

glorious. A great work has been accomplished through the preaching of Christian Missionaries! About seventeen years ago the name of God was hardly known here. His Word was not translated into the language of this people, and they were entirely ignorant of the important art of reading; there were no places of worship in which they might assemble to pray to Him who made them, and hear of Jesus the Saviour. We were so depraved and dark, that we did not know that we had immortal souls to save, and the people were addicted to all kinds of vice and wickedness. But God touched the hearts of his servants in England and in Canada with pity for these perishing heathen, and gave them a desire to come to this part of the world for the purpose of proclaiming to them the glad tidings of salvation. And the Lord has, in a great measure, visibly blessed their labours; conversions have taken place, some of whom are young people; some are old, grey-headed sinners; they are convinced of sin, and seek with earnestness the salvation of

their own never dying souls. Many of them can truly say, "The Spirit beareth witness with my spirit that I am a child of God." Well might Christians in Canada pour out their intercessions at the throne of grace for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom through this land. "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands prosper Thou it."

I may now tell you that our School is in a most pleasing condition; the average attendance during the summer has been from 40 to 50, and the children are making some progress to read. The large supply of school materials at last reached us this summer. I feel truly grateful for the aid already received from our christian friends in Canada. This, I trust, will continue; and if there is a possibility of their being able to grant further aid, we should be most thankful.

EDMONTON AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

Extracts from the Journal of the Rev. Thomas Woolsey.

The Plains, Indian Camp, May 15th, 1856.—Left Edmonton, in company with my colleague, Brother Steinhaur, for Pigeon Lake.

May 18th.—Reached our destination early, as we were desirous of spending the Sabbath with the Indians. Swamps, and equally troublesome patches of forest land had greatly impeded our progress. Clearings of land, once fenced in, gave indication of an approach to civilization in times past, though now somewhat resembling their primeval state. Two out of the four log buildings may ultimately be restored. A quantity of timber, originally designed for a church, is much decayed. This may be regarded as a deserted village. Solitude reigns around. One of our attendants proceeded on foot for some distance, and soon arrived, stating that there were tents of Crees in advance of us; so, mounting one of our stud, he heralded our arrival, and speedily returned with several Christian Indians. An affecting recognition took place, religious duties receiving a hearty welcome from these, who had, in effect long prayed,

"O, thou Great Spirit, send us a Missionary!"

Varied and suitable subjects were discussed, and such provision had as our homely board furnished; and, as the sun was setting in a cloudless sky, they departed, stating that the whole band would camp near us on the following day.

Etiquette prompted us to make an early start, so as to meet the remainder. The Chief and others were preparing to cross a narrow part of the lake just as we came up. The aged man was soon paddled over, and, in a burst of tears, told the thanks he could not speak. We soon, however, entered into conversation on subjects connected with our Mission. Subsequently, in general council, he said, he had frequently concluded that the Master of Life had given them up because of their unfaithfulness; but, seeing Missionaries once more amongst them, filled him "with joy unspeakable," although he had been apprehensive that we should leave them in consequence of some of the band having been ebriated. We assured him that