

## Our Home Work.

Congregations and Missionary Societies will please remember that the church year ends with 31st March, a month earlier than in previous years. It is very desirable that all sums voted at the annual meetings should be forwarded at once to the Agents of the Church, east and west.

Within the past three or four weeks, there have been a thousand, more or less, "Congregational Meetings" all over our Church. Who can measure the amount of faithful doing of duty that these represent, as they sum up the work of the year; the planning and giving to make ends meet. Then there is the satisfaction over balances on the right side, or the self denial to make up deficits, less or more, in order that the congregation may start square on a new year. In this steady effort, this life-long performance of duty, by men and women, perhaps in small scattered congregations, to keep the Church open and secure to the community the blessings of the Gospel, is seen many an illustration of the "Perseverance of the Saints."

The Synod of Manitoba and the North-West met at Winnipeg, 9 to 12 Nov. Rev. Dr. Duval succeeded Rev. Joseph Hogg in the chair. With a Home Mission Field 1,100 miles long, this subject naturally filled a very prominent place, and strong were the efforts made to lift the Synod to a higher level of giving, to this and the Foreign Mission Funds. Work among the Indians, usually styled "foreign," lies, much of it, within the Synod's bounds, and required much of thought and care.

Manitoba College gave, as usual, a good account of its stewardship. The attendance of students is larger than ever before and the college is free from debt; but the Synod's giving to it is smaller than last year. The Synod, without Dr. Robertson was not a common thing. He has been unwell, and no wonder. There is a limit to human endurance, though his seems hard to reach.

We regret that the above, though in type, was overlooked, in the making up of an earlier issue.

## SEEKING FOR MEN AT KLONDIKE.

Thousands are rushing to the Klondike for gold. The church must rush for the men. They are more precious than gold. It shall perish. They are immortal.

And it is estimated that well on to two hundred thousand of them will be there next summer. Villages and towns in the mining districts must be provided for as they spring up. Our church has sent two missionaries, Rev. R. M. Dickey and Rev. A. S. Grant, and eight more are called for.

The missions will soon become self sustaining, but the Home Mission Committee must bear the expense at the outset, and it cannot do so without special help. It is making its appeal, to all, but more especially to business men. At a meeting in Toronto, held to designate Mr. Grant, four men promised one hundred dollars each, and a man from Paris, Ont., promised to raise five hundred dollars in that vicinity.

The Committee give as reasons for prompt action:—

"Klondike is a part of Canada, much of the inrush will be foreign. It is necessary that the dominating forces in public and social life, in judicial, commercial, and religious, affairs, should be distinctly Canadians."

"Among the gold seekers there will be many Presbyterians, many of them anxious for service; the foes to health and morals are many, subtle and strong; no previous training or profession makes men proof against their evil surroundings, and if the unwary are not to become the prey of the vile and the villainous, provision must be made for dispensing religious ordinances. Gambling, drinking, unbelief and licentiousness, are the prevailing vices; and strong, prudent, spiritual, men are needed to cope with these combined evils, to warn the unwary, rescue the perishing, and care for our young men as they throng thither in the search for gold."

The Committee "appeal to patriotic men and women" to provide them with the means. Promises, to be fulfilled before March 31st, next, can be sent. Send promise or money, marked "Klondike Fund," to Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto.

Who will take shares in this Klondike expedition, with guaranteed permanent dividends in saved men?