

Our Home Work.

A new church, St. Andrew's, was opened at Lacombe, Alta, N. W. T., 6th Oct., by Rev. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton.

Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, whose jubilee was recently celebrated, was the first minister ordained in Canada in connection with the Free Church.

Mr. S. Rondeau has been appointed clerk of the Presbytery of Algoma, in place of Mr. J. K. McGillivray, of Tarbutt, who has accepted a call to Michigan.

The tendency to lapse is seen in many a place in the West. People who at first missed public worship, after a time get used to not having it; then can get along without it; then do not want it.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces at its recent meeting in Charlottetown, appointed a committee anent the re-construction of Presbyteries, with a view to more efficient organization and oversight of congregations and mission stations.

One feature of Home Mission work in the mining towns of the far North West, is that the forces of evil are not only strong but organized. The keepers of saloon, boarding house, etc., work together, against the preacher, whose success means their failure.

Messrs. John E. Wallace, J. S. Hamilton, B.A., Duncan Campbell, B.A., James Laing, B.A., George E. Loughhead, B.A., G. S. Scott, and A. S. Thompson, students who have recently graduated from Manitoba College, were licensed by the Presbytery of Winnipeg, 16th Sept.

Five congregations in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West became self-sustaining during the year, and one was added to the list of augmented congregations. Thus the work grows; first, mission stations, then augmented congregations, then self-sustaining, then helping others.

Two Presbyteries, P. E. I. and St. John, overtook the Maritime Synod with a view to having the standing committees for the East, chosen by the Synod. After discussion it was decided to allow Presbyteries to forward to the agent in Halifax, nominations, for the guidance of the Assembly's Committee on standing committees.

Dr. Robertson recently visited a new place in the far West where there were 750 people, chiefly miners; 15 saloons, open practically all the time; 60 fallen women; and no church. Our energetic Home Mission workers do not allow such places to remain long unoccupied, but it is difficult to keep pace with the incoming tide of population, particularly among the mining regions in the mountains.

The third annual Convention of the Young People's Societies of Whitby Presbytery, was held in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, 16th Oct., with over one hundred delegates. Reports showed progress. The support, now for the third year, of the mission in the North West was continued, and also the sending out of S. S. literature. A constitution was adopted for the Presbyterial Society formed a year ago, and officers were elected; Dr. McGillivray, of Whitby, pres.; Rev. Wm. Purves, Columbus, rec.-sec.; Miss Jessie Panton, Oshawa, cor.-sec.—*Com.*

Kaslo, B.C. In this stirring silver mining centre of West Kootenay, with its 2,500 people, Rev. Dr. Robertson, on 25th Aug., dedicated the Robertson Presbyterian Church. The occasion was a glad one to the pastor, Rev. Wm. McKerrachar, and his people.

Strathalbyn The congregation of Strathalbyn, **Jubilee.** P. E. Island, a settlement founded in 1831 by a band of sturdy Highlanders from Skye, recently celebrated its Jubilee. The sermon of the occasion was preached by the first pastor of the congregation, Rev. A. Sutherland, now of Ontario.

Labrador. The Rev. Wm. McLeod, on the 28th September, reached Harrington; the west end of his field, which stretches for over one hundred miles along the Labrador coast. About 60 were present at Sabbath morning service, while 80 were at the C. E. meeting in the evening. There are three elders, who teach the S. School; both old and young attending.

Webbwood. A divisional point on the Soo branch of the C.P.R. asks for the appointment of an ordained missionary, for whose support they promise \$500 for the first year, with the prospect of increase thereafter, as the debt on the church is nearly paid, and they will then be able to contribute more than now. Their present effort is worthy of every encouragement.

A Sample of A colporteur writes: "At St. French Work. Barbe, near Port Lewis, on Sunday, 29 September, we had a very interesting meeting for about four hours, reading the Scripture, singing, praying, and answering questions about certain passages of the Gospel. We were 18 persons in all. Some of them had never heard the Gospel preached before, and I was pleased to see them so attentive, and glad to listen to what was explained to them. There was only one woman who made some objections, but she knelt down in prayer with us, and when we left she shook hands with us in good spirit. As a result of this, they gave me applications for three of their children to enter Pt. aux Trembles schools. They are well disposed, and I am sure they will not return to the Roman Catholic Church."