

I shall miss his valuable experience as a Missionary of long standing in the diocese, as also his services as financial secretary, as my coadjutor in Finance Committee and last but not least as an able Secretary of Synod. To fill the vacancy thus made, after correspondence with the C.M.S., Messrs J. R. Lucas and A. J. Warwick have been sent out. Their expenses as far as the Society is concerned will not exceed the grant to Chipewyan. In pressing this on the Society I feel, that considering how large a proportion of the Indian population in Athabasca is Chipewyan, it is our bounden duty to maintain at least one well manned mission among them even though Rome has gained so strong a hold. I trust, God willing, to visit St. Paul's Mission next open season and make their personal acquaintance.

We have also to chronicle the retirement of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lawrence from our ranks. It would not be reasonable to see the tie of so many years broken without feelings of regret. Since 1879 or for a period of twelve years they have laboured in this diocese. Their work has been carried on in the face of great difficulties and many discouragements with much courage and perseverance. The attendance at the Irene school has been, notwithstanding many drawbacks and in the face of strong opposition and much prejudice against the Institution, at times very good. And though I have no reason for reconsidering the ground on which Mr. Lawrence's engagement, with the Society has closed: I am fully alive to the fact that the work of the Institution must necessarily suffer by the unhinging such events inevitably carry with them. An expression of our good wishes for their future career as pioneer settlers of the Peace River country will I feel sure be heartily appreciated by them. We welcome in their place, Mr. Frank Giles of Perry Bar, England, who comes with good recommendations and who from what I hear of him is one who will give himself heartily and cheerfully to the work of teaching.

The Rev. A. C. Garrioch feels compelled on account of the state of Mrs. Garrioch's health, that of their children, as also his own, to seek change and medical advice. The experience of seventeen years faithful labor in the Diocese, and Mr. Garrioch's knowledge both of Cree and Beaver would be no light loss to our work. Realising this I have urged him to accept a winter's furlough. I trust and I feel sure you will endorse the wish, in God's good ordering we may ere long welcome both Mr. and Mrs. Garrioch back to Dunvegan in restored health and renewed desire to be used for God's glory in this corner of the great Harvest Field.

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