

rough draft of a memorandum will be put before you for your consideration. Criticism and suggestions are asked so that it may be fully representative of our views.

I regret to say that an increasing quantity of liquor is being introduced into the country in defiance of strong prohibitory laws. We deal with the matter in the Memorandum, a representation from us as a Synod to Ottawa. At the same time it behoves us to faithfully warn our people against intemperance and to do what we can to arrest its inroads.

Some confusion has occurred in financial matters recently. One main cause has been my illness, which commenced the year before last, in October, at a time when, after my summer journeying, I set to work on the accounts. My illness continued till early in January, when I had to leave for the hospital. No further opportunity offered until I was fairly settled in England. Another cause has been the arrangement, that amounts should be paid into two banks at Winnipeg and Edmonton. I am requesting the Rev. A. E. Cowley to advise each one of the amounts paid in half yearly, and at which bank; I trust this will prevent confusion in the future. There is of course the difficulty of carrying on money matters, where those concerned are removed by wide distances from the point where banking is done.

As far as I, as acting Financial Secretary am concerned, my position towards any of you is ascertained by the Ledger Account. I regret that constant summer travelling prevents me giving you half yearly statements as I used to in Ruperts Land Mission.

That account on one side tells you everything I have paid on your account and that of your Mission. You are at perfect liberty to challenge any item which you fail to