

I have also much pleasure in being able to announce a decrease in our ranks of C. M. supported clergy in Rev. J. G. Brick. I know that it has been his wish for some time past not to be a burden on the Society and to seek his support from our Church in Eastern Canada. The interest he aroused during his stay there 1886-8 has encouraged him to offer to throw his Mission for its support upon the Church there.

He wrote me to this effect last year. I gladly acquiesced in his proposal. I trust the appeals made through the newspapers and other chronicles of information will find a ready response.

Though for some time past not in our ranks as a missionary labourer; yet since Mr. W. J. Melrose came at first to the Peace River in this capacity, and since his retirement in 1885 has always identified himself with us and during the winter before last, filled the position of school-master at Chipewyan, it is only fitting to refer to what I am afraid is his final departure from our midst. He left last year with the intention of returning once more to the Peace River, but sickness in his family renders his presence necessary with little prospect of being able to leave again.

In the removal of Mr. Traill to the charge of Stewart's Lake District in British Columbia we lose a member of Synod and one of our Executive Committee as also a warm and constant supporter of everything good. He still continues a kindly interest in our work, and has for the past two years sent liberal contributions.

The meeting last year of the Provincial Synod is a matter of interest to us as we are a part of that body—the Church of England in Rupert's Land—of which it is a representative gathering and are therefore affected by its decisions. What rendered last year's meeting of more than usual interest was the gathering at the same time of representative Churchmen from the other dioceses of Canada. The object of their coming was to consult with the Church in Rupert's Land as to the best way of securing a closer union and consolidation of the Church of England throughout Canada.

At this conference by a resolution of our Provincial Synod heartily endorsed by the delegates from Eastern Canada, our Synod sat as a body. Any danger of exercising a preponderating influence being guarded against by an agreement to vote by dioceses. With some divergence of opinion it was finally resolved that the conference recommend a General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, and that its first meeting be held in Toronto, Sept. 13, 1893, and an outline consti-