

churches. We lament the want of intelligence about the work at Fisher and Nelson Rivers. From these missions 203 members were reported last year, and 65 from Beren's River.

NORWAY HOUSE, ROSSVILLE.

From this long-occupied mission field we have nothing special to report. We visited Oxford House, Cross Lake, and Poplar River during the winter. As formerly, very few Indians were at Oxford House; they only remain about three months at the Fort during the summer. I was much encouraged at Cross Lake; Brother Garrach, resident local native preacher, is working hard, nor is he laboring in vain. Poplar River Indians appear to make but little progress; I think they are an indolent lot. We find that lazy Indians don't make good Christians any more than lazy white people. I was not able to visit Nelson River at a time when the Indians were collected about the Hudson's Bay Company's Fort.* A Romish priest visited them last summer, and disturbed their minds considerably. A young man should be sent there, for the summer months at least.

Among the members immediately connected with Rossville are to be found earnest and sincere Christians, and also loose, ungodly characters. Those who are endeavouring to serve God with sincere hearts are becoming alarmed at the recklessness of some who stray from the path of duty and virtue. We hope ere long to report better tidings. The people are ignorant, *very ignorant*. They are delighted with the fact, however, that a supply of literature is to be furnished them, Bro. German having spent the year in Ontario for the purpose of seeing through the press a number of books in the Cree language.

The school is progressing favorably, and Miss Parkinson, the teacher, is greatly encouraged by the orderly conduct of the children and their willingness to learn.

The mission buildings are quite out of repair, and steps should be taken at once to have them repaired; if not we shall soon be left without parsonage or church.

Your missionaries are always employed—we trust profitably so—when not interrupted by visiting other places or other contingencies. We hold nine regular services each week, besides the Sabbath-school and day-school, and the class-meetings, which are met weekly by their respective leaders.

Mrs. Langford superintends the Sunday-school. The attendance, though not large, is regular, and the children appear to take a deep interest in the lessons.

The missionary subscriptions have been well sustained by some of our Indians; *not one of those at York village failed to pay according to promise.*

There are many things to perplex and discourage us on this field, but we are thankful for many encouraging signs.

* They have not seen a missionary for nearly two years.