

Students. We are glad to hear that your venerable father, together with Principal Willis and Professor Young, are still strong for their work, and that a gratifying addition has been made to the number of students. In common with yourselves in Canada, we have felt it a privilege specially to remember our College in our private and public devotions on the first Sabbath in October, and when the time comes round I have no doubt but our people will cheerfully contribute out of their limited means towards its support.

With you, we most sincerely regret that the principal object of my recent visit to Canada has not been realized; but we do not give up hope that the establishment of a mission to the Indians exclusively will yet be attained. We are sorry that Mr. Duff is not to be sent to us, but far are we from grudging the Columbians the little help you are about to send them. Accept of our thanks for the appropriation made towards a commencement of operations on the Saskatchewan. We have had no word from the friends there since my return, so that we cannot yet tell what success they have had during the season, or what are the prospects for the coming year. I might mention, however, that independently of miners, a missionary going into that district might be usefully employed in visiting the H. B. Coy's forts and trading posts where there are always a number of Scotch Presbyterians engaged, and by whom his labours would be highly valued. That is a class of our fellow-countrymen who have been sadly overlooked. It is no uncommon thing for the officers and servants of the Co. to be months and years together at their lonely posts without seeing the face of a minister or missionary of any church. I am sorry to say that the retired missionary—to whom you referred in your letter—has left the settlement, and consequently it will be more difficult to supply the congregations here than we were anticipating, supposing one of us should go to the Saskatchewan in the spring. You are right in saying that the school materials I brought with me will prove a great boon to our young folk. The pupils in our various Sabbath Schools are greatly delighted with their new libraries, and the maps and object and tablet lessons are a great benefit to the week-day school. In this place it is proper that I should mention that at the annual meeting of the Kildonan congregation which was held a week ago a vote of thanks was passed for my efforts in behalf of the schools and congregations in this settlement on the occasion of my recent visit to Canada. This of course means hearty thanks to the Synod for their generous grant towards the completing of our little churches, and equally hearty thanks to the many kind friends who enabled me by their contributions to procure such a good supply of library books, etc., for our Sabbath and week-day schools. It will not be invidious here to name two who have all along manifested a most lively interest in this out post of our church—I mean the Hon. John McMurich of Toronto, and Mr. Donald McLellan of Hamilton; their hearty interest and their generous gifts are fully appreciated by the people here. The communion service, the baptismal font, and the books for our congregational library furnished by the latter gentleman have come in good time.

I hope that contributions for the building of a school house here still come in. I find that the whole sum received by Mr. Reid and myself up to the 24th Sept., is a little over \$270. To complete the building we shall require a much larger amount than this, even although the people here should contribute one fourth of the expense (as I believe they will) may I not expect that at least our old college companions will take up my circular and make some good use of it? And what are my old friends in the North-Western portion of the Toronto presbytery doing? They are now nearly all enjoying the ministrations of settled pastors, comfortable houses, fruitful farms, and good markets? Surely they will not act the part of Pharaoh's butler? I am quite sure, that, if our dear friends in Canada only knew fully our circumstances here, they would not only help us to build a school house, but they would also aid us in maintaining teachers. As yet we have only one school, whereas we ought to have three. Schools are sadly wanted at Little Britain and Fairfield—our two distant out-