

Manitoba The fashionable world often retires to rest when the birds and the toilers are awaking to the duties of a new day. Manitoba College closed its summer session in Theology on Thursday, August 31, about the time that other colleges are preparing for the work of another winter. But Manitoba College is as intense a worker as any of them, and perhaps a more fitting analogy would be day and night "shifts," which workmen follow, when the work is great and pressing.

The summer session has been attended by five students of the third year, who have now completed their course; seven of the second year, and fifteen of the first year, twenty-seven in all, who go forth to labor in Home Mission fields that would otherwise be vacant when the summer catechists withdraw to pursue their studies. Profs. Scrimger, of Montreal, McLaren and Thompson of Toronto, Principal Grant of Kingston, and Rev. P. Wright of Portage la Prairie, have been aiding in the summer work. The experiment has thus far proved encouraging, and it is hoped will help to solve in some measure the vexed question of winter supply.

Dr. Bryce writes, "We are satisfied with the first session held in summer. But why cannot we have twice as many, say forty or fifty, volunteering for winter work. There is no part of the Dominion where it pays so well to invest money for the Church as in the West. It is the land of hope, it is a land of great possibilities, it is a great land for Presbyterianism. We invite volunteers for our winter work. Dr. Robertson will gladly receive applications of such up to the end of October."

Between Lakes In the Lake region thus described, which is not of the **Winnipeg and Manitoba**, best so far as land is concerned, a number of settlers have entered in the last ten or fifteen years, expecting the advent of the Hudson's Bay Railway. Rev. Alexander Hamilton, of Stonewall, has lately returned from a visit and says:

"Our Church has been engaged for a number of years at some seven or eight points in the plains and ridges by the marshes and poplar or oak bluffs to be found to the East of lower Lake Manitoba and to the West of Shoal Lake. No other Evangelist Church entered this region extending some 80 miles from North to South, until recently. The people who are almost wholly engaged in ranching are not many but scattered here and there. The Roman Catholic Church has a mission centre at St. Laurent, among the half breed population, whilst our two student missionaries take up the scattered settlements of the English speaking and Icelandic peoples. Sacramental services recently held brought out at three points some 130 people,

35 communicating, (3 for the first time), 4 children being also baptized. Many were from a distance. Some had driven 16 miles to be present. The people are mostly poor and the missionaries, whose services are appreciated, are often but poorly paid. Yet they have rendered effective service and ought to be heartily supported in their hard work. Some of the people are getting tired waiting for the opening of the Hudson's Bay Railway, and not a few have already gone from their claims. Yet it seems all important that the scattered few should be earnestly tended and faithfully watched.

Winnipeg now On the very day of our writing has eight. Winnipeg Presbytery is engaged in erecting two of its city mission stations into independent congregations. Winnipeg has been very prosperous this year. No less than 1000 houses, most of them of a good class, have it is said been built this year. One of these will be ministered to Mr. Rev. Charles Gordon, formerly of Banff, who is coming from Scotland to take charge; the other will be under the care of Mr. Richmond, a theological student of Manitoba College. Each of these expects to begin house-keeping at an expense of \$1000 a year, and to be self sustaining.

The Winnipeg list is now: Knox, St. Andrews, North, Augustin, Martin Luther Icelandic, Westminster, West End, and Higgins street—eight, with upwards of 2,000 members. In 1872 Knox was organized with 11 members!

Cariboo. It seems our Home Mission Editor was not versed in ancient history. His information was received from a prominent resident of Cariboo, who did not remember that in 1865, the Rev. Mr. Duff was in the Cariboo district as a Presbyterian missionary. We always honor the pioneers. All credit of the church and Mr. Duff for twenty eight years ago having visited Cariboo. We humbly submit however that a fragrant reminiscence of a generation ago will not help the miners and trappers and half breeds of 1893.

The Rev. A. W. Lewis, B. D., of Mistawasis, suddenly found himself a few Sabbaths ago, obliged to get on in his church service without an interpreter. He has only been for little more than six months among the Indians but he has been using diligence in the acquisition of the Cree language and he boldly faced the emergency. At the close of the service that good old man, chief Mistawasis, complimented the minister highly on the way he had made the people understand. It will be a satisfaction to Mr. Lewis to find himself able to speak to the people in their own tongue the words of life, and an added satisfaction to have among his people such a man as the chief who thus tries to encourage by his appreciative words.