

young brother is also a useful local preacher, rapidly acquiring a knowledge of the native tongue; and if faithful to the grace bestowed, will, at some future day, occupy a still more important position.

AFFECTING ALLUSIONS.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Mr. Christie addressed the parents and the scholars. He commenced by referring to a circumstance connected with his own family. Nine years ago his youngest daughter passed the winter at Norway House; there she had for a companion the youngest daughter of the Missionary,—from her she learned to sing many of the sweet pieces which he had listened to that day. When the first epidemic passed over the Saskatchewan, his dear little daughter was one of the sufferers. Among her last utterances were portions of those hymns. This fall his mind was deeply affected when he heard that the little maid, from whom she had learned to sing, had fallen a victim to the small-pox. He could only say to the afflicted parents, "Let us console ourselves with the happy assurance that our dear children are now where no sorrow will mingle with their songs." My son was requested to take notes of the address; and in the evening, to the great satisfaction of all present, he repeated it, almost verbatim, in the native language.

EXCELLENCY OF WHITE FISH LAKE MISSION.

Brother Steinhaur deserves the sympathy of the Christian church. His people are decidedly in advance of all other natives in the Saskatchewan. Principally by his own labor, he has built a good parsonage. On the ground-floor there are five commodious rooms; the partitions, the panel doors, the neatly ceiled walls, all display taste and workmanship. Assisted by his people, he is now collecting material for the building of a larger church. If some of our liberal friends would lend him a hand by assisting to procure nails, glass, &c., they would be investing in what is a paying enterprise. A church in which the blessed gospel is preached will be a greater power for subduing and controlling these plain tribes than stone forts, rifle, or

cannon. Saturday, the 11th, we returned to Victoria.

SCHOOL EXERCISES.

The interruption which our school suffered during the time of the pestilence, retarded its progress, but now we are doing well, and, notwithstanding the great scarcity of provisions, the average attendance is from forty to fifty. Over twenty of these can read the Word of God, and almost the entire school understand English. We have also a week-night reading class. Our plan is a very simple one, but it has proved a great success. Some six or eight are called upon to read pieces each evening. They are allowed to select their own reading, with the understanding that nothing immoral or fictitious will be introduced. So far we have had to admire the good taste displayed. Great effort has been made to acquire a thorough knowledge of the reading; and the different tastes have given us quite a variety. Christian biography, temperance, history, and dialogue all pass before us. In fact, so profitable have been these exercises, that we intend to introduce them among the natives, training those who understand the syllabic characters to interest their people with portions of the Bible.

LIBERAL DONATIONS.

Notwithstanding that famine and pestilence have swept over us, our poor people have not been unmindful of their obligation to do something for the support of the cause of God. Last fall we intended to hold Missionary meetings at each appointment, but were prevented by the epidemic. For local purposes we have received the following sums:—For Whitefish Lake school, two hundred and fifty dollars; for Victoria school, one hundred dollars; from Chief Factor Christie, Esq., one hundred dollars for general school purposes; and from our friends at Edmonton, to assist in finishing the church at Woodville, one hundred dollars. In addition to this they, last summer, presented Bro. Campbell with two horses, our good missionary being so unfortunate as to have lost all his horses the winter previous.

I regret that my son, who left here 15 days ago for the great camp at Elk