

## A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

The Convener of Home Missions for Winnipeg Presbytery has stated that at some forty points in that Presbytery our church is maintaining services where no other church is found. While this is a great opportunity it is also a great responsibility. In most of these places the settlers are scattered. They are often far from being well off, and cannot give much to help in supporting the missionaries. But the Presbyterian Church in Canada has plenty of means. Its people are among the most successful in business all over the country, and at our great centres of Toronto and Montreal especially so. Moreover, while there is plenty of room for improvement, our people are trained to give for the Lord and are liberal. It is thus a pleasure for us to send our missionaries to many weak and struggling places, where, otherwise, the people would be without the gospel as thoroughly as if they were in China or Japan. Our missionaries find no difficulty in meeting these mixed communities. The pure word of God, Moody and Sankey's hymns, and the plain gospel, spoken in a simple way, without notes or artificial help, form a common medium upon which all the evangelicals can combine, and we are glad to say that instances come to us of Roman Catholics coming to our services and receiving benefit.

## TEMPERANCE.

At our late Synod meeting an excellent report was submitted on Temperance by the Rev. Joseph Hogg for the Convener, Rev. P. Wright, of Portage la Prairie. So far as expression was given, our Synod is a unit on the question of prohibition. It was reported with gratitude that temperance text books had been placed upon the programme for all public schools in Manitoba. In the Northwest Territories our people are banding themselves together to oppose the repeal of their Prohibitory Liquor Law, and to secure its proper enforcement. It was stated by a member of the Presbytery of Minnedosa that there are only two places in that large Presbytery where liquor can be sold. The people of the country districts of Manitoba are exceedingly temperate, and we shall hope to see Manitoba soon rivalling Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in sobriety.