

In Memoriam.

With sadness we have to state that our pioneer Icelandic Missionary, Rev. Jonas Johnson, died on Sabbath 6th instant, after a short illness. Our brother was taken at the age of 27 years. He was a native of Iceland, and was converted a few years ago in New York, under Rev. Mr. Murphy, at the Mariner's Church. Four years ago he came to Winnipeg, and working with his hands gained a good livelihood, and held cottage meetings at his own expense among his countrymen, of whom there are between 2,000 and 3,000 in Winnipeg. At his earnest request the work was undertaken by the Presbyterian Church, and has been much blessed. A commodious church, holding 400, has been erected, and thrice every Sabbath, and on Tuesday evening, one of the most devout and earnest congregations in Winnipeg assembles. It is refreshing to see the congregation provided with Icelandic Bibles follow the preacher in his references. Moody's Gospel Hymns have been translated into Icelandic, and a hymn book printed. The singing is most hearty, and a large proportion of the converts lead in prayer. Mr. Johnson was ordained in 1890, and was still attending classes in Manitoba College when taken ill. On the Sabbath evening of Mr. Johnson's death, Rev. Dr. Bryce and Mr. Larus Johnson, a brother of the deceased, met with the congregation, which was deeply affected and pledged itself to faithfulness. The funeral was on Tuesday, 8th inst. Rev. John Hogg, Moderator of Winnipeg Presbytery, conducted appropriate services in the "Martin Luther Icelandic Church." Rev. James Allan (Methodist), Rev. Dr. Duval, Rev. Dr. King, Mr. Larus Johnson, and Rev. Hugh Pedley (Congregationalist), took part in the service. The scene in the crowded church was most impressive.

"Servant of God, well done!"

A HAPPY CONFERENCE.

The question of a summer session in Theology is being well considered in the west. On the afternoon of Tuesday, the 8th instant, the professors and forty-six students of Manitoba College, who are preparing for the ministry, met and conferred for an hour and a half on the matter as to whether the Theological Session should be changed from winter to summer. Dr. King occupied the chair, and the various phases of the matter were presented by Dr. Bryce, Prof. Hart, Rev. Mr. Farquharson, Prof. Baird, and the chairman. No expression of opinion was taken from the students, but from the applause given when appeals were made to their zeal and self-denial it may safely be said that mission work in the west will not suffer in their hands.