

#### BRANDON PRESBYTERY.

In the garden of Manitoba, along the rapid Assiniboine, lies the Presbytery of Brandon. It is in a great farming district. We know nowhere of a finer agricultural region, and we look forward as a church to its yielding as a great spiritual harvest for our western work. Its two strongest congregations are those of Brandon and Portage la Prairie. These are self sustaining, well organized, have successful pastors, large and hearty prayer meetings, and splendid Sabbath schools. Indeed two of the most prominent S. S. workers in Manitoba are at the head of these schools.

Of the second rank there are the thriving congregations of Burnside, High Bluff, Carberry, Glenboro, Treherne, Holland, Virden, Oak Lake, Souris, McGregor, Chater, Rounthwaite, Douglas, Alexander, Montrose, all with settled pastors or ordained missionaries. Many other mission fields are also rising within the bounds.

We have high hopes that in our three great schemes of the west, Home Missions, Indian Missions and Manitoba College, Brandon Presbytery may take the lead. A great advance has been made in the last two years in most of these, five congregations reaching the self-sustaining point. Now with good harvests, for which we fervently pray, we may expect a great bound forward. Of course, this applies to the whole Synod, but we have nowhere such an array of promising congregations as are here named. Last year one of the smallest of these congregations gave \$100 to Home and another \$100 to Foreign Missions. This was commendable.

We urge on this, as on all our Presbyteries, more system in giving. We ought all to adopt the envelope system for the support of ordinances, and then a regular society, with monthly or quarterly collectors for the schemes of the church. When shall we be able to reach the Christian ideal, of giving as much for outside objects as we do for the support of our own congregations?

#### NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Duncan Campbell, B.A., a graduate of Manitoba College, has been called to Holland, Brandon Presbytery.

Mr. James Buchanan, also of Manitoba College, has gone to Red Deer, Calgary Presbytery.

Mr. C. Stephen, lately from Scotland, has been called to Medicine Hat.

We are glad to hear that our friend, Rev. A. McLean, of Manistique, Mich., is rather better, and goes in June across the Atlantic.

Mr. J. L. Small, of Man. Coll., has been appointed for the summer to Norman, a part of the charge of Rev. R. Nairn.

The Christian Endeavor Society in Minneapolis, and the Teachers' Convention, Toronto, will be attended by many Manitobans in July.