

like that through which you have passed and when once the government road from the south is completed, there will be an influx of settlers which will increase its numbers and prosperity. But hemmed in as they now are from the outside world, it is no wonder that they are behind the times, and sadly so in the knowledge of the truth. A Sabbath School was organized there on my visit to them the most northern now working in this part of Ontario. I carried there from the Sabbath School of Dundas, a second-hand library which, though carried 500 miles, was no burden to me. It was gratifying to the people to have the prospect of good reading through the long winters, when the mail only comes twice a month.

They are exceedingly anxious for both secular and sacred instruction, and it will be a disgrace to the Church if some efforts are not put forth in that direction.

There are no settlers between this and the Georgian Bay, by way of the French River, except the Hudson Bay Company Port, on the Northern shore, so that you have reached the Western bounds of this extensive field and are about 150 miles away from Pembroke. You can now either return as you came, or by Indian help and guidance go down the French River, and take the lake steamers for home.

In the meantime I must leave, and bid you all adieu, thanking you for your company so far.

Yours,

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Notices of Publications.

The Life and Times of the Rev. Robert Burns, D. D., F. A. S., F. R. S. E., Toronto, including an unfinished Autobiography, edited by his son, the Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D., Montreal. Toronto: James Campbell & Son 1872. pp., 462.

In the August number of the Record, we were enabled to give a short notice of this interesting and valuable biography, by having placed in our hands advanced sheets of the first eleven chapters. The whole book is now before us. The 12th chapter contains an account of Dr. Burns' visit to the United States and Canada, in 1844, in company with Dr. Cunningham, collecting for the Building Fund of the Free Church. The next chapter gives the interesting particulars of his translation from Paisley and settlement in Canada. The 14th tells of the Pastorate in Toronto, varied by academy and college and evangelistic work. In this chapter also are found the well-known stories of the Jew Lublin, and the priest L——, illustrating the Doctor's keen discernment of character. The 15th chapter, entitled "Professorship," besides bringing before us the labours of Dr. Burns in Knox College, furnishes an interesting history of Presbyterian educational institutions in Canada. The beginning of the 16th, or Missionary Labours, is peculiarly descriptive. "Dr. Burns rejoiced in being a missionary at large." All parts of the Dominion, with the exception of the Far West which he longed to visit like the Jesuit missionaries of old, were witnesses to his rejoicing. A number of copious "jottings by the way," from the veteran missionary's day-books, make up the 17th chapter, entitled Missionary Sketches. The 18th chapter, although not part of the biography, is one of great value,