

There have been many kind remembrances of pastors by their congregations during the past few weeks. Best of all the results of each goodwill tokens, no matter how trifling, is the encouragement that they bring to the often discouraged worker, as an assurance of the sympathy of those among whom he labors.

The H. M. Funds. The receipts for H. M. Fund, in the Maritime Provinces for the first nine months of the current church year, up to 1 Feb., were \$6,174 as against \$6,765 for the corresponding period of last year, a falling off of \$591. In the West at the same date in the present year, the receipts were \$25,718, as against \$20,361 at the corresponding date last year, a decrease of \$5,357.

Required for H. M., West. "The General Assembly asks the Church for \$78,000 to meet the necessities of H. M. work in the West for the current year. Shall it be forthcoming? Last year about \$71,000 was given, but \$10,000 of it was in response to a special appeal in April. This appeal cannot be repeated. If the money is not forthcoming, missionaries must lose part of their salary and extension must stop. And if we fall behind settlement, can we catch up later? No. What will Manitoba itself do? All it can; but with 3 bushels of wheat selling for \$1 there is not much money in the crop for the farmer. To succeed, our giving must be general and generous."

French Work. Two marked events in French work were recently celebrated in Montreal. On Sabbath 2 Feb., was opened a new French Church in the Point St. Charles district where a most successful Mission School has been carried on for two years. It will be a centre of light in that district of the city. The pastor is Rev. Mr. Buffa. The other was the induction of Rev. C. E. Amaron, in St. John's Church, the oldest, and leading, French Protestant Church in the city. The fact that the induction took place in their beautiful new building now nearing completion, gave added interest to the occasion.

The French Fund. The receipts of the French Evangelization Fund for the first eight months of the current ecclesiastical year, were only \$5,389, as against \$8,973 for the corresponding period of the previous year, a falling off of \$3,584, well on to one-half.

The year began 1st May, 1895, with a small balance on hand, but unless there is a united, earnest and vigorous effort, there will be a large balance on the other side when the books close 1st May, two months hence.

The work has not fallen off in its needs. Our French Canadian countrymen need the Gospel as much as ever they did. Obligations have been incurred which, as loyal church members and Christians, we must meet. Nor has the work fallen off in its success. The leavening power of the Gospel is seen in many ways.

H. M. Fields East & West. These fields are in N.S., N.B., Ont. and Que., as well as on the prairies and in the mountains of the far west. The farmer and rancher, the miner and railroader, the lumberman and fisherman, are connected with them; and we are endeavoring to teach these people and their children to fear God and keep His commandments. And could the Church see the progress made and the good done, and witness the gratitude of the people, there would be ample compensation for her sacrifices.

—Dr. Robertson.

Schreiber H. M. Field. Is sketched in the Man. Col. Journal, by Mr. A. E. Camp, as 260 miles long by 4 ft. 8 in. wide, the width of the railway track. There are 19 C.P.R. stations in this distance, including flag stations. Many of them have but few people, though at most of them the missionary holds service, nearly all the religious instruction the people get. The four principal stations are, Nepigon, with 100 men, women and children, or, including adjacent Indian reserve, 200; Rossport 70, Schreiber 400, and White River 80. These figures include both Protestant and Roman Catholic.

Schreiber Station. "Is a railway town of some 400 inhabitants, nestling in a little nook in the mountains and rocks, about a mile from the lake shore. We have a beautifully finished church, seating about 75. We hold services here fortnightly. In the evening the church is crowded. The Sabbaths are very much broken up, and when men, as we believe, ought to be attending the house of God, they have to be out on the road. When will we have a better understanding as to Sabbath observance, or when will the Sabbath law which we claim to have, be better enforced. On the whole it is a quiet, moral place, and the people are extremely kind hearted."—A. E. Camp.

Results in the North-West. The effect of Christian work on the North-West has been most marked. Everywhere east of the Rockies the Sabbath is as well kept as in Ontario. Life and property are respected in all the land. While the population increased 153 p. c. between 1881 and 1891, the actual number of convictions in Manitoba decreased. If farther west the conditions are not so satisfactory, the Churches are largely to blame. The moral condition is, however, rapidly changing for the better.

—Dr. Robertson.

The following mission fields in Kamloops Presbytery are supplied with missionaries: Donald, Revelstoke, Kaslo, Nelson, Rossland, Kettle River, Okanagan, Vernon, Spallumcheen, Shuswap, Nicola Valley, Ashcroft, and Quesnelle. These mission fields comprise forty-three preaching stations.