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## A HOME MISSION RALLY.

At its meeting on Sept. 23rd in Knox Church, Winnipeg, the Synodical Home Mission Committee agreed as follows:—

That the Synodical Home Mission Committee expresses its opinion that, while certain districts of country may have suffered from hail or drought during the season, yet the abundant harvest vouchsafed by a kind Providence to almost all parts of the North-west ought to lead mission stations and augmented congregations generally to so increase the amounts raised for the support of ordinances that the claims of the ensuing half year may be lessened, and that the grants needed for the year beginning first of April next may be reduced;

That self-sustaining congregations should, during the present year, put forth a greater effort than ever to raise liberal sums as contributions to the Home Mission Fund;

That Presbyteries should organize means of stirring up all the congregations and mission stations by holding missionary meetings or by a general exchange of pulpits for this purpose;

That Presbyteries be urged to encourage the formation of home mission societies, or general missionary societies, giving large prominence to home mission work, in the congregations and mission stations; and

That in accordance with the instructions of Synod a monthly missionary leaflet be undertaken.

### "THE WESTERN MISSIONARY."

This leaflet aims simply at spreading news of our missions. Being authorized by the Synod it will only admit to its columns what may be for edification. Lively and useful incidents of missionary life in the wide district from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean will always be welcomed by its editors; short and pithy accounts of mission work from the meetings of Presbyteries will be gladly received; pictures of the religious life—in our territory so varied and remarkable—will have a place; but much is expected from members of Synod and others sending in accounts of their personal experiences, both of a trying and joyful kind, for publication. While hardly hoping entirely "to exorcise the evil genius of dullness," the editors expect the leaflet to contain the latest mission news, and to be issued promptly at the time promised.