has already much in its favour. Mr. Ireland tells us the climate is healthy, the land fertile and well adapted for mixed farming; while, about twenty-three miles east of Red Deer, there is an almost inexhaustible coal-bed. The few Presbyterian families at Red Deer are contemplating the erection of a little church next summer. This will be a difficult task for them, if unaided; and, therefore, we would recommend those in the East, who are true friends of the church, to render whatever practical aid they can to this struggling little band in the far West. Contributions towards their building fund will be gratefully received and acknowledged by their treasurer, Mr. D. S. Long, Red Deer, Alberta.