

contribute liberally for the support of ordinances and for all Christian objects. It is to be feared, however, that family worship is largely neglected. In British Columbia owing to a variety of causes, the moral and spiritual tone is lower than further east. In the early days troops of miners came in who had not much regard for religion, and these have left their stamp upon certain parts of the Province. In many places there was scarcely any organized society. The Church neglected these people, and a low moral tone was to have been expected. Of late years, however, there has been a decided improvement, and on the Pacific coast, as elsewhere, the Gospel is seen to be the power of God to the salvation of men.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

Take them as a class, the Church has every reason to feel proud of their efficiency, and the influence they exert for good. Their work is exhausting. It is no unusual thing for the missionary to drive thirty-five or forty miles and preach three times on Sabbath. Families are widely scattered and visiting difficult to overtake. The atmosphere is dry and bracing, but thirty degrees below zero facing the wind is not comfortable. Still in the severest weather it is seldom that a congregation is disappointed through the failure of the missionary to reach his destination. These men have few opportunities of exchanging pulpits, they find it difficult to attend meetings of the Synod, and as to attending the meetings of the General Assembly not many could afford the luxury. The travelling expenses would pinch them for a year. They are compelled to be often away from home, and their wives have no small amount of care and responsibility. These ladies can get no help in their household duties, and it may be truly said that their work is never done. The salaries of our ministers are not large in promise and too frequently they are less in fulfilment, and owing to the state of the Home Mission Fund this spring it is proposed to pay them only what was in the treasury whether that was fifty or seventy-five per cent. of the amount promised.

THE CHURCH AND MANSE BOARD, continue to advance our work greatly. Fourteen churches and two manses were built with the help of the Board last year. About \$4,970 was given in loans or grants, and the value of the buildings is estimated at \$13,950. Building operations are active this spring.

GENERAL STATEMENT.—The past year has been on the whole full of encouragements. In certain localities crop losses were sustained, through causes with which we unfortunately were not strangers before, and in consequence financial advance was arrested. Yet in the Synod as a whole real progress was made, and the record of this year is in advance of that of any previous year. All the fields occupied in former years were supplied with ordinances,

settlers neglected hitherto from lack of funds or other causes were visited and cared for, and every effort made to overtake the wants of new settlements. This year there is a considerable extension of work and it may be asserted with confidence that there is no settlement of any consequence between Lake Superior and the Pacific Ocean that is not provided with the means of grace. The inflow of settlers this spring is quite considerable, over seven thousand having arrived already, and before the close of the summer it is likely that we shall be called upon to open a number of missions in addition to those now occupied.

STATISTICS:—Mission fields, 139; Preaching stations, 493; Families, 3,802; Communicants, 4,274. Received from the Home Mission Fund, \$22,856; from the Augmentation Fund, \$5,137; for travelling expenses, \$2,500. Total \$30,493.

Missionary Cabinet.

GENERAL BOOTH.

“**W**HETHER we admire or despise it, whether we detest or sympathize with it, the Salvation Army represents one of the most remarkable religious movements of this generation.” So says Archdeacon Farrar.* Queen Victoria sent this telegram to General Booth in 1882: “Her Majesty learns with much satisfaction that you have with the other members of your society, been successful in your efforts to turn many thousands to the ways of temperance, virtue, and religion.” Cardinal Manning was one of the first to write to General Booth and express the hope that God would bless his philanthropic efforts. Bishop Lightfoot, the Bishop of Manchester, the Bishop of Rochester, Dean Vaughan, Canon Liddon and many other dignitaries of the Church of England, eminent for learning and piety, have borne testimony to the good that has been accomplished by the Salvation Army, and good John Bright, the Quaker, referring to the shameful attacks made on some members of the Society, is reported to have said, “The men who persecute you would have persecuted the apostles.” At a public meeting recently held in Montreal, representative ministers and laymen of all the Protestant churches unanimously denounced the cowardly insults and assaults to which members of the Salvation Army had been

*THE SALVATION ARMY, by Archdeacon Farrar D.D., in HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE, May 1891.