

never passed through so severe trials as since I came here, and consequently never felt so fully my need of the sustaining grace of God. The forms in which sin presents itself here are "legion." Satan is striving hard for the mastery, but in the name of our God we will set up our banners, and the powers of darkness shall not prevail. The little leaven is being carefully placed, and the time shall come when the whole lump shall be leavened. There are many things of interest which might be mentioned; but as I am quite confident of your particular interest in the work of God here, I shall try and represent matters just as they are in my part of the Mission. Our congregations are larger than through the winter, and the fires of prejudice which burned in many bosoms are rapidly dying out, and the people are beginning to find out that our main object is to do them good. We have a Sabbath School at each appointment, with an average in all of about one hundred scholars and teachers. I look upon our Sabbath Schools as one of the most hopeful prospects of our work; the numbers are increasing from Sabbath to Sabbath, and the interest taken by teachers and scholars is most cheering. I attend the schools in person, and consequently my work is very materially increased, in fact is more than I can possibly continue to do for any considerable length of time. I offered to Bro. Young to take the responsibility of boarding a single man if he would advise the Conference to appoint one. The work really requires

at least the labors of another minister. I have a place chosen for him to board. There are places I cannot possibly attend to. During last winter we got out timber for two churches 24x30 inside, and have them raised. The people all united heartily in this work, and are willing to do what they can towards their completion. I would rather place into than draw from the Mission Fund; but still, I think I am aware that there are many places getting assistance which do not need it so badly as we do. There are two other appointments where we must build churches next year, and we are yet weak. We are heartily glad that we have been at all able to hold our ground during the storms of the past winter, and there are influences at work to-day that are quite as detrimental to the cause of Christ as any that have been at work during the past year. It will be time enough to explain these matters when we can be safe in doing so. Our class and prayer-meetings have been and are still well attended, and the good Lord is ever present when we call upon Him. The spring here has been fine, and the crops are looking beautiful. Wheat, barley, and oats are coming into head. The weather has been very warm during the past two weeks. Rains and thunder storms frequent. Mosquitoes very numerous, and have no delicacy in presenting their bills. Grasshoppers also abound, but in this part have as yet done no damage—but the people are very anxious. May the plague be removed!

### RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

SINCE the foregoing pages were in type letters have been received from the Rev. E. R. Young, at Norway House, describing a second visit to Nelson River, with many tokens of the Divine blessing attending the Missionary and people; and from the Rev. P. Campbell, at Woodville and Edmonton House, where they remain in imminent peril, subject to great domestic inconvenience for the want of a suitable residence, but regularly attending to his duties at both places, fifty miles apart, and much encouraged by the desire of some of the people for instruction and change of life. He earnestly calls upon his Canadian friends for prayer on their behalf.