

## Youth's Department.

### The Plan of Study.

"What our College Students do for Home Missions," is the Monthly Topic for October in the Assembly's Plan of Study. The usual article for the Record has not come to hand, . . . a few notes must suffice.

Our College Students help Home Mission work in two ways; first, they go out as Home Missionaries in the employ of the H. M. Committee, during the six summer months when the colleges are not in session. Secondly, each of the Theological Colleges has a Missionary Society, which raises money and supports some of their own number in the H. M. Fields.

In the former way they have done for many years a large part of the great Home Mission work of our Church. Last year there were nearly three hundred of them employed by our Home Mission Committees, East and West, during the summer months, viz., 42 in the Maritime Provinces and 253 in the West.

When the colleges closed in the spring they started forth, and all summer long, among the brave fisher-folk of the Atlantic shore, in the outlying farming settlements through all the older Provinces, on the wide prairie, and among the mining camps in the Western mountains, they told to little groups and in solitary homes their glad message. In the autumn they returned to their college work, but left behind them the results of their summer labor in many a happier and better life, and larger beginnings of future congregations.

Many of the Home Mission fields have to remain vacant during the winter months when the students are at college, because missionaries cannot be obtained.

Our Church grows by Home Mission work. Nearly all our congregations were at one time Home Mission stations, and they slowly grew as the population increased, until they became self-supporting churches.

In this way a great part of our Church owes its existence to the students and their work. What an important part of our Church workers they are, even when studying for the ministry.

The second way in which they help is by having Missionary Societies in connection with each of the colleges, which raise money and support some of their own men in the Mission Fields.

### HALIFAX.

In Halifax the Students' Society, like the Moravians, works inhospitable fields. Labrador has been one of its stations.

The Student's Societies in connection with all four of the Western Colleges are engaged in Home Mission Work, and besides fostering the missionary spirit among the students, they conduct mission work in forty-three of the needier Home Mission fields.

### MONTREAL.

The society in connection with the Presbyterian College, Montreal, had missionaries employed last year in the following fields:—Commanda, etc., Rutherglen, Killaloe and Tramore, Rockliffe, all in the Province of Ontario; Lochaber, Bay and Cacouna, in the Province of Quebec. In the last named field the work was chiefly French. The receipts of the Society amounted to \$1,191.18. During the present summer the Society employed eight student missionaries and occupy the same fields as last year, with the addition of Kensington and Verdun, in the immediately vicinity of Montreal.

### QUEENS.

Under the auspices of this Association the following fields were supplied last summer:—Chelmsford, Hilton, St. Joseph's Land, Canoe Lake and Whitney in the Province of Ontario; Fairlight, in the District of Assiniboia; Moyie City, and Union Bay, both in the Province of British Columbia. The receipts of the Association amounted to \$1,376. In addition this Association contributed a portion of the salary of the Rev. Dr. J. Fraser Smith, Mhow, India. The Association, this summer, are employing eight missionaries, five in Ontario and three west of Lake Superior.

### KNOX.

This Society last summer sent out twenty-eight missionaries, five to British Columbia and the North-West, one to the Temiscamingue District, and twenty-two to Rainy River, Algoma, Parry Sound, Muskoka and other districts in Ontario. The receipts amounted to \$3,111.29. During the present summer twenty-nine students are laboring under the auspices of the Society, chiefly in the fields occupied last year.

### MANITOBA.

Three fields were worked by this Association last season, one in Manitoba at Umatilla or Gilbert Plains, another at Maryfield, Assiniboia, and the third at Beaver Lake, Alberta. The total receipts for last year were \$1,219, including the amount received from the fields supplied by the Association.