

selected portions of scripture, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and a few hymns printed in good plain syllabic characters with accentuation. I have not yet come across a manual that seems to me to meet this want.

I regret to say that our effort in this direction has been seriously retarded through the loss of manuscript last year representing not only a considerable amount of translation work but also the rendering of it into syllabic. The delay is the more to be regretted as I wrote Archdeacon Reeve to secure the assistance of one of the Societies in England for printing it and he replied that under his supervision this spring the S. P. C. K. were willing to do so. I am hopeful however to get the printing done at the Indian Industrial School at St. Paul's Man., which has recently added a Printing Department to their other industries, and have written about it to the Principal the Rev. W. A. Burman.

The Executive Committee will present a report of our finances. I will therefore not refer further to them. It however suggests a few remarks upon the income allowed you in the Diocese. All except myself and formerly Archdeacon Reeve—and two are now to share what was formerly paid to him, any deficiency being met from outside funds—with the exception then of myself and Archdeacon Reeve, incomes are met by a Lump Grant from the Church Missionary Society. This is calculated at £150 (\$750) per annum for each Missionary, with the exception of White Fish Lake, the original grant being for Mr. McMurray, for this the Society only allow £75.

The £150 per annum, by an increase allowed by the Society last year yields \$750 per annum. The payment of this to each of you is made half yearly March 31st and Sept. 30th and deposited to your credit in the Bank of Montreal.

There is I believe a growing feeling among you that this is insufficient to meet your expenses: which especially on account of heavy freight rates are considerably more than were you within reach of railways or steamboats with competition.

There are however, I venture to suggest some grounds for moderating too strong feeling about this, first from comparison.

Looking at the latest Rupert's Land Synod Report on which I could lay my hand, that of 1888, I find it stated in the Executive Committee's Report that there has been paid to clergymen in 26 Missions in Manitoba \$9862.16. This averages not quite \$350. The rest of their income must come from their people. It is only those who have had to look to the people of these young struggling settlements, already burdened with considerable school and municipal taxes, who can know how