

" A purely Missionary Diocese Some 10,000 Indians and probably not 300 English-speaking people, counting children, and these the employees of the Hudson Bay Co. and families. There will probably never be any settlers or colonists in the country, hence the Diocese can never be self-supporting, but must depend on the Church in Canada. It stands alone in this respect and appeals to that Church with stronger claims than any. It has been supported hitherto by the C.M.S. and personal friends in England. The C.M.S. exists for the heathen and hence is gradually withdrawing its support as we become Christianized. The Church in Canada has done *almost nothing* for us. The amount received from the D. & F. Mission Board has never reached \$300 per annum. Last year by my own personal interest I obtained about \$300 more. I have only received about \$20 from Toronto and Montreal. Extent of Diocese four times that of Great Britain and Ireland. Number of clergy, 7! and about as many catechists. Of 10,000 Indians, we have 6,000 with about 1,000 communicants. Of the other 4,000 perhaps 2,000 are still heathen Roman Catholics and a few Methodists make up the remaining 2,000. We have maintained schools all these 40 or 45 years entirely at the expense of the Mission and taught by the Bishop, Missionaries and local or Indian teachers, and have done the work so well that nearly every Indian, say over 15 years of age, coming into our Mission station yearly can read and write. Most of them have New Testaments, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, etc., in their own language, and as a rule, they rarely go away to their hunting grounds without these and a Scripture Almanack to keep track of Sundays and Festivals. They give what they can to the Church but are so poor and often famished that we have to give them more than they give us. I have at least four districts now needing instant occupation, for which I have neither men nor money. I can get the men if you will provide the money; \$100 or \$150 per annum might provide a catechist."

The Lord Bishop of Athabasca writes as follows:—

" As General Cor. Sec. of the W.A. of Canada, I now take the liberty of laying before you the present and most pressing needs of my Diocese. The Rev. J. Brick's Mission at Smoky River is well worthy of support. He voluntarily resigned the grant from the C.M.S. of England, and threw himself upon the support of the Church in Canada. He is seeking to instruct the Indians how to settle down and farm instead of depending upon hunting, which especially in his district, is becoming very precarious. He trusts thus to gather them around him, and so bring them under more stated Christian instruction. The success of more than one of our Missions in the North West has demonstrated the soundness of work on such lines. I understand that the Rev. J. Holmes of St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, has applied for help to the Auxiliary, towards building a