

We have started a women's meeting for the soldiers' wives. The first meeting is to be held to-night. I am more and more glad every day that we came to India; we both like the people and the work. Hoping soon to hear the result of your committee meeting, I am, &c.,

May 25th, 1874.

M. FAIRWEATHER.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING—LETTER FROM REV. D.
McKERACHER.

Editor Home and Foreign Record, C. P. C.

DEAR SIR,—The following brief notes from this somewhat distant field may not be uninteresting to the readers of the *Record*. I reached here per steamer *Cumberland* on the 3rd inst. The appearance of the place is considerably improved since last year, and just now it is decked in its gayest for the reception of the Governor-General and his party. The population is much the same as last year, apparently not much larger. There is, however, now the anxiety felt regarding the future of the place, for it seems certain the railway will pass through the beautiful valley of the Kaministiquia River. For the present season, however, this will not affect the business of the place to any great extent.

In Church matters there is but little change to note since last year. We are still under obligations to our Methodist brethren for the use of their church on Sabbath mornings. In the afternoon I preach at Fort William. The attendance so far has been good, especially at the latter place, which is now accessible both by land and water.

Through your widely circulated periodical, Mr. Editor, I again thank the kind friends who have contributed towards the erection of a Presbyterian church here. The sum collected for that purpose by the missionary before leaving for the field was \$380, all from Toronto, with the exception of \$16 from friends in Ingersoll, and \$10 from London. Of the above sum, over \$200 was contributed by members of Knox Church, Toronto, \$44 by members of Gould Street Church, \$43 by members of Bay Street Church, \$28 by members of Charles Street, and the balance by personal friends of the missionary, some of them belonging to other denominations. We are also indebted to Mr. James Campbell for a Sabbath school library of fifty volumes. This sum might have been considerably increased had the missionary sufficient time at his disposal to call on more of our people. The missions of the Lake Superior region have the cordial sympathy of our people in the older and wealthier districts, and we are fully satisfied there is a sufficient number of them willing to contribute all that is needed to erect a church here, did they but know the necessities of the place, and how much depends on our present efforts to establish our cause firmly for the future.

There has been little or nothing done in the way of public works here this summer. Hence money is very scarce with our people resident in the place, and they will not be able to contribute much for church purposes in the meantime. Our hopes for the future are good. We will therefore work and wait, for "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." Of his own he gives to his people to use for his glory.

P. A. LANDING, August 19, 1874.

D. McKERACHER.