

mediately procured from Mr. Clements, worth \$180.00, but Mr. Clements kindly gave it to us for \$130.00. It was made by Bell & Co., Guelph, Ont., and is deservedly admired for its fine finish and beauty of tone. A choir was at once organized, which does good service, both at the Sunday-school and in the regular church service. The Sunday-school has rapidly increased and now numbers over thirty scholars, with more promising to come.

Our regular congregation, at Grace Church, now numbers 250 or upwards of an evening, and the church already appears comfortably filled, notwithstanding the addition to it this summer. We hope it will be

necessary, ere long, either to enlarge it again or build a new one. Our congregations at Prairie Grove are good and attentive, all the settlement turning out to the services except one from each house. It is necessary that one should stop, as often people pass who have not a very delicate sense of the relations of property. At Morris, forty miles from here, almost the whole of the settlers, I believe, have signed a petition to us to give them preaching, and in connection with Mr. Harrison, of Pembina Mountain, we have acceded to their request and will give them preaching every fortnight. It will not be long till we have a church there.

From the Rev. THOMAS LAWSON, dated Palestine, September 1st, 1877.

I was much encouraged with my visit westward. On my way out I preached at Beautiful Plain, Little Saskatchewan, Riding Mountains, and Shoal Lake, the end of my journey.

The congregations were large, interesting, and very attentive. How pleasant to tell the Gospel news to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Shoal Lake is about 100 miles due west of Palestine. The country between here and there, and for miles and miles either side of the great highway, is the best for farming purposes in the North-west. Nor are the settlers slow to appreciate this by the way they settle in. What a vast field for the Missionary. Since last year the population of these places has more than doubled. Shoal Lake, two years ago, was known only by the trader as a favourable place to kindle his camp-fire and rest his weary horse. But now, by the rapid way settlers have come in, it bids fair, in a short time, to become a populous town. Little Saskatchewan, from its many natural advantages, cannot fail to become an important centre. Beautiful

Plain and the Riding Mountains have peculiar advantages and inducements, and are drawing many to build up homes.

What do I think of this vast country for Missionary work? What I say you may attribute to boyish enthusiasm, but I care little so long as I know that my present convictions arise, not from popular opinion, but from sound and deliberate reasoning and observation. After taking contingencies, which may or may not occur, into consideration, I must say there is not a better opening in the North-west Territory for a Missionary. The people are willing and anxious to receive a Missionary. They utter, and have uttered that most distressing cry, which should arouse every Christian to action, "Come over and help us."

Methodism has ever been associated with the true development of any country.

Why not send a Methodist Missionary? My love for the true interest of the people; my love for my country; my love for my Church; my love for my God, would send them a large-hearted, zealous Methodist Missionary.