

Beaverton, Ont., was appointed in June, 1887, to this promising field. Since that time a comfortable manse has been built and now occupied by the minister, and the church which was begun before the arrival of the missionary, was completed and opened for divine worship in the early part of the summer of 1888.

After the separation of North Arm from Vancouver, the congregation there was supplied for three months by a student Catechist, and afterwards placed under the charge of the Rev. J. Cormack, formerly of Lachine, who was appointed by the Committee in June, 1887. This is one of our most active and liberal congregations raising \$700 for the support of ordinances.

After a year's arduous and successful labor, Mr. Cormack was obliged in September of 1888 to return to Ontario, owing to ill-health. The congregation has been vacant since that time—having only occasional service.

In March, 1886, the Rev. D. M. Gordon, then of Winnipeg, by appointment of the General Assembly, visited British Columbia with the view of conferring with ministers and missionaries then laboring in the Province about methods and plans for future work. Among other recommendations adopted at a meeting held in New Westminster was the erection by the next General Assembly of the Presbytery of Columbia. This recommendation was adopted, the Presbytery holding its first meeting in New Westminster in August, 1886. Among the most important and interesting of the Presbytery's duties have been the reception at its first meeting of the congregation of Langley, and in May, 1887, of Comox, and in December of the same year St. Andrew's, Victoria, with the cordial concurrence of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland.

After a vacancy extending over a period of about nine months, St. Andrew's, Victoria, succeeded in securing the services of the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of the Central Church, Toronto, as pastor. In addition to the payment of one of the largest stipends of any congregation in the church, and the purchase at a cost of upwards of \$8,000 of manse property, the congregation has during the past year taken initial steps towards the erection of a new church at an estimated cost of about \$40,000. Under Mr. McLeod's pastorate this old and influential congregation must exert a powerful Christian influence in the city and throughout the bounds of the Presbytery.

In May last, by appointment of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, the Rev. Alex. Fraser, for many years pastor of