

mind or body for the work of the Church. The people are preparing to build a school, and expect to have it completed next summer. They then intend to ask the Government for a teacher during the summer months. In winter the people are scattered, hunting, so that the school could not be kept open then. This school also ought to be in our own care, and I have little doubt but that we can have it if we make application.

One hundred and three miles from Grand Rapids is another band who last year settled on a reserve, now named "Pekangekum." Sukeske, a head man of this band, speaking for the people, refused to receive the offered visits of Bro. Langford in 1886. Bro. Butler talked with the old man this summer during the time of the Treaty Payments, and found him very communicative and friendly. He said he wanted his missionary brothers to come up and see him and his people, and they would give him plenty to eat.

Bro. Butler describes those people as a fine looking, honest set of men, free from the imported vices of the white man; vices which, I am sorry to say, are the most stubborn and demoralizing with which the missionary has to deal.

Letter from REV. JOHN McDUGALL, dated MORLEY, ALBERTA, Feb. 6th, 1890.

I HAVE just had word from some of our missions in the north. Robert Steinhauer, from Saddle Lake, says, "Our people still show a teachable spirit. They are striving to walk near to God. Our meetings are always well attended, both on Sundays and weekdays."

"The attendance at our schools is good, and we have not to complain of the children being kept away by their parents; on the other hand, these are anxious that their children should attend school."

Bro. McLachlin writes: "I am exceedingly thankful to a kind Providence for restored health. The Master is still blessing us. We can report progress. This is a hard winter. Owing to the drouth of last season, the people are having a hard fight to keep the wolf from the door. We will not be able this year to do anything in the way of missionary subscriptions, as every dollar that can be raised will be needed to keep off actual starvation, and purchase seed for next season. Winter wolves are becoming bold, some of them coming within twenty yards of the house."

At Morley we have every reason to thank God for His blessing upon our work. Our last Quarterly Meetings were seasons of special interest. The people are grasping the truth, a deeper work of grace is going on. Class-meetings, are well attended, and our week-night prayer-meetings are full of power. Slowly yet surely the leaven is working. The change which has come over these Indians for the better in the last ten years is wonderful. They are not one-tenth the trouble and anxiety they were to us then. My wife and myself often talk about this. We feel that we are coming out of the wilderness with these people, and are exceedingly glad because of the pleasant change which has taken place.

The Orphanage is doing first-class work, considering its equipment.

Facts and Illustrations.

THERE are about 200 million Mahomedans in the world.

IT is said that *five million* young men in America never attend church.

THERE are in all 443 missionaries in Japan, 177 males, and 266 females.

UPWARD of two million youths of India are to-day receiving a liberal education.

LADY visitors have been appointed for twenty-six prisons in England and Wales.

TWICE the number of the population of Canada die in darkness in China every year.

THERE are 80,000 Jews in Vienna, Austria, and they are said to be easily reached with the Gospel.

THE African Methodist Church has decided to establish in Philadelphia home for its aged ministers. It is to cost \$50,000.

WITH the exception of 30,000 Roman Catholics and a few hundred Protestant Christians, Bombay, a city of 800,000 souls, and said to be *evangelized*, is still heathen.

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