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## NEW YEAR'S MORNING REVERIE.

Our Home Mission Editor sat himself down to think over the prospects of this grandest Home Mission field in the world. It extends from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean. It includes prairie and mountain, rockland and forest. The lumberer and the navy of Northwestern Ontario, the denizens of the wheat growing prairies, the miners in the mountains and the farmers and fishermen of the Pacific slope, all passed before the mind as a fair vision. What a glorious heritage is ours as western Canadians! What a splendid field for labor for us christians! We thought of the struggles and trials of twenty years, but they were as nothing when we surveyed the points six hundred or more, where sounds of sabbath praise now rise towards heaven. We thought of the hardships of our superintendent and the brave band of missionaries, who are "enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ," but what are these compared to the crowns of righteousness that are laid up for them!

We thought of the unknown and uncivilized wilderness of 1871, and then of the peaceful christian land of 1891, and we could not refrain from exclaiming, "what hath God wrought."

But what for 1892? We hope in April to have large reductions of our Home Mission and augmentation grants that the money may be set free to go to newer fields, and to frontier work.

We hope more completely to overtake our Railway Missions—so that all our railway stations along the line may be bright spots because the gospel is preached in them.

We hope to do more work among the fishermen of Lake Superior, Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba, and the Pacific coast, and to follow the miners and the lumbermen to their camps.

We hope to push on our Icelandic work. Our first missionary fell at the post of duty in December, but his brother is with us, and we have two Icelandic students in the College preparing for the work.

We hope to see the Summer Session a working reality in Manitoba College, and we know that it will enormously increase our Home Mission power.