

pleasant task, and so, although many may think it to have been somewhat "*infra dig*"—for two weeks the missionary at Red River had more to do with lime and sand, and mortar and boards, and slow-moving laborers, than he ever bargained for. The nature of the case and the results alike justified the measure. And then came the "moving in," the drying of newly plastered walls, and all the other *etceteras* attendant upon an entrance into a miserably built house, plastered in very frosty weather. These varied, and perplexing and fatiguing engagements kept my attention pretty fully occupied, and so hindered me from writing as per promise. And, when once under cover ourselves, then the thought of many scores of dear old friends being in prison since the first of May last, and desiring greatly to consult them, and get more light and strength and fire from them, made me almost desperate to have them liberated that I might enjoy a sort of "re-union" with them all; therefore with as little delay as possible, iron bands were cut asunder, prison doors thrown open, and Wesley, Watson, Clarke, Howe, Charnock, Manton, Lange, Stier, Fairbairn, Wardlaw, Tait, French, Farrar, Vaughan, Parker, Cumming, Ryle, Stevens, Rigg, Arthur, Punshon, Millman, Hamilton, Chambers, &c., &c.,—were one after another set free, and assigned a respectable position where I may consult them as oft as may be practicable.

My *grateful acknowledgements* are due, and are hereby most heartily tendered to my honored and valued friend, the President, Rev. W. Morley Punshon. A.M., whose prompt response to my appeal for help, and whose wise, energetic and liberal doings in my behalf for the removal of "*manacles*" which I felt to be heavy indeed, and that I might at once "*arise and build*," have placed me under deep and lasting obligations, and to those dear friends, "too numerous to mention," who have so nobly sustained him in his efforts. It has long been a theory with me that the Wesleyans of Canada, taken as a whole, are about the most kind, liberal, zealous, and loveable people this side the "New Jerusalem;" that theory I hold more firmly than ever before.

Some day, I hope (D.V.) to meet many of them face to face, when this poor "lispng stammering tongue" shall try to express my heart-felt thanks. May Almighty goodness reward them abundantly.

And now the "*religious aspects*" of my Mission. Its geographical position, with the several appointments embraced, were given in my last. I deeply regret that for want of a house in which to preach, one of my distant appointments had to be given up. In another instance, after I had received an invitation to conduct service in a very desirable place for an appointment, a little clerical interference resulted in the withdrawal of the invitation, and so I had to pass on. On the 13th inst. we opened as our "Wesley Hall" a large front room in our rented house, when the attendance, the attention, and the collection to meet necessary expenses, were all very gratifying. At the close of the service I invited those who desired to converse with me on the subject of church membership, to meet me on Tuesday evening, when ten persons came, all of whom gave in their names for membership, and thus our first class for this part of the mission was organized; since that others have joined, and our meetings are increasing in interest. Our first class-meeting was a season of great interest and a time of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, who thus sent these first fruits to cheer us in our toiling and waiting. Let none "*despise the day of small things*;" the first class-meetings in Canada, New York, and England were attended only by a few. In connection with our opening services we also organized a Wesleyan Sabbath School, which now consists of a superintendent, librarian, two Bible classes, and two or three other more juvenile classes with their respective teachers. For an excellent library for the larger scholars, we are indebted to the Rev. G. Cochran, and the Sabbath School of good old Richmond St. Church, Toronto. In addition to the other services, I hold a Thursday evening lecture, promising fortnightly to select certain rather popular subjects, to attract and instruct the different classes if I can. The attendance at the lecture as at all the services has been very encouraging, and our prospects