

place as hers we are well content to fill.

#### THE FAR WEST.

It has always been our desire to help in those far western fields, but we have been so much hampered for lack of means. We see the Home Mission Committee, with hands full, striving to supply new fields, that are opening every day. We believe that if we could take hold of their consolidated fields, whenever they are ready for a settled minister, great benefits would ensue. The various Synods and the General Assembly have encouraged us to press on, and have all agreed that we should, at once, have \$5,000 a year more for such expansion in the West. Already we have taken up several new fields, and, if the Church heartily responds, more will be done next spring. We had to wait, lest the burden might fall on the 140 ministers of Augmented Charges, whose grants would have had to be reduced at the year's end, if the Church had failed to respond.

#### WHO CAN HELP US?

Ministers can help us most of all, by laying the facts fully before their congregations, and rallying them to our aid. Remember that the congregational contribution has been the only appreciable source of revenue for this Fund.

The Assembly has sanctioned an appeal to Young People's Societies and Sabbath Schools, and here, ministers, superintendents, presidents and secretaries can do much by becoming co-workers with us.

A large edition of this leaflet will be published and supplied by Rev. Dr. Warden in such numbers as may be asked for, and we trust it may be helpful in arousing interest and securing aid in many quarters.

#### WHAT MAY WE EXPECT?

The Church is virtually pledged to give us between \$28,000 and \$30,000. That looks easy when you put it in this way: 36 cents per family, instead of the 29 cents of last year. All the same, kindly thoughts and words, backed by generous deeds, will be required if we are to have the increase. We are ready to trust again those who pulled us through last year; good reason have we for THIS YEAR IS SO DIFFERENT.

There is the sound of abundance of gold on the Klondyke; but, better still, there is the reality of more gold in grain bins and

dairies and cattle ranches, and a hopeful outlook in factories and warehouses and counting-rooms.

We believe that the returns at the Church offices will be better, and that a share of the increase will come our way. There can be no talk of failure in this wonderful year, in which we gathered round our beloved Queen, and the spirit of nationhood was breathed upon us, and high ideals came into our vision.

Statesman are saying: "Canals, railways, swift steamships, every facility for trade and commerce must be provided that we may seize the markets of the world;" and we are rightly willing to provide the means, expecting to reap where we have sown. God is saying: "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord." The Church is acting on that message in sending out her missionaries and ministers everywhere, "to prepare a high way in the desert for our God" "to lift up a standard for our people," to declare "the Gospel of the Grace of God" to every soul.

This is the work that shall "exalt our nation in righteousness," and we may be joyously willing to provide the means for carrying it on, as we are assured that if we sow generously we shall reap abundantly for "God loveth the cheerful giver."

On behalf of the Augmentation Committee.

R. CAMPELL, Convener.

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#### MORAL GEOGRAPHY.

The largest river is Time.

The deepest ocean is Death.

The highest mountain is called Success.

The most highly civilized country is To-day.

The region where no man hath ever set foot is called To-morrow.

The region where no living thing hath habitation is called Yesterday.

Few reach the top save those who watch sharply for the passing of the spirit of the mountain, Opportunity, who carries upward all those who seize hold upon him.

The greatest desert is called Life, and it hath many oases. These are called Hope, and Ambition, and Love, and Charity, and Home; and of them all, the last is the most beautiful. Besides these, there are many others, smaller in extent, whence the traveller obtaineth refreshment during the weary journey through life.—Selected.