

different parts of that same country, all testifying to the same condition of things.

I see from the public papers that other denominations are straining every nerve to occupy the ground, and are not able to do it.

All accounts certify the steady growth of the Province, and the demands for Christian effort in town and county.

In 1882 the population of Manitoba was 66,000. In 1886, a year ago, 108,000. Is that not large increase in four years, and years of depression too?

Protestant schools in 1882, 150; in 1886, 484. Then the great majority of the population is Protestant. Catholic schools in 1882, 34; in 1886, 65. I quote from the latest Government statistics.

In all this country we have but

ONE MISSIONARY.

The policy of your denomination, both in England and here, is a policy of

MASTERLY INACTIVITY.

My letter is already too long. I will return to this part of the subject again, and perhaps throw light on it that may surprise some of our readers.

We are very quiet as a denomination in our neglect of Manitoba and all the country west.

Who is to bear the blame? Yours truly,

THOS. HALL.

THE VANCOUVER CHURCH.

DEAR SIR,—Sitting in the study of Friend Silcox, for whose people I lecture to-night, I send you a few notes of travel.

Thinking it would be good not only for my work in British Columbia, but also for the churches in Ontario and Quebec, if I did a little talking about our "New West," I put on my war-paint a few days ago and started on the war-path. It was my purpose in the first place to tell what I knew of the spiritual needs of the Pacific Coast, and in the second place to announce in a concrete and specific form what I wanted for the new cause in Vancouver. Under the latter head three objects were named—a site to cost say \$1,500, a musical instrument, and a compact, healthful library for young men.

So far on I have visited Georgetown, Guelph, Brantford and Paris. In all these churches I found evidences of hopeful and successful life, and from them all I received both kindly wishes and practical help.

On Sunday evening, October 30, I preached to a large congregation in Georgetown, and on Monday evening gave a lecture at a social in the basement, which was packed to the doors. Several gifts in money were handed to me, as you will see by a list to be published and all valued because of the warm feeling expressed. Nor were these gifts all, for you can imagine my grati-

tude when after tea at his house on Tuesday evening Mr. John R. Barber quietly informed me that he intended as soon as I was ready for it, to send me an organ for my Vancouver Church.

Wednesday evening found me in Guelph, where I was kindly received by Mr. McGregor, and had the pleasure of speaking to his large and warm-hearted missionary prayer meeting. Here, too, I received gifts in money and in books, among others Mr. J. W. Lyon promising to make me up a parcel of the books issued from his publishing house. As an evidence of interest in Western work, I may say that Rev. R. J. Beattie, pastor of Knox Church, told me that had he known earlier the character of our meeting, he would have dismissed his in time for his people to come and make a joint meeting with their Congregational brethren.

Last Sunday morning I preached to a good congregation in Brantford, and had an opportunity of looking in upon the fine Sunday school that is growing up in this church. Here, too, I received gifts in money and books, and a hint that may yet turn out to be a subscription of \$100. The pastor was also kind enough to say that if I could get there for a Sunday evening he could promise me a full church and a good collection.

Toward evening the bishop of the Paris Church appeared upon the scene, and drove me to Paris for evening service. I was delighted with both building and congregation. It was easy to speak with the people ranged right about you. One thing especially pleased me, viz., the custom that the choir has of meeting for prayer in the vestry with the minister before going up to the service. The signs ecclesiastical in Paris are for fine and prosperous weather. Something done, and more to be done, were the results of my visit.

The fact that I have given my lecture in Embro gives me the right to begin a new paragraph. We have had a good time, a fine audience and a good collection. Many were the kind words spoken to me by the good folks of Embro.

I hope in the course of the next two or three weeks to see Hamilton, Toronto, Bowmanville, Kingston and points further east. From Kingston I have already the good name of Mr. B. W. Robertson on my books for \$100. I hope to find a similar generous spirit all the way through, and if I do our new enterprise in Vancouver will be worthily launched.

Embro, November 8, 1887. HUGH PEDLEY.

MR. EDITOR,—Two numbers of a new journal have come to hand. Though in one sense a continuation of the *Parkdale News*, this is a new journal, in the name it has assumed, and in the place it seeks to occupy. No limit can be put by others to private journalistic en-