

Our Home Work.

Bent Path Mission, Chatham Pres., has been organized, with a communion roll of 30 members.

A church is to be built at Corner Brook, Bay of Islands, Nfld., making two in this congregation.

The Presbyterian congregation of West Zorra, Ont., has in the last fifty years raised and sent forth about thirty-five ministers.

At latest word from Rev. Wm. McLeod, Labrador, he was starting for the Eastern end of his parish. He does not expect to hear from the outside world until Feb.

At Louisburg, C.B., one of the most interesting historic spots in Canada, where a few years since we had scarcely any cause, a station has been organized and a neat church built.

A few years ago, Rev. A. B. Baird, of Edmonton, now Prof. Baird, was the only ordained minister of our Church, north of Calgary, now there are nine separate congregations or mission fields.

In a mining town in B. C. the only one that at first would give the slightest encouragement to the missionary was the saloon-keeper, who gave as his reason for doing so that it would bring more people to the place.

Nine student catechists were laboring in Cape Breton during the past summer, where only two were employed eighteen years ago, so that our Home work has been developed in the far East as well as in the far West.

The Boy's Brigade in Canada now numbers 75 companies, 212 officers, 3000 boys. Its headquarters is at Sarnia, Ont., with Mr. T. W. Nesbit, Brigade Secretary. Mr. Fotheringham was the first to introduce it into Canada.

Rapid City, in the North West, is likely to become self-sustaining, by the addition of a portion of the adjacent Odanah mission. In this way all the missions in the Presbytery will be supplied with Gospel ordinances throughout the entire year.

In the Maritime Synod, out of 622 S. Schools, 285 of the largest, representing 75 per cent of the scholars, are open the whole year. The total attendance is 31,000, from the 21,000 families of the Synod. Of the 622 schools, only 55 have teacher's meetings.

The Home Mission Fund expended but \$220 for the help of all the mission stations in Cape Breton, last year, while the stations themselves raised \$1145 for self-support, besides the boarding of the catechist, and every one gave something to the Schemes of the Church.

The first ministerial ordination by the Presbytery of Algoma, and the second in the history of Presbyterianism in the District of Algoma, was that of Mr. Geo. Loughcad, at Webbwood, 24 Oct. Every such milestone in a new district marks a stage in the progress of our church.

A very successful and helpful S.S. Convention, under the direction of the Synod of B.C., was held in St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver, 4 and 5 Sept. Rev. J. A. Logan, of Chilliwack, was re-elected president. A large number of teachers was present. The next one will be in Victoria.

Rev. W. Graham, as authorized by last Assembly, is in Canada soliciting aid for St. Andrew's Ch., St. John, Nfld. In the great fire of 1892, their church property was completely destroyed. They began again to build, but the bank failures last autumn completely crippled the congregation. They deserve hearty sympathy and generous help.

A writer in the *Pres. Witness*, Hx., offered \$100 to any one who could find a Christian man, that had been all his life, pious, industrious, economical, regular in church attendance, a Christian worker, and giving one-tenth to God; and yet, in helpless poverty, dependant in old age upon charity. A "Believer in the tenth" thinks he has found one case in Halifax. Number one finds on investigation that the case does not "fill the bill" and continues his offer.

The *Calgary Leaflet* says, "The Mormons ought to adopt our school system if they intend to become permanent citizens. All foreign nationalities ought to come into touch with our institutions and become Anglicized. The Swedish colonies in Northern Alberta are preparing to do this. They of course easily fall in with British civilization and free institutions. Sectarianism and exclusiveness are great barriers to a fusion of races and to the introduction of liberal ideas. The general adoption of our Free School System would prove an unspeakable blessing to all our adopted citizens."

The "Talent" What may be done in this way
System is well illustrated by the women of Richmond congregation, Que., Dr. Kellock, pastor. Two years ago, a dollar was offered to any of them who would take it and make out of it what she could for the church debt. None were rich. Most of them had the work and care of their homes, but during the year they raised \$800. Last year they raised \$500 for the same object. Stimulated by their example, the congregation recently made an earnest effort and raised \$1000, making the balance of the debt easy to handle, and they celebrated their anniversary, 10th Nov., with joy and thankfulness.