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THE SUPERINTENDENT'S H. M. RALLY.

The Western Home Mission work of our Synod now need special attention. It has reached great proportions. Our Synod preaches the gospel at more than 500 points. We are in danger of becoming satisfied with our own position. In view of this there is peril. Because we annually spend \$25,000 in our H. M. work in the west, we are apt to think we do well in raising that sum, and must keep down our expenditure to that amount. To this suicidal policy our Superintendent is a determined enemy. To him, as to everyone who knows the field, comes the sentiment, "We have not yet attained." "Advance" must be our watchword.

Dr. Robertson has undertaken to get pledges from congregations and from wealthy men of so much a year for five years, and this to be independent of the amounts at present contributed. A congregation for instance is asked to raise \$200 or \$250 a year for the support of some special station assigned to it in the west. The missionary in charge of the station will write accounts of his work to the friends supporting him. Thus greater interest will be awakened.

At the Synod meeting in Regina there was reported from a partial canvass \$9,500 for this year, and we have since heard that in Winnipeg alone, where the congregations have already heavy burdens, the handsome some of \$1,300 a year for five years have been subscribed by individuals, mostly in sums of \$50 and \$25. This is as it should be. To us at the present time, as a church, this is the "vox clamantis."

COLLEGE MISSIONARIES.

The last days of Manitoba College for the year have come. The University and College Examinations are over. Dozens of students have got their belongings—not very heavy in many cases—together, and have bidden them away to their mission fields. Leavings are sad; it is a critical time for the student as he goes out to break the ice as a young preacher; but the work is a grand one. More than 50 go out from our college this summer. We bespeak for these young evangelists a hearty welcome from the people.

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