

WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

<i>Norway House</i>	Orrin German.
<i>Oxford House</i>	Enos Langford.
<i>Nelson River</i>	To be visited.
<i>Beren's River</i>	Native Assistant, under the Superintendent of Fisher River.
<i>Fisher River</i> ..?	Andrew W. Ross.

NORWAY HOUSE.

ROSSVILLE.—We cannot make as favourable a report of the work here as we could wish. A few names have been added to the membership—ten in all—who had been previously baptised, and who had even taken the Sacrament without having made themselves known to the Missionary. We have, however, to set against these, four removed and seven died. There has not been the hearty spiritual interest shown among the members which is so necessary to a Church if she will even hold her own, to say nothing of increase. There is a far better feeling now, at the close of the year, than there was at the beginning. It should be remembered that there is not so much, in regard to Indian Missions, to be ascertained respecting the real state of the Church by increase or decrease in members, as by a close and constant observation of the life of each one who has become Christian in name.

Judging from attendance on Sabbath worship, and especially at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, one would say that there has been, and is, a very deep interest in religion. Judging again from the attendance on week-day prayer-meetings, and other week-day services, perhaps not so favourable a conclusion would be reached. One appointment (York village) has always been fully up to the mark in attendance and spirituality. Of Norway and Jack River (a weak appointment) just the contrary must be said.

The class-meetings have been generally well attended. But it must be borne in mind that many of the people are often away from home for weeks together, so that it would be unreasonable to expect *regular* attendance on any of the services. Some of the younger members still find it difficult to speak in class. On the whole, however, there is an improvement.

The Sunday-School is not at all satisfactory. The children do not come as regularly as they might. And they seem to have got the absurd idea that after the age of twelve or fourteen they are too big to go to Sunday-School. One chief reason of this want of interest is the lack of books. It has always been our idea that whatever might be taught in the day-school, they should, in the Sunday-School, learn to read their own language. We have used mostly Indian hymns, and for reading we had a few copies of the Gospel by St. John, translated by the late Archdeacon Hunter. But we have no more of these.

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