

through Mr. McKerracher. Most probably an application from the Sault will be forwarded to the Home Mission Committee, and I trust they will feel themselves in a position to offer substantial encouragement, and send a Missionary, even before the present season closes.

4. I am happy to bear testimony to the efficiency, zeal, and prudence of the Missionary whom the students have sent to these places for the summer. Not only our own people, but others spoke in the most decided terms of his services. At the Sault a great impetus was also given to our cause by James Brown, Esq., of Toronto, a well-known Elder of our Church, who, when on a visit to his brother there, did much to encourage the people, and to assist and direct them in their endeavours to obtain stated supply from the Presbyterian Church.

5. In conclusion, I feel it my duty to bear testimony to the courteous brotherly spirit in which I was received by the Ministers of the Wesleyan Church at both places, and the Primitive Methodist Minister at the Bruce Mines. They all manifested the utmost willingness to give every facility in the way of meeting with our people, giving up their own services if necessary. I am also happy to bear testimony to the efficiency of their labours, and to the effect produced, as evidenced by the morality and orderly conduct of the people. During the time of my residence at the Mines, I was particularly struck with the quiet, orderly, industrious aspect of the place. The great majority of the people profess and practice strict temperance principles. In this aspect there has been, I believe, a great improvement in the course of a few years.

W. R.

MISSIONARY TRIP TO FORT WILLIAM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RECORD:

MY DEAR SIR—Having had the request made to me, on the part of the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, that I would visit Fort William, with a view to the formation of a mission station in the meantime in that locality, and having complied with the request, in the interests of the Church, I deem it right to communicate, through you, the result of this visit, in so far as its immediate purpose is concerned.

The district to which I was thus invited, lies at the head of navigation on the north shore of Lake Superior. The lake stretches here towards the south, and at its southern point there has sprung up the rapidly increasing town of Duluth, from which a railroad has just been built to St. Paul's. Along the Southern shore of Lake Superior, (i.e.,) the American shore, there are extensive mining operations, and, consequently, a large coasting trade is carried on. As an evidence thereof, I may mention, that at the time the steamer in which I was, passed through the canal at Sault Ste. Marie, there were nine vessels also going through it, all American, and some of them of four hundred or five hundred tons burden.

The Northern shore is said to be equally rich, or more so, in minerals, silver, copper, iron, lead, etc. Mining works of the same nature may soon be established there in different places. I allude to this in order to show the importance of that district, and the necessity of occupying it with a supply of divine ordinances to such as are already residing there.

Hitherto little has been done in that direction. The families settled there have been without any public recognition of the Lord's Day, in the form of religious service, with the exception of an occasional service by