

for him. His piety is undoubted, and the reality of his communion with our heavenly Father is beyond question, so far as one can judge. He is awaiting the call from on high which he thinks will open the door to a better life.

When the fishing season was over, all had to separate. Our missionary could not part with those poor rough people whom he had learned to love without some emotion. His work had been blessed to the salvation of two young men, and many more were deeply impressed. The children had been taught to look to a heavenly Father. Let us hope and pray that the work done in this very needy place by our earnest missionary may be owned of God to the ingathering of many of these needy souls.

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"The Church has many promising mission fields in Manitoba," is a saying with which we have become rightly familiar. But all western fields, by no means, contain those elements which go to constitute what, to the average student mind, is meant by a good field. We think of the new country and her thousand and thousand bushels of No. 1 hard, where people go to be poor and waken up with untold wealth; we reflect upon the accounts we have heard of this same land thickly settled, in some places, with men and women who are ever holding out their hands imploringly for a minister to come to them, so that their

higher needs may be supplied,—and with these ideas in his mind the student too often hurries West, to find himself a surprised "Back-Easter."

For these pre-conceived erroneous ideas which cause this surprise, the student must blame others in part and himself in part. Too glowing accounts of the country itself and the opportunities for doing most highly appreciated work for Christ have, perhaps, been sounded in his ears, but, at the same time, that license of enthusiasm is not always granted which is due to those engaged in prosecuting a new and great work. Supplying the needs of the West is no easy task, neither is it light work to arouse proper zeal for this part of Home Missions. If some have gathered ideas and hopes from those engaged in the work which he finds are far too sanguine: rather than grow discouraged, he should seek the same enthusiasm and go forward to do the best work under the most unfavourable circumstances.

One of the "good fields" in Manitoba is Tarbolton. Situated in a fertile district of country thirty miles north-west of Brandon, and settled chiefly by Scotch people as the name indicates, it is a mission field worthy of the church's consideration. Service is conducted at three places, Tarbolton, Brierwood and Ralphton, with an average attendance last summer of eighty, seventy and fifty-five respectively. At Tar-