

Our Home Work.

Sussex congregation, N.B., hitherto augmented, is about to become self-sustaining.

The Home Mission Fund, West, received \$5000 from the bequest of the late Mrs. Forster of Chatham.

The jubilee of Dr. Torrance, the statistician of our Church, will be celebrated by the Guelph Presbytery in November.

The Missions of Zion Church, Kingston; and St. Andrew's, Tweed, both in Kingston Pres. have been raised to the status of regular congregations.

The C. E. Society of Cooke's Church, Toronto, is the largest in the world, numbering 551. When Rev. Wm. Patterson was settled there ten years ago, the membership was 160, now it is 1,403. In 1886 the congregation raised \$2,500.40, last year \$11,489.06.

Sydney Presbytery has been exercising its episcopal functions, in the visitation of congregations; at Framboise, 18 Aug.; at Loch Lomond 19 Aug.; at Grand River, 20 Aug. This is a somewhat neglected but most important department of Presbyterian work. Great good would result if it were regularly and faithfully carried out.

In United Church, New Glasgow, N.S., was held, a few weeks since, an ordination service that might well become more common. The congregation have agreed, in addition to their ordinary Home Mission offering, to supplement, by \$400 per annum, what a Home Mission Field is able to raise for the support of a missionary. They have chosen as their field, Tobique, in Northern New Brunswick, and this occasion was the ordination of the missionary to that field. This work has not the romance of distance, but it has the scripturalness, of the stronger parts of the church helping the weaker and more scattered, and it has the patriotic loyalty of leavening every corner of our land with the Gospel and making it a better land to live in.

Collection The collection for colleges falls on for Colleges. the third Sabbath of September, unless where congregations have made other arrangements. Presbyterians in Canada have always realized the necessity of our own colleges to train our own men for the ministry. Old Glasgow's motto, adapted, "Let Canada flourish by the preaching of the Word" was the principle of the brave Presbyterian pioneers, and when few and poor they made provision for it in the College to train the preacher. Their descendants have followed in their footsteps and College and Church have gone forward side by side. The generous gifts of the rich and the self-denying offerings of the poor have combined to make our Colleges what they are to-day; and the gifts and offerings thus bestowed have been a good in-

vestment for our country, for its moral and religious character is owing in no small degree to the labors of the men who have been prepared in them for the work of the ministry. For the sake of our country, our Church, and Him who is our Church's Head, let us be loyally faithful to the easier task of building upon the foundations which our fathers so well and truly laid.

The Work in the far West. "The work is full of intense interest," reports Rev. C. W. Gordon of Winnipeg. "Men of the highest culture and education are discovered in the most unlikely places; families cherishing a pure and godly life in the most miserable surroundings; young men of good family, who have been carefully brought up by Christian parents, striving to maintain themselves in midst of severe temptation. The life is strenuous and the battle is keen. Sometimes a missionary meets with insult, but in most cases a warm welcome awaits him. One missionary was relieved of the necessity of baking his own bread by the ladies of his congregation organizing a Baking Club.

While everywhere we believe the work is growing and consolidating about every Mission Station, there is a fringe of irreligion and infidelity, the result, in almost every instance, of early neglect by the Christian Church. Almost every missionary has his experience with the infidel, whose infidelity is the result, not of a change in his convictions, but rather a change in his life.

This is especially true of the stations in British Columbia, and the state of religion and morals in British Columbia is such as to awaken the earnest concern of the Church in Canada. In all the British Columbia reports, with one exception, the missionaries have to tell of positive and aggressive infidelity in their fields, and of open disregard for the Sabbath and for the laws of morality.

In the mining districts the influence of immigrants from the United States, is, as a rule, disastrous to religion and morals, and this is the preponderating influence in these districts. These men are the pronounced champions and devotees of gambling, drinking, and Sabbath desecration, and other forms of immorality, and these are the men who give tone to the public opinion of the place.

Among these are to be found many of the finest, most enterprising, and best-hearted young men from the Christian homes of Eastern Canada. They make a brave stand for their principles for a time, but unless help is given them they are bound to go under. At first they are ready to be the allies of the Church. If neglected, they swell the ranks of her enemies. The Church must give her best attention to British Columbia. The development of that Province is to be rapid and the Church must keep step."