

two on shore. Some who were at first indifferent, if not hostile, are beginning to attend our services regularly, and manifest considerable interest in them.

We have succeeded in getting two rooms to live in. We are not yet very comfortable, but are waiting for something better. Houses are so scarce that the Company can scarcely provide for the men they have, and they require more, especially carpenters. Last Wednesday we had a terrific storm which took away thirty feet of cribbing which surrounds the islet, and did a great deal of damage beside. The repairs thus made necessary will absorb the whole attention of the carpenters for some time to come, so that I scarcely hope to get a house this winter.

Steps were taken about six weeks ago to raise a subscription for us, but at the same time some of the people set on foot a subscription for lamps and an instrument of music for our place of worship, and as two subscriptions could not be pushed at the same time with advantage, I was requested to allow mine to be delayed for two or three months. I have drawn \$200 of the amount for which Mr. Macdonald gave me credit, and you may depend upon me to incur no unnecessary

expense. As far as I can see, we will need \$700 this year, as things are so very expensive; and I hope the people will raise \$250. I include my removal expenses—which I have brought down as low as possible (\$18)—in the \$700. The organ for the school-house we look upon as a necessity. At first the people seemed to take no sort of interest in our services; but we succeeded in organizing a singing-meeting, and this has attracted to our services those that composed it and their families, while others come to hear the singing. Some influential persons have taken an interest in our singing, whom we could hardly hope to interest in any other way. I have reason to hope that the prayers and the preaching are now beginning to tell on them. The resident Secretary of the Silver Islet Company, Mr. Hill, has, as I told Dr. Wood, presented us with 4 dozen Hymn Books and 4 dozen Bibles, and he speaks of getting a quantity of Bibles and Hymn Books for Black Bay. I am, on the whole, greatly encouraged about this Mission; and I hope your experiment in sending a Missionary may after all turn out to be a success.

I will write again as soon as I have any news to tell. Pray for us.

## PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING.

*From the Rev. Wm. HALSTEAD, dated Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, Sep. 5, 1872.*

I am pleased to inform you that our cause is prospering here. Last night our prayer-meeting in our house was a precious season. The Lord very graciously refreshed all present, and caused all to feel much encouraged for the future. Mrs. H. arrived here safe, more than two weeks ago. We at once commenced house-keeping in our new home, and we hope by a little effort to make at least part of our house comfortable for the next winter. Our church is progressing nicely. We expect in four or five weeks to have our basement ready for dedication. This basement we expect to fit up in a neat way and make it very comfortable. I am greatly pleased with the prospect of having so commodious and suitable a place for our Sabbath-school, prayer-meetings, &c. The ground dug out for

the basement is hard dry sand. There will be no danger of dampness, especially as our way of fitting up the place will prevent that.

Our prospects for a good Sabbath-school are quite encouraging. We have not sufficient space in the small courtroom for those that now attend. Our subscription for the church is coming up nicely, considering our circumstances. I can see the good hand of the Lord guiding me in my coming here; and I think I see good prospects for our cause if we be faithful.

I hope to see "Providence Church" such a building as will give great pleasure and satisfaction to all our friends who come around Thunder Cape to see us. Every dollar received shall be carefully expended, and properly acknowledged. Much that would come to me