

From the words of the devoted Mackay, of Uganda, we quote the following:

"Still clearly shines the morning star, the sign of the gospel of peace. The burning of a few straws will make a smoke, and for the time the stars are rendered invisible in the sky. The flame dies out at length, and there again *Manet immota stellæ*. Nothing yet has ever withstood the Gospel long."

"Mechanical work is probably as legitimate an aid to missions as medical; nor do I see why one should not be as helpful to missionary work as the other, except for the difficulty of getting out of the rut our ideas run in."

"It is indeed dark days for Uganda just now; but we know that just as surely as the sun will rise to-morrow, so surely will brighter days dawn on this unhappy country."

"It is not enough that we nibble at stray corners of the concrete mass of heathendom and Satan's kingdom."

"The right never did succeed but slowly and by reverses."

"The continental idea of 'every citizen a soldier' is the true watchword for the Church and Missions."

"The cantilever principle of Missions: For every man added to the staff abroad, let there be secured among our friends at home a guarantee of sufficient amount to support him,"

"It is not to win numbers to the Church, but to win men to the Saviour."

LAKE OF THE WOODS.

The exit of the Lake of the Woods into Winnipeg river is marked by a considerable fall. A rocky barrier upwards of two miles long and a few hundred feet across gives room for numberless mills. Gordon Brown a few years ago called this the "Minneapolis of the Northwest." Rat Portage, Norman, and Keewatin are three towns built respectively at the east end, middle and west end of this great water power. Rat Portage is now called the "Saratoga of Manitoba." It has a self-sustaining church under Rev. R. Nairn as pastor. Norman has for the summer supported a Manitoba College student, Mr. J. L. Small, and has done well. Keewatin has a beautiful church, which has been occupied during the summer by Mr. A. C. Manson, of Manitoba College. Much religious interest has been awakened. Three elders have been elected and ordained. Our Home Mission Editor was down lately and administered the communion, 35 persons were received into fellowship, four of whom were Icelanders, fruit of our Icelandic work in Winnipeg. Ninety communicants took part and the service was most impressive. How strange that this region which was so shortly since a rocky waste, only disturbed by the cry of the wild fowl, and later still by the profanity of the railway navy, should now have its echoes resounding with the songs of devout worshippers! "The wilderness and the solitary place shall break forth and blossom as the rose."