

Church is strong and extending rapidly. In the province of Quebec the great bulk of the population consists of French-Canadian Roman Catholics, our efforts for the evangelization of whom have been signally blessed by God, especially since our late union. Last year, in the city of Montreal alone, and owing chiefly to the labours of Mr. Chiniquy, between two and three thousand publicly renounced connection with the Church of Rome and joined themselves to us. Our people gave last year to this scheme alone between three and four thousand pounds.

The Home Missions, the mission to lumbermen, and the aid provided for weak congregations in the West, involve an annual expenditure of over 35,000 dollars a year. New fields are being constantly opened up as the country is becoming settled. At all important points along Lake Superior and in the vast and lonely wilderness between Ontario and Manitoba, where a few years ago we had but one minister, we have now eleven. The expense incurred in following pioneer settlers is necessarily great, but no work is more important in view of the future of the Church and country.

We have mentioned the educational efforts of the Church in the Eastern Section; let us see what is being done further west. We have Morrin College at Quebec. We have the Presbyterian College at Montreal; Queen's College at Kingston; Knox College at Toronto, and a College at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

No Church can thrive or even live in these days without engaging in Foreign Mission work. We have accordingly, as the committee inform the parent Churches, missions in the New Hebrides, in Formosa, in India, and in Trinidad; besides the efforts made in the Far-west to evangelize the Indians. It is not now appropriate to class our North-West enterprise with our Foreign Missions, for the field is all our own.

The parent Churches have in the past afforded us very valuable aid in money, but especially in men. They deeply sympathize with us in our arduous and glorious work

and they give the best practical proofs of continued sympathy and countenance. The parent Churches have ever been our fellow-workers, and they are evidently resolved still to aid us in "laying the foundation and building the walls of a great state, and in cementing them with those religious principles without which no state can endure."

Surely the claims of our Church upon the affection, the loyalty, and the self-sacrificing liberality of our own people are urgent, and paramount to all other claims. We prize the approval and assistance of the parent churches; but we are neither worthy of their aid, nor are we fitted to make the best use of it, unless we do our duty well and truly. It is only when we do our utmost that we can honorably invite the help of others. The Scottish and Irish Churches will assist our Educational and Home Missionary enterprises. Their good-will and their substantial proofs of it, will do much to encourage us in the work to which the Master has summoned us. To appropriate the words of the Committee.—

"The Presbyterian Church in Canada with its six hundred and twenty settled ministers, has undertaken not only the necessary duty of sustentation and all that is implied now-a-days in the organization of a great Church; but many onerous duties incidental to its position in a new country of vast extent, and where the Protestant population is divided into two unequal parts by the intersection of the French-speaking and Roman Catholic province of Quebec. In a country where the thoughts of young men are naturally turned to material things, we have to train a ministry not only to meet recurring expenses, and to supply one hundred and fifty vacant charges, but also to build up hundreds of little stations into congregations; and, taking the tide of immigration at the flood, go forward with it along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and north and south of that great highway which is now being surveyed and constructed from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In order to do this work, we have 'forgotten the things which are behind,' and, having consolidated our forces, are 'reaching forward to things which are before.' A few of our brethren here and there have not seen fit to unite themselves with us, but we believe that their patriotic and Christian spirit will not suffer them to