

Mr. A. Ross, is heartily called to Whycoomah C. B. and is expected to accept.

A new Church was opened at Stony Mountain, Manitoba, 30 Oct., free of debt.

St. Peter's Ch., Madoc, destroyed by fire eight months ago, all but the stone walls, has been rebuilt, and was re-opened, 6 Oct., free of debt.

Rev. R. M. Craig, Fergus, has accepted a call to Sante Fe, New Mexico. His health is not good but he hopes for improvement in a warmer climate.

Moore Line, Sarnia Pres., after worshipping in their late Sanctuary for thirty five years, held their first services in their new Church, 10 Nov., and had a grand day.

I find that belief in baptismal regeneration, thinking that their baptism is sufficient for conversion, is a hindrance to work here, writes Mr. McLeod from Labrador.

At an out-door communion service at Whycoomah, 15 Sept., the gathered throng which sat in the open air for about three hours, was supposed to number nearly four thousand.—*Com.*

Rev. J. A. McConnell, who for the past two years has been laboring at Watson's Corners, etc. was called away suddenly of heart disease, while sitting at table, on the evening of 19 Oct., in the 60th year of his age.

Wallace Presbytery has solved the winter supply problem by agreeing that the members of the Presbytery give monthly supply during the winter months to the mission stations left vacant by the return of student catechists to College.

Algoma Presbytery is doing a good kind of "Home" Mission work. At a recent meeting it recommended its ministers and missionaries to preach on Family Worship, and to find out how many families keep up this good old practice.

A new congregation. Wentworth, a mission station in Wallace Presbytery, and Westchester and Greenville, two mission stations in Truro Presbytery have been united and organized into a regular congregation under the care of Wallace Presbytery.

The expenditure of last year in connection with the Mission to the lumbermen in the great lumber districts of Quebec and Ontario was about \$350. Good literature of all kinds, illustrated papers, magazines, &c., sent to the Con vener, Rev. M. H. Scott, of Hull, Que., will be put to good use among the lumber camps.

In the West, 411 congregations have at some time during the past twelve years received aid from the Augmentation Fund. These congregations now give \$20,000 annually to other schemes, so that the money spent in nursing them when they were weak has been well invested. Money spent in Home Work thus brings forth fruit in greater ability to help Foreign Work.

Progress in 25 Years. The following comparative statement, prepared by one of the most careful and accurate statisticians in our Church, and, covering the whole Dominion, shews the progress of Presbyterianism in Canada during the past 25 years:—

	1870.	1895.
Ministers and missionaries...	470	1,225
Churches and stations.....	830	2,700
Families	38,000	98,000
Members	68,030	180,000
S. S. and B. cl. pupils.....	54,000	150,000
Receipts for ch. schemes.....	\$ 59,300	\$ 342,000
Receipts for ch. schemes, including interest, etc.....		437,000
Receipts for all purposes.....	640,000	2,170,000
Average per com. for schemes.	87 cts.	\$1.84

According to the above figures, the number of ministers and missionaries, churches and stations, families, and members, has about trebled in the last quarter of a century, and contributions for the schemes of the Church have increased about sixfold.

Our Colleges. They are all hard at work, except the Theological department of Manitoba College which teaches it's students in summer and sends them forth to teach in winter.

The Presbyterian College Halifax, which opened in the beginning of November, with a lecture by Dr. Currie, in "The Theology of Ritschl," has 12 students in the third year, 18 in the second year, and 24 in the two divisions of the first year, in all 54 in the study of Theology.

The Presbyterian College Montreal, which opened 1 Oct., with a lecture by Dr. Scrimger, on "The Minister's working Theology," has in attendance upon the Theological classes, 13 in the third year, 17 in the second year, and 16 in the first year, 46 in all; besides those in preparatory classes who have not yet entered upon the study of Theology.

The Theological Hall of Queen's University, which opened 2 Nov., with a lecture by Rev. Josiah Strong of New York, on "The Church and the movements of our Times," has 10 students in the third year, 15 in the second year, and 15 in the first, making 40 in the classes of the three years. "As fine a lot of fellows," writes the Principal, "as you would find anywhere." "So say we all," echo the other Principals.

Knox College Toronto, which opened 1 Oct., with a lecture by Dr. McLaren, on "The Witness of the Spirit in relation to the Authority and Inspiration of Scripture," has in the third year 29 students, 24 in the second year, and 37 in the first year; 90 in all. Of the 37 in the first year 8 are taking half the work under the system of University options.

In all there are 230 Theological students in these four Colleges, of whom 64 are completing their course and will be ready for licensure in the spring.