

God, and not as a God of infinite love. He was the only acknowledged conjuror among the Mistassinee Indians, and I have great hopes that under God, the last spark of heathenish superstition is extinguished.

The superstition has been gradually dying out during these latter years and this was the only obstinate conjuror among them. This incident (curing the conjuror's malady) convinces me more and more of the absolute necessity of missionaries obtaining a medical training before going out. A medical missionary will reach the hearts of the heathen far sooner than a non-medical man. I regret now that I did not take at least a partial medical course. The superstition I have just described to you is not so strong among the Mistassinee Indians as it used to be, but still the element remains, in spite of the teaching they have received. It remains, because they have not a settled teacher among them. They see a minister, perhaps, once in five years, and then it is only for a few days; what can a man do in two or three days? No: I saw clearly that no good can come out of an occasional visit; they must have a teacher among them.

June 26th about 5 p.m. and the 14th day from Mistassinee we came within sight of Rupert's House, one of the H. B. Co's trading posts on the coasts of James' Bay, and the key to the Rupert's River District, which includes the Mistassinee Post, Waswanabbie Post, Nitchegoon Post and Mitcheskun Post. All these places of the H. B. Co. receive their supplies from Rupert's House, bringing in return for their supplies, the furs which they accumulate during the winter.

We were heartily welcomed by Mr. Mactavish, H. B. Co. commissioned gentleman in charge, and by Rev. E. Richards, native missionary to the Indians of Rupert's River District. He, Mr. Richards, was educated by the late Bp. Horden; was ordained by him and placed at Rupert's House, where he has proved himself to be a successful missionary among the Indians. I spent a very happy time with him, during my short stay, helping him in his ever-increasing duties. He is a very energetic man, spending all his time in the work he loves so well. He held morning and evening service daily with the Indians, kept school between the hours of 9 and 12, and in the afternoon he gave himself up to individual work, either having a quiet talk with one or two or more in the Church, or visiting them in their tents. They attended Church very well, sang well, and res-