

reservations bordering on such centres as Regina, Qu'Appelle and Broadview. A large number of Indians are settled at Blackfoot Crossing, and as yet have no Missionary. This tribe heretofore has been scattered and in a great measure inaccessible, but now they are settled on their reservation and ready for a Missionary.

Fifteen years ago the first Missionary, whom we now delight to honor as President of this new Conference, was sent to labor among the white settlers on the Red River. From that time till the present the work, has been vigorously prosecuted as far as men and money were available. On looking over the present state of this department of our work, we see reasons for devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for the measure of success vouchsafed, and reasons also for renewed diligence and earnest consecration in order that we may meet the demands of the present and the requirements of the future. The unsettled condition and circumstances of the first few years of life in a new country are such as are fraught with dangers to the stability of the religious life. These dangers we would specify as :

(1.)—Neglect of the means of grace for the public and private. Although the new settlers of Manitoba and the North West are church going people, yet your committee cannot ignore the fact that there are many who practically neglect the public means of grace. Your committee would also beg leave to point out the fact that in the remoter settlements where there have been no public means of grace for one or two years, even those who before were faithful attendants become very careless. The intense application to business and the haste to be rich interfere most seriously with the devotional reading of the Word and family worship.

Your committee would urge most strongly the importance of family religion as the basis of all spiritual life as well as of all true national life.

(2.)—The spirit of speculation engendered by the late boom your committee regrets to observe, had a very bad effect on the religious life of the people.

(3.)—With the old foes,—intemperance and Sabbath desecration,—we have still to contend. For these and kindred forms of evil, your committee has no new antidote to prescribe. The faithful application