

A congregation in London Presbytery reports that fifteen of its families are tithers.

St. John Presbytery has responded to the "elder-moderator," remit by appointing Judge Stevens to its chair for the current half-year.

Toronto has twenty-five Presbyterian Churches Montreal has twenty-one; including four French, one "kirk," the American Presbyterian, and its mission.

Ten thousand seven hundred and fifty families were visited last year by the Colporteurs of the French Board. The number of the latter was but two for the whole year and four for six months.

Manitoba College had Dr. George Adam Smith lecturing on Hebrew poetry, and is thus again reaping the benefit of having its session in the summer when the great men of other colleges are free.

A glad day for St. Andrew's Church, St. John, Nfld., was that Sabbath in July which saw the formal opening of the new kirk, built to replace the one lost in the great fire. Rev. L. G. McNeil, a former pastor, assisted by Mr. J. P. McPhee, conducted the services.

Rev. D. Tait of Quebec, Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on French work, says in his report:—"The people among whom our missionaries labor live in our own land, at our very door, and many of them are almost as ignorant of the Gospel as the heathen of India or China."

A most valuable book, and a very suggestive one for sermon themes and thoughts, has been sent to all our ministers by the Agent of the Church. Keep it on the study table. Use it freely. It will prove helpful to both pastor and people. It is out several weeks earlier this year than usual and should, on that account be of much greater service.

Twenty years ago, Winnipeg had a population of 2000; to-day nearly 40,000. Manitoba had then 20,000, now 200,000. Then the Territories were empty, now they contain 100,000 people. British Columbia had then 40,000, now 100,000. Our Church had then in the North West, 2 congregations, and 14 Missions with 35 preaching stations. Now we have there, 14 Presbyteries, 83 congregations, and 174 Missions with 818 stations.

John Knox, three and a half centuries ago, in seeking to stir up the somewhat backward Scottish lords to take active measures in throwing off the yoke of Rome, told them that the best good they could do for their children would be to leave them a country where freedom reigned; where each would be at liberty to worship God as he might wish. The warning decided them. The liberty was won. The best legacy that we can leave our children is a country leavened, into its farthest corners, with the Gospel truth, and this our Home Mission scheme aims to accomplish.

The West- While Presbyterians, the world over, **minster.** have been talking about celebrating this 250th anniversary of the *Westminster Standards*, some enterprising Toronto folk have celebrated it in a very practical way, by a new monthly magazine, *The Westminster*, edited by Rev. J. A. Macdonald, late of St. Thomas. The two first numbers, June and July, have appeared. If their high character can be maintained,—and Macdonald's fertile brain and facile pen and instinct in finding helpers, are equal to the task so long as he is in the chair;—the best we can wish is that, confirming the truths of these Standards, it may live to celebrate its own quarter millennium. Send for a sample copy, addressing *The Westminster*, Toronto.

Maritime If "beginning at Jerusalem" has **Home Work.** a practical application in our time, it means greatest responsibility for that which is nearest home. While our Maritime Synod is responsible in its measure for Quebec and the North West and the wide world, its first responsibility is for its own scattered Home fields. Last year the cost of Home Mission work in these places was considerably more than was given for that purpose. The work of the present year is going on. The old borrowed balance remains to be paid. The church by the sea, amid other calls, should not forget this one for which she alone is responsible. To have every new settlement in our land leavened with the principles of the Gospel is necessary to the best well being of our country as a whole, and for that which lies nearest, responsibility is correspondingly great. Let this be done and the other not be left undone.

Summer Very successful was the summer **School in Hx.** school of Theology in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, which closed 24 July. Our own professors, and several of our ministers, aided by Dr. Scott, of Chicago, and Dr. Sprott, of Scotland, (both old Nova Scotia boys,) and Dr. Watson, of Kingston, spread a goodly feast of reason; while flow of soul of highest type was enjoyed, especially in the morning and evening hour, spent in conference and worship. It is safe to say that in no summer Theological school on the Continent has more solid and valuable instruction been given;—we are inclined to go farther, and put it, even in this respect, first among them all,—while for location, air, water, scenery, etc., it is peerless. Inland schools swelter in summer heat, but here, the Atlantic breezes give vigor to body and mind, color to cheek, and buoyancy to step; while old ocean himself laves the shore of the college grounds, inviting the weary to his arms. A number of the papers read have appeared in the daily and weekly press, while the lectures of Drs. Scott and Watson are to be printed in book form.