

In regard to the Societies in the Presbyteries of Brandon, Minnedosa, Regina, Rock Lake, Winnipeg and Columbi, the Committee have made no allotment, considering that in consequence of their position they are liable to frequent appeals for assistance from the Indians and Chinese.

Note from Supply Committee.—It is earnestly requested that, at the Annual Meeting of the Presbyterial Societies, committees be appointed to receive and re-pack the supplies for the North-West, and see that only clothing of good quality be forwarded. It is better to send all contributions in money to the Central Presbyterial Committee, in order that any deficiency in the supplies sent in may be provided for. The addresses of missionaries and directions for shipping will be given in the June LETTER LEAFLET

Not Interested: Why Not?

Sometimes as we go up and down this beautiful land of plenty and peace, we hear from fair lips these words: "I am not interested in Missions." What is the reason you are not? Is it a valid reason; one which will stand the test at the Judgment? In the first place, how did Christian missions originate and for what by whom? If you acknowledge the truth; i.e. that they were instituted by our Lord, are the result of His last commission to His Church, and if you claim to be a part of that Church, how can you reconcile your excuse with this direct command? What is your duty? A good soldier is expected to obey without question the command of his general or be court-martialed.

We listen to the voice of duty in other matters, why not in this? Were you greatly interested in sweeping your floors and making your beds or washing your dishes to-day? did such a thought ever suggest itself to your mind? It was the work given into your hands, a duty to perform and you did it, with no thought of whether it was interesting or uninteresting. It would have been much pleasanter to read the new magazine which lay with its fresh, uncut leaves; or how much more you would enjoy lying back among the cushions on a hot afternoon, and resting, than sewing a patch on Tom's trousers or darning Kittie's stockings. Which do you do? neglect duty because it is dull or uninteresting? Oh friends, duty becomes pleasure when love is alive.

Do you imagine that on that day when our Lord returns—as return He will to claim His own—He will ask if you were interested in His final message, or if you found it agreeable to your taste? I fancy not. But He *will* ask, How you have kept the faith? How you have done the task assigned to you?