

MANITOBA.

(For the Children's Record.)

How many of you, children, receive letters from the North-West? I know many of you have friends there and some who read the CHILDREN'S RECORD live in Manitoba. I have never been in this country but I am going to tell you a few things about what our church is doing in this part of our Dominion for the good of souls. Next year you know our General Assembly meets in Winnipeg. Less than one hundred years from now another great meeting will be held, perhaps in this same city, to tell about the history and progress of Presbyterianism in Manitoba. People will call it a Centenary Celebration.

But we cannot wait for that great meeting. We will look at the present for a little. Presbyterian ministers have not labored long in Manitoba. Sixteen years ago there were only four of them at work. Now there are between 60 and 70. Sometimes during winter some of these ministers drive to church wrapped in furs drawn on a sled with a pair of oxen. You would think that a strange sight. In a new country hardship often has to be endured. Those who preach the gospel in new settlements must share with the people their toils and privations. They serve a good Master, however, who will reward them for their self-denial. Twelve years ago there were no young men telling the sweet story of the cross in this country. There are now about 30 student catechists. The home mission field is extending.

Then there are a great many Indians wandering over the Prairies of this country. Not less than 30,000 live in the Province to whom the Government has given lands. Something is being done for the souls of this people. There are now four missionaries and a number of teachers and catechists instructing them. I know that you will be pleased to learn that nearly 1000 of them are now professing Christians. One of these Indians is now a minister, a missionary among his own people, and I do not think any of

you can pronounce his name—Rev. Solomon Tunkansuicye. On the Reserve where he lives there are 141 souls, and family worship is kept up in almost every home.

Then men are needed to labour among the people, and new settlements are springing up where the gospel must be preached. Fifteen years ago there was no college where young men could be educated for the ministry. Now there is a building at Winnipeg an ornament to the town, with three professors, three tutors, and three lecturers, with 14 students in theology. Last year 40 churches and 5 mansees were built.

You will thus see that our church is making rapid progress in Manitoba. A few years ago there were only a few people trading in furs living in the country beside the Indians. There are many churches yet to be built and many Indians to be brought to Christ.

God has given this country into our hands. It is our duty to go in and occupy it for Christ. Will every reader of the CHILDREN'S RECORD help in the work and thus be a co-worker with Christ. D.

THE GOLDEN RULE EXEMPLIFIED.

In the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is the following story told by an English Missionary lady about a class of small children in China she was teaching: "The youngest of them had by hard study contrived to keep his place at the head so long that he seemed to claim it by right of possession. Growing self-confident, he missed the word, which was immediately spelled by the boy standing next him, whose face expressed the triumph he felt, yet he made no move toward taking the place, and when urged to do so, firmly refused, saying, 'No, me not go; me not make Ah Fun's heart sorry.' That little act meant much self-denial, yet was done so thoughtfully and kindly that spontaneously from several lips came the quick remark, 'He do all the same as Jesus' Golden rule.'"