

Then the population, such as it is, is composed of adherents of different bodies, one having a predominance in one district and another in another.

The practical outcome of the situation I have described is an impossibility of immediate self-support, or of anything approaching it in any new settlement.

The consequence of this is that any Church that cannot obtain at the present time practical help from outside, must lose any chance of establishing or extending itself through the rural settlements in the great country that is rising up here. This is becoming more and more our position.

Members of our Church from your diocese and the other dioceses of the Province of Canada, are to be found scattered in all directions over the face of the country. In many large districts, there is no minister of our Church to afford them the means of grace.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada guarantees \$700 to unmarried ministers and \$900 to married ministers. It supplies the main proportion of salary for over twenty ministers in this country, and the general interest shown by that body is very great. I believe the students of Knox College alone support a missionary here.

The Wesleyan body of Canada is mainly supporting over twenty ministers here.

We are not receiving from the whole Church of Canada help sufficient to maintain a single missionary.

We received on one occasion about \$290 from your diocese. I would earnestly ask of you at least \$500 yearly for a special missionary, and \$300 yearly to our Mission Fund for a few years.

We get no new grant from England exceeding \$486 a year, and we have now only one grant in the Province of Manitoba exceeding that sum. One or two clergymen have allowances for the past. This throws a great deal on the small mission fund we raise ourselves, and puts us at a great disadvantage with other bodies who are able to work new districts with missionaries having a salary fully guaranteed from outside.

Then we are in a very peculiar position as a colony. Most colonies have grown so slowly that before they are of any size there has been some city of importance that could help. Here there has sprung up within, I may say, two years, an enormous area covered with a sparse population, while every parish and settlement in the diocese has only temporary buildings, with one exception, from which, however, we cannot, on account of its general poverty, look for help. Winnipeg lies in four parishes. Every one of them has only what I may call a temporary church. There is not a single parish that is not burdened with its own needs.