

# METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

JUNE, 1877.

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## SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

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### NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

DURING the summer of 1876, the Rev. John McDougall was requested by the Government to attend the gathering of Indian tribes, when Treaties were formally agreed upon and signed by Governor Morris and the Indian Chiefs. It may be remembered that in the summer of 1875, his excellent father was employed by the same authority to "allay a feeling of discontent and uneasiness which prevailed very generally among the Assiniboines and Crees lying in the unceded Territory between the Saskatchewan and the Rocky Mountains,"—"a task which he performed with great fidelity and success." In addition to this testimony by the Hon. D. Mills, in his Report upon Indian affairs, when alluding to his perishing upon the Prairie last year, he says,—“In him the Methodist body lost one of its most zealous and laborious ministers, and the Indian Tribes one of their most devoted friends and intelligent advisers.”

When on this journey, Mr. J. McDougall also visited the Mission Stations mentioned in the following letter, dated—

*Morleyville, February 1st, 1877.*

While north this summer it was my privilege to visit each one of the Mission Stations occupied by our Society in this District. What I saw and heard, and the various impressions made on my mind relative to those places and their workings, may not be without interest to the friends of Missions.

White Fish Lake being the oldest Mission in connection with our Church in the Saskatchewan, we will begin with it. Going there, my companions were my brother and Bro. Manning. It was a fine morning in July when we neared the lake.

Small fields of grain and vegetables, beautiful in their luxuriance, were to be seen on either hand, testifying to the twofold facts that the soil was good and that Missionary effort had taught the Native how to make use of it. I could not help but think of the last time I passed along this road. Then I was in the company of Dr. Taylor and my dear father. One was now away in the Highlands of Scotland; the other was in the "Highlands of Heaven." Often had I accompanied him on his visits to this Mission. Many a time had I interpreted, as he preached to this