

“To the missionaries under his superintendence he was a comrade and most welcome adviser. A visit from him was a stirring of hope and energy and trust in God. Quick to condemn sloth and mismanagement, he was yet quicker to sympathize with genuine misfortune and eager to relieve it.

“In the older portions of the Church in Canada, and across the Atlantic, he was known as an enthusiast in his work. It was due to his frank and pressing appeals that the money was raised for extending the territory of Home Missions, and equipping the fields with churches, manses, and pastors.

“It is a satisfaction to this Committee to remember the perfect harmony and cheerfulness with which he and its members co-laboured. While the docile servant of the Committee, he was at the same time its chief leader and ruler. Knowing the difficulties best, he was yet the most ardent and progressive spirit of all.

“We praise God that He gave our Church such an apostle, and recognize the Divine kindness which called him to his reward. While we feel the human impossibility of filling his place, we remember that he in our position would be undaunted, and face with confidence the task of carrying on the immense enterprise which he began, and has left magnificently incomplete. We pray for faith as we recall some of his last words, ‘The next few years are critical in this work. The night cometh.’

“This Committee would convey to the family their tender sympathy in the sorrow into which they have been plunged, and pray that the God of all grace and consolation may be to them a present and abiding refuge.”

For many years the Presbytery of Calgary formed the western limit of the Superintendent's mission field, and the history of no other Presbytery in the West is so full of the romance of missions. The Home Mission Com-