

territory is occupied by two synods, comprising fifteen presbyteries; a staff of three hundred and fifty ministers and missionaries take the oversight of one hundred and seven teen self-supporting congregations and more than two hundred mission stations, together with twenty-four missions to Indians and Chinese,—in all providing religious ordinances in more than a thousand centres. A college, efficiently equipped, numbers about two hundred students in its classes of arts and theology, and the two hundred communicants of thirty years ago have increased to twenty thousand.

Do the figures seem small in a land so great? Remember they are the promise of the harvest, the earnest of the coming victory. There are results that cannot be indicated in figures. The Presbyterian Church has done the pioneer work, and gained for herself a place in the respect and affection of the settlers of which she may be humbly proud; her strong doctrine and simple worship are congenial to the bracing spirit of the West; her missionaries have not fainted at hardships, nor been overcome by opposition; they first, for the Church followed the trail into the Klondyke, and now four noble standard bearers labor at the mine-mouths to save the gold hungry multitudes from perils unseen but real; they were the pioneers in the Kootenay and Kettle River districts; they have followed the lumberman and the settler to the far outposts of British Columbia and northern Ontario, and they have not been forgetful of the claims of the dusky red men deprived of his hunting grounds, nor of the almond-eyed visitor from the Middle Kingdom. Noble men our home missionaries have proved themselves, and they have been nobly led by Findlay of northern Ontario, and by our

Bishop Missionary, whom Providence gave to our Church in the hour of her need, to whose Scotch grit, American enterprise and Canadian loyalty, sanctified by a noble devotion to Christ, our land owes more than to the policy of statesmen or the adventure and enterprise of capitalists,—our Superintendent of Home Missions in the west—Dr. Robertson. The Presbyterian Church has done the pioneer work; she has been honored in doing it; is she to hold the place so well won, or are others to enter into her labors? The answer, I know, is with ourselves, and yet not wholly with ourselves. I venture to utter a word of appeal to the representatives of the British churches. This work is your work as well as ours, for you and we are one, for

“When men unto their noblest rise
Alike forever see their eyes;
Trust us, Old Britain, we are true,
And in your noblest one with you.”

As we are one with you in fealty and in faith, so we cherish the hope that you will recognize your unity with us in our common interest of conquering and conserving this middle link of the Empire for Christ. We have had your interest and your aid in the past, we need it still, for not yet are our resources sufficient to undertake the work alone. Yours are many of the sons and daughters who came to us, and your privilege it is to aid us in surrounding them with those ordinances and Christian safeguards that have served so effectively to develop the sturdy Presbyterianism of the Old Land. Yours it is to be sharers with us in the toil, and yours too shall be a share in the triumph.

For the triumph will come; Canada for Christ shall still be our watchword. Three years ago, we lit with you our bonfires round the world in jubilant thanksgiving for