

# WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

AUGUST 1st, 1871.

## SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

MANY tokens of co-operation and good-will have been given to the Missionaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, from the commencement of their labors in the Hudson's Bay Territory, by the officers in charge of the different posts occupied by that Honorable Company. Distinguished in their attentions for courtesy, hospitality, and sympathy, they have often shown their appreciation of Ministerial character and wants in times of difficulty, and, but for their assistance, what would have been times of suffering. It is pleasurable to the Committee to record the following letter, addressed to the Rev. G. McDougall, by Chief-Factor Wm. J. Christie, Esq., of Edmonton, on a visit to Fort Victoria and White Fish Lake, dated Victoria, February 6th, 1871. He has the hearty thanks of the Committee for his generous donations.

"Enclosed I beg to hand you two checks of £10 each, which you will please accept,—say £10 in aid of the Victoria school, and £10 in aid of the school you have established at Whitefish Lake. I have requested Mr. Hardisty to aid in supplying whatever you may wish to purchase from the Company here for the benefit of your school children. I am fully aware, in a year of scarcity and famine like the present, the difficulty you have of keeping your little school children together, and I shall be most happy to do all I can to aid you in such a good cause. I need not again say how much pleased and gratified I was at the services yesterday, and to bear witness to the progress the children have made, and the part they took in the services of the day. Whilst con-

gratulating you on the progress and great success of your schools, I cannot let this opportunity pass without offering my deep sympathy and heartfelt sorrow for you and Mrs. McDougall, in the great bereavement which has befallen you, having felt similar affliction. I well know the loss you have both sustained. Let us hope and cheer ourselves and take comfort, that though lost to us, these dear ones have gained, and that they have gone to a happier home. 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord!' I shall ever take a deep interest in the schools in the Saskatchewan everywhere, whilst I remain with you, and shall always be happy to promote their interests in every way in my power."

Addresses were presented to the Chief Factor by the Indians and others of both Settlements, in one of which is the following passage:

"We would heartily congratulate the Chief Factor of the Saskatchewan District on the signs of the times: You, sir, were the first to break up the liquor trade in this country, and that act of humanity, effected by you nine years ago, is now sustained by civil

authority. We are also persuaded that the interests of the great Company represented by you will ever be one with that of the Settler,—You, the great land proprietors in this fine country, and we, the pioneers, must ever work in harmony."