

graduate of Queen's, has just been ordained and gives great promise of doing service for Christ, and of taking an oversight of mission work in Southeastern Assiniboa.

Moose Mountain.—A week was spent at Moose Mountain, a district forty miles north of Oxbow, and to that distance remote from the railway. It is a splendid agricultural region, entered by the first settlers ten years ago. The Moose Mountains are a range of clay, and at other points of gravel hills, interspersed with beautiful lakes, and wooded in many spots. The settlement is on the southern slope of the mountain. Services are maintained this summer by Mr. J. A. Urquhart, a student of Manitoba College. For several years faithful service has been continued here by the Rev. John Geddes, who by exposure and hardship has been compelled to retire. The broken-down missionary still lives in the district and gets only \$100 a year from the A. & I. Fund. Shame on our church that turns its worn-out servants upon the world with such a pittance! Six points are occupied by our missionary, and in each station fortnightly service is given. The writer preached at Percy on the morning of August 21st, to an audience of 40; in the afternoon at Clare to 120; and in the evening at Cameron's to 50. The reducing of the distance from the railway from 70 to 40 miles has made a difference in the circumstances of the community, and arrangements were made with the people for sending in a catechist during the coming winter. In the Moose Mountains are two Indian reserves. Both of these were visited by the writer. They number together from 150 to 200 Indians. One of the bands is Cree, the other Assiniboine. They have no missionary, no school among them, and are as much neglected in fact as if they were five hundred miles from white settlements. They are of course very degraded, and are not making much improvement in farming. A number of their children have been taken to the Regina and Qu'Appelle Industrial Schools. Alas! for our poor, perishing redman!

Estevan.—After returning to Oxbow, a railway run of 45 miles brought the writer to Estevan, the new coal city, at the junction of the Souris branch and the great "Soo" road. This point is 325 miles from Winnipeg. There is much excitement about it, as a coal and pottery centre. Seven days before the arrival of the writer, the first building in the town was begun. The writer found shelter at night in one tent, and took his meals in another tent half a mile away. A great rush took place for the lots. On the same train with the writer were two carloads of speculators. Fourth street for two blocks, with lots 25 feet wide, was entirely bought up in a week. The writer secured a fine site for a church 150 feet by 120 feet for \$100, the market price of the block being \$350. Twelve miles from Estevan, on the Souris river, the coal field, where a coal mine has been worked for six or eight years for the benefit of the farmers of Alameda, was visited. Twelve years ago a Pres-