

have long been looking for larger aid from this society, but its resources are only limited. The society, in the past year, met with a great loss in the death of its hon. secretary, the Rev. Dr. Forbes. I lost in him one of my commissaries and a very dear friend.

We have not received any addition to the annual grant of the S. P. G. since last Synod; but when the society reduced their grant in the case of almost every other diocese, they left ours untouched, and we have received very much kindness and encouragement. The secretary, Prebendary Tucker, has made himself well acquainted with our circumstances, and we are under very deep obligation to him. The society transferred to us a grant of £100 for two years, which fell in, by the death of a missionary. This enabled us to occupy Regina. The society has also made a special appeal for the Northwest of Canada, from which it has sent us a donation of £500. The society has further, to encourage us in establishing an endowment fund for our missions, set apart £3,000, to meet, on certain conditions, an amount to be raised by us. The Society for promoting Christian Knowledge has set apart £4,000 for the same object. The result is, that if we raise £1,000 we shall be entitled to £500 from the S. P. G., and £500 from the S. P. C. K. We have received £500 from friends, of which £200 came through Prebendary Tucker, towards the first £1,000 we have to raise. We require then still to raise about \$2,500, when we shall secure for investment nearly \$10,000. I trust our Laity will soon give us this amount. We have already an endowment of \$11,000, which has been of great service.

One great difficulty in our new missions is the want of a parsonage. It is often difficult to find a house to rent, and the rent is usually excessive. The first effort in a district should be the erection of as comfortable a parsonage as possible. So much is a corresponding want felt by other bodies, that both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are raising \$100,000 to assist by loans the erection of manse. We have the same need, and I trust we may soon see our way to a similar effort. But in the meantime our missions should do what they can. Especially if the members of the church in any district are anxious for the services of a missionary, they could not more effectually and more easily advance their wishes than by securing a good site for a church and parsonage, and while there is no call on them for the salary of a missionary, building a parsonage.