

from Canada, dated 14th October. The mission work is advancing encouragingly. Mr. Nesbit purposes visiting Canada this summer, with the view of meeting his brother, the Rev. H. Nesbit, who has been for a number of years a missionary in Samoa, and who is to visit Canada early in summer. If all is well, Mr. Nesbit may be expected from the North West by the end of May. We subjoin a letter from Mr. Nesbit addressed specially to Sabbath schools. Many Sabbath schools have contributed to the mission; and as it is impossible for him to write specially to each, he addresses a letter to all.

LETTER FROM REV. JAMES NISBET.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION—PRINCE ALBERT,
SASKATCHEWAN, January 16, 1868.

To the members of the Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—I have been in the habit of sending letters to a few Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, that devote part of their Missionary contributions to the Mission with which I am connected—first at Red River, and now among the Indians in the Saskatchewan district of country. But the Schools and Classes that now contribute to this Mission are too numerous for me to send letters to each, separately. I think it better to send *one* letter, and address it to *all* the Schools and Classes for the information of those who already contribute, and that, if possible, others may be induced to help in the good work which, with the blessing of God, we have been enabled to begin. I shall request that a printed copy of this letter be sent to each Sabbath School and Bible Class connected with our Church, and I mean that the pupils in each will regard the letter as addressed to themselves.

The most of you are fully aware that fully a year and a-half ago, I left Red River Settlement for the purpose of establishing a Mission somewhere in this district—that we were providentially directed to the place where we now are, and which of all others that I have seen within a distance of twelve hundred miles from the Red River Settlement, over which I have travelled, it is the most suitable for all the purposes of a Mission Station.

Although some of the Indians were not disposed to allow us to remain here, when we first arrived, I am happy to say that they are all now quite friendly, and come to our meetings freely.

The place where we live is very good for farming, and we are anxious to get the Indians to settle and become farmers; a good many have come from great distances to talk with us on this subject, and to learn a little of our religion. The Indians, for more than six hundred miles west of this, have heard about the Mission, and with many of them I talked when I was on a visit to Edmonton, and we may expect that in course of time a good number will come to settle here.

But the work on which I think we must chiefly depend for doing permanent good among the Indians, is taking children into the Mission and giving them a proper Christian training. The Mission must take the whole charge of them; must feed, clothe, and educate them, and teach them how to work and make a living for themselves like white people; but especially strive to win them to Christ that they may be saved.

A beginning has already been made in this work. Since May last we have had two twin girls, about five years of age, and one orphan boy, about thirteen, under our care—other five Indian children from eight to fifteen