

## Our Home Work.

**The Maritime College.** In last RECORD mention was made of the seventy-five years that graced the history of the Presbyterian College, Halifax. A vigorous effort is now making to remove the debt of some five thousand dollars that rests upon it. Delegates from the College Board are visiting the different parts of the church, and when the Synod meets in October, the way will probably be clear for the appointment of an additional professor. It is hoped, too, that the canvass will have the effect of turning the minds of more of our young men in the Maritime Provinces to the advantages offered by their own Theological Hall.

**The Summer Session.** The arrangements for teaching in Manitoba College in its summer session of 1893, are as follows:—New Testament Exegesis and Biblical Theology, Principal King; Introduction and Church History, Prof. Baird; Systematic Theology, Professor McLaren, of Knox College; Apologetics, Prof. Thompson, of Knox College; Old Testament Exegesis, Prof. Scrimger, of Presbyterian College, Montreal; Homiletics and Church Government, Rev. P. Wright, of Portage la Prairie. Principal Grant may also give some lectures. The summer session is as yet an untried experiment, but if its success depends upon the number and quality of the professorial staff that success is assured.

**Newfound-land.** The world's sorest trials often call forth the world's best good. The great fire, with its want and suffering and the prompt response, almost suggests the way in which the Great Father answers prayer even "Before they call." Before swift winged ships could convey the tidings of sorrow to other lands the lightning had flashed its message under the seas, and those who had left the city in prosperity, would reach othershores to find that relief and help had gone to the sufferers. If men be thus touched at the suffering of fellow men, what must be the compassion for human suffering of Him whose name and nature is love. Our own congregation there has lost heavily. Its church, school and manse all burned. It is a congregation that has been a liberal one to the work of our church and now has its time of need. The buildings were pretty well insured, but the heaviest loss of the congregation is in the fact that a large number of its members have lost their all, and are unable to do much either for their church or for themselves. A fund called the St. Andrew's Fund has been started to give some relief to these, and any sums forwarded to Dr. Reid or Mr. Morrison, or to Rev. Messrs. Harvey or Graham, St. Johns, Nfld., for that fund, will be thankfully received.

**Summer Temptations.** There is one kind of Home work that is liable to be neglected at this season, especially by those in towns and cities who go to the country or seashore for a vacation, and that is, home family training. Too many families and people take a vacation in their religion as well as in their work. The Sabbath pleasuring that is so often seen at places of holiday resort familiarizes the young with Sabbath desecration. There is often no public religious worship, and where there is, there is liable to be the example of neglecting it. More than all the family instruction is liable to be neglected. Thus, while young and old may come back to study and work, strengthened in body, they are liable to have less of liking for religious worship and work. Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. He that *abideth* in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

**Our Craft is in Danger.** An incident that savors not a little of the trouble at Ephesus in the long ago, comes to us from a part of our own Church. We need not give places or names. Let each one as did the disciples, turn the search light inward and ask "Lord, is it I." The incident is briefly as follows: A French missionary was appointed to a district where the people were largely French Catholics, but where there was also a settled English speaking Presbyterian congregation. Many of the French people were eager to hear the gospel and came in considerable numbers. The priest raised a disturbance and the English speaking people, let us hope for the credit of Presbyterianism there were but few of them responsible for it, decided that they could not allow the preacher, a regularly appointed missionary of our own church, to preach in their church in French, and he was invited to leave for another field. The French people, many of them, would have listened gladly, but some of the Protestants, for fear it would affect their worldly interests, refused their church and sent him away. Going to another field some twenty miles distant, the example set in the first field seems to have been but too faithfully followed in the second. True there may be times when instead of preaching the love of God in Christ, and salvation by faith in Christ, there is a needless introduction of controversy. This should be carefully guarded against by the missionary, but the people who refuse to let a missionary of their own denomination preach in their Church in French, to his fellow countrymen who wish to hear the gospel, must have themselves listened to that gospel to little purpose. "Into all the world," "to every creature," is the gospel commission, and he who has drunken deep of the Saviour's spirit, will want all, and especially his nearest friends, to know that Gospel.