

The Western Missionary.

The *Western Missionary* has cast in its fortunes with the PRESBYTERIAN RECORD. Started about three years ago in Winnipeg, for the purpose of deepening the interest in the mission work of the North West, it has wrought steadily and well in its labor of love. Realizing that the greater circulation of the RECORD would carry its message to a very much larger constituency, it has decided to send its monthly budget to our pages.

THRICE WELCOME, *Western Missionary*!

It is hoped that the step, even better than with the quality of mercy, will be thrice blessed. The RECORD will be brightened by the facile prairie pens, the work in that vast field will gain by having its needs and progress more widely known, and the church at large, by this better doing, will have a richer life.

NOTES BY REV. DR. BRYCE.

Announcement. The publishers of the *Western Missionary*, wish to make the following statement:--

To our subscribers who have paid up past 31st of March, we make the announcement of March issue. Write to us whether you prefer to have the RECORD, including *Western Missionary*, supplied to you, or to have us refund the money received. We will do whichever you wish.

The rising tide of Missions. Many good, well meaning ministers, wonder why their Christian congregations are not more liberal toward missions. They look on the disposition to give to missionary objects as a kind of spiritual endowment, and if they find it absent, mourn the lack, and think their duty performed by a woeful complaint.

To us this seems all wrong. Even a Christian congregation needs years of training and cultivation and development before it will contribute systematically and heartily to missions. Cheery, stirring accounts of mission successes, pathetic recitals of mission difficulties, glimpses of the lives of heroic missionaries, touching pictures of the life of Jesus in his great missionary work, appeals to the rich promises of the gospel, make the passages of interest in every sermon, and give vigor and power to the common place and argumentative discourse. Ministers who become enthusiastic over missions will by skilful and earnest endeavor inspire their people.

But organization as well as inspiration is needed. How can the people give without channels of giving? 'Organize' say Drs. Cochran and Robertson, a "Young People's Missionary Association"; 'organize' says Mrs. Ewart, "Women's Missionary Societies" and 'Girls' Mission Bands." Organize at any rate, suffi-

ciently to have the gifts of the people regularly gathered together. The monthly visit of a lady-collector with the 'RECORD' or the '*Western Missionary*' is a constant reminder, and is a stimulus to the tardy or the forgetful.

Possibly no one method of organization is best. But wise and continuous effort in mission work develops interest, and giving for the Lord's cause, not so much a duty as a Christian delight and privilege. Then it becomes "more blessed to give than to receive."

The Spring Work. The Church in the two Western Synods of Manitoba and Columbia is entering heartily into its Spring mission work. Just as the Manitoba farmer realizes that the Spring is short, so the pressing work to be done inspires the church with new vigor.

At the late H. M. Committee meeting in Toronto, 62 additional laborers were appointed for the former Synod, and 13 for the latter. These missionaries are distributed from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean, and are engaged in every variety of mission work; in the prairies and in the mountains; among the fishermen and among the lumberers, preaching to the miners and advising the railway men; following the new settlers from Ontario, or Nova Scotia, or Scotland; the crofter with his Gaelic, and the Icelanders and Scandinavians with their Norse. Some will even cross the line into Dakota to help the border settlements.

God has given the Canadian church an unequalled missionary inheritance. It is hard work, it is expensive, it is sometimes disappointing, but we lay our toil, our money, and our self-denial cheerfully upon the altar "for His sake."

Progress. Manitoba College, with its recent addition, is a scene of busy life and work. Its subscription list for the new \$40,000 addition has reached \$33,500. Sanguine friends hope to have the debt all subscribed for by December, 1893.

St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, has bought a beautiful new site, and will erect, it is said, a \$40,000 church upon it.

Westminster Church, Winnipeg, the latest child of the Winnipeg Presbytery, is a vigorous infant, under the charge of Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of California, and will build a church immediately.

A handsome new church is under way at Gladstone.

Mr. A. Fowler, B. A., who has been in the East collecting for the Morris Church has returned from Ontario and Quebec "bearing his sheaves with him." He has collected about \$1500 in cash, has secured \$400 worth of church furnishings; and expects \$600 more from Eastern promises. It will all be needed and will put Morris on a good footing. Thanks to generous givers in the East.