

Our Home Work.

THE MORMONS IN CANADA.

"Preach against the Mormons" used to be a common proverb, for the charge not to give offence by preaching against everyday sins of the hearers. It seems the time has come when, in Canada, people need to be warned against Mormon emissaries and missionaries. The Presbyterian Review gives an ominous picture of the progress that they have made in our own land, especially in some country districts in Ontario.

The history of Mormonism in Utah has many a dark page of lust and treachery and blood, but so long as Utah was a territory, and was controlled by the United States Congress, polygamy and other crimes could be kept in check. A year or two since, under solemn assurances and promises that such violations of law, human and divine, were no longer allowed, Utah was admitted to the ranks of Statehood with the self-governing powers of a State.

Freed in a measure from control, their-foul system has taken on a fresh lease of life, and they are sending out missionaries in large numbers, who deceive the unknowing and unwary by their false and specious statements and promises.

Rev. S. E. Wishard, D. D., Superintendent, in Utah, of the Home Mission work of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., North, writes in the Church at Home and Abroad as follows:

"The Mormon Church is sending missionaries into all the States in the Union and into Canada. The number of these missionaries is estimated to be not less than 1,300, and probably more. They deny and misrepresent their doctrines as taught in Utah. They claim to be a Christian denomination doing the same work that the Christian churches are doing, only doing it better.

"They distribute their printed creed, which is utterly misleading and gives no true information concerning their doctrines. They deny the existence of polygamy, while they still teach the doctrine and practice polygamy here in Utah. They worship Adam as God. They are polytheists.

"We are constantly in receipt of letters of inquiry from all parts of the United States, east, west, north and south; also from Canada and Australia, as to the Mormon belief. Their missionaries go out as beggars, asking for the hospitality of Christian homes,

and for the use of Christian churches, and lead unwary people into their delusions.

"In view of the constant inquiries coming to us, and the general lack of information in the East concerning this blasphemous system of idolatry and filth, we have established a printing press by which we can furnish such tracts and information, at cost, as will help to break the power of this growing abomination by exposing the villainess of the Mormon system and forestalling the work of deception which is carried on so extensively."

A LETTER FROM KLONDIKE.

A most interesting letter from the land of gold is given in the Church at Home and Abroad, by Rev. S. Hall Young, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., (north), who has been in the past doing Home Mission work in Alaska, and has gone in to Dawson City. While the bulk of the miners come from the U.S.A., it is cheering to know that we are to have help in work for their good. Our Messrs. Dickie and Grant, who are on their way to Yukon, will find in Mr. Hall a congenial spirit. But let Mr. Hall tell his own story, as written to the Home Mission secretaries of his own church:

Dawson City, N.W.T., Canada,
December 1, 1897.

I sent you a report from Skagway, urging the speedy occupation of that important town by our Board. I hope that has been done. It is the opinion of the most experienced that Skagway is bound to be a booming town for years, being on a good harbor and near the gateway of the Yukon district.

My last report closed with our reasons for taking the Dyea trail rather than the Skagway. The event proved we were right, for we got through to Lake Bennett in less than two weeks. Had we taken the Skagway route it is doubtful if we would have got through in time to descend the river.

But the large number of rich passengers who came by the Queen, to whom speed was more than cheapness, and who bid against each other for first place, raised the price of packing from day to day to an appalling figure, catching us especially at Sheep Camp and Gong Lake, and compelling us to pay three or four times what we expected to pay for packing our goods. We did not get our goods to Dawson City for a cent less than one dollar per pound.

But we "hustled" through, packing all we were able ourselves and taking advantage of every means of saving our money. We lost