

RDL

d I placed
I received
the Salva-
s, in keep-
given me.

XIX

THE OAKS,
NEAR PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MANITOBA,
November 15. —.

MY DEAR MOTHER,

We have finished the last of the threshing, and are settling down to winter conditions, which season is now upon us. The 'harvest help' I have dismissed save one man, whom I shall retain through the winter, so Sarah and I are practically alone in our happiness. She insists that she does not find the work of the house too much, and refuses a servant for herself. Domestics, I may say, are here hard to obtain and harder to hold. They are quickly picked up as wives by the settlers.

My operations for the summer have shown a good profit, and so I feel myself a successful Canadian farmer; and now, as I look back