

fied with their position, and to desire more light and to be anxious for instruction in doctrines of Christianity. From several I got a promise that they would pray to the great and good Spirit to lead them into the true light. Polygamy, a superstitious dread of their medicine-men and conjurers, wandering habits, and an idea that he who would *teach* them ought to *feed* them to a considerable extent—*these* are obstacles in the way of their Christianization, but they are surmountable and have been surmounted in thousands of instances. The difficulty of mastering their language so as to preach in it, or of getting the truth properly before them through an interpreter, is felt by all our missionaries. From them we need now fear neither violence nor opposition. The term 'savages,' if by any applied to Indians of this country, whether Christian or pagan, is a misnomer in these latter days. Openings for schools and missionaries abound, 'the fields are white unto the harvest,' the laborers are comparatively few, and the funds are not as plentiful as they should be in the treasury of a Church bought with the Redeemer's blood.

"After parting with the kind people at Beren's River on January 11 I reached home on Friday, the 16th, weary and sore indeed, better, as I suppose, in health; and yet after the services of Sabbath the reaction came, and for several days it seemed uncertain whether an attack of fever or inflammatory rheumatism awaited me. However, deliverance came, and, as has been usual with me, through the infinite mercy and goodness of God. I am thankful that I have been enabled to make the trip in the winter, but this one, with its fatigue and exposure, must suffice for me. Were I possessed of the vigor and activity and endurance and *lightness* which were mine thirty years ago I might decide otherwise. It affords me great pleasure to state that my brethren are not only in health, but, as I believe, energetically, faithfully, and successfully prosecuting their great work. Our district meeting is appointed to be held in Grace Church, Winnipeg, on the 9th and 10th of March, when we hope to make our