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PIONEER LABORS OF A
VETERAN MISSIONARYAn Interesting Glance at Church Work
Away Back in the Seventies
—Indians Responsive

Rev. John Semmens, a veteran missionary, now residing at Kenora, has given the Free Press, Winnipeg, an interesting glance at the trail of a missionary. In the winter of 1874 Mr. Semmens applied for work in the north, and received orders from the authorities to establish a mission at Nelson House.

One Match at 50 Below

"The distance to be travelled was between six and seven hundred miles," he said. "The mode of conveyance was a dog train. Indians were my companions. By day we faced the storms that swept down from the northland; by night we made our beds in the snow. Our food was pemmican, bannocks and black tea. Near the end of our journey we were down to one match, and the thermometer stood at 50 below zero. On arriving at Norway House I received positive orders from the Hudson's Bay Company not to go any further. Finally I hired with the Company as a dog driver for three months, obtained the services of one of their men for the next three, and went into the woods and camped. There we worked felling trees and getting out logs and bark for a mission house. Before fall ice set in we had established ourselves and missionary work proper was begun. The mission was no longer dependent on the Hudson's Bay Company. No one will ever know what it cost in discomfort, loneliness, and labor to lay the foundation of that cause at Nelson House. But courage rose with difficulties.

"Spiritual interests were not neglected in all this. Sunday services were observed. Prayers were conducted night and morning. Scores of natives were taught to read by means of the Evans' syllabic system. The Bible was read from Archdeacon Hunter's translation. Opposition developed. Some men who had two or three wives ridiculed our teaching. Conjurors became furious as they saw their means of gain going from them. The gray-haired pagans still cherished their idols which could be seen at every point of land. The labor of transporting supplies from Norway House was tremendous, and some of the hardest experiences I ever had came in those days.

Curing the Bigamists

"How did you deal with the bigamists when they became Christians?"

"I told them what the moral law and the faith of our church was, and insisted on its observance. The difficulty was not so great after all. I used to tell them that the first or oldest wife was the right one. The second woman was younger, and in many cases when put away became the wife of some other man. In one instance an old lady came to me and said, 'Minister, I know what you say, but I am old, my children can support me. The other woman has little children, let her stay, she needs help. Me and my children can look after ourselves.'

"Have you visited this mission since?"

"Yes; not long ago, when I was commissioned to pay them treaty money in lieu of surrendering their claim on the country. Many of them came to me expressing their joy in seeing me again, and telling me how thankful they were that I had shown them the way of Salvation. Things like that make one feel thankful after all the hardships. I always felt it was an honor to suffer for so good a cause anyway.

"In 1876," continued Mr. Semmens, "I was removed from Nelson House to Berens River, Edward Paupanakis taking my place. I decided to load two canoes, and with the help of an Indian went alone. J. W. Sifton, who then lived at Selkirk, warned me of the risk I was taking; and Mr. Somerset Atkins said in bidding me good-bye that he never expected to see me again. But I arrived safely there. Among other ventures of those days I had the honor of escorting a party of Swampy Crees to found the Fisher River settlement. That was in the fall of 1877. In 1878 I was removed, went back east, and was married.

Indians Compared

"At the conference of 1880 a man was wanted for Zion church, Winnipeg. No one thought it much of an honor or a promotion in those days. The fields in the west were begging. I believed in going where I was sent and consented to come out. I preached my first sermon there the first Sunday of July. My salary was \$300; house rent was \$45 per month. I decided to purchase and secure a small cottage. The times were very prosperous. The big real estate boom was on. The church was not large enough to accommodate all the people. The people were good to the pastor. A house warning left us richer by a hundred dollars. Then came a boom

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Subscription Lists will close on or before 23rd September, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, September 12th, 1916.

Balkans Is Chief
Cockpit Of Europe

London, Sept. 17.—J. L. Garvin, writing in the Observer on Germany's fight for her life, says:

"The next six weeks will lift the interest of the struggle to a pitch and make an end to this year's fighting at the summit of the campaign. Then there will be a winter interval, long or short, and after that, not before, we may come to the last phase which has been prematurely proclaimed for pure drama.

There have been few episodes in the war to equal the present situation; nothing whatever has there been to surpass it. The fact is that the continued cumulative danger in the west and the steady defeat of German resistance in the attacked sectors have worked with Brusiloff's advance and Roumania's intervention to awaken Germany far more thoroughly than even a fortnight ago to a sense of realities.

"Germany must now raise earth and the nether regions. Until she is absolutely beaten, she is bound to deny that she is going to be beaten. By her efforts and those of her allies humanity a

ready has been considerably staggered. Humanity is quite certain to be staggered more by the rest of this year's campaign and the culmination of the next."

"The French and British armies are evidently pursuing a far reaching plan which cannot be easily divined. Nothing is more likely than that Joffre and Haig are keeping something in their hands.

"Hindenburg's situation is known. The courses open to him are limited. It is obvious that before long he must show all his cards. Then, indeed, the Franco-British retort may give a new character and a broader grandeur to the western campaign.

"A further development of Hindenburg's campaign against Roumania is to be expected. There is little doubt that the Balkans during the next few weeks will be the fiercest cockpit of the European fighting. If the allies in the Balkans can break asunder the central allies' connection and complete their single, continuous front, then they will realize all the advantages Roumania's intervention was expected to secure. They will shorten the struggle by six months. That desirable issue still hangs in the balance. Well may we say that there has been no more dramatic moment in the whole war."

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At the regular meeting of the trustees on Wednesday evening, Misses Clara Bell Maguire and Hilda Cummings were granted their diplomas, having finished their two years course.

Misses Caroline Hartt and Lola Peterson, who were on probation for two months, were admitted as student nurses. Some 35 nurses have graduated from the institution since it started.

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