

of the Gospel. When on my last visit to Lac-la-Biche, one of the hearers expressed his wish that his wife had been present to hear the truth in its simplicity, as it was declared in a language which she understood. It would be a pity not to attend to the spiritual wants of this people.

The good Lord helping me, I will endeavour to keep up the appointment. As there is nothing impossible with God, who holds the hearts of all men in his hands, even some of these dupes of priestcraft may be turned from their delusions, to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

I cannot too highly commend to your notice the uniform kindness I have received from the gentleman in charge of the Hudson Bay Company's post at that place. Mr. P. C. Pambrun has been a valuable friend to the Mission at Whitefish Lake, and has manifested a deep interest in its scholastic departments with his own private means. He is one of the Honorable Company's officials who has aided us most in this department of the operations of this Mission.

My dear Doctor,—You will again allow me to speak of our intended Church enlargement. There is nothing that has lain so heavily on my mind as the want of good Church accommodation at this Mission. I was glad to see so favorable a notice taken by the Board with regard to the developments of the work, in their quarterly publication, and of the appeal I sent last March, for which I hope something substantial will now be effected by the friends of Missions. In my appeal I stated the condition of the people, that they were unable to render any further help than getting out the timber for the *intended church*; am I to expect anything from our good friends in Canada, or am I to die without seeing a house built for the worship of God at this obscure Mission, whither the tribes of my people may go up with the voice of joy, to celebrate the worship of the Ancient of Days? I will wait patiently for response from the benevolent friends of Zion; and if the response comes favorably, and I see means come in to assist to commence and finish the house of God at Whitefish Lake, then, with Simeon of old, I will say, "Lord, now lettest thou thy

servant depart in peace," for I have seen the desire of my heart, and my prayer is answered.

I cannot take the responsibility on myself to procure things necessary for the building of the church, without an assurance of being borne out by those who have so far sustained this Mission. The carpenter would engage to build the church for \$500, and another \$400 would be required to buy nails, glass, &c. To use the appropriation for this Mission for church purposes, would be to deprive the missionary and family of the means of living; thus it is seen I am oppressed with difficulties. Will not some of the good friends in Canada undertake for me?

SCHOOL.

It is now nearly three years since this Mission Station has been supplied with the means of instruction to the rising generation connected with it,—and what has been wrought? Untold are the benefits which our children have received from its advantages.

We speak of our Missions in this country as being a power for renovating the condition of those people who have come under their instructions; and in my estimation the school has been of equal power in elevating in the scale of being those who, in the estimation of many a white man, were irrecoverably barbarous,—too degraded to acquire knowledge, either moral or religious.

Many are the white men who have visited the school at Whitefish Lake, and who have been greatly surprised at the proficiency of acquiring knowledge by those young aborigines,—especially as the English is not their vernacular. These young Indians can explain a problem in any of the rules of the common arithmetic with as much ease as those whose mother tongue is the English. Ask them any questions in history or geography, and their answers will be as ready as the pen of a ready writer. Their proficiency has resulted from their punctual attendance. When all the people are at home the school numbers eighty, and very few that cannot read the holy Scriptures, and most of them are very well versed in Bible history. Nearly all have gone through the first and second Wesleyan Catechisms, and some are now at the third.