

four miles, is stony and poorly fitted for cultivation. Between McIntosh and St. Laurent the land is sandy loam, but is very excellent, and we have seldom enjoyed a drive anywhere so thoroughly. There is a bright future for this section. At St. Laurent we crossed the South Saskatchewan and drove through about fourteen or sixteen miles of sand hills, which are clothed with poplar, larch, pine and spruce. There have been taken from these woods 350,000 ties for the use of the Qu'Appelle and St. Laurent Railway. Leaving Cameron's, about twenty-two miles from Batoche, we pass through a broken country all the way to Prince Albert. The soil is a rich loam, not too heavy and yet very productive. There are some nice poplar bluffs, and a good many ponds and small lakes that have been of incalculable benefit to the settlers during these dry years.

Prince Albert quietly nestles in the valley of the North Saskatchewan, stretching along a distance of nearly five miles. The interests of the west end gather around Emanuel College, which was established by the late Bishop McLean. The centre of the town grew up under the fostering care of the Presbyterian Mission, and is built upon land secured by the late Rev. Mr. Nesbit. Some three years ago, or perhaps more, Nesbit Academy was projected and built, but last winter, in connection with a Masonic ball given in the building, the Academy took fire and was totally destroyed. The east end is controlled by the Hudson's Bay Company. There is very considerable strife just now as to where the new line of railway will enter the town. You can distinctly trace the work of each of our missionaries who have been appointed to this field. Bro. Whiteside centred his hope in Goschen, or Hudson's Bay Company section, which just then seemed prosperous. The church built by him still stands, and is doing good work. Under Bro. Howard there has been a good special service just held. A number were converted and added to the Church. I preached on Sabbath the 11th at Island Lake in the morning, Goschen at 2.30 p.m., and at the mission in the evening, in the church built by the efforts of Bro. Parker. I believe not a cent of debt remains on either of these two buildings. Bro. Howard has succeeded in getting a most excellent parsonage erected. It is decidedly the best one in the district, and is a great credit to the energy of Bro. Howard and the enterprise of the people. Brother and Sister Howard have done a great deal of good among the police, and will leave very many warm friends behind them in the force.

We will require additional men for the field almost immediately. There are a number of settlements that are not yet visited by any minister, and the people are thirsting for the Word. During my trip I travelled by horse and buggy over three hundred miles, and by construction train over two hundred and eighty miles.

ANOTHER instance of the spread of the Gospel through the agency of native preachers is the formation of a missionary society among the pupils of the Huguenot Seminary at Wellington, South Africa. It proposes to send from its ranks missionaries to labor among the heathen of Africa.

Facts and Illustrations.

THE Methodists of the United States are proposing to undertake mission works among the Navajo Indians of New Mexico. These Indians number about 22,000 and are said to have customs similar to the old Hebrews. Among these interesting people there is not a missionary.

A RATHER remarkable testimony to the excellence of mission schools is given by a recent great representative meeting of Moslems in India, at which it was resolved that, in all places where they had no schools of their own, the young men of their community should be sent to missionary schools rather than to Government schools. This was by a vote of 170 to 30.

"EIGHTY-FIVE years ago," says the *Missionary Herald*, "the Directors of the East India Company placed on solemn record:—The sending of Christian missionaries into our Eastern possessions is the maddest, most expensive, most unwarranted project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast." A few months since, Sir Rivers Thompson, Lieut.-Governor of Bengal, said:—"In my judgment, Christian missionaries have done more real and lasting good to the people of India, than all other agencies combined."

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