

realised, but we cannot wait. The people are gathering around us, and church and school must be provided. If some of our generous friends in Canada would remember us, we should be greatly encouraged.

Four years ago, this winter, I received from James Ferrier, Esq., of Montreal, a valuable gift in nails, glass, socks, butts, and screws, &c., and to-day four Missions are benefitted by that gentleman's liberality. Will some generous friend think of us at Fort Edmonton? Our people have done nobly, and they will still do all in their power; but to meet the wants of this new country, we must look for help from abroad.

As regards the spiritual part of our work, we have much to encourage us. There is a growing interest manifested in our Sabbath services. All the Protestant children attend day and Sabbath-school. Assisted by Mr. Hardisty, we have a week-night school for the benefit of the young men. We are also in a position to receive the visits of Blackfeet, Crees, and Stoneys; and if we had a place of worship, we might be much more useful to these poor wanderers.

A kind Providence is watching over us, and the present time is the most favorable we have seen for a settlement with the natives. We are now enjoying the longest peace that has been witnessed for many years in the Saskatchewan; and there is a general expectation that the Great Oukemah will be here next summer to treat with his red children. Another cause of gratitude is, the buffalo are plentiful. Should these herds leave our plains for one winter,

we should all be subject to starvation; for until there is a force in the country, and some arrangement made by the Government with the Indians, all that the Company and settlers have would be at their mercy. Hence, we feel deeply grateful to that Providence who is feeding the red man, and preparing his mind to accept reasonable terms from his coming neighbour.

We are all very anxious that steps should be taken by the Government to give us protection, and the Fenian raid in Red River has increased our anxiety in this point. We are only ten days distant from a vast mining community. From that part of the country parties occasionally reach the Saskatchewan, and past experience has taught us that a large proportion of these visitors are connected with Fenianism. We are also threatened with the Montawa whiskey-traders. One was expected at the Mountain House on New Year's day, and a large party are now preparing to visit Benton in the spring; and if the Government provide no protection against the illicit traffic of these unprincipled men, the natives will become a demoralized, lawless enemy to the white man. Petitions have been sent to the authorities earnestly requesting their attention to these important matters.

Again, another thing that ought not to be overlooked is the fact that we have the same elements at work in this country that brought about the rebellion in Red River, and cost the Dominion such vast sums. Last fall a meeting was held only ten miles from this place, presided over by a bishop,