

*Winnipeg.*—In this city I began my work. The President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, the Rev. Dr. Rice, welcomed me to the parsonage, and by pulpit announcements and introductions did much to make my visit pleasant and prosperous. The newspapers, especially the *Free Press*, did much to help our work both before and after the meetings. Winnipeg may well be proud of its press, as well as of its preachers. They work generally on the same line.

The arrangements for meetings were excellent, and greatly to the credit of the Committee. I preached on Sabbath morning of the 18th of February, in Selkirk Hall, Presbyterian, to an audience filling it to the doors, numbering it may be near a thousand. In the evening I preached in Wesley Hall, Methodist, to another equally large congregation. On Monday afternoon I met the Committee for consultation. After a very agreeable and satisfactory interview, they adjourned to meet me again the following week.

On Monday evening the public meeting was held in the spacious and beautiful Congregational church. The chair was occupied by the new Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, the Hon. J. C. Aikins. I need say nothing here of the excellent qualities of one so well and widely known for readiness unto every good word and work. Already popular in the Province, his cordial co-operation in the Bible Society's work will raise him still higher in the esteem of all parties. The audience, highly representative, numbered from six to seven hundred. On the platform and about it, the chairman was strongly supported by a numerous ministerial staff. I may mention the names of the Ven. Archdeacon Cowley, so long associated with missionary work in the North-West; Archdeacon Pinkham, Inspector of Schools in the Province; also the pastors of all the Protestant churches in the city except one or two who were unavoidably absent. The addresses of the Revds. Messrs. Pen-treath, and Pitblado, were, like the productions of this country generally, to the point and telling. The spirit of the meeting was throughout excellent, culminating in a good deal of enthusiasm. The collections and pledges were worthy of Winnipeg; they amounted to over \$400. Certainly it was one of the very best Bible Society meetings.

The new President, the gifted and genial rector of Trinity Church, the Rev. Mr. Fortin, was always in his place, fulfilling the promise of a popular presidential career. The Rev. Mr. Silcox, pastor of the Congregational church will make a painstaking, efficient Secretary. Col. Kennedy, the staunch friend of the Society through all its "downs" as well as "ups" received honourable recognition in being preferred to the 1st Vice-Presidency. Mr. Copeland, ex-secretary, has been honoured with the Treasurership. A more intelligent, cordial set of committee men it would be hard to find. A bright and widely useful future is before this Branch of the Gateway City.

*Emerson* was my next place of meeting on the following evening, Feb. 20. This place, once so promising, is, from floods and other causes, having all it can do to keep its head above water. Yet a good and interested audience was gathered in the Methodist Tabernacle. The Rev. Mr. Semmens, pastor, an honoured pioneer of ten years' standing in the North-west, did all he could to strengthen my hands and promote the interests of the Society. The Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. Mr. McGuire, who has done much to keep the branch and sub-branches alive and effective, was in his place with the pastor, both delivering appropriate and helpful addresses. The Rev. Mr. McInnis, an old friend formerly in the regular work of the Presbyterian ministry, insisted on carrying me off from Mr. Semmens to the generous hospitalities of his own beautiful home. I rejoice that God's ministers when laid aside by broken health have such resting places. Let me not forget to make mention of the hearty support given me and my work by the two "dailies" of this plucky city. They both helped to prepare the way for my coming, and both were represented at the meeting in their editors. Extended and prominent reports appeared in their issues of next day. The spirit of