

children of the chief of a few remaining pagans of Norway House. At Jackson Bay and Oxford House we baptized thirty-four souls.\* We have one hundred and twenty in society at Rossville, and ten on trial; the school is also prospering. Since the arrival of Mr. James Isbister from Nelson River, (whose diligent and persevering application to the duties of his office I cannot but commend,) the children have made rapid progress. There are seventy-four scholars, divided into ten classes, who are taught reading, writing, arithmetic, and singing. Many of the children love the school, and beg to remain at the village, when necessity compels their parents to leave, that they may go to school. Their good conduct and regular attendance are truly pleasing; and we have every reason to hope that they will be a blessing to the land of their birth; certain it is, they will be much more intelligent than their fathers. But we never forget, that grace alone can renew the heart, and make them "new creatures in Christ Jesus."

Our church has undergone repairs. During the winter we sawed timber for weather-boarding, which was planed in the spring, and put up. The building now looks very well, and will last for years, as it has been painted both inside and out. Toward defraying the expenses incurred, I am glad to acknowledge the liberal contribution of George Barnston, Esquire, of £5, and also £2 for prizes to the school children. The Christian Indians gave three days' work each, and some of them are becoming quite expert joiners.

A great stimulus was given to the children's progress in learning, and to the mission generally, by the interest which George Barnston, Esquire, has taken in the prosperity of our cause, and by the very liberal contributions of some of the honorable company's officers, a list of which I now forward you for due insertion. (The transfers will appear in the company's account next year.)

Our operations in the printing department have been somewhat retarded by the want of a printer and an ink ball; yet, notwithstanding, we managed to take off an edition of St. John's Gospel, six copies of which I now for-

\* More than eight hundred baptisms are registered on this station since the commencement of the mission, in the year 1840.