

we desire to return our hearty thanks to the officers and directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society, for the interest they have taken in our Province, and for their cordial liberality in the inauguration of the work of Bible distribution in the North-west."

*Monthly Reports of Mr. Neil Henderson, Colporteur, Manitoba.*

The perusal of Mr. Henderson's reports fully satisfies us as to the wisdom of the Committee in Winnipeg in selecting him. This is especially so in view of the fact that he is the first person called to fill the office of colporteur in the new Province. Before long others will have to be assigned similar duties in Manitoba and in the adjoining districts, as the day is not very distant when these fertile districts will become Provinces of the Dominion, and will require due attention from the older sections of the Confederation in furnishing the dwellers therein with the word of God. Nay, before they are known as Provinces, it will probably be our duty to look after those few settlers who, in advance of others, may decide to seek new homes in the more distant North-west. Mr. Henderson's reports embrace from the month of October 1872 to that of February 1873, inclusive. We here give in full the letter contained in his report for October, and brief extracts from the others. In each, testimony is borne to the pleasing fact that the immigrants from Canada (*most of them doubtless from Ontario*) are Protestants, and that they are well supplied with the Scriptures, brought with them from their native Province, yet they purchased additional copies from him. The colporteur found the old settlements the most destitute; their inhabitants knew little of the Bible Society, but were most thankful for the colporteur's visits, and for the cheap Bibles he brought them. As to his work in October, Mr. Henderson writes as follows:

*To the Secretaries of the Upper Canada Bible Society, Toronto:*

GENTLEMEN:—In regard to my work during the month I have to report as follows:—

1. That the districts visited have been those in the western part of the Province, in the County of Marquette, viz: the new settlements of White Mud River, Red Creek and Lake Manitoba, and the older settlements of Portage la Prairie and High Bluff; and also the new settlements of Springfield and Cook's Creek, in the County of Lisgar.

2. That these new settlements have been formed chiefly during the last and the present year; that the population is thin and scattered; that the settlers are mostly immigrants from Ontario and other parts of the Dominion; that I found them, on the whole, well provided with copies of the Scriptures, nevertheless many of them bought additional copies.

3. That the inhabitants of the older settlements were not so well provided, and that 14 families whom I visited were altogether destitute of the Scriptures. These were supplied. That while the Canadians were all acquainted with the operations of the Bible Society, the older settlers knew very little of them, but were delighted to hear of them, and to think that the Society would be so kind as to send Bibles to their doors, and at so very moderate rates.

4. That my reception among the people of all classes was as cordial as I could wish, and that I everywhere received the kindest hospitality without charge.

5. That in many cases I was requested to read the Scriptures and pray, and that I always had the privilege of conducting family worship where I lodged for the night, with few exceptions.

6. That the inhabitants of these districts are Protestant, chiefly of the Episcopal, Presbyterian and Wesleyan denominations.

7. That from the resident clergymen I received every encouragement.

8. That I have found great pleasure in my work.