

## Our Home Work.

TRY OUR OWN CHURCH S. S. LESSON HELPS  
FOR 1898.

Will our Maritime people please read carefully the Home section of the RECORD this month. The facts are largely Western but the principles apply equally to East and west. Moreover East and West are only comparative terms. The older Provinces are all East, far East, to the great far West; and they all have in it an equal share. Their strong and sturdy sons are going to work out their life plan on its prairies and in its mines and mountains; and it is a great privilege that when they go beyond our care, we can still reach out, with our Home Mission work, and make that new land a place where they may go without so much risk of being led astray.

Rev. Dr. Clark, father and President of the world's Christian Endeavor Society, writes to Rev. R. D. Fraser, regarding the Assembly's "Plan of Study" for 1898, as follows:

"It seems to me that it is an admirable plan in every respect, and I do not see how it could well be improved. I should think that Christian Endeavor societies everywhere would wish to take it up. I am glad to see from your letter how thoroughly you appreciate the genius of Christian Endeavor and see that its object is to work in and with the nominations for the church of which it is a part. I am glad that your Church is indoctrinating your Endeavor societies in the shorter catechism and in these other topics which should be familiar to every young Presbyterian."

Now that the General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Society has with great care prepared a "Plan of Study" for the Y. P. S. of our Church; and has issued Topic Cards and Booklets containing this "Plan of Study," together with the Uniform Topics of the C. E. Society, it is hoped that all our Y. P. Societies will take it up. The Topic Cards and Booklets are published by the Presbyterian Record. See advt. page 328, see also what Father Endeavor Clark says about it on this page.

The Presbyterian College, Halifax, nearing its four score years, with its strength neither labor nor sorrow, opened the work of another session, on Nov. 3rd, with a lecture by Prof. Falconer on "Ministry, or the Priesthood—which? The first great necessity in these times is to keep well to the front the great themes that circle around the cross. Another necessity which will help rather than hinder the first one, is that the main doctrines and principles of evangelical Presbyterianism, be made prominent. The most intelligent lovers of their own Church, and its work, are the best helpers for the Church at large.

### MISSION WORK IN THE KLONDYKE.

As our readers are aware the Home Mission authorities of our Church lost no time in sending in a Missionary to the new gold fields. The gentleman selected was the Rev. R. M. Dickey. Through the kindness of Major Walsh, our missionary accompanied the Government party, and has been for the last few weeks at Skaguay. He is evidently a man of the right stamp, with special adaptation for the position. He has succeeded in enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of the people in Skaguay, including Roman Catholics, as well as Protestants of every denomination, who have contributed money and labor for the erection of a church there.

Our missionary is the only missionary of any church that has gone into the new gold district, and there is no doubt that the prestige of this will be very helpful in furthering the interests of Presbyterianism through that whole territory. In a letter just received, Mr. Dickey says:

"Major Walsh returned yesterday from inspecting the passes. I had a talk with him regarding my future procedure. He proposes that I should start with Capt. Wood, and a police party, in a month or six weeks for the Klondyke. This means a tramp over the snow of 600 miles, or more, but I think I can stand it.

To pack my year's provisions and clothing, for the pass alone, would cost me \$800, and then I would have 600 miles to take it after that. On the plan proposed by Major Walsh, my only expense will be