

Rev. B. B. Keefer, Revs. Crossly and Hunter; also by the Misses Judd, who are working here yet. We believe that the time has come for this Conference to appoint an evangelist of its own, as upon many fields there are young men who have had very little experience in revival work, and then as many are upon extensive fields they find it nearly impossible to go into any special services, as getting up sermons and preparing for examination takes up so much of their time; and some of those with more experience claim that they are intended more for builders up of the Church than for recruiting sergeants, and would be glad to have assistance of evangelists; while many have not the time, after pastoral work is attended to in its various aspects.

McDougall Church, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Rat Portage, Portage la Prairie, Morden, Crystal City, Melgund, Souris, High Bluff, Gladstone, Yorkton, Calgary, Birtle, Newdale and Qu'Appelle are amongst the points that have received more or less benefit from revival services; while some others have labored just as faithfully, but having fewer people, have not seen as good results, so far as numbers are concerned.

New churches have been opened lately at Neepawa and McGregor, and many other places ought to set about building. We have heard that Morden and Hartney contemplate building churches in the spring. Improvements and paying debts is the order of the day at points too numerous to mention.

Dr. Sparling is proving himself not only an efficient head for Wesley College, which is flourishing under his guidance, but he is proving a great source of blessing in his annual visits to various circuits in behalf of the College.

Portage la Prairie has sustained two great losses; first in the death of Mrs. Daniels, and lately in the burning of their beautiful church.

W. SOMERVILLE.

THE HOME WORK.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE.

Carlyle.—I am thankful to say that spiritually the prospect is more hopeful, there is a "shaking among the dry bones." I have had the pleasure of giving trial tickets to several. But it is only the "droppings," we are looking for the "showers." With the blessing of the Master I have been able to attend to all of the appointments, except one Sunday, owing to sickness. With the pleasant weather we are able to report good congregations at each appointment except Carlyle. From here most of the people have removed to the mountain. We are thinking of holding special services in the mountain this winter, if we can get a place to hold them in.

J. B. POWELL.

Elmore.—There are at present six preaching places as against five at the close of the last conference year. One appointment has been dropped, owing to the emigration of the settlers from that district, occasioned by a succession of bad crops; but another, and more promising one, has been taken up in its place. The services have, on the whole, been well attended by thoughtful and impressed congregations. The Sunday-

schools, with the exception of one, have been dropped for the winter, owing to the impossibility of carrying them on in the houses at which all the services are now held. Missionary meetings have been held at two places, and sermons preached at the remaining appointments, which, from a financial standpoint, were eminently successful, the subscription lists being far in advance of anything previously accomplished. Two socials have been held already this winter, one in aid of a Sunday-school library, and the other to help to raise our apportionment of "Wesley College Fund," with very encouraging results in both cases. The loss of members occasioned by the emigration of settlers from this district, and also by the compulsory erasure of several unfit names, which had been wrongfully placed on the roll, will more than counterbalance, for some time, any additional members who may be brought into the Church; but in spite of the seemingly unsatisfactory appearance this may give to our reports, we believe one circuit is progressing, and hope to present at District Meeting a report that may amply prove that "hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

J. C. PIKE.

Alameda.—Present membership seventy-five, of whom, apparently, one-half do not know the "power of godliness." It is an exceedingly difficult matter to secure lively co-operation in the spiritual "work of the Lord." In the Church are too many who turn a deaf ear to the Gospel requirements "Called not unto uncleanness but unto holiness," and too many who are dumb when they ought to speak plainly for Jesus. Babes are too numerous, and those who are "strong in the Lord" too few. The church consumes as much money for tobacco as she gives to the Mission Fund, thereby proving that the "love of Christ" exists in exceedingly small measure. May the Lord send a "refining fire" to cleanse the temples of the Holy Ghost! May He either kill or cure those whose hearts and mouths are not right, so that "the Word of the Lord may have free course" in the conviction and conversion of sinners. Temporal affairs are not in the best condition, because spiritual affairs are not in the best condition. When the heart is right, the pocket will respond "according to ability." The missionary collectors are at work, but a detailed report cannot be given yet. We expect, however, to make an advance on last year, and present indications are that all the funds will be in advance of last year. This, however, is little or no consolation, when we consider that after casting the net for six months we "have taken nothing." For myself, every need is supplied. "My Father is rich in houses and lands," and my sole concern is to "Trust in the Lord and do good."

JAMES DOWN.

Woodville Indians.—Our Indian work at this Mission is about closed. The Indian Department, desirous of concentrating their interests and curtailing expenses, have decided to remove our Indians to other reserves. Beside my ordinary work, this winter I have been holding service in the tie-camps. There are about 300 men altogether, many of them Ontario farmers and their sons, who intend settling in this section, and have taken this opportunity of seeing the