

## Our Home Work.

**Collection for Augmentation** In the case of congregations that have not otherwise provided for this collection, the Assembly has appointed the third Sabbath of January for that purpose. The importance of the Augmentation scheme cannot be overestimated.

Permit a few familiar reasons why it should be liberally sustained.

Our interest as a church ceases for it. Many congregations pass through a period of childhood, during which they cannot support themselves. If left without help they are liable to die like other starved children. And if these die out, what is to become of the church in days to come. Help them into self support, they in turn will help others, thus our church will grow.

Our principles demand it. We look upon our church as one; not a system of scattered independent congregations but one great family, with members weaker and stronger, the strong helping the weak, bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ.

The care in expenditure warrants it. The men who compose the committees and manage the fund, east and west, are judicious, careful, and economical, in their disbursement of it. The rules by which help is given from it are very carefully prepared and strictly observed, and no congregation can get help from it without faithfully helping themselves. As a matter of fact, taking the average of giving over the whole church, the congregations receiving aid from this Fund give much more largely per family and per communicant for the support of ordinances among themselves, than do the self supporting congregations.

Results justify it. Year after year, congregations that have been helped through their time of weakness, become self supporting and in turn help others. In most cases, the aided congregations have been stimulated to a higher degree of liberality, and in nearly all, settled pastorates, which would otherwise have been impossible, enjoyed. To this beneficent scheme our church owes much of her success.

**Far West** A meeting of Presbytery in the **Presbyteries**. far North-West involves more of time and toil and travel than does a meeting of Synod, for most of its members, in the east. As a result they have long meetings and long gaps between them. The Presbytery of Calgary meets half yearly in September and March. At its last meeting, 26 Mission fields were reported as supplied during the summer, 7 of these will hereafter be in charge of the Presbytery of Kamloops, away on the other side of the Rocky mountains. At this meeting claims upon the Augmentation Fund for \$325; and upon the Home Mission Fund for \$2,325, were passed. Steady and sure is the upbuilding of the church going on in that great Home Mission field.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR COLUMN.

**Y.P.S.C.E.** These characters will be understood by many, without explanation, as referring to the great Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in June 1893 in Montreal. About 30,000 delegates were present at the Convention in New York this year, and the local committee are making vigorous efforts to supply suitable entertainment for the thousands, the tens of thousands, that are expected in Montreal in June next.

**Christian Endeavor.** What does it mean? All over the Christian world, it is on multitudes of tongues. Is the thing itself realized?

1. One thing about it is that to be "Christian" the "Endeavor" must reach the whole *depth* of the heart and life. There can be no such thing as half hearted "Christian Endeavor." The young man who came to Christ "lacked one thing," and lacked all.

2. It must cover the whole *breadth* of the life. We cannot be "Christian Endeavorers" along one line of life, in any particular time, place, or circumstance, if we do not thus "Endeavor" along every line. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

3. It must cover the whole *length* of the life. Human endeavor may be fitful, changing with the seasons, but Christian endeavor is like Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, in its steady effort for good; its face ever as though it would go to Jerusalem. He that putteth his hand to the plough and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven.

**For Christ and the Church.** Such is the beautiful motto of the society, and as true Christian Endeavorers must live up to their motto, the aim and effort of all who bear that name, must, if they are true, be to live for Christ and the Church. First, for Christ, then work for Him through that branch of His Church with which you may be connected. What are you, brother, sister, doing for the church, and for Christ through that church? Are you always in your place in the church on Sabbath, hearing what of truth you can, cheering the minister by your attendance, setting a good example to other young people? Are you at Sabbath school as you may be able and do you try to get other young people to attend? Are you regularly in your place at the church prayer meeting, cheering others who meet to pray, adding your prayers to theirs for a blessing upon the congregation? Do you give what you can to help on that church in its work of Home and Foreign Missions and all its other schemes? Do you seek so to live and work that not only the badge of your society but the aim of your heart is—For Christ and the Church.