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these societies to meet what is obtained from other sources. The income from this fund is already most helpful to us in our present work, and will, we trust, be the permanent financial mainstay and backbone of the work in the future in those Missions which are yet too weak to be self-supporting. It is far better to have a central fund of this kind than to have a separate endowment for our parishes. because grants can be made, revised, or withdrawn according to the local giving ability of the various Missions. We can thus help in time of need, and yet ever keep before us the great principle of eliciting and fostering local self-support to the fullest extent. In addition to the special effort to raise the \$1,000 which we undertook in this connection, the diocese has contributed about \$1,300 towards "The Machray Memorial Fund," which is to perpetuate the memory of our great Archbishop. But for causes which I need not mention in detail I had reason to think that a much larger sum would have been obtained. Our thanks should be given to the Rev. C. Williams for the ability with which he conducted the canvass. We are in duty bound to tender our special and most hearty thanks to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada for its continued and increasing help. The progress of the past two years would have been impossible without the help thus given. The grant from this source for the present year is \$7,500, and we are asked to raise \$1,000. A cheque for this latter amount has already been sent to the honorary treasurer of the M.S.C.C. Each year so far we have been able to send more than has been asked. Let us continue to be generous, united and loyal in support of this noble effort. The Society is based on right principles, and is carried on and directed by able administrators. We cannot be too thankful for the formation of this Society within our Canadian Church. It has made a great difference to the work of the Church in the West. When we witness the harmony which marks the counsels of this Missionary Society, the wisdom of its rulers, together with the openings which are before us on every hand, we venture to hope great things for the future. It is full of promise for the years to come. The Church of England in Canada is now a working Church, and the value of unity of action has been proved. Two years ago we took a forward step in welcoming Archdeacon Harding as our General Diocesan Missionary. It is no mere coincidence that the steady progress, of which I have already spoken, should date largely from the time of his appointment. What he has been to me in the way of loyal comradeship and advice I cannot express now. He has cheerfully given to us all the benefit of his wise help and ripe experience. You all know by this time how much the diocese owes to him for his faithful labours, and I know you will all give him your love, your blessing, and your prayers. This year we are about to take another forward step, from which I expect great things. A deeply interested friend of our work, who desires to be strictly anonymous, has placed at my disposal \$1,000 for the purpose of giving us an extra clergyman for special work under my direction; and we have been, I think, divinely guided in securing for this work the services of the Rev. Walter H. White, M.A., who has given up an important parish in the Diocese of Toronto to be our new Special Organizing Missionary. His work will be to visit the newly-settled parts of the diocese, look up the Church people, organize them into congregations, and prepare the district for a resident clergyman. This sum of \$1,000 is given on the condition that it shall not interfere with what the diocese is able to do for itself, nor with any help which we receive from any society, but is given specially to give us an extra clergyman for a special and much-needed work. I am sure we all cordially welcome Mr. White, and wish him God-speed in his arduous and difficult task. We also feel deeply thankful to God that He put it into the heart of the donor to send us this timely, thoughtful and generous gift. May God's blessing rest upon the unknown giver! It is a matter of special rejoicing to know that the Woman's Auxiliary is growing so rapidly. There are now in the diocese thirty-six senior parochial branches and ten junior, with a total membership of about 620. These branches raised over \$6,000 during the year, chiefly, of course, for objects in their respective parishes. The meeting of the Diocesan Branch, which was fairly well attended, was held last month at Indian Head. The presence of Miss Halson, one of the general officers, added greatly to the interest and profit of the meeting, and was very much appreciated. There should be a branch of this valuable organization in every parish. The faithful daughters of the Church would then be linked together in a union of prayer and work, and we should learn more fully what woman's love can do for Christ, and thus the Church would take a deeper hold on the hearts of our people, and wield a widespread influence throughout the land. It would also waken a deeper interest in the sacred cause of Missions. We continue to receive valuable bales for our Indian Missions and other welcome help from the Diocesan branches of the W.A. and from parochial branches also in Eastern Canada. Let them be assured of our most cordial thanks.

"Some of the Chapters of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood render very effective help in various ways in their own parishes, and in one case have helped in our Diocesan Missions work. Two of our Chapters were represented at the recent Conference of the Brotherhood in Winnipeg, in which Archdeacon Harding took a very prominent and useful part. The annual Convention is to be held next year at some place in the West. This will, I trust, give an impetus to the work of the Brotherhood here, and lead to the formation of new Chapters in some of our parishes. Mr. W. L. Thomas, the Travelling Secretary, has been twice through the West for this purpose. A band of

Churchmen in every parish, even if it be few in number, if it be formed of earnest, active, faithful Churchmen, would be of very great assistance to any clergyman, and for this end I know of no better association than the St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

"We still continue to be greatly helped by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. For the year ending December 31st, 1905, we received \$5,072.31 from this source, besides Marriott Request Grants for various churches amounting to \$916.21. This year this Society is making a special effort to raise \$30,000 for the work of the Church in Western Canada. We are to be honoured by a visit from Bishop Montgomery, who is coming that he may learn on the spot what are the pressing needs of the various dioceses. According to present arrangements, Bishop Montgomery hopes to be at Indian Head on the 28th and 29th of August, and also to pay a short visit to Regina on September 3rd. We shall extend to him a very cordial welcome, both for his own sake and because he comes to us as the special representative of a Society to which we lie under the very greatest obligations—obligations so great that we cannot fully express. We will, I am sure, be glad to give some expression to our feelings of indebtedness to this Society by a very warm and hearty vote of thanks.

"The venerable Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, one of our great friends, still continues to help us by grants towards the building of new churches, towards the Clergy Sustentation Fund, by scholarships for Gordon's Indian Boarding School, by grants of service books for new churches, and by books for the libraries of the clergy. It has laid us under deep and lasting obligations. For reasons unknown to me it has seen fit to discontinue the block grants towards the building of new churches, so that we have now to make a separate application to the Society in each case. I greatly regret that the Society has taken this step at the present crisis in our progress and development. The advantages to us in the block grant system were: that we could deal locally with each application, that there was no condition that the church should be free from debt, and that we gave one-fifth of the cost of the church, whereas the usual grant of the Society is only about one-tenth. The Society declined, however, to reopen the question, and promised to help us in every possible way otherwise. Our most sincere and hearty thanks are due to this great Society.

"The Church Missionary Society, which has been at work in this part of the North-West for over fifty years, is now gradually retiring from its work at Touchwood Hills. Last year we received \$733.12. This year the grant is about \$500. This will be reduced by one-twelfth each year until it ceases altogether. Quite recently the Society has transferred the house and land at Touchwood to the Synod. Our hearty thanks should be given to the C.M.S.

"From the Colonial and Continental Church Society we still receive £50 pounds a year, which goes chiefly to the Condie Mission. For this help we feel grateful.

"Our thanks are also due to the Church Bible and Prayer Book Society of Toronto for its kindness in giving a considerable number of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Hymn Books to some of our newer Missions. So far as I know, this Society has never refused any application which has been made to it.

"I have spoken of the progress which, as a diocese, we have made during the past two years. But, remarkable as that progress is, it is in no way commensurate with the progress and development of the country in the same period. With more prayers, more means, more men and more work, more could have been done. I invite you, then, to consider with me the anxious and really most difficult subject, how best to provide for the spiritual needs of our fellow Churchmen, who are still unshepherded and untended. It is not easy to state, without the appearance of exaggeration, the problems that face us as a diocese. Our ancient Church is on its trial in this new land, and many thoughtful persons are convinced that in the next few years our relation to the young and vigorous nation that is rapidly growing and taking shape in our midst will be in a great measure determined. Is our historic Church to take its fair share in moulding and shaping these new communities which are springing up before our eyes? This is the broad question that is now plainly before us. It demands from us our anxious and most serious consideration. I need not, in speaking here and to you, dwell on the rapid increase of population—the immigrants who are coming to us in their tens of thousands, the extension of railways, the opening up of large tracts of land, and the general development of the country at so many different points, and over such a vast area, and on such a large scale. Small villages and nascent towns are springing up every ten or twenty miles along the lines of the new railways. The time is not far distant before the whole expanse of what used to be called Eastern Assiniboia will be filled with an industrious and progressive population, and the opening up of land for wheat-growing is rapidly extending westward of what not long since was considered the western limit. The wonderful and varied resources of this great country are attracting an increasing number of strong, earnest men and women, who will certainly build up strong and enterprising communities here. The grandeur of the opportunity should be our inspiration. We are confronted by a mighty tide of immigration, which is peopling this new land with human souls. The people who are coming to us are intensely real—real in their unbelief, real in their sin, real in their opinions, real in their active, worldly life, which makes a motive power mighty for good or terrible for evil. The newcomers, many of them, must be our

pillars of strength—social, political, and religious—in the future. They should be met with the story of God's love, with the beautiful simplicity of the doctrine of Christ, and with the realities of a living, working Church. The reality of the need is apparent—patent—undeniable. Our force of workers is not large enough. We are still seriously undermanned. We may speak frankly of our own Church's position and claims without speaking one word which may grate harshly upon the ears of any Christian brother. We honestly believe that the Church of our fathers and our affections has a message which none other can deliver as well. We claim, it is true, no monopoly of Divine grace for our Church; but, as loyal Churchmen, we must believe that our Church has some contribution to make for the welfare of this young country which no other Christian body can make. Her continuity, her stability, her roundness give her a type of life of her own. We love her, and are greatly and devotedly attached to her for many reasons. We can commend her because of her primitive, apostolic form of government, because of the purity of her doctrine, because of her ritual, at once sober and reverent, because of her Liturgy, breathing the very spirit of a devout and chastened piety. The Church of England can commend herself on solid and sufficient grounds. But we must seek to commend our Churchmanship, not so much by our claims as by our deeds. We must vindicate the dignity of our Church's lineage by the splendour of its service.

We must show our faith by our works. We may learn some lessons from the line of action taken by the Presbyterians and the Methodists. Why should we lag behind if we believe really that we have a truer lesson to teach and a better influence to bring to bear? There should be a much stronger representation of our Church. Is our hunger for the souls of men less strong? Shall other Christian bodies, with fewer privileges, in our judgment at any rate, than we have, outdo and exceed us in zeal for the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ? Must the Church lose her golden opportunity? It is the grief of some and the sneer of others that our Church is always the last one to reach a town. We, of course, know that there are some exceptions to this so stated fact. But yet there is too much truth in it. Why is there such truth in it? Because we need more workers, we need more money that the workers may live, and we specially need small parsonages in the new settlements, where the pioneer clergyman can make a temporary home. Men and means are seriously lacking, even for the shepherding of our own people. There is great need of patient effort and willing sacrifice.

"Our missionary needs are still many, great and pressing. It is, in fact, inevitable that a diocese where so much pioneer work has to be done should have pressing needs. As you all know, our population is likely to be chiefly a rural population. It is a very grave question how the Church is to occupy these rural districts. Our great lack is, as I have said, men, and the means wherewith to pay them. But the lack of men is greater than it would be if we had the means to erect a small parsonage in each rural district, where the clergyman could at least find a temporary abode until the Church people in the district were able to provide something better. I greatly desire the formation of a Parsonage Fund, out of which grants could be made for this purpose. I venture to ask those who have been enriched by the wonderful development of this country to give me special gifts for this purpose. I should gratefully receive such gifts as tokens of interest in our great work. If all would only give as God has blessed them we should soon have enough to provide for our present needs in this particular. There are huge districts in the diocese where our own people are uncared for, and where the Church's ministrations are wholly lacking for want of these modest parsonage houses. Let us then confront the problems that face us manfully, trustfully, and in faith. Let not the adventurous enterprises of commerce and colonization of territory have stronger attractions and compel larger ventures than hunger for souls and the ransom of lives and the magnet of the Cross. Hard, unflinching work, undertaken in the spirit of sheer and supreme duty—work, strenuous and anxious work, is before us, work of which we cannot foresee the end. Let us, in the name of God and His Church, at once grasp the opportunity. There is nothing hopeless about the present position, if the facts are squarely faced, and the Church in the whole Dominion realizes that a prayerful, vigorous, united and continuous effort is required at once. To the laity as well as the clergy these considerations are applicable. We should all alike be timely in earnest and spiritually alive to the present duties and calls upon the Church of our baptism. We should strive in close and brotherly union to supply what is lacking. We shall thus provide for the unconscious longings of the human heart, and show our Church in her distinctive character. So by kindness, by love unfeigned, by the armour of truth, by showing the world that we have our apostolic ministry, our apostolic faith, our apostolic practice, the Church will win her way among our clear-sighted Western people. We are an old race inhabiting a new country—a country of restless enterprise and toil. May it be ours to take a noble part in keeping these toilers in touch with God, to be the bearers of His message, and the ministers of His grace to them, that they may be a great God-fearing and God-loving people. We are planting those seeds of Christian civilization, which will grow up to regenerate the nations when our place knows us no more. These are a few plain thoughts on a great and pressing subject. May God, by His Holy Spirit, give us a right judgment in all things and bless our deliberations for the greater efficiency of His Holy Church."