

place when they passed away? Was the conjurer's drum beating? Was the death wail of the heathen ringing in their dying ears? Had those aged men and women become a burden, and were they neglected or entirely forsaken, and left to perish alone, as many of their ancestors had been? No, for the gospel had reached them, and had also touched the hearts of their friends, and, amid acts of Christian kindness, and with songs of Christian melody, and "Christ the first fruits" lighting up the way and leading them on, they passed from time into eternity. Yonder, on that little rise, near those trees, is the burying-ground. There many of those I have been calling up in mind sleep; and by-and-by "They shall come from the North and West, and sit down in the kingdom of our God," and these from Whitefish Lake will be among the number. Now that the Government has made a treaty with these Crees, and has promised them help in many ways, they will be enabled to stay more at the Mission than in the past, and, in consequence, their material and spiritual interests will be advanced.

Victoria, the next place we will notice, and where we had the pleasure of making four visits, as we came and went from Whitefish Lake and the Treaty, we found still without a pastor, but in the meantime well cared for by our zealous teacher, Bro. Sinclair. Both he and Mrs. Sinclair seem to be well imbued with the true Missionary spirit; the deep interest they have taken in all parts of the work connected with the Mission manifests this. Bro. Sinclair has also set a good example by seeding the whole of the field belonging to the place, and has been very much blessed with the return. This will be a great help to himself, and also to the incoming Missionary, who they are looking for every day. Owing to previous neglect the mission-house and chapel are somewhat out of repair, and do not present the appearance they should; however, with a small portion of work and

expense this will be made all right. A severe hail-storm had passed over this place recently, and broken too panes of glass in the church and mission-house. Bro. Sinclair had, on his own account, sent to Edmonton and obtained the glass, which is quite an item out here. I felt it my duty to assure him that he would not have to bear the expense incurred by the accident. In visiting the day and Sabbath-schools I was much delighted with the progress made. Some of the little Indian boys and girls are rapidly learning English. This school, in common with the rest in this part, suffers from the want of some of the necessary appliances, such as geographies, maps, slates, pencils, chalk, &c. We were at this place two Sabbaths, and also attended some week-night meetings. The congregations, considering the season, were good; the spirit of the services was blessed, and we felt that, notwithstanding the drawbacks, and all that has been said to the contrary, Methodism has a cause at Victoria, and our Missionary Society need not feel discouraged at what has been done at this place. Though not as old by many years as Whitefish Lake, yet this has also been the scene of many Missionary triumphs. Paganism and civilized superstition, native war and intemperance, intrigue against the general well-being of the country, have each, in their turn, received hard blows, and in some measure been counteracted by the influence of this centre of Missionary effort. Your agents have, in the past, witnessed bright days at Victoria. With chapel full of attentive hearers, with school well attended, with a large population of natives, earnestly desirous to learn new modes of living in time and for eternity, around them, they have felt that the Lord was prospering His work in their hands. Again, the sky has been overcast; dark days have come, native wars troubled them, their lives menaced, their horses taken from the door; worse than this, fearful diseases came—measles, scarlet fever, small-pox, and hun-