

## Our Home Work.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet in Knox Church, Pictou, on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7.30 p.m.

King St. Church, London, Ont., has decided to become self-sustaining; another tribute to the good work of the Augmentation Fund.

A new church was opened 30th August at Little Rapids. New churches in new settlements are so many tributes to the necessity and value of Home Mission work, without which the living church and the edifice in which they worship would be alike wanting.

The Presbyterian rally at the recent Maritime C.E. Convention in Charlottetown recommended the Presbyterian C.E. Societies in the Maritime Provinces to make a special contribution of 25 cents per member towards the needs of the Home Mission Fund in the Eastern section. Several societies have signified their intention to do so, and no doubt the most of them will heartily adopt the plan.

The fourth summer session in theology, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, closed the last Thursday of August. The session has been a successful one. Principal King paid a high tribute to professors from other institutions for having given assistance in the work. The need of the summer session to supply in some measure winter laborers for our needy home fields promises to continue for many years to come. Let the College be heartily and liberally supported.

The congregation of Shelburne, N.S., has made a new start under most favorable conditions. The young pastor, just settled, is no stranger, but chosen after a year's knowledge of his work there as a student catechist. What was borrowed from the Hunter Fund has been repaid, and all other debt on the new church to be cleared off at once. If calls were oftener based upon a man's record of work, and more seldom upon the mere hearing of a sermon or two, pastoral settlements would be by so much the longer and happier.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, St. John's, Nfld., is recovering and taking heart again after its two great trials,—the fire that destroyed the church and so much of the city, and the bank failures that later wrought such havoc. Its old pastor, Rev. L. G. McNeill, has been down opening the new church, and Rev. A. Robertson, of New Glasgow, has supplied for a few Sabbaths. Every such visit will link this important congregation more closely to our church; deepening, on the one hand, our interest in it, and on the other making it realize more fully that it is indeed one of us, and one with us.

**Pastor and Teacher.** A missionary who was at the two principal fishing stations on Lake Winnipeg last summer, held two services on Sabbath, a Bible Class Monday evening, and taught school six days of the week. But one of the pupils was ever inside a public school before. The employees were chiefly Indians, half-breeds and Icelanders, and only about half of them could speak English.

Although this place is shut out from the curse of strong drink, yet, says the missionary, card-playing, betting and gambling occupied much more of the attention of the average fisherman, during his leisure hours, than did piety and religious worship. My efforts to oppose these vices, and to replace them by manlier ambitions and nobler occupations of mind and body, met, I hope, with some success.

### Regina Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Regina is taking vigorous hold of its presbyterial duties. At its meeting, 9th Sept., it resolved that a detailed annual financial statement of every congregation and station in the Presbytery be printed and circulated in all the congregations and mission fields. It was also decided that each field having unordained supply, be placed, where practicable, under the care of an ordained man in an adjacent field; that his duties be to visit the field twice a year for the purpose of dispensing ordinances; to see that Communion and Baptismal Rolls are properly kept; to see that an annual meeting in each station is arranged for, and a record of such meetings preserved; to see that managers are appointed and records made of their meetings; to look into the financial standing of the fields, and give such advice and help as he may be able; to assist the student in the arrangement of his work, so that as many services as possible may be given to each station; and to report to Presbytery at September and March meetings.

The Presbytery also decided to hold four regular meetings of Presbytery during the year, and that "the clerk call the attention of those who do not attend meetings of Presbytery that they are failing in the performance of their ordination vow 'to give diligent attendance upon the meetings of the courts of this church.' And that if absent two successive meetings of Presbytery that an explanation will be required, and they are liable to the censure of this court."

A further item in their proceedings was the following:—"The Presbytery instruct that certificates of baptism be issued to all receiving the ordinance, and that a committee be appointed to decide on form of certificate to be used, and report at December meeting."

—When you are tempted to cherish an unforgiving spirit, it is well for you to remember how much you stand in need of forgiveness.