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THE DAY DAWNING.

Good news for our home mission field! At the meeting of the Synod just closed at Brandon the following motion on the summer session was moved by Dr. Bryce, seconded by Dr. Robertson, and after full discussion unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, there is throughout Muskoka, Algoma, Manitoba, the Territories, and British Columbia, a loud call to the Presbyterian church from the people of these regions for a supply of gospel ordinances, and

Whereas, it is estimated that no less than seventy important mission fields, including about 200 preaching stations in these districts, in which successful work was done last summer, are vacant during the present winter, and

Whereas it has been urged upon Manitoba College that it may the better serve the interests of Christ's kingdom, by conducting a summer session in theology, during the months of April to August inclusive instead of during the winter months, and may thus provide mission laborers for the winter supply,

Therefore, the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories declares that should the Senate of the college and the General Assembly approve of the proposed summer session the Synod is in favor of the same, but only on the following conditions: 1. That in addition to the two theological professors at present on the staff of Manitoba College, there shall be appointed, year to year, two lecturers or interim professors from among the professors of the other colleges of the church, or other qualified ministers of the church, who may be willing to undertake such work for the summer.

2. That the course of study in theology of the several colleges shall be made some what uniform, so that a student dropping out for a year of mission work, and then taking his course in the summer session may be able to resume his course in his own college without loss of time.

3. That in addition to the 20 or 25 theological students at present in Manitoba College, the General Assembly shall encourage a sufficient number of others of those in the colleges of the church ready for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd years in theology to give themselves up for a year's mission service and then to take the summer session provided.