

## Our Home Work.

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A large number of Presbyteries have nominated Rev. Dr. Gordon of Halifax, as Moderator of Assembly.

Manitoba College, Winnipeg, was *en feté* on Feb. 7. "Alma Mater" day was celebrated with an "At Home" by the lady graduates in the afternoon and an Alumni dinner in the evening. "Auld acquaintance" was renewed and new formed. Sweet memories of other days were added to the pleasure of the present. Speech and music, feast and flow, etc., made a happy evening and left no aches behind, but better fitness for the routine of life's work.

**French** The F. E. Board met in Mont-Evangelization. real 20th March. The work is in a good condition, but not so good the Fund, as the statement on another page will show. If any can spare a little more before the end of the year, 1st May, this Fund needs it much. It is one of the most important departments of work which our Church is carrying on and is worthy of our most cordial support.

**Calgary** Two new fields have been opened **Presbytery.** in the North of Calgary Presbytery, viz. Belmont and Stoney Plains, and Leduc. 17 ordained men and 10 unordained will be employed within the bounds during the coming summer.

Owing to the great distances, and the labor and expense involved in attending meetings of Presbytery, it has been decided to overture the General Assembly to divide the Presbytery, forming a new one, to be called the Presbytery of Edmonton, with its southern limit at Didsbury, a point on the C. & E. Railway, 47 miles north of Calgary.

**Pt. aux** This is the fiftieth year of the Pointe **Trembles.** aux Trembles schools, and also the twenty-fifth year of service in the schools by the Principal, Rev. J. Bourgeois. Under his excellent management, and chiefly owing to it, this institution has become the most successful department of our French Evangelization work. Over 150 of the best class of young French Canadians are in attendance every year. A large number of these are brought to Christ, and profess their faith in Him, and when they return to their homes in different parts of Quebec they are witnesses for Him. The good that has thus been effected, none can measure. No doubt this agency has had much to do with the advance in liberty of thought, independence of action, and toleration of those who differ from them, that is to be seen among French Roman Catholics in the last twenty-five years. Steps are taking to celebrate the jubilee of the schools and the semi-jubilee of the principal, next autumn.

The 10th annual convention of the Glengarry Presbytery S. S. Union was held at Martintown Jan. 21 and 22. The large meetings, the interesting and profitable addresses, will do much to stimulate the S. S. workers. The convention, besides other gifts, devotes \$120 annually to support a native preacher in Formosa.

**St. Andrew's,** This fine, old congregation in St. **Nfld.** John's, Newfoundland, lost its church in the great fire not very long ago. They began to build, but subsequent bank failures crippled them still more. Their pastor, Rev. Wm. Graham, has been in Canada for about six months, with the sanction of the Assembly, getting help to complete the church. During this time the congregation has been well supplied; first, for two months by Rev. E. D. Miller of Yarmouth, and since, by Rev. J. P. McPhie.

Mr. Graham has just received and accepted an appointment by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, to Kingston, Jamaica. It is hoped that St. Andrew's will soon find a new pastor, and with its new church, go on and prosper. And as it is not good for a man or a congregation to be alone, may we not add the hope that soon there will be an helpmeet companion Presbyterian congregation, made, if need be, from a rib of the old, taken from it, not in deep sleep, but given in earnest love, for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the good city of St. John's.

**Church Life and Work.** Last Assembly merged the four committees on Sabbath Observance, State of Religion, Temperance, and Systematic Benevolence, into one committee on "Church Life and Work." This was not done to lessen the importance of any of these departments, but to organize, blend, unite them into one whole, that there might be no overlapping, and that each department might be helpful to the other.

The Convener, Rev. P. Wright, says: "The appointment of a Committee on "Church Life and Work" may be regarded as an expression of our Church's sympathy with all questions of supreme moral interest. It may also serve our Church as a connecting link in any united effort of the Evangelical Churches, in bringing to bear on profoundly important public questions, the condensed moral sentiment of Canadian Christendom.

But, however useful the Committee may become when thoroughly organized, along lines hereby suggested, the most vital part of its work for the present year, is to procure, by diligent inquiry, accurate information regarding the spiritual life of the Church as exhibited in *Public Relations, Congregational Activity, and Family Life.* These, at least, generously interpreted, it will be expected to report on to next Assembly. An opportunity may then be presented to organize for more comprehensive and efficient work."