

shows my brethren that you are sound at heart. Still I am afraid that some of you are too easily daunted by the fewness of numbers that could gather with you at the Lord's Table and are therefore slack in this matter.

With regard to statistics there has been a decided endeavor to carry out the Synod regulations. However meagre these, from the missionary character of our Church ministering to a scattered population and so heavily overshadowed by Roman influences, may be, it is very important to gather and tabulate them. It also enables us to fulfil the requirements of the Church Missionary Society, of the Provincial Synod, and the wishes of the Mission Board of Canada, and the Board of Missions of the Province of Canterbury. Our poverty of results renders this I know a very distasteful labour. In fact it is coming more and more to this painful issue that we are witnesses to a pure Gospel in face of the powerful hierarchy of Rome ready to contest with us every inch of ground in the older fields and however neglected by them any place may be, quick to confront us whenever we seek to break up new ground; putting two priests where we can barely plant one missionary and strengthening them with lay-brethren. I have already had some correspondence with Salisbury Square, as to the advisability of withdrawing from points where Rome appears to be in full possession. Personally I would gladly labour in a field where our work would be among purely heathen Indians and I have no doubt you heartily endorse my feelings. At the same time I have steadfastly opposed withdrawing from important centres knowing the injurious effect it has on the work as a whole. If the Church Missionary Society comes to the conclusion that it is neither within their line of things to labour where Rome is so strongly in possession, or that the results do not justify the outlay and determine to withdraw their support, we must be prepared to submit and leave our future and the future of the work in God's hand.

The future we commit to God's over-ruling all-wise care. Our duty is with the present, and should such be the ultimate decision of the Church Missionary Society we have all the more need to work while it is day. Our present duty is to labour faithfully where God in His good Providence has placed us. But until such a decision is come to, I deprecate breaking up the work piece-meal.

To refer again to business taken up since our last Synod. A table of School fees in accordance with the finding of the Committee appointed for that purpose was sent to each of our Missionaries by our former Secretary, and I trust has worked with-