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THE Rev. T. Bennett, '76, during his recent trip to Britian, visited most of the scenes of martyrdom both in England and Scotland. He is turning the information thus received into practical use by delivering a course of lectures on "the Church of Scotland," to large audiences in Taylor Church, on Sabbath evenings. It is gratifying to know that the membership of this church has doubled during the two years of Mr. Bennett's pastorate. The building has recently been enlarged by taking in the vestry and library rooms, yet more pews are still in demand.

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The congregation of Millbank, under the care of the Rev. W. M. MacKibbin, M.A., '75; are contemplating the erection of a new church with a seating capacity of about 450. Although this congregation suffered from a long vacancy, and although Mr. MacKibbin has only been a little over two years its pastor, yet in that time 70 members have been added to the communion roll. We deeply regret that Mr. MacKibbin has been suffering for some months past from a severe illness from which he has not yet fully recovered.

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We are pleased to hear that the congregations of Russeltown and Covey Hill, have presented their pastor, the Rev. N. Waddell, '87, with a fur coat.

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The Rev. J. MacLaren, '86, informs us that the congregations of Carp and Kinburn have cleared off all indebtedness, and have a balance in the treasury with which to begin the work of the New-year.

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The Rev. D. H. Hodges, '86, reminds us that we know but little of the difficulties with which the missionary in Manitoba has to contend. His congregation covers an area of about twenty square miles. He travels every Sabbath a distance of thirty-two miles and preaches three times. Our graduate makes the village of Oak Lake his head-quarters. It is situated 133 miles West of Winnipeg, and is surrounded by a good farming country. Our church was the first to break the virgin soil and to lay the foundation of what may yet be a large and flourishing congregation. The first meeting was held in the C.P.R. Station room. Soon this became too small, and they adjourned to the Section house which a brother Lutheran kindly placed at their disposal. Here they convened their meetings until two years ago when they erected a neat little church. In this village church, Mr. Hodges has an average attendance of 75. Last Summer they erected a manse and stable, half the cost of which was paid when completed, and the rest covered by subscriptions.