

Home Missions

UNITED CHURCH ARCHIVES

Home Mission work in all sections of the Dominion is most hopeful and encouraging. This is true of the Eastern Provinces by the sea, as well as of Quebec and Ontario, and especially true of the new provinces to the west of Lake Superior. We have 78 Home Mission fields in the Eastern section of the Church, with 231 preaching stations; and 428 fields in the Western section of the Church, with 1,230 preaching stations. In connection with these fields, there are 16,474 families and 18,477 communicants. Of the members 1,986 were received last year on confession of faith. We seek to reach not only our fellow-subjects of English speaking origin, but to give the gospel in their own tongue to all classes in the Dominion. We have missionaries among the Icelanders, Scandinavians, Germans, Norwegians, Swedes, Bohemians, Galicians and Doukhobors, and mission day schools among the Galicians. We have two trained missionary nurses at Atlin, B. C., supported by a Committee of ladies in Toronto, to whom the Church owes a deep debt of gratitude. The contributions of our people last year for Home Mission work were greatly in excess of any former year, amounting to \$122,731, including \$9,000 raised by the Student's Missionary Societies in connection with our colleges. These societies have rendered splendid service to the cause of Home Missions. Last year they worked forty-one fields.

A year ago, in view of the diminished revenue from Britain and the opening up of a large number of new fields, the committee of the Western Section resolved