

here in a cheerful and self-denying spirit. The Deputation regret the inconveniences he and his truly devoted wife had to endure for the want of household accommodation. Should success attend the efforts made for the erection of a parsonage, or the hiring for the time being of a house to shelter themselves, we may anticipate continued prosperity in the discharge of his ministerial duties, and of those associated with him in this truly missionary field. Settlements are forming beyond the Portage, which have already been visited by the Society's missionaries, and as these extend and increase in numbers they should secure our practical sympathies by sending to them additional laborers.

The statements of the Rev. E. R. Young respecting Norway House Mission were full of encouragement. Far away from the many allurements to evil which beset other Indian communities—especially in Ontario,—these converts display a consistency of deportment, attention to the means of grace, and practical remembrance of religious instruction, which result in an intelligent growth in Christian knowledge and experience. Beside visiting Oxford House, and administering the ordinances to the members of the church there,—which is more than 200 miles north-east of his own Mission,—his visits to Nelson and Beren's rivers have been attended with great success. At one time he met at Nelson river 250 Indians, of these 110 have been baptized, 70 of whom were adults; several of these were at Winnipeg, and sought an interview with the Deputation for the purpose of entreating them to send a teacher to their people. Two of them belonged to bands 500 miles still further north. The whole region is purely a fur-bearing country, the people unsettled and migratory in their habits, and yet hundreds of them are calling for that knowledge which can only be imparted by the Bible and the servants of God. The most feasible plan for supplying these wants, as it appeared to the Deputation, would be to employ one or more native agencies, and allow the Missionary at Rossville to direct their labors, and administer the ordinances of religion at their gatherings each year for purposes of trade. The months of

April and May, and August and September, are the best times of the year for meeting large numbers of Indians at Nelson river and other places. Norway House is 340 miles north of Fort Garry; and Beren's river,—where the Hudson Bay Company have a trading post,—a little more than half-way to the Rossville Mission, being on the eastern shores of Lake Winnipeg, 180 miles distant. Connected with this is Pigeon River, the residence of a small band, ten miles by water, and six by land from Beren's river. There are 250 Indians, all accessible to your missionary, 68 of whom have given in their names for Church membership, and 10 of whom Mr. E. R. Young pronounces to be soundly converted to God. The land in this locality is very good for settlement, and the fisheries inexhaustible. As Rossville is becoming overcrowded, and the soil there for agricultural purposes only limited, if the Society establish a substantial Mission at Beren's River, having the same spiritual advantages which are enjoyed at Rossville, no doubt a number of Indian families would make Beren's River their home, and thereby constitute a growing, healthy Mission Station, midway between Red River and Norway House. The Indian, will leave his hunting and trapping, and hesitate not to travel 150 miles, if necessary, to attend Sacramental service; and that, too, without any reliance upon ritualistic merit, but purely from the love of Christ in his heart, and obedience to the law of his Divine master. It was reported to the Deputation that for the want of the ordinances once enjoyed at a Mission Station 500 miles away from Rossville,—transferred some years since by the Parent Society to another branch of the Church of Christ,—35 members had removed the whole of this distance to Rossville for no other reason than that they might enjoy class and prayer-meetings, in addition to what they called a different ministry, without which they declared they could not live.

From the long period of time Oxford House has been left without an ordained Missionary, there are not the same gratifying features of life and vigor existing there which we all earnestly desire. In the judgment of the