

The Senate has, in this connection, to mention that the Governor-General has expressed his intention of giving annually to the College, during his stay in Canada, a silver medal. The Senate has agreed to award that medal to the best student of the highest form who reaches a requisite standard, and has expressed to Lord Dufferin its appreciation of his thoughtfulness and generosity.

HOME MISSION WORK.

Home Missions are to the Church what the nursery is to the orchard. It is the work of Home Missions to create new congregations, and to foster them in strength, till they become self-sustaining. Its Home Missions is therefore a "Scheme" of a rising or falling church. There are five fields loudly claiming help at present. 1. THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC—Very interesting work is going on here under the French Students of Montreal Theological Institute. 2. MUSKOKA—The Rev. Mr. Marples works this district as a sort of Missionary Bishop, assisted by Probationers, Students, and members of the Presbyterian Church of Simcoe. Three new churches are being erected. 3. LAKE SUPERIOR REGION—This is a mining country, and its population of a very mixed character. Appointments have been made for two years or more to (a) Saul Marie, (b) Silver Islet, (c) Prince Arthur's Landing. 4. MANITOBA—In this Province the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, have forestalled the coming of the West by labouring now in unison. This immense North-west, into which new settlers are crowding from all parts of the Dominion, will tax the energy and liberality of the Church to its utmost for a generation or two to come. Present matters in Manitoba stand thus:

Sustentation of Ministry.—a. Winnipeg, self-sustaining, raises \$325 for first year. b. Palestine, &c., promises \$325 for first year. c. Burnside and Portage Prairie, promises \$400 for first year. d. High Bluff, Poplar Point, probably, only \$200 promised yet. e. Headingly and Boyne, probably, \$150 each. f. Little Britain, &c., almost certain of \$300, but on account of the famine can do nothing just now. g. Springfield and Sunnyside, certainly \$150.

Building Churches during the Year—Knox Church has been again enlarged; Little Britain, Church erected; Rockwood, Church erected.

Being Erected now—Springfield Church; Burnside Church.

Decided on to be Erected—Sunnyside Church; Palestine Church; Burnside Church.

5. BRITISH COLUMBIA—When the Pacific Railway is built, a great Home Mission field will open up to the west of the Rocky Mountains, though at present, as the Rev. Mr. Jamieson remarks, there is "little or no opportunity for interesting results."

The agents in the Home department of the Church's work are as follows: (1). Ministers and Licentiates, 10; (2). Probationers, 45; (3). Theological Students employed during the Summer months, 64; (4). Student Catechists, 5; (5). Lay Catechists, 6.—Total, 151.

The following table exhibits Home Mission work in the two-fold departments of assisting, 1. Weak Stations; 2. Supplementing Weak Congregations.