

great unfitness for such undertaking, I feel I dare not say *no*. It was no motion of mine that brought me here, but purely (as I believe) God's own providence; and while I believe I have some friends in Red River Settlement who would gladly have me stay in it, and while I cannot but suppose that I have been, to some small extent, useful here, I do not forget that my appointment originally had reference to Indian work; and although I am far from thinking that I possess all the qualifications for the work, yet, if the Church will bear with my infirmities, and sustain me by their prayers, and encourage me in carrying out such plans as may, from time to time, be considered necessary for the success of the undertaking, I shall most gladly devote myself to it with whatever energy I possess, and humbly looking for direction from Him who hath said, 'As thy days, so shall thy strength be.' 'My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.'

After full consideration of the matter in all its bearings, Mr. Nisbet has resolved to make preparations for the commencement of the mission, and to start early in the spring. It might have been desirable to proceed to the Saskatchewan this season, but on a view of the whole circumstances, it was considered best to defer starting from the Red River until next spring. Mr. Nisbet is most anxious that some one should be sent out early next season to take his place at the Red River.

OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Mr. Nisbet gives an account of the opening of the new school house, for the erection of which not a few of our Sabbath schools have contributed. With reference to this Mr. Nisbet says:

"I am happy to be able to inform you that the school house is so far completed that we had it formally opened last Wednesday. At one o'clock there was a meeting of the children who marched in procession from the old school house to the new one singing a hymn, then there was singing and prayer and two or three short addresses, after which a little treat of cakes &c. was handed round. There were 108 children present and about 30 grown-up people at that meeting, at least 50 more could have been easily accommodated. The children passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Sabbath school children and other friends in Canada who have so generously helped in the building of the school house. At three o'clock, (the children being dismissed) a general meeting of the congregation was held. Judge Black favoured us with his presence and delivered a most interesting and useful address on education. Mr. James Ross was also present and gave a good address. A vote of thanks, similar to the one passed at the children's meeting, was also cordially passed at the general meeting. Altogether the proceedings of the day were very interesting and useful. The resolutions passed at the meetings will be forwarded to you for publication.

"All seemed delighted with the arrangement of the building. I gave a statement of receipts and expenditure, an abstract of which I shall forward to you another time. With all the economy we could use the building has cost considerably more than I anticipated; some painting has yet to be done, and the outbuildings and fencing, for these last we mean to use the materials of the old school house, we have also to purchase a stove and pipes. We have about £9 in hand, which includes a donation of \$25, from a school in Quebec suburbs, Montreal, of which Mr. Black had just been notified. We have a belfry, but we have not, as yet, a bell to put in it."

A SOLEMN OCCURRENCE.

In his latest communication Mr. Nisbet mentions a very solemn event, which has just lately taken place at Fairfield. He says: "We had a very solemn occurrence at Fairfield on Sabbath evening last. During the first prayer, an old man who had been for years an invalid, and seldom able to be at church