

to synods and Presbyteries. Nobody had the authority to revise and co-ordinate the proposals of the different boards and bring them into harmony with one another. The assembly itself did not exercise its right in this respect. Now it has given this authority to the committee on systematic giving. No other committee can give out its estimates until this representative body has approved of them. It has also power to revise them. Instead of each board sending its own estimates down to synods and Presbyteries, this committee will send all down together, allocating to each synod the amount it is expected to raise. The synods are expected to allocate amounts for each scheme to the different Presbyteries, and the Presbyteries in turn to the congregations. This plan will have many advantages over the present system. The work of the church will be unified. A multiplicity of demands, confusing to the average church, will be avoided. Congregations will be encouraged to adopt a missionary budget at the beginning of each year, and to strive systematically to raise it. The representatives of the various schemes will still have ample opportunity of presenting the claims of their work and urging its support, and all will work together to put our peoples' missionary givings on a proper basis.

A great advance was made in our home mission work. Yet our satisfaction over this is not unalloyed. The resignation of Dr. E. D. MacLaren, our efficient superintendent, is a serious loss. For years he has been the church's right hand in every home mission enterprise, and his place is hard to fill. British Columbia is specially interested, because Dr. MacLaren is about to take the lead in a great educational enterprise in our own province. The church's loss is our gain. The fact that Dr. MacLaren's health was shattered by over-work seems to have opened the church's eyes to the waste and folly of over-burdening her leaders, and the Assembly made better provision than ever before for prosecuting this work with energy and success.

The appointment of the Rev. Andrew Grant as general superintendent of home missions met with universal approval. Dr. Grant's experience, first as a pastor in Almonte, Ont., and afterwards as a pioneer in the Yukon, admirably qualify him for this work. He knows at first hand the needs of the field and the methods by which those needs should be met. In his pastorate in Dawson he showed rare courage and adaptability in facing the conditions of a most difficult field. He brings to his new work a vision of the church's possibilities, and the business capacity and energy to crystallize his ideals