

country we cannot expect to repeat very often. Still the difficulty and the consequent infrequency of such a gathering not only makes it more interesting but more important. That we cannot meet often renders it very necessary that we should not leave anything undone that will serve to organize and consolidate the work so as to render it, with God's blessing, as effective as possible. Again our gathering gives us the much needed opportunity of mutual comfort, enabling us to compare our difficulties, and to tell of our encouragements. It enables us to join together in prayer at the throne of grace, for fresh blessing on ourselves, and on our work, and I trust that this will be so fully the case that each will return to his field of labor, not feeling himself a solitary unit, but one of a body which however small is still at one in seeking the extension of Christ's kingdom and the salvation of souls. May God the Holy Spirit be present with us throughout the Synod and during our stay. May He guide and direct all our deliberations to the glory of God and the good of souls.

It is a matter of regret that we are not all here, and that on account of his absence from the diocese, and more especially on account of family affliction the Rev. J. G. Brick is not with us. In the trial which has come upon him I am sure he will have the heart-felt sympathy of us all.

I am glad to know that another labourer has been added to our ranks in the person of Mr. Henry Robinson. He is too newly arrived to have rendered his coming here practicable. I regret this as it would have been a good opportunity to have made his personal acquaintance by those who realize how important is every addition to our ranks. He comes with good recommendation from his clergyman, the Rev. Chastel de Boinville; the former pastor of our fellow-worker here, the Rev. G. Holmes, both as to his natural abilities, which promise to be useful out here, and also his spiritual character as a converted man.

Our work as a Synod must be of a two-fold character—a work which will tell on the present and on the future. For the present we are a purely missionary church. Each clergyman in the diocese is a missionary. Each church is a mission station; and for the present we are entirely dependent on a purely missionary society. North America is deeply indebted to the Church Missionary Society, which early in the century sent out her missionaries to what is now the Province of Manitoba, and from there extended her mission stations to the Saskatchewan, to this country, and down the McKenzie.

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