

Our Home Work.

More boys wanted. The cry from the Home Mission fields, scattered all through the Eastern Provinces, from vacant congregations, from the wide Home Field of the North-West, and from the regions beyond, suggests one kind of "Work" that needs greater attention, viz., the training up of more boys for the Ministry. True, no human power can fit for such work, but if it were made more prominent, in teaching and in prayer, there would be more response. We should seek to realize as a church the responsibility that rests upon us to "send forth" from our homes more laborers into the vineyard.

Collection for March. The third Sabbath of March is the day appointed by the General Assembly for the collection for Foreign Missions, where not otherwise provided for. The needs and success in all the fields, as shown by the Foreign department of the RECORD from month to month, stimulate to leave the things that are behind and to reach forth to the things that are before in the matter of giving to missions; but behind and above all is the Saviour's command, equally binding, according to their ability and opportunity, upon every christian, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Now, as ever, Rome hates the Bible, and uses her influence where she can, to prevent that blessed book from reacting the people. Four ministers in Quebec, vouch for the facts that in several instances, in the city of Quebec, not long since, copies of the New Testament found among their people were burned either by the priest or by his order. This is surely a strong plea on behalf of a misguided people for our French Evangelization scheme, for giving them the gospel.

Were there no higher than a selfish reason for urging a liberal support of our home mission work, even that would not be wanting. In our frontier settlements, both in the older provinces, and the new, where the conditions of life are in most respects harder than elsewhere, the very battle with these conditions develops men who are stronger, by so much as the conditions are harder. By giving the gospel to these places, the strong physical and mental natures are rounded out by strong moral characters, and the men who come forth from them, fitted by their very strength to sway the destinies of their church and country, will the more certainly sway those destinies aright. It is a good investment when either a country or a church gives aid to the cause of education or religion for its weaker and more scattered frontier homes. In thus casting their bread upon the waters they will find it after many days.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR COLUMN.

PRESBYTERIAN Endeavorers held a large meeting in New York recently, with a view to the promotion of systematic giving and to arouse missionary activity. This work need not be confined to grand rallies. The great work of Christian Endeavorers, if true to their motto, "For Christ and the Church," is to throw all the energy of their fresh young life and love into the work of the congregation with which they are connected; to practice systematic giving themselves, and to seek, each one, to get friends to do the same; to bring careless ones to the prayer meeting, the Sabbath-school and the church; to encourage the pastor to new effort by regular attendance and active service as opportunity may offer. What grand results will follow if each, in your own place, "endeavor" to live your motto.

The Chinese name for Christian Endeavor Society, is, literally translated, "Urge-me-on-in-the-service-of-salvation's-Lord-Society." Dr. Clarke in his tour around the world finds the C. E. societies in China and Japan, as vigorous and enthusiastic as in America. He spent three and a half weeks in Japan and held forty-six meetings.

In Turkey, the Government has suppressed a pamphlet written in the interests of the C. E. movement. They declare the said book dangerous as it deals with "brotherhood," "endeavor," "union," and they wish to prevent their people learning how to organize in any way. Native Christian Endeavorers in Turkey run the risk of imprisonment if found.

LETTER FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

TO A MINISTER IN THE EAST

[We publish this letter as a sample of what many a missionary and scattered mission field is seeking to do in the North-West, and to echo the call that comes so loudly from many parts of that wide territory to the men and money in the East, "Come over and help us."—Ed.]

Pincher Creek, Alberta, Jan. 30th, 1893.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

It is now three years and seven months since I left the East to take charge of the mission here and in Fort McLeod.

When I arrived I found our cause in a very unsatisfactory condition. The field had been without a missionary of our church for two years previous to my coming, and whatever organization then existed, there were no traces of it in Pincher Creek.

In McLeod a church had been erected by the people in 1885 or 1886. This was the only indication that pointed to the previous occupation of the field. The trustees of the church not being informed of my appointment by the H. M. Committee had rented the church to the people of the town for public school purposes and we could not have the use of it until April 1890, or ten months after I had arrived in the field.

During these months the congregation worshipped in the Town Hall, for which privilege