

prescribed to the College. No canvass has as yet been made anywhere, but immediately on the adoption of the resolution at the head of this circular, liberal subscriptions were given by a few persons, amounting, in all, to \$6000.

JOHN STIRLING,
Secretary.
MONTREAL, March 20th, 1871.

ALEXANDER YOUNG,
Chairman College Board.

Missionary Intelligence.

LETTER FROM REV. JAMES NISBET.

PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN, ²³
January 19th, 1871.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RECORD:

MY DEAR SIR,—This letter must partake somewhat of the character of an annual report, or a brief review of the proceedings of the year 1870. It is a year that will be long remembered in the Saskatchewan district, not only because of the political changes affecting the whole north-western territories, but specially on account of the fearful scourge of small-pox that has swept over the western portion of the district. But at this Mission we have to sing of mercy, and to give God praise for his wonderful interposition in our behalf, and in behalf of hundreds of Indians whose lives have been preserved by the simple means of vaccination. Most providentially, we had received in 1869 one or two scabs of vaccine matter, and on the first sound of the existence of small-pox in the west reaching us, we commenced vaccinating all the Indians and others who were in our neighbourhood. Altogether, about 150 were vaccinated at the Mission, and, through them, some hundreds of others were vaccinated at Carlton and on the plains. Many of these were for weeks exposed to the contagion, but we have not heard of even one such person being taken with the disease, while hundreds of those who were not vaccinated have died. But while we have all been mercifully preserved from small-pox, thus far, at least, the Mission company has not been free from sickness. The same disease that had taken the wife of my interpreter to the Red River Settlement in 1869 for medical advice, re-appeared last winter, and became so alarming in spring that I gave him leave of absence to take her and the family again to the settlement, where they now are. The commencement of the same disease required that the wife of the manager of farm and other work should be taken to the settlement at the same time, where she still is. At the same time, the manager himself had been suffering from pain in the chest from January last. We continued to hope that the means for recovery that we were using might be effectual, but in this we were disappointed, and in October I was compelled to allow him also to go to the settlement for medical advice. On account of these drawbacks, I have not been able to do so much directly among the Indians as I would have wished; but their visits at the Mission have been few, and only a family or two at a time, as they have been keeping scattered as a security from the small-pox. We hope and pray that perfect health will be restored, and that all our friends will be back to us early in the coming spring.