

country. It was the question that I put to almost every congregation that it was my privilege to address in Eastern Canada. But it is a question that has to be asked of the work of our fellow Churchmen here, in this North-West, where the members of the denominational bodies send up hundreds of dollars, where the members of our Church in Canada send up tens, I believe I might almost say fives; and not, as you ask it, of doing work in foreign countries.

"4. There is one sentence especially, in that comment that I read with very much regret. 'The Bishop thinks we have foreigners enough in our own Dominion and instances our own Indians. Others of the North-West Bishops have taken the same view. It is natural that they should, perhaps, for they seem to be greatly in need of money.' And yet, forsooth, we are told immediately afterwards that there is wealth sufficient among the Churchmen of Canada to do all this work—and much more. But it is not on account of this inconsistency that I would call attention to these words. I could scarcely have believed it possible that the organ of the Mission Society of the Church in Canada would have allowed itself to go so near giving expression to that too common but most erroneous idea (I know it was not intended) that we (the Bishops), are the persons who are greatly in need of the money for the work. As though it was 'our work,' and we are the persons responsible for it. When can we hope to get rid of that pestiferous notion, which more surely certainly than anything else cuts to the root of true missionary work and zeal, that it is the work of the clergy that the people help? When can we hope to get firmly implanted in the minds of Christian men that the evangelization of the heathen world, and, all other work for Christ—is the work of the Church at large, and, therefore of every member thereof—layman just as much as clergyman—according to his or her power and ability, and that the clergy are only the active agents in doing the Church's work? When we have got that great truth thoroughly implanted in the minds of our Church people, their offerings to this great cause will be in some measure what they ought to be and not till then. Let me rewrite that sentence. 'It is natural that they [the Bishops of the North-West], should, i.e., should' "think that there are foreigners enough in our own Dominion," 'for the Church in the North-West is greatly in need of money, and our Church people do infinitely little to help the work of the Church there.' Does not this put a totally different complexion on the whole matter?

"I fear much that our Church people are sleeping in a fool's paradise with regard to the work amongst our Indian population, and their duty and responsibility thereto. And to speak of there being wealth enough to do that and to go into other parts of the world, only tends to

lull them still more into a deeper torpor concerning their present shameful neglect of those duties. Take away the work that is now being done with money directly from England, and they would I believe, stand utterly horror struck at the wretched paltriness of their efforts in these districts. Why! I believe the whole amount received from Canada would not support half-a-dozen missions in the whole of this vast North-West. The C.M.S. is gradually withdrawing its support, as it imagines that the Church of this great Dominion ought now to be in a fit state to take up the responsibilities of that work. Let it not be said to the lasting disgrace of our Church, that, in order to satisfy a sentiment concerning 'foreign work' it allowed our own 'heathen' to perish uncared for."


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### Our Indian Department.

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 THE Rupert's Land Indian School has now sixty-three pupils. Miss Mellish, whose support has so generously been promised for three years by the Woman's Auxiliary Branches for Niagara and Quebec, has entered upon her duties as teacher. There is much for her to do in caring for the children, especially in regard to morals and spiritual life.

THE Principal and Mrs. Burman are taking a much needed rest in the far west. The school is at present greatly in need of financial support, and the Principal appeals earnestly for contributions to enable him to close the year free of any debt.

At the recent Synod of Saskatchewan, eight of the fourteen lay delegates were Indians, and three of these chiefs of their bands. Chief Atahkakoop (Star Blanket) gave an interesting address at a missionary meeting. Such facts as these go to disprove the assertion so often made that the Church has failed in her mission to the Indians.

At Emmanuel College, Prince Albert, there are at present fourteen Indian youths in training for work as teachers, etc. It is hoped the College may become a real boon to the Indians and Indian work, by doing work of this description. Funds are much needed.

THE Venerable Archdeacon Reeve, C.M.S., whom the Archbishop of Canterbury has nominated to the Bishopric of Mackenzie River, under the new division of the diocese, is i