1858
August 10th Having received my salary, from the Bishop of Ruperts land, for the coming year. I made an evening start from Fort Garry, on my way back to the Lakes of Lappelle. for another combat. & may the Lord Jesus, strengthen me & arm me with the sword of the Spirit. & make me more than conqueror. through him that loved us & washed us in his own blood, to whom be glory for ever.

I.C.Ab.J.

13th Arrived at the upper settlement. Portage la prairie this afternoon I went over to bid farewell, to the Ven Archdeacon Cochrane. after having received Instruction from him, for the Blessing of God upon my labours, we encamped at the upper Settlement.

20th We arrived at Fort Ellice. Mr Mckay in charge who assisted us with provision to help us onward to the Lakes of Lappelle.

25th This morning we saw a large herd of buffaloes. & my brother in law. J. Sinclair had a chase, who killed four. This afternoon we arrived at our home. the Lappelle river, I found my wife & family & Mr & Mrs Setter & family all well in health, Thus far, hath the Lord helped us, who are unworthy of the least of all his mercies. & my garden has come on well.

29th Sunday. this morning, I read to the few present.. expecting to leave them. this week. I Read the 20th Chapt. St Johns Gospel. The believers joy & hope. Dwelling, On Christ Resurrection. Mr Setter Read this afternoon. & Baptized two adults with four children

31st I went up to the Co. fort. Against Mountain to see the people. & get the few tools grinded. so that they may be fit for use Most of the Co servants are Papists. they are exceeding sorry for my leaving the Lakes of Lappelle; some of them, said. we are very sorry you are going to leave us. We had made up our minds to

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give up bowing our knees to our priests & join with you religion
for we understand your Instructions from the word of God & if
we intended to settle down with you. But Mr J Settee
who has taken your place we do not understand what he says
& said, myself is sorry to leave this place, but I must do what
the Committee bids me. Such were the principles of the
conversation of these Roman Catholics who has been deluded
by the Roman Catholic priests. O my the time soon arrive, when
there shall be one fold and one Shepherd Jesus Christ.

Sept 2d Thursday morning. the will of the Lord be done. The Bishop of
Rupertsland advised me to leave the Dispatches Mission & baggage to
Mr J Settee, & go to Little South woods hills, which is about
seventy miles, N. E. accompanied with two Cree families the
one a baptized Christian & the other old man called whitehorse, whose
daughter was baptized

3d Sunday. this morning we are near the little South woods hills
a day of heavy rain. the whole blessed day. I could not read to the
people present. for we were all completely wet both men women
& children to our very skins & cold. we have no shelter to protect us
from the rain. Many is the day, we have suffered, but our light
affliction is but for a moment. & Thanks be unto God who
giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

8th Wednesday. we encamped at the end of the hill, another day of rain again.

10th This morning, by dear wife & Mary Gordon the wife of George Gordon
whom Bishop of Rupertsland baptized. Taken a visit to the Ch at
Mr J. Taylor in charge. to let me have an axe, I think it strange to
commence a Mission station without an axe to cut down a tree

Sept 6 The distance is about ten miles, between the two mountains
ten Oclock. myself & the old Indian white-haired, on going
to examine on the south side of the mountain, returned back
to our tents quite puzzled. what to do. O how pitiful fal-
is man. when left to think for himself. I pray God to
direct me to the place where his name should be
for his own sake.

11th Week ending, this morning I made a second trial, on the west
side of the hill. returned home late in the afternoon. still
doubtful. traveling through lofty hills, I spied an Image
of stone on an high hills. to this I ascended on hime back
to see this Image, My heart mourned within me to think
of the strong Deeds of Darkness reigning over this vast empire
I pray'd that the Lord Jesus may be exalted upon this hills
I call'd to mind of the stone which the deciever of mankind
used to tempt our Lord, I then lifted the head of the Image
which was painted red, threw down the hill. with this
expression. Get thou, who hast deceived my countrymen
such many thoughts this days travel. In the mean while
I saw an Indian & his family in search for us from the
fort. & my wife & others returned from the fort late to my

12th Sunday. Morning prayers all came in to tent to hear the
word of God, I read, 2nd & 3d chapt Gen. with 21-22-23-24-25 &
Matt. Gospl. with a prayer to almighty, to bless the word to each
your souls, for his son sake. About nine Oclock. I made a start
with the crew Indian. & came to the fort. About 4 Oclock, I found
all the Indians sober, Mr. J. Taylor got the Indian together. I commend

to read. 3rd Chapt. St John Gospl. The necessity of regeneration or the new birth. The brazen serpent lifted up, for the healing of the bitten Israelites. & the type of the manner that Christ the serpent, lifted up upon the cross. whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. The chief. sitting by me. & all the rest around me. & a good many listening from without. the windows of the house being open'd, they paid great attention to what I said. & then offer'd up a prayer to God in the Creek language

13th Monday. I returned back to the little mountain to seek my family late in the evening I found them encamp'd. here I found our little baby very sick. May the Lord have mercy upon us.

14th Tuesday morning, myself & the old Indian made another trial on the north side of the mountain, expecting to get to the height of the hill, on our travels we fell in with a black bear, I fired a shot & wounded him. late in the evening, we got back to our tent without any satisfaction, as to what we should do.

15th This morning, I have made up mind, to winter near the fort so as to try & save our cattle. a few old houses made by the free-traders. Mr. J. Taylor in charge of the fort, is kind & ready to give any assistance, which we may stand in need of.

18th Week ending. Myself & the old man began to cut hay to day

19th Sunday. this morning, we had prayers to ourselves, as none of people came from the fort. Looking to the gracious promises that where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am in the midst ready to bless them, so do I ask of Jesus.

25th Week ending. we have been busily employed about getting hay & also preparing the old houses, for our winter quarters.

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6th The Lords Day. stormy weather to day, some people from the
1 East attended & some crees & sioux. I Read. 19th 21st Chapt
of Genesis. I generally read three times a Day. & ing the blessings
over Labour. that we may bring our sheaves with us to Christ thanks
October 2nd Week ending. It has been a stormy weather during this week
so that we cannot get on with our hay.
3rd Sunday. after morning prayer, presently the people came in
to my house, to whom I read the following text. Deuteronomy
Chapt 6th 10th. In the afternoon, we had prayers all joined in
prayer; May the Lord God of heaven & earth, Bless us with his
blessings. that every one may go his tent rejoicing.
9th Week ending, we have been employed in preparing the old
houses, for our wintering quarters, the weather has been severe.
10th Sunday, a day of glad tidings, the few indians around me
came in as usual, to hear the word of God. We begun with
Singing an hymn. & then Read, 11th Chap Hebrews - dwelling
particularly. to steadfastness in the faith of the gospel of Christ
all present. I trust my attention to the word.
13th I made a voyage to the plains. the following day. at 12 Oclock
we reach'd buffalow that covered hundreds of hills. two of
our men. had a chance this afternoon, kill'd four buffalow
& we encamp'd at the open plains, the fire wood exhausted
the young crees collected buffalow bones. & smoo'd the dry
bones with the fat, which made a blazing fire. & cook'd
our victuals
15th I sent back three carts, with four animals home to our
families. & myself & George Gordon a baptist cree went on

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to the cree Indians tents. reach'd the tents this evening after we had something to eat. I call'd them together & all the men came & some women, I commen'd reading from 20th-22nd Chapts Shewing God making himself known, by creation & by preservation to time being. concerning the brazen serpent. 2nd Epistle Taken from 3rd Chapt St Johns Gospel. speaking to them till about midnight. concluding with a prayer to God to bless us.

16th meek ending. raining & snowing to day. 12 Oclock. I made a visit to an adjoining camps of crees a Chief by the name a short stick. but was disappointed, to find them pitching off. so I returned back again to the tents. to whom I spoke on

17th Sunday morning. here still at the cree tents. morning prayer, Read, 1-6th Psalms of David. at 12 Oclock. Read. 22-23rd Chap St Lukes Gospel. In the afternoon. I Read 24th Chap St Luke, found the Indians very attentive to the word of God. O. may the Lord accompany his own word, for his name sake.

19th To day I recd some provision from two principal men returning homewards accompanied by six families of crees, intending to winter with us, so as that we might hear the word oftener.

21st arrived at our wintering quarters with the said cree Indians.

23rd Week ending, I have been employed in putting a house for our cattle of thirty feet long, by fifteen wide, for twelve horned cattle all our stock, during the time that these few crees came in, they have attended morning & evening prayer very regular. these crees counted to be the wisest men in the plains. may God turn them to the wisdom of the just. & reveal unto them the unsearchable riches of Christ which passeth all human understanding. for his name sake.

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25th Sunday. few people from the Fort attended our meeting with
women & children. to whom I read the 4th & 7th Chap. Deuteronomy
& in the afternoon. Read from 1st to 4th Chapts Revelation St Johns
26th Monday to day the Indian women are getting some of my hay
home. upon their dogs on two sticks netted in the middle it
was pityfull to see them. they were in fear, that my cattle
would run short of hay. George Gordon a baptized
one. the same was baptized by the Bishop of Rupertsland. to
the mans. I gave him a present of an hatchet & to another
a sow calf, to them who intend to settle down & farm.
31st Sunday morning. Indians came in very early this morning
who had prayers with us. & about 9 Oclock. men women &
children to hear the word of God. I Read through the Book of
the Prophet Jonah. first text, Gods omnipresence.
2nd Dec. An encouragement to seek God by prayer. thirdly. Prayer
answered, however destitute. & Lastly. Gods mercy to the penitent.
& in the afternoon we had a meeting again. I pray God that
my labours may not be in vain in the Lord.
Novbr 6th Week ending. we have been still employed in getting our hay
home. this morning week I have Read through the Book of Exodus
7th Sunday morning. had prayers at my place. all the Indians
came. women & children. Read 2nd Book of Kings 1st to 2nd Chapt
& then sung an hymn to the praise of God. about 11 Oclock
I went over to the Fort which is about two miles
. Read the morning service to the people. I Began 2nd Chapt
of Numbers. 2nd Lesson 4th Chapts St Johns. & Lastly. 3rd Chapts
Revelation 19th & 20th Vs As many as I love I rebuke & chasten &.

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In the afternoon. we had evening prayers at my place all the Indians around me came together to hear the word of Life to whom I read till night. I am quite enhearted. to night & may the Lord have mercy upon us for his own dear son sake.

8th This morning; an Indian a Seneca, departed this life, about break of day, the same, was very obstinate to the truth. I was call'd very early, to come & keep the deceased. which I did. two old men came, & one of them made a speech very superstitious & also made a speech likewise, telling them of the one great God who made all things. all life centered in him. I told them that there is but one door to go through for all mankind, both high & low, rich & poor. We brought nothing with us & certain we cannot carry nothing out of this earth. I said, does not nature teaches us look at the world abroad, in which we live, & does not the river & creeks come from height of land or hills. all them empty themselves, into the great body of water call'd Ioeniock. this ought to teach us to the one only living & true God who made all the different tribes under the whole heaven. all life are into his hands &c.

13th Week ending. I have been employed in searching for my horses that had gone astray. & chopping sleigh wood. after my days toil at sun setting. then the Indians comes in for prayers & keep them about three or four hours each time. I leave all to the Lord Jesus. who alone can strengthen me for his own glory.

F 14 Sunday morning. Indians came in early this morning. I Read to them till about 11 Oclock. & then I went over to the Co.s fort Read the morning service. I began 13th Chapt 1st Book of Kings.

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Nov. 1842

16th Lord's day. Preached from 3d Chapter St John's Gospel 14th 15th & 16th verses. May the Lord grant his word to our souls health, for his name sake. Returned home to my place without about two miles, evening prayer waiting for me, & the Indians all waiting for my return from the Fort, some of our Indians said the white people his taking our man from us, meaning myself During my absence my two eldest Daughters began the Sunday-schools for the Indian children a semi-annual commencement. And time to endeavour to keep school, while alone, May the Lord grant, raise up men to carry on his Gospel for his name sake.

17th Week ending: the two Indians have regularly attended morning & evening prayers during this stormy week, & but what little fruit can we see in our work May the Lord strengthen us to continue in this arduous work his all the glory.

18th Sunday, held Indian service at my place all morning we attended the reading of God's word. About 11 O'clock, my usual time, I went to the Fort & Read the service of the Church, & the Lessons of the day & Sunday, Taken my text from 5th Chap St Matthew 7th & 8th verses evening prayers at my place, more Indians attended this evening, indeed the Indians are more regular in attending to the word of Life, I believe that the word of the Lord shall not return unto him void, but shall accomplish to his own will.

19th Week ending, I have been employed in chopping stuff wood for the two Indians, for they are a most handy people as to any kind of work.

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28th Sunday morning. a very cold weather, held an early prayer as usual & sung after the exhortation came in as usual & my attention, & my the Lord gave me forget us. & may his word spring up in the hearts of the brethren for this day.

8 at the usual time, I went to the post & Read the services of the Day & Sabbath, & the 1st Mathew v. 5-6. & closed with a prayer to God to bless our meeting to our souls good. Being prayer, the indians had been waiting for me, & found them all ready at my house, & commenced to the reading of the word of Life, all my attention to the word. a great shower of rain

December

1st Week ending, this is a very day of taken a voyage to the plain, but a all our people are making ready to go to the buffalo hunting, for scarcity of provision, we have started to day, & may the pitying influence Sunday to day we are in the plain. a most remarkable cold day, & could not read to the people present. no shelter from the cold, & have never suffered so much from the cold. for want of clothing, & really could not endure the weather

2d 6 Monday reached the East Mountain, here we found buffalo, but we had no luck & nothing to eat to night. cold weather still increasing & the next day, we still got no luck, & nothing to eat, what difficulties awaits many, & no wonder every thing seem to come hard, & mind daily to watch & pray, & cannot expect otherwise, since the earth was cursed for man sake, sin brought many troubles into the world. but behold the grace of God appears through the dark shade of troubles & appears a joy unexpressable beaming on a believer through Christ Jesus.

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8 the Sunday morng cold weather still continuing, we homen made ready
to chase buffalow this morning, we killd two cows & the indian killd
one, & secured our meat & returned back to our hut. the day follow-
ing beg Jos with went with J. Lonstain for the purpose of meat, but un-
fortunately found none. the wolves had eaten & cut all the
returned home disappointed.

10 Friday morng, seven cold continues all our indians out hunting
Kipp self in another direction, & killd one buffalow. this morning in
the mean while, began a storm, so much so I could keep myself from
freezing, the end of my fingers all frozen, in holding the knife skinning
the animal. returned with some meat in a piece of buffalow hide
freezing in the snow, after dark reachd our hut, my face all frozen
such are the trials & diffficulties I have gone through in wintering the
eighth time back, although I have never mention the trouble I met
through, in the former journals. But I still hope, it cannot be thought
an obscure disciple will always be forgotten, possible may for
get me. but God says I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee, and
in my trust & my hope.

11 week ending, returning homewards from the last mountains
a very cold day, encamp'd in open plains, what a one I shall seem to see
from an creature setting by a small fire half frozen & the day following
Sunday & here we are shivering with the cold, in one place, in the midst
of buffalow

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14th Tuesday returned home without any luck, in the afternoon we killed two
buffaloes which enabled us to return home with some meat. The day following
we reached home. I found my dear wife & eight children all well.
8th many thanks to Mr. J Taylor of H.B. Co. who supplied my family
during my absence

16th Thursday Lord. Rt. Governor & Mr. Murray arrived here on their
way to the Columbia ports. & left here on the following day.

18th Week ending. I was called up to fort. to read to the Indians, who
was bereaved of their only son. I found the hall quite full of indian
people belonging to the fort. I Read the 6th Chapter of Romans the
indians pay attention to what I said. O my God direct this our word.

19th Sunday. Morning prayer at my home. we began in singing an hymn to
the glory of God. I commenced to read the 1st Chap of Isaiah 2nd Lesson
Taken from 15th Chap St Luke Gospel. I spoke to them about four hours
concluding with a prayer to almighty God. who ever listen to the prayer
of his people. Immediately after, I went up to the fort. & read
the morning service. with the Lessons of the day & lastly Taken a Text
from St Mark Chap. 13. V. 35 to the end. I found the indians very at-
tentive to the word. & God be praised.

20th Monday. to day I attended the funeral of the Departed. I read the
burial service. has the young man had been baptized by Rev. J Lettiers
the bereaved parents enquires for baptism three aged persons.

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25th Friday returned from the hunting of buffaloe I killed two buffaloe
cows to the joy of my dear wife & children.
26th Christmas Day, this morning, I kept a meeting at my house
few indians attended. I Read 2nd chap St Luke Gospel. The Na-
tivity of our Blessed Lord.
26th Sunday morning, had prayer at my house all the ones indians
about me came in to hear the word. Read in Genesis chap 6-
10th about 10 Oclock I went up to the fort as usual, we com-
menced singing an hymn to the glory of God, after reading the
Church service of the day. I took a text from St Johns
Gospel. chapt 4. 23rd & 24th verse. In the afternoon we had
evening meeting at my place. Read. Acts of the Apostles
chapt 13th during my absence. My little boy Francis teaches
the ones children who comes in for their lessons. O God
look upon us with an eye of pity & bless the word to their
31st Friday night. offered up supplications to the Lord of heaven & earth
to pardon all my sins & wash my sinful soul in the blood of the
Lamb, who was slain for me, & prepare me. Fit be his will
for the coming year the year of our Lord. O my Jesus reign now
& ever, his kingdom alone exalted, among the heathen, for his name sake
1839
1st Jany Saturday. The year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty
nine, we are entering upon another year. I thank & praise God
for his great mercy, towards us. O how soon have gone by & still-

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1859
Jany 1st my little fruit of my labour, I pray God to look down, with an eye of pity upon us, & to bless his own word, to the souls of the poor heathen. for Jesus Christ sake, his will be done. amen. myself & family are invited to the Companies fort. with all the cree Indians around me none of them were wanting all came to the invitation of a feast for the new year.

2nd Sunday. morning, held a meeting at my house, the few about me came in to hear the word of life. about ten O'clock, the usual custom I went up to the Fort, & read the service of the Church, & Lastly. Taken a text from. St Lukes Gospel. Chapt. 14. V. 15th 25th Gospel the marriage feast. &c. The cree indian Chief & party very attentive to what was said. O my the Lord draw us, to partake of the Gospel feast. that our souls, may eat of the living manna & live for ever. In the afternoon. had evening prayers at my house. few were present.

9th Sunday. morning, fine weather. few indians came in to hear the word indeed they often come in. before breakfast is over. knowing that I have to go to the Fort. myself & my dear wife, went to the Fort to day. & Read the Church service with the Lesson of the day. Lastly St. Matt. Gospel Chapt 5th 6th & 7th. Evening prayers at my house few came in this afternoon. during my absence to the fort. my son Jonathan teaches the little cree boys who come in for teaching. It is to be hoped. that a grain corn may chance to fall in the earth will spring up. I pray that God may not have an oversight of my feeble works,

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June
11 Tuesday morning. I made a journey towards the Chiefs camp to assist them in making a buffalow pond. reach'd the Chiefs camp this evening who was glad at our arrival & the following day we completed the pond. & on the fourteenth I remain'd at the tents expecting the indians to bring in the buffalow into the pond. but we being disappointed returned home on the the following day. The Chief urged me to come on

16th Sunday, morning, prayers at my place. a few more indians attended I committed the church service at the Fort to day. on account of my wife very ill. & presently the indians came in to my house to whom I Read the following text. The Gospel of St John 14th Chapt. 14th after reading the Chapter throughout, I particularly spoke to them from V. 27th — Our Saviour comforting words. Peace I leave with you, Christs gift is an everlasting treasure. 2nd. The peace of the world, is no peace. 3rd an encouragement to seek that peace in prayer by faith, concluded with a prayer to the God of all mercy through his own dear Son.

23rd Sunday. this morning, a few indians came in to hear the word of life at the usual time. I went up to the Fort. & Read the church service with the Lesson of the day. Taken a text from 27th Chapt St Matthew Gospel. & the 16th verse, in the Cree language. for the indians present. the people very attentive to what I said about our Saviour Jesus

24th Monday morning preparation to go to the plain hunting for buffalo
I went off to day with my boy Josiah. who is thirteen years old. &
George Gordon a baptized ojebeway indian. & some of the Companies
8 men. the next day at noon. had a chase after buffalo. killed
one. seen to be seen now through there west plain. & here now for
three days kept cold weather & in the twenty-seventh. I went off
through the plain. seeking for buffalo this morning. I fell in
with a band of buffalo cows, I managed to bring them near the
hunting tents. when three of our horsemen reach to them, they
killed six cows which will make up our loads. How much we owe
the great & merciful God, who is ever ready to keep us. through
unworthy of the least of all his mercies. All glory be unto him forever.
29th Saturday returned home. & encamped within nine miles from our
place. 30th Sunday. reached home about 12 Oclock. I often find
it very hard. when there is no man to assist me in my labours
labouring for the Gospel amongst the heathen. & supporting a numerous
family of my large family. hunting food for them. & besides trying
to preserve our cattle. It is too much for one man.
Feby 1st Week ending. I have been writing letters to the corresponding
committee in the city for help, to commence a new station
for the Church Mission society. O may the Lord graciously be willing.

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