

The climate is hardly salubrious, even in mid summer! But the work has been done with much good results under all these difficulties and restrictions, and will continue to be done so long as the present plucky missionaries can stick to their post, in spite of ill health and hardship and the fearful solitude and isolation.

And not a little will it gladden them in that far away northern wilderness, when their Bishop comes to them, as he intends to do next summer, with help and encouragement and a new assistant, so badly needed for the working of so great a field, for then they will not feel quite so lonely and so hopelessly far away, with sympathy brought direct from friends on this side, in Canada.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED.

There is at the present day, among a class of professing Christians a tendency, welcomed by many as leading in the direction of greater tolerance and larger views of truth, to depreciate the ancient creeds of the church, as being too positive and dogmatic for these days of "liberal" thought.

There are many who professedly accept these historic formularies, while feeling a silent aversion towards them, and harbouring a secret dislike of their precise and dogmatic statements as to matters of belief.

Particularly is this the case with reference to the Athanasian creed. Hence this brief plea on its behalf.

Perhaps if the history of that venerable symbol were better known, and its structure and purpose rightly understood, it would meet with love and veneration on the part of many by whom it is now regarded with suspicion or dislike.

Drawn up in stormy times for the defense of the true faith, the Creed was cherished by the Church for a thousand years before the Reformation, after which it was accepted as a standard of doctrine by every Protestant communion in Europe. In article viii of our own church it is stated that this creed "ought thoroughly to be believed and received", for it "can be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture."

There are two objections usually urged against the Athanasian Creed.