

### OUR OWN CHURCH.

**H**OW large is the Church to which you belong, the Presbyterian Church in Canada? From the Atlantic to the Pacific you say, nearly 4000 miles long.

But how large in other ways? Here are some facts about it which you should try and remember.

1. It contains more than 96,000 families.
2. It contains more than 500,000 (half a million) of people.
3. For convenience of work the Church is divided into six Synods.
4. These Synods are again subdivided into 46 Presbyteries, where ministers and elders meet and plan for the work of the Church. Eleven of these Presbyteries are in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces; six in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa; eleven in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston; nine in the Synod of Hamilton and London; five in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories; and four in the Synod of British Columbia.

Besides these, there is a Presbytery in Trinidad, in Honan, and in Indore, making a total of 49.

5. There are in the Church over 900 congregations, of which about 100 have no settled minister at present. Some of our best and most energetic boys are wanted to study for the ministry.

6. Besides these congregations there are nearly 500 mission stations, groups of scattered settlements that are not yet large enough to form a congregation, but which need the Gospel, and which, as they grow, will have a settled minister.

7. Our Church tries not only to keep up worship in our own congregations, but to give the Gospel to others.

8. Our Church has missions to our Roman Catholic French-Canadian fellow-countrymen, who number about a million and a quarter, or one fourth of the population of the Dominion. There were engaged in this work last year 25 ministers, 12 students, 11 colporteurs, and 22 mission school teachers. These labored

in 36 different fields, with 90 stations, and there were nearly 900 scholars in the Sabbath Schools. Some of you send money to these French Mission Schools and thus do a great deal of good.

10. Our Church is sending the Gospel to heathen lands. We have good earnest faithful men and women working for us in the New Hebrides, in Trinidad, in India, in China, in Formosa, and among the pagan Indians of our own land, teaching the heathen the way of life.

### HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE.

Young people sometimes think that they are not of much consequence in the Church until they grow up. This is a mistake. Young people are the most important people in the Church to-day. How is this?

1. Old people are fixed in their habits. They have thought and acted in a certain way for so long that they are not likely to think or act in any other way, and if better Church work is wanted the young must learn to do it. If our ministers, elders, and Church members are to do better work in future than now, it will be because our young people learn to do better.

If the Church is to give more for missions it is to be because the young people now learn to be more liberal.

2. Young people are the hope of the mission field. The old people have been heathen for so long that they are hard to turn, but young people have their habits not so fixed in heathen ways, and are more ready to learn of Christ and to follow Him.

One more lesson for our young people. If they are to be good ministers and elders, and Sabbath School teachers, and ready helpers in mission work when they grow up, they must begin now, to be as helpful as they can, by regular attendance at Sabbath School, Church, and their mission meetings, and to give what they can to help the work our Church is doing for God, and good habits of doing good will be very easy to them when they get to be men and women.