

# METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

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## METHODIST MISSION—GRACE CHURCH, WINNIPEG.

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THE Mission was begun by the Rev. GEO. YOUNG, in 1868. Bro. Young gave up his pastoral charge of the Richmond Street Church and congregation, Toronto, and the Chairmanship of the District, in response to an invitation to begin this new enterprise. True, there had for a long time been Wesleyan Missionaries to the west and north of Fort Garry, the former one thousand miles away, and the latter five hundred, but these principally labored among the Cree and Stoney Indians. A change in the relationship of these vast territories from the Honorable Hudson Bay Company to the Home Government and the Dominion of Canada, would naturally throw open for immediate settlement the fine lands on the Red River and Assiniboine, with other attractive sections, now embraced in the Province of Manitoba; to prepare for this movement, Brother Young began his labors.

A valuable and commodious site, in what will become a city of large dimensions, was generously presented to the Society by the Honorable Hudson Bay Company, and on this, with indefatigable labor, and for the first two years with a good deal of social inconvenience to his family, he has erected "Grace Church," with its school-room, and comfortable parsonage and out-buildings. The heavy frame of timber between the two buildings bears up a fine-toned bell, given by the Sabbath-school at Oshawa, as the inscription cast upon the external surface points out; this bell pealed forth its notes of welcome when Colonel Wolseley and the British troops marched into Winnipeg to put down the Riel rebellion.

In the year just closed there were eight Methodist Ministers among the settlers in Manitoba. In the past seven years eight sanctuaries have been built, societies organized, and the ordinances of religion maintained with much regularity. The grasshopper plague has diminished the ability of the people to sustain the cost of these Missions, but we are anticipating more fruitful harvests, and a tide of greater prosperity pervading the whole Province. Attached to the sanctuaries and "preaching places" are two hundred and seventy-nine Church members.