

any minister who might be seeking to recruit his strength amidst the healthful breezes of the Upper Lakes, and the pure, invigorating air of that elevated and romantic, and, in some respects, beautiful region. For two or three months of the past summer, one of our students, Mr. Vincent, was sent up by the Students' Missionary Society. His labors were highly appreciated, and met with great acceptance. He had been obliged to return before I arrived.

Leaving Toronto on the morning of the 30th August, and sailing in the "Chicora" from Collingwood on the afternoon of that day, I reached Fort William on the evening of Friday, the 2nd September. I was cordially welcomed, and hospitably entertained during my visit by John McIntyre, Esq., of the Hudson's Bay Company, and by his family. I take this opportunity of acknowledging their great kindness, shown, no doubt, because of the object for which I was there, and also the facility which they afforded me in carrying out that object. The weather was very fine all the time, so that there was no difficulty in calling upon the various families, and in sailing across the bay to hold service, after preaching in Fort William, on both Sabbaths, in the afternoon, at Prince Arthur's Landing. This latter place is about five or six miles from Fort William, on the shore of the magnificent bay called Thunder Bay. It is the starting point of the road to Red River, the place where the troops were encamped on the way to the North-west Territory. Mr. Clark, Mr. Blackwood, and several other zealous friends, are residing there, and, in all probability, a village or town will spring up, if "Dawson's Road," as it is called, shall continue to be the means of communication between Canada and the Province of Manitoba.

Besides the want of divine ordinances, the people in the locality labor under this great disadvantage, that they have no provision for the education of their children. There are several families in that condition. They speak with much anxiety on the subject: and they would be glad, if any preacher coming amongst them might, in the meantime, do something to supply the want of a regular teacher.

An American Company have commenced operations on a silver mine at Thunder Cape. During the winter there may be from forty to fifty persons employed. It is about twelve miles across the bay; and for two months a preacher could cross in a sleigh on the ice, to conduct service with the miners.

The Protestant families at Fort William, and on the Kaministiquia River, and at Prince Arthur's Landing, are almost all Presbyterian. But those belonging to other denominations concurred heartily in the desire to have religious ordinances at our hands, and promised their liberal support. And as the families (who are not numerous altogether) have agreed to raise from \$100 to \$150 for the purpose of securing a supply of divine ordinances for the winter, I hope the Home Mission Committee will add what more is necessary, that a preacher may be sent to them before the close of navigation, in the end of October.

I have to express my thanks to the Home Mission Committee for requesting me to undertake this service. The visitation of our back settlements, and new Townships, and destitute localities, for two or three weeks during summer or autumn, would do much to strengthen our Church in these places, and to promote the interests of true religion. And I feel assured that any of our ministers in cities or towns, going forth thus, in the midst of a change of scene, and in such new circumstances, to do their