

in this place for our support this year must go to the church, so that we shall have to be rather a heavy tax on the Missionary Fund. For this year, at any rate, it will be costly living here. Our Episcopalian friends give their young man here \$600 out of their Missionary Fund, and the people no doubt will do a good deal for him. But I need not say anything about money matters, as some of the Missionary Committee and yourself know our circumstances, and I know we shall not be left to starve.

That a railroad will be made from

here to Fort Garry soon seems quite probable. If this should take place, and the Mines turn out well, we shall have a large town here in a short time. We shall earnestly pray for Divine guidance.

Do as well as you can for us before the winter sets in, and it will be a great accommodation. Some of the money you sent for our own use I shall probably have to expend on the church and take store-goods here on subscriptions. I can get more for the church from some individuals in this way.

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*From the same, Prince Arthur's Landing, Thunder Bay, 2nd December, 1872.*

I can scarcely express the satisfaction and encouragement I have experienced in receiving your letters, and the letter from Mr. Mason containing two cheques for \$600. By the same boat I also received a letter from Mr. James Beatty, Thorold, containing a cheque for \$50 to aid in the erection of Providence Church. Please convey to Dr. Roseburgh my thanks for the \$10 he kindly sent me by your letter. I am greatly obliged to you for the trouble you took to get for me the \$600. I know you made every exertion to meet my wishes.

On the 10th ult. we had the opening services of our basement, or lecture-room; and on Monday evening following we had a tea-meeting. We had a very good attendance. The proceeds of the tea, and a small subscription, amounted to \$175. This was more than I expected. Everybody seemed pleased with our lecture-room. We have it neatly fitted up and well lighted. The stove you sent us from Toronto proves to be just what we needed. I had fears that it would be too small for so large a room, but the place is so protected that a little fire will keep it warm during the coldest weather. The subscriptions for the church, together with the proceeds of the tea-meeting, amount now to about \$1200. If all be well, I hope next summer to get a goodly sum to aid in completing the upper part of the church. You will be pleased to know that our school-room, at our public services, is filled with a very attentive congregation. Last evening, notwithstanding the snow-storm, our room was nearly filled, and I scarcely

ever had a better time talking to a congregation, and I never had better attention. My text was Heb. xii. 14: "Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Surely the Holy Spirit was with us to bless the people.

My way is opening up nicely at the Shuniah Mine. I have been out and have had meetings three times. As soon as the ice forms in the bay I shall visit the Beck Mine, about twelve miles distant. We feel all right now for the winter. We shall have plenty of work, and I have no doubt the winter will seem to pass away quickly.

I have made inquiries about the Indians about Fort Francis. I am told they are of a peaceable disposition, and that there are about 800, large and small. They are, of course, scattered over quite a large extent of country, but all do their trading at Fort Francis, which, as you know, is about half-way between here and Fort Garry. From what I can learn the Jesuits have made some efforts among them, but I think without success. There is no religious teacher among them now, I understand, nor has there been for a long time. It may be that the Jesuits have not been there since A. Salt left. I think it is our duty as a church to do something, as soon as it will be well possible, for the Indians at Fort Francis. They are right on the line of travel between here and the great N. W. Two large steamers are building to run on the Lake of the Woods, not far from Fort Francis. The surveyors came by the "Acadia," who are to run out a line of railroad, I understand,