

proceed to Galena, and from thence to St. Paul's, from whence we start for the Red River Settlement; but before leaving Chicago I would observe, that the city appears to be extending itself on every hand. It has a population of about one hundred thousand. Many of its buildings and public edifices are exceedingly capacious and architecturally grand. Its institutions are somewhat numerous. There are not less than four colleges in or near the city, amongst which may be noticed the North-western University, located at Evanston on the lake shore, a few miles north of the centre of the city, and is under the management of the Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Rock River Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The last Financial Report shows assets over and above all liabilities to the amount of \$159,359; on Scholarship Endow-

ments, \$90,300, and arrangements are being made for increasing the Scholarship Endowment to \$250,000. There are now within the limits of the city, six spacious edifices connected with the public schools, erected at a cost of about \$37,000, in which gratuitous instruction is offered to every child in the city between the ages of five and twenty-one years. There are at present attending in these schools above 3,000 scholars. The places of worship are somewhat numerous, upwards of thirty being connected with the varied Protestant churches; eight of which belong to the M. E. Church. The city may be regarded as one vast railway terminus, there being not less than eight different lines at present. We are both quite well. Br. Steinhaur is very desirous of reaching the Territory as soon as possible.

ST. CLAIR.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. S. Waldron, dated London, June 15th, 1855.

Allow me now to say, this Mission, in some respects at least, is the most important placed by the Providence of God under your charge. In the first place it is one of the *oldest*, and the friends of Missions reasonably expect improvements in proportion to its age. Secondly, its *locality* brings it constantly under the inspection and observation of both friends and enemies. People travelling for pleasure, health, &c., must see the St. Clair Indian Mission, of which they have heard at home. Persons who take a lively interest in our Mission work, but who never before beheld an Indian, are calling to see for themselves how and what we are doing. In the third place, it is situated *centrally* between several other Bands, who are constantly calling, both christians and pagans, to whom we have access. These visitors on their return make an impression either favorable or otherwise on their own people. In the fourth place we are surrounded by a thriving white population, who covet the fine lands in this most delightful part of Canada; the Indian mode of farming and want of improvement is urged as an argument for their *removal*: In the fifth place, we are exposed to a strange influence from *Jesuitism*; the French and Half-breeds, together with the priests, all speak the Ojibwa, and are numerous,

especially during the season for lumbering, and as you are aware prove a curse to our young people; under these circumstances, together with others I could mention, we are quite unprepared to meet expectations in regard to their general improvement. I am now giving the dark side of the picture, not because we are discouraged; (for the past year has been the happiest both of myself and dear wife we ever experienced,) neither because I think you are not to some extent at least acquainted with these facts, but to draw your attention especially to our case. Do you ask what we want? I answer, we want first, and most of all, a School, such as will command the attention and respect of all interested. There are two hundred children connected with this Band; one half should be under a school training, and ~~must~~ absolutely must be attended to, as they are providentially committed to us, or we shall betray our trust, and have a fearful account to give.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain yours, most sincerely attached, I may say increasingly so, to the work of saving precious souls.

This London Conference is the happiest we ever had. Three more of our charge have died since I left home. Pray for us,