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## HOME MISSION WANTS.

A few days ago there met in Knox Church, Winnipeg, eight men, representatives of the Home Mission work from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains. Why day after day did they consult so seriously? Because the work under their care comprises hundreds of preaching stations, from which come pouring in splendid returns of mission work done by students during the summer, of new stations opened, of large gatherings at the services, of increase of membership, of souls saved; and now there is the prospect of the sheep in the wilderness being unsheltered for the winter. No wonder the conveners consulted anxiously! Probably fifty preaching stations may be supplied from Manitoba College; but it was estimated that besides this, 25 ordained men and 25 catechists will be needed to cover the 150 preaching places entirely unsupplied. After every call, after every invitation for men, at the time of the meeting of the Synodical Committee not more than 20 effective laborers were in view to meet this demand for 50, and we are not speaking of Algoma or British Columbia. Our very success is our difficulty. Places all over the west, where no service has been held before, say the Presbyterian Church is the one most likely to give us supply, and supply reasonably good. Brethren throughout the church! You are supporting us liberally with money, will you not do something, by summer session or otherwise, to provide us efficient laborers, and enough of them?

## OUR SYNOD.

Before the next time of issue of the MISSIONARY our Synod in Brandon will have met (Nov. 11th). This meeting marks a new departure, it being an autumn meeting. It is to be hoped it will be a success. It meets on Wednesday and extends over Sabbath. It will be a great occasion for brotherly intercourse, and we, with our scattered fields of labor, need more of this. The reports covering only half a year will not be very full—one of our wits calls them "scratch" reports; but we have had a peep at the programme prepared by the committee, and there is promise of plenty of eloquence. Speakers have been appointed to bring up Systematic Beneficence, Home Missions, Indian Missions, Sabbath Observance, Temperance, College matters, Historical Society, and much else. Brandon is already at work billeting the members. It looks as if it would be the best Synod ever held in the West.

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