

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

AUGUST 1st, 1872.

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

COMMUNICATIONS with our more distant Missions in the North West are so unfrequent and uncertain that in some instances several months pass away without opportunities occurring of having any intercourse with what the Missionaries are wont to call "the outward world;" this will explain the reason why our letters in the "Notices" often appear old in dates. Notwithstanding this applies to the following from the Chairman of this District, there are several important topics brought out so intimately blended with the welfare of the Indian, our own Mission work, and the material prosperity of the country, that we readily venture its publication and solicit for it an attentive consideration.

In addition to the erection of the Mission-House referred to in the following letter, Mr. McDougall forwards a list of subscribers to assist in the building of a sanctuary for Divine worship at Edmonton House, to which the Honorable Company's Officers, and others, have most liberally subscribed, to the amount of Eleven Hundred and Eighteen Dollars.

December 27th. — We moved into our new and comfortable parsonage, grateful to the Honorable Company for free quarters in the Fort, and much valuable assistance while the house was being erected. Our furniture consisted of one small table and three chairs; but a workbench was retained in one of the rooms, and with the help of friends, we hope soon to make up the deficiency.

The building cost us \$1023 62 cents,—not including my own labor, which has been continuous for the last five months. There is still a balance against us of \$193

62 cents; this we have concluded to let stand over for the present, and have opened a subscription list for a church with a good prospect of success.

Our pressing want is a place for public worship; and, trusting to the liberality of friends, we are resolved to build forthwith. Our greatest difficulty is to procure the materials. Lumber is very expensive, as all is cut with the pit saw, and they ask in the pinery \$75 for the thousand feet. Here is a fine opening for an enterprising Canadian with a steam mill. A fortune might soon be