

God for His mercies toward me. I have enjoyed much of the goodness of God in the past. God has seen fit to afflict my body; but in the midst of all my trials and difficulties I have always found Him a very present help, and in answer to prayer and according to my earnest desire He has enabled me to attend this means of grace. I feel I love God, but I desire to love him more than ever, and to live for heaven; and at last to enter into that blest abode."

THOMAS BALFOUR.—"I am happy to tell you my experience, and my humble gratitude to God for His manifold mercies. I am not ashamed to take up this cross, to bear testimony for Jesus, who has done great things for me, whereof I am glad. While away in the forest, I felt rather feeble on account of the complaint I had in my leg, but I desired and prayed to

God to enable me to attend this means of grace; and I have come thus far for this very purpose,* and I rejoice to stand up before you and declare what God has done for my soul. I feel the love of God shed abroad in my heart, by the Holy Ghost which is given unto me. I can rejoice in the pardoning mercy of God, being washed and cleansed from my sins, and adopted into His family. My heart is full of joy and peace in believing; I am cheered and encouraged by the precious promises of God, and I desire more than ever to live nearer to God and heaven, that I may enjoy His favour here, and at last enjoy his presence hereafter. Brethren, let us make a right use of our privileges and blessings; let us all strive to grow in grace daily, and our reward shall be sure."

From the Rev. J. H. RUTTAN, dated Rossville, 29th December, 1874.

Yours of the 17th September reached us last week. We were glad to receive this token of affectionate remembrance from you, and feel much indebted to you for the pains you have taken to make all arrangements, and also, if possible, to secure the teacher of our choice for this place. We sympathize with you in your disappointment after so much trouble.

Perhaps it would not be asking too much, if it be possible, for you to secure the service of some pious lady teacher for us, whom you could send out next summer. I mentioned in my last letter the best time for her to leave Ontario—say the last of May; she would then be in time to come out in the steamboat the beginning of June. The steamer will leave Winnipeg for Norway House perhaps the middle of June.

The disappointment is past, but the necessity for a more advanced teacher still remains. I don't know whether I ever told you of the disappointment of R. Ross, Esq., in connection with a

teacher for this place. He had sent his children to Red River to school when I got the letter from Miss Wiggins, stating that she would be ready to start for this place the first of August. I spoke to Mr. Ross about her passage out in the boats, and my intention to go in, so as to accompany her out (as it is not proper for a lady to travel with the Indians alone), when he said he would have his children come back again and go to school to her, as she was a good teacher, and the children would also be at home, which was very desirable. I was glad of this, as it would be somewhat pleasanter for the teacher to have English children at school.

So he sent for them to return with the fall boats. I was in hopes Miss Wiggins would be there to accompany them out; as Mrs. Ross was with the children, they would have been company for each other. Then when she did not come in time to do this, I went in; Iest, like Miss Mc Lane, the former teacher sent, she, (Miss Wiggins), could not get here for want of a

* N.B.—The last speaker came over one hundred miles to be present, and was lame too.