

Our Home Work.

Bleak and lonely is the coast of Labrador, but the young men of the Maritime Provinces do not leave it uncared for. Mr. Fred. S. Vance has just left, via Quebec, for that place, where he will labor as teacher and preacher till next summer.

The Maritime Synod meeting in Truro, 3rd Oct., will be a thing of the past ere these lines are read. Truro is central and hospitable and always has a good meeting. It was in Truro that Rev. Dr. Morrison was chosen agent of the Church. The matter had been referred to the Synod by the General Assembly. And now the vacant place is again to be filled. The Synod will probably make a nomination. May the mantle of his beautiful life fall upon his successor, whoever he may be. The Century Fund, too, falls to be considered at this meeting. It will get a loyal support, as do all worthy schemes.

In the Home Mission field the summer has been a busy one. Over three hundred student missionaries, most of them devoted, earnest, young men, have been working from Victoria, B.C., to Victoria, C.B. Who can measure the influence of that summer's work in moulding the life of our Dominion? Many of them are now returning to their colleges for the winter. But the work need not stop. Effort will be made to supply as far as possible all vacant stations by grouping fields, by elders in neighboring congregations taking a service, by ministers giving an occasional Sabbath to the nearest mission fields. But where there is no outside help the work need not stop.

All can join in a C. E. service. An elder or teacher can conduct devotional exercises and read a sermon. And even if there were a station where no one would venture to pray in public, there are always some who can read, either scripture or sermon, and the young people are always ready to lead in singing, and all can join in the Lord's prayer. Forsake not the assembling. Let there be no silent Sabbaths.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS IN THE WEST.

Not people, but papers. The family is growing. It has been enlarged by twins.

"The B. C. Presbyterian," a promising infant, comes from Vancouver. It is pub-

lished weekly by the "B. C. Presbyterian Publishing Co.," under the auspices of the Synod of B. C. For nursing fathers it has a good strong editorial committee of six ministers, Logan, Winchester, Gandier, Gallup, Jeffrey and Wilson; one of them, Rev. J. Logan, with two gentlemen of Vancouver, Alderman McQueen and Mr. A. Philips, being a publishing committee.

Close thereafter the prairie finds voice in "The Western Presbyterian," fresh each fortnight from Winnipeg. Rev. R. G. MacBeth is editor and the Rev. C. H. Whyte, business manager.

Best wishes for both. There is a place for them. It is an ideal to which we have long looked forward. Our Presbyterian weekly for the Dominion is unpractical and impracticable. A Presbyterian weekly must have local news, both secular and religious. By the time such news could be gathered from the Maritime Provinces, Atlantic or Pacific, sent to a common centre, printed and returned, it would be three weeks stale.

Such a weekly must be a medium of local interchange and intercourse. Fancy B. C. men discussing some live B. C. moral, religious, Presbyterian matter affecting B. C. interests, in a paper published in Toronto. One writes an article. In three weeks it is read in the constituency interested. An earnest reply occupying a few days in writing, reaches the same constituency three or four weeks later. Slow for B. C.

Such a weekly, to be interesting, must record local work and incident, sometimes minutely and at length, an impossibility in a field four thousand miles long.

Such a weekly, while having a broad, world outlook, should, to some extent, breathe a local atmosphere and have local and provincial sympathies, and to this end should be published in the centre of such atmosphere and sympathies.

One Presbyterian weekly for the Atlantic Maritime Provinces, one for the same on the Pacific, one for the prairie region, and—two or more, (provoking one another to love and good works) in old Canada; with the "Record" monthly, as a bond of union and to keep before the whole the missionary, educational, and benevolent work which all have in common,—and one Sabbath School literature, helps and papers,—for all these there is ample field in working together to make Canada a better land and her Presbyterianism a growing factor in her upward progress.