

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

One of our noblest and most evangelical pastors in Toronto in sending for 100 copies of the WESTERN MISSIONARY says :

“It is my custom to put on the table at the first prayer meeting of each month—at which a collection is taken for Home and Foreign missions—missionary papers—home and foreign, and religious papers having missionary subjects, and tracts bearing on the question, and leaflets, with the request to those present to take them freely and read and circulate. About 150 or 200 regularly attend that meeting and there is rarely a leaf left upon the table. Some of these leaflets, tracts and papers find their way by post to every part of the world. Why would it not be a good thing for the members in our congregations to bring the periodicals of the week that they have well read to the church for free distribution to persons and families, who have not the means to procure them, or to procure religious books? Some young man, who is apt, could easily manage this department.”

We heartily commend this scheme, and in doing so, would say : The grand results achieved by the congregation of this good pastor is its vindication.

MOOSE JAW NOTES.

Moose Jaw is building a commodious brick manse, cost \$1,400, for its popular minister, Rev. W. L. Clay. It will be finished in August.

June 21st was children's day in Moose Jaw. Young and tasty hands had the church beautifully decorated with prairie flowers.

At Buffalo Lake, near Moose Jaw, Mr. Dunn, a student of Manitoba College, is laboring successfully in his five preaching stations. Crop prospects are good, and it is expected that two churches will be erected in the field this summer.

We wish opponents of the summer session to read our correspondent's appeal: “Must this promising field lie uncared for throughout another winter when a congregation in the East has donated the larger part of a missionary's salary.

OUR WESTERN STATISTICS.

A contemporary of another denomination has found in our Assembly's statistical report that in Manitoba synod, “There is an immense falling off in the number of churches and stations under pastoral supply—the figures for 1889 being 423; for 1890, 249, or a net decrease of 174.” Our friend should have read further and he would have seen that this arises from a different classification viz., placing a large number previously counted as congregations on the list of mission stations—a mere matter of book-keeping. As a matter of fact the 423 stations of 1889 have grown to 538 in 1890—an enormous increase.