

SASKATCHWAN.

THE Rev. G. McDougall writes from Fort Carlton on the 3rd of September. The Missionary party for Victoria and Morleyville were all well, prosecuting their long and tedious journey westward. Information had been received of the illness of the Rev. L. Warner, at Fort Edmonton; but from the Rev. G. Young, of Winnipeg, we are glad to say, more recent intelligence announces his being convalescent. The fears entertained by some about the Rev. H. M. Manning not having sufficient strength to endure the inconveniences of camp life, have proved entirely groundless. His journey and new mode of life, with the pure, bracing atmosphere of the Western Plains, had greatly improved his physical vigour. When these brethren have reached their several appointments, and are fairly settled down to labour, we may anticipate large accessions to the Redeemer's kingdom.

RED RIVER.

OXFORD HOUSE.

From the Rev. O. GERMAN, dated August 24th, 1875.

I started for Island Lake on the 26th July (Monday), and arrived there on Saturday. I spent the two following Sabbaths and the week intervening in trying to show the poor benighted ones the way of salvation. I saw most of those whom I had baptized last year not sorry for the step they had taken. There were also a good number there whom I had not before seen. I held in all twenty services, baptized two children, and married one couple. In the intervals

between the services I talked personally with almost every one of the men, and found that nineteen more were desirous of being saved. I took their names as candidates for baptism. Pity we had not a good native teacher to send them. They are mere children in understanding, and need *teaching* rather than *preaching*. I understand they keep more together in bands than our Indians here do, which is a favourable circumstance.

From the Rev. J. H. RUTTAN, dated Rossville, Sept. 28th, 1875.

I take this, the last opportunity before Christmas, of sending you a synopsis of affairs here.

Several more heathen Indians have been converted since I wrote you last, and have been baptized. Our mission work is progressing about as usual. There is nothing special to report. The services are well attended, and our people, we trust, are making progress in the divine life.

Our teacher, Miss Batty, cannot be too highly spoken of; she is succeeding remarkably well with the school; already there is a marked im-

provement in the children. Her earnest manner and kind heart have won the confidence and affections of all the children. The Sabbath-school is also greatly benefited by her kind and faithful instructions. Though she has much to discourage her in the capacities of her pupils, yet neither diligence nor piety is wanting in her work of faith and labour of love. The children are learning the English, or rather learning how to use the English, quite fast.

Last Thursday has been made an important epoch in the history of our