

CHURCH NOTES AND NOTICES.

There are 50,000 foreigners, or 20 per cent. of the total population, in Manitoba now.

Ten families in an outlying station of the congregation of Virdon, Man., have subscribed \$1000 for a new church.

Rev. Wm. Patriok, D.D., of Dundee, Scotland, has accepted the Principalship of Manitoba College, so worthily held by the late Dr. King.

Kingston Presbytery has seventeen mission fields with forty-six preaching stations, the fields ranging all the way from one to six stations each.

The silver wedding of College St. Church, Toronto, and its pastor, Rev. A. Gilray, was celebrated with glad thankfulness in the first week of the New Year.

When the Presbytery of North Bay was organized, a year ago, it consisted of three self-sustaining congregations, two augmented congregations, and twenty-six Home Mission Fields.

The heavy burdens which Rev. A. Robertson has borne so successfully, of sole Presbyterian pastor in St. Johns, Newfoundland, is to be shared by Rev. A. W. Lewis.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, of Erskine Church, Hamilton, has been appointed field secretary of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance, and has resigned his charge to devote himself to that end. The Sabbath is one of the bulwarks of Christianity, and in our day, more than ever before, requires constant and watchful guard.

Presbyterianism in Westmount, Montreal, is about to lengthen its cords by a division of the present congregation of Melville Church. At a recent meeting the congregation voted nem. con. in favor of such a proposal. May the stakes be strengthened.

Dr. Warden writes,—“The late Mr. Daniel McDougall, of Ormstown, Que., left \$1,000, to be applied to the work of the Church. The members of the family have paid over this sum, as follows: Home Missions, \$200; Foreign Missions, \$700; French Evangelization, \$100.

Whitby Presbytery has no mission station within its bounds and but one Augmented Congregation. When the whole Church attains that position what a grand rally there should be for Foreign Missions. Meantime one of the best ways to deepen interest in Foreign Missions is to do more for Home, and vice versa. As a rule they stand or fall together.

Capo Breton is feeling the throb of a new life in the establishment of new industries. But with the inooming of that new life will come much that will not be helpful to the highest and best interests of the island. Greater activity will be necessary, in order that the hitherto high moral and religious life may be maintained. Added responsibility will rest upon all who can in any way further that moral and religious life. Otherwise the changed conditions will prove an evil rather than a good, as material prosperity without God always does.

Loyal Youth.

On New Year's Day, the Presbyterian S.S. Association, Montreal, gathers as many as it can of its nearly 7,000 scholars in a central church. The scene, as some twenty-five immense carryalls—many of them with four horses—besides smaller sleighs, gather one by one with their packed and eager throngs; the picture within, between two and three thousand children, ranged with banners in their allotted places, while brief address and song and prayer fill up the time; and the dismissal, as with the din of their Xmas tin horns the happy youngsters seek their waiting sleighs for a short drive, cannot soon be forgotten. This year the exercises had quite a patriotic flavor, and the little folk could scarce find fitting voice for their feelings as, to the waving of multitudes of miniature flags, they sang “God Save the Queen” and “The Maple Leaf Forever.” The young should be trained in loyalty to their country and their God.

From the Foothills.

A far West veteran sends the following to the RECORD. It is small in bulk but big with meaning and lesson:—“The Presbytery of Edmonton has in all its bounds seventeen ministers and missionaries. Ten of these are ordained men, six are students, and one a catechist. There is one self-supporting charge, two augmented charges and fourteen missions. Twelve years ago there was just one missionary and two church buildings in all this territory. To-day there are seventeen men, nineteen churches, and five manses. We have two missionaries working among the Scandinavian settlers and one among the Germans. Without doubt the next ten years will see even a far greater development in settlement, and we hope also in Church life and work. But for the latter we need the proper men and means. “Stickit Ministers” may do for the foundation of a fairly good story, but it is weary waste of time and means to put them in as the foundation builders of a congregation.”