

his way. He brings out some good original ideas, when preaching in English; of course, must preach better either in German or French. I think he is a valuable agent in this crisis. If he was ordained it would be an advantage for his peculiar work. Of course there is a great variety of character among the Germans; but generally there is great anxiety in hearing the word of life. He visited a settlement a few days ago, where the people had been praying to God to send some one to preach the words of life to them, and they received him as sent in answer to prayer. They were pious, and when he explained to them Methodism, they said it suited their views and they would become members—proposed setting apart land for a church and

burial ground. We are calling for volunteers to support this Mission—a good deal of heartiness is manifest. This is an interesting Mission. The Germans are writing to their friends to come out, and encouraging them, because there is a Missionary. As to the District generally we are encouraged—there is a good future for this country; but it must be Nissionary ground for some time. We have had considerable amount of good done on this Mission. Thank God! Some changes are required in the arrangement, &c., of some of the Missions. After going through the work, I am better prepared to form an opinion. My sheet is full, or I would say more. Our Missionary meetings, have been very spirited.

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### THE HUDSON'S BAY WORK.

*Extract of a Letter from the Rev. G. McDougall, dated Norway House, Rossville Mission, February 29th, 1861.*

We are now looking for the Red River couriers, with whom I intend to make the journey to Oxford. The spring would be pleasanter, but in prospect of visiting the Edmonton and Rocky Mountain Missions, the present is the only available time.

Here we have much reason to thank God and take courage. At the fort a blessed work is in progress, all the females now profess faith in Christ, and a number of the men have commenced a praying life. Sobriety and good conduct characterize all. In this we greatly rejoice, for if the servants of the Hon. Company embrace the truth, one great hindrance to the christianization of the Indian will be removed. Our English congregation numbers sixty. We have three services weekly for their benefit.

Our church not being constructed in view of a gallery, we have concluded to lengthen it. The work we have divided as follows:—The Indi-

ans provide the timber and lumber, the Hon. Company carpenters and do the building, and I have ventured to order the nails, glass, and paint in this important improvement. We have the hearty co-operation of Chief Factor, Wm. Sinclair, Esq.

For the information of friends who like a well-made mocassin, or a good pair of buck or mooseskin gloves, I would just say, the good sisters of Norway and Rossville have formed themselves into a sewing society, and are now making a fine assortment of the above named articles, which by the first opportunity will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Missions. Our brethren having no money, but anxious to do something for the cause, cut thirty two cords of wood, and presented it to your Missionary. The poor people of this inhospitable clime have little to give; yet they are anxious to cast in their mite.