

MAY MUSINGS.

“ We live by hope
 “ And by desire ; we see by the glad light
 “ And breathe the sweet air of futurity ;
 “ And so we live, or else we have no life.”

Arbor Day is a feature of our prairie life in May. Oh, that of every Christian worker we could say, “ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season : his leaf also shall not wither.”

We have just passed through 400 miles of prairie wheat fields. May has made all things green. The wide extent of our great cereal which has been sown never looked better than it does this year.

We hear the same hopeful strain coming to us from the mountains; and both from beyond them, in Columbia in the west, and from the Laurentian regions of Algoma to the east, reaches us the click of the pickaxe of the miner, and of the railway builder. There is an exuberance of life. The currents of our western life are moving fast—“ like rivulets in May.”

May the abundance of material vigor not check our flow of religious enthusiasm ! We have a mighty work to do. We have not time to revise the confession ; we haven't time to hunt heresy ; we have hardly time to take up remits sent us by the General Assembly. The work of organization, of preaching and of reaching out with missionary effort to the new settlements completely fills up our thoughts.

OUR POSITION.

Although our editorial committee sends out 1,200 copies a month free, including one to each of our ministers, we have determined to pay for this within the bounds of our own Synod. The Synod at Regina voted us \$50 for this purpose, for which we are thankful. Forty dollars more has come to us for this object, and the remaining \$60 will reach us, we know, from our friends.

We omitted to notice last month that D. D. McKay, B.A., one of the best graduates of Manitoba College, has been appointed to Crystal City, Rock Lake Presbytery, as a missionary.

Winnipeg Presbytery is this summer maintaining service at some forty places where no other preaching is heard.

A student of Queen's College, Kingston, has just gone west to Kinistino, in the Carrot River district, on the Saskatchewan.