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A LETTER TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

My Dear Young Friends:

I have the pleasure of sending you a Record every month and now I want to say* something to you that I think I had better put in the form of a letter.

Live at one end of the Church, in the far East, and you live in different parts of it, from the East to the far West, and as I have just had a ride over the whole length of the Church from Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island I wish to tell you something about it.

The reason that I took the first part of the journey was that the General Assembly of our Church met at Winnipeg which as you will see by your geographies is more than half-way across the Continent. It was a long but pleasant journey of more than 2200 miles to Winnipeg.

At the Assembly there was a number of ministers and elders, about 300 in all, and they had meetings for more than a week, looking over the work of the past year and laying plans for the year that is to come. There were a great many subjects before the Assembly about the work of the church, that you will know more about when you get older and some things that you now know.

There was the subject of

FOREIGN MISSIONS

for which your Mission Bands are working. The work of the missionaries and teachers in the New Hebrides, in Trinidad, in India, in Formosa, and among the Indians of the North West, was considered, and plans made for carrying it on. Then there was .

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

You know something about that, for some of the Sabbath-schools give money to support pupils at the Point aux Trembles schools. There was the subject of

SABBATH-SCHOOLS,

in which you are all interested, and there were many other things that I will not speak of now.

After the work of the Assembly was over a number of those who were present thought they would like to see the Church and country still further West, and so they went all the way to the Pacific Coast and came back, some of them travelling in all between seven and eight thousand miles.

Now I wish to tell you about some of the things that I saw. One was

AN INDIAN SCHOOL.

Near the town of Portage la Prairie in Manitoba is a small band of Sioux Indians. They are heathen, and know nothing of Jesus. A young woman named Miss Wight is trying to teach them. It is slow work and needs much patience and faith. She tries to get the little girls to come and live with her that she may keep them away from the others and teach them sewing and house-keeping as well as other kinds of knowledge. One trouble that she has is to get them to attend school. Like some boys and girls that you know, some of them do not care much about going to school and in such a case their parents do not care enough about it to send them. The day I saw the school there were two men there. They had long hair, which hung down in two heavy braids, with a strip of fur braided in, and they no doubt thought it was very fine. They were sit-