

## Our Home Work.

**More** "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest," **Laborers.** that is well, but do not stop there. What can I do to answer that prayer, is a question that should come to every young man in our church. At the present time the call comes from two directions. First, there are our Home Mission Fields, where student catechists have been laboring during the summer but from which they have returned to college. In these fields there will be many a silent Sabbath. More laborers! Then our colleges are opening the winter session and by their opening asking young men to share their advantages. Young men, listen to these voices and ask yourselves if the Spirit of God is not saying through them to you, "Son go work to-day in my vineyard."

**Church** A work in which our Presbyterian Church might well copy from the Methodists is in the way in which the latter subordinate individual interests to the good of the whole. In opening up new fields, building new churches, whether in city or country, the latter do not regard so much how the change will affect some existing congregation as how it will bear upon the advancement of their church. The selfishness, or fear, of a congregation, lest it should lose some of its members thereby, has not seldom prevented the organization of a Presbyterian congregation, where the interests of the church as a whole demanded it. Our denomination is fondly thought by many of its members to be second to no other in its loyalty to Christ, and this is the highest, noblest aim. But next to that comes loyalty to our denomination, through which we seek to promote His glory. Then comes loyalty to our own congregation. This last should ever be subordinated to the good of the church as a whole, and loyalty to the Church as a whole made tributary to loyalty to Christ.

### French Funds Our French Evangelization need help.

Fund needs more of our effort. At a late meeting of the Executive it was found to be considerably behind, and in a worse position than it has been for some years past. This scheme has the warm sympathy of a great many people in our church on account of its object, the giving of the Gospel to our fellow countrymen, while the progress that it is making is encouragement to prosecute it with diligence, and its special need at the present time needs but to be known to insure a prompt and hearty response.

Foreign missions occupy a prominent place, and Dr. Mackay's visit home this winter will deepen that interest, but let it not be deepened at the expense of College, Home, or French work. The work is one. The deepened interest in any one department instead of detracting from others

should deepen interest in the whole. It is our own work. It is among our fellow countrymen Patriotism as well as Christianity, call upon us to carry it on zealously. It is meeting with steady success. In many ways the light is seen to be dawning. The hostility to truth is not nearly so bitter as a few years ago. People are becoming restive under the yoke and are beginning to think for themselves. If we could make a better country of Canada and leave a better heritage of freedom and intelligence to our children, if we would obey the Saviour's last command, let us carry on the work with all diligence.

**Christian Endeavor.** One practical line of Christian Endeavor. Endeavor is the raising of money for the Lord's work, and one practical thought the RECORD would like to impress in this connection is that no C. E. Society should confine its efforts to any one line of work either Home or Foreign. Remember that the work is one, at home and abroad, and that each branch of it is necessary to the successful carrying on of the others. Colleges are necessary to train workers both for the Home and Foreign Fields, and without them no Church can well do her work for God. Home Mission work is necessary that the Church may grow, for the Home Mission fields of to-day will be the self-supporting congregations of to-morrow. Besides this many of our workers come from these frontier settlements and in order to their coming, the gospel must go and bring them. Neglect these settlements and the supply of students from them for the ministry will cease. The Foreign work is necessary to the healthy growth of the Church at home, for no Church can be healthy that disregards the cry of the perishing.

Our young friends should "Endeavor" to acquaint themselves with the whole work of the Church, College, Home, French, Foreign, and try to do what they can, however little, for all.

**Progress in Older Fields.** Though not so marked as in the advance in newer fields, many of the districts in our older provinces show very substantial progress. The *Presbyterian Witness* speaking of the western part of P. E. Island, of which Alberton is the centre, says:—"Where there was but one congregation less than thirty years ago, there are now four—all flourishing churches. The consolidation and organization of these congregations was the work of Rev. A. F. Carr, now of Campbellton. The men too who sowed the seed, the magnificent harvest of which the Church is now reaping, are not forgotten. Such names as McGregor, Dunbar, Sinclair, and Allan Frazer are still fragrant to the memories of the people, and are honored by their children. 'Herein is the saying true; One sowed, another reaped.'"

In other places such as that of which Shubenacadie in N.S., is a centre, there are three strong congregations instead of the one of twenty years ago. True there are many country districts in the older Provinces where the exodus is telling upon the strength of our churches, but there is a bright side as well, in the way of advance, even in many of the older fields.