

# METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

MAY, 1878.

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## RED RIVER DISTRICT.

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In addition to the four stations occupied by the Society among the Crees and Saulteaux in this District, provision will have to be made for a permanent Mission at Fisher River, Lake Winnipeg, where thirty families from Rossville are already settled, and these are to be followed by as many more. A Native Agent accompanied them, who will keep up religious ordinances and conduct the day-school. The letters from Messrs. RUTTAN and SEMMENS are full of encouragement, recording, as they do, beautiful illustrations of the saving power of the Gospel, and its wonderful adaptation to the wants of suffering humanity.

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### ROSSVILLE, (NORWAY HOUSE.)

*From the Rev. J. H. RUTTAN, dated January 28th, 1878.*

I am glad to have the opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your kind and welcome letter of the 29th November last.

We are all in good health, and the smiles of our Heavenly Father cheer and encourage us in our work.

Though we had a wet Christmas here, a thing never known in this place before, which made it physically unpleasant, yet the evidence we saw of the good cheer and tender affection of our people made the day, in this respect, both pleasant and encouraging to us.

Our Sacramental service, the Sunday following, was well attended: nearly all our members being present; and it was, indeed, a season of grace and sweet delight.

Our leaders' meeting, previous to the Sacrament, at which we look into the moral standing of all our members as best we can through our interpreter and each leader, was of

unusual satisfaction; for out of nearly three hundred members there was not one who was charged with immorality—the only meeting I have had since I came here but what some have had to be specially visited or expelled. We do indeed “thank God and take courage.”

Three or four classes have ceased, nearly all the members of them, with their leaders, having gone to Fisher River.

### CROSS LAKE.

You ask for information about Cross Lake. The Reserve is about seventy miles from here, but all the band do not live at the Reserve. The greater part of them winter far away on their hunting-grounds. A few families also have made their homes twelve or fifteen miles north-east of the Reserve, where there is an excellent fishery which they have named Newfoundland. The band, including children, numbers about 230.