

all but himself—and no medical aid. The prevailing sickness had a serious effect on the Schools, week day and Sabbath. At one time the week day School was reduced to eight; now, the attendance is fifty. The Sabbath School at Little Britain had to be closed for some months. It has been opened again with 25 in attendance. The Kildonan Sabbath Schools and Bible Class were reduced, at one time, to about fifty. They now average nearly a hundred. At the different stations there has been little change during the year—some additions to the Communion Roll and tokens for good shown. Little boys not five years of age have been taken home to the Children's Friend, with the sweet story of old on their lips—and young women, who had just named the name of Christ, have been removed to the table above rejoicing in the Saviour. A good many houses and stores have been erected at Fort Garry, but this has not as yet very materially affected the attendance at the Court House there. A small church erected nearer the centre of population, it is thought, would have some effect. The prevailing sickness at Little Britain prevented anything being done towards collecting building materials during the last fall and winter. It is hoped that something may be done in the direction of a church there this season. A manse will, at all events, be erected there for the new missionary. A set of plans have been prepared by Mr. Nisbet whose artistic taste and mechanical genius serve him good purpose in this and other particulars.

The comfortable and commodious school house at Kildonan (to which the children of our Church have so largely contributed) has been opened during the year, under the most favourable auspices.

The Rev. Alex. Matheson of Osnabruck was unanimously called by your Committee to succeed Mr. Nisbet. Having been released from his charge by the Presbytery of Brockville in March last, he was designated by the Presbytery of Toronto on the 17th of May, and is now on his way to his field of labour. The friends in Red River are greatly pleased with the appointment—and we doubt not the result will justify their expectations. Himself a native of the Red River, an alumnus of our College, and for several years, a faithful labourer in Canada, Mr. Matheson is specially fitted for the work—to which he has been set apart.

CARIBOO, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

For upwards of a year Mr. Duff labored with self-denying devotedness at the Cariboo Mines. With the exception of two months' labor from an Episcopalian Minister and two weeks from a Roman Catholic Priest, he had the field entirely to himself. There were not however so many miners as usual, owing to the limited yield of the precious metal and the superior attractions of other places. A reported new strike, or the discovery of new diggings will attract together to a particular point, as if by a magic wand, eager crowds who are as frequently dispersed as collected. The gold-containing sources of William's Creek, are becoming exhausted. A hundred cabins above and as many below what is called the town were unoccupied. Mr. Duff itinerated in the surrounding country travelling even as far as William's Lake 130 miles distant. Adherents of our Church were found scattered here and there. Thirteen miles from Williams' Creek a large body of worthy Welshmen were found, who, with commendable strictness remembered the Sabbath, and met under the leadership of one of themselves for religious worship. The marriage ceremony was performed in Cariboo for the first time during the past year. The labors of Mr. Duff were highly appreciated. The people professedly connected with us were few and unusually straitened in their resources, but as a practical testimony of their appreciation of Mr. Duff's labours, they presented him with the sum of \$400.

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