

the view of trying to raise funds to make up the reduction of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Church Missionary Society which are steadily withdrawing their aid; and also to get help for the placing of clergymen in fields where there are at present no church services, or very irregular ones, in order to prevent our people from drifting away to other bodies, or worse, to a condition of utter godlessness and irreligion.

Armed with the Bishop's authority, and that of the Synod, through the Executive Committee, and with a definite statement from the Bishop of the pressing needs of the two dioceses, Mr. Webb first visited the Diocese and City of Ottawa. There he received a warm welcome from the Bishop, who kindly placed a room in his own house at the Secretary's disposal, and also gave a hearty letter of commendation to his clergy. From the clergy of Ottawa and vicinity Mr. Webb received much encouragement, and collected the sum of \$173.50, and promises were given of more to come later. He left the Diocese of Ottawa when he did because local interests were pressing and he desired to avoid any clashing of interests which would tend to arouse opposition.

From Ottawa Diocese he proceeded to Toronto, although the Bishop of that Diocese had given a not too cordial permission for him to do so. He first addressed, by permission, the meeting of the Divinity Alumni at his own college, made known his mission, and asked for the co-operation, or at least the non-opposition of the clergy.

Innumerable letters were then written to clergy all over the country. Of these about one half were not answered at all, and of the balance some were direct refusals, others offered no encouragement, a few only extended a hearty welcome. It was the fact that Mr. Webb looked for returns that made him so unwelcome. Nearly everybody would have been willing for him to preach about North West Missions as much as he liked, so long as he didn't expect to get any money from them. Some even said they would be glad of help in their Lenten services, but nothing must be expected in return.

It came finally to the case of having to give up trying to make arrangements by letter, and Mr. Webb had to go along the route he had laid out, and by personal visits try to arouse the interest of the clergy in our work, and endeavour to get their consent to lay it before the people. Whenever he was able to speak of the work considerable interest was aroused, and great surprise expressed at the financial position of the Church in this Diocese. People in the East have very little idea either of the position of the country or the condition of the settlers. In most cases Manitoba and the North West are all the same thing, and reading about magnificent Manitoba crops and good farms, gives them the idea that nearly everybody up here is a millionaire. In fact, they have the idea that people are so much better off here than in Ontario, that it has been seriously suggested sending to the West to collect for the Church's work in the East. Somewhat amusing, from our point of