

The acting Church-wardens are: River Desert, Mr. J. Quail; North-field, Mr. Jas. Wright.

The present Incumbent succeeded Rev. Wright, Jan. 15th, 1893. Mr. Wright succeeded Rev. H. Plaisted, September 22nd, 1892. Mr. Plaisted opened the Church of England mission, River Desert, August 1st, 1884, and for 8 years laboured here, under God, faithfully and well.

The mere counting of heads and numbering of the people is a very poor way of computing the growth or development of a mission. The true growth consists in souls won from sin to a knowledge of the "truth as it is in Jesus Christ."

COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Committee are very desirous that this year there be a great forward movement in the work of the Society. "Their remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," and acting on William Carey's motto, we expect great things from God and shall attempt great things for God.

This year we hope to raise some \$50 for Bishop Reeves of Mackenzie River and \$60 for the Bishop of Madras in India. By means of \$5 banks a sum of \$200 is being raised for the erection of a church at Outremont which is essentially a student mission. Lastly, we purpose this year (D.V.) to have "our own missionary" in the field, and therefore require a special fund for his support and that of a lay catechist amongst the Indians of the North-West.

We are thankful for the missionary spirit amongst us, for we believe that the spirituality of a man can often be tested by his interest in foreign missions. As the missionary tide rises, so will also the spiritual life rise.

Next session we are looking forward to taking up some special missionary study. "Facts are the fingers of God. To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest. Knowledge does not always kindle zeal, but zeal is according to knowledge, and will not exist without it. In vain shall we look for an absorbing, engrossing passion for the prompt and universal spread of God's gospel, for full missionary treasures, for full missionary ranks, unless and until the individual believer is brought face to face with those grand facts which make the march of modern missions the marvel and miracle of these latter days."

May these burning words of Dr. Pierson lead many of us during this summer vacation to take up the study of some Mission field, and become centres of missionary interest wherever we may be placed.

STEPHEN H. MALLINSON, *Secretary*