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ORGANIZE FOR HOME MISSIONS.

A gentleman, who travels widely in the Dominion, said to our Home Mission editor the other day, "You Presbyterians are a live church in the Northwest." We do not quite approve of the remark either in its spirit or its English; and we know that to feel self satisfied with our work is simply a symptom of decline. What we have rather to say to every congregation is Organize! Organize! The Synod wants a Ladies' Aid Society or its equivalent in every congregation—and wants the name further increased to Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society—and wants under that name Home Missions to receive marked attention. Will not every pastor and missionary listen, and set to work and organize immediately, and by the end of March have a goodly sum gathered into the Lord's treasury! THE WESTERN MISSIONARY does not preach sermons, but if it did it could on this subject take such heads and proof texts as these: 1. Christ's command (Luke 24, 47); 2. The cry of the perishing (Acts 16, 9); 3. Claims of kith and kin (1 Tim. 5, 8); 4. Personal benefit (Acts 20, 35); 5. Patriotism (Ps. 33, 12).

OURSELVES.

An eastern paper borrows our news extensively and does not even mention our name. None of these things move us. On the contrary our items are thus more widely scattered.

An Ottawa lady writes: "I do not think I can afford to do without your little WESTERN MISSIONARY. I like it because it is little. Nothing tells like simple facts."

A prominent Foreign Mission worker in Toronto sends subscriptions for herself and fourteen other leading ladies.

An Ontario minister hopes "our modest but excellent little paper will expand before long into a larger sheet."

A Nova Scotian friend wants to know our "Business Manager." We are not ashamed of ourselves, but are strictly anonymous.

A Brandon lady writes: "Leaflet came to hand a few days ago. I think it very good indeed, and hope it may be the means of reminding people of the needs of our own land."

A suggestion has come to us from the east that we should give news from Algoma and Muskoka. Though these districts are not in our Synod we have no objection if the brethren send us their items. Ours is "no pent-up Utica."