

MISSIONS TO THE INDIANS.

MUSCOWPETUNG'S.

Mr. John Crawford, of Rosburn, Man., has been appointed principal of the new industrial school in the Qu'Appelle valley, which is to take the place of the school carried on so successfully by the Rev. Mr. Moore for the past four years. The school quite outgrew the limited accommodations provided for it in connection with the mission house, and a fine stone building to serve as a home for about forty children has been erected on the north side of the reserve, while Mr. Moore as missionary will continue to occupy the same house as before. Mr. Crawford was formerly an elder in the Rev. A. Beamer's congregation at Petrolea, Ont., and since coming to the west three years ago has been a successful teacher in Northwestern Manitoba. Let Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have the sympathies and prayers of the Church in the new and arduous work to which they are addressing themselves. The school has been closed since the midsummer holidays awaiting the completion of the new building, and Mr. Moore in writing last week says the children are enquiring when it is to be re-opened; they think the holidays have continued long enough.

BOTH SIDES OF THE SHIELD.

What would mission work be without faith in God and the strength and hopefulness that come in answer to prayer? And yet even the faithful missionary sometimes finds the night dark and forgets that the dawn surely comes.

Here are two extracts from letters that came by the same mail and represent diverse aspects of similar work. Does the Church not see in them a call for prayer on behalf of these men? The first is from a man who fills one of the most difficult pioneer outposts in the mission service. "Our attendance still keeps small—just four children (three boys and a girl) since about the middle of July. Still I am not in the least dismayed." The next sentence begins with "I thank God," and the matter for thanksgiving is so small that to a less grateful heart it would seem scarcely worth mentioning.

The other letter says: "I told you in my last letter that I did not see the use of my being here much longer when I am not able to do anything. If I saw that there was any hope of my doing better in the future I would be content to stay, but as I have tried it already and failed to rouse the least interest in the Indians on religious matters I do not see that I can do anything further * * * I am content to stay all winter and see what I can do, although I am sure I can do nothing here."

Miss Baker has consented at considerable personal inconvenience to continue for the present at least as teacher of the new mission school at Prince Albert.