

Tait. Perhaps the senders will recognize it by that. I have not time to write to all the Secretaries by this month's mail, but hope (D.V.) to write to each during the fall months. The rain is so continuous that we fear all building operations are over for this year as the logs and boards are thoroughly soaked through. All cellars are flooded, we have baled ours out already seven times and yet now the water is six inches deep and rising every day. We fear the grain crops and potatoes will be spoiled. The Saskatchewan is no higher than it has been for the last ten years. But 'the earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof,' and we know He sends the rain as well as the sunshine."

*Extract of letter from Miss Milledge, re Mission on Lake Winnipeg.*

"The Church of England Mission at Fort Alexander is 4 miles from the mouth of the Black River, on a well wooded point. First the Mission House came in sight. It is a good sized frame house, built by the Rev. E. Thomas himself with the help of an Indian. It is painted white with brown trimmings, lovely trees around it, a field of oats and corn in front and a small vegetable garden. On one side a beautiful field of timothy, neat fences around it with good gates. The church with its little belfry also built by Mr. Thomas and the Indians stands quite near the mission house, it is neatly painted and surrounded by a well kept burying ground. The quaint crosses are very thick here, some are painted black, some white tipped with black, and one black tipped with dark blue; here and there are some flowers and the newer graves are nicely sodded. The church inside and out has the look of being well cared for; the floor is spotlessly clean. Mr. Thomas built a good porch and vestry, also made a prayer desk which is neat, strong and varnished. The Indians made the seats under Mr. Thomas' direction (who is a skilled carpenter self taught) and then they were anxious to have a real pulpit, so they collected enough money to get one made at the Rupert's Land Industrial school and it is a credit to them. Then they wanted crimson drapes, so they made another effort to get plain ones edged with gilt fringe. There is a good chancel rail, the gift of a gentleman who used to live near by. Mr. Thomas collected enough for the lamps from friends in Winnipeg. The building is painted grey with terra cotta trimmings. There is a dear little silver font, and also communion