

enterprise by taking at least a few shares. Without holding out any inducements of a pecuniary kind, we will say to our readers that the stock is *good* and the investment will *pay*. Good for the service of Christ; good in the interests of the body; good for our churches, and good for the individual subscribing. It is one of the few institutions which will speak for truth, liberty and salvation when we are gone. Let this stock be made "joint" in interest, influence, usefulness and responsibility. Heretofore it has been suffered to rest upon a few, now let its possession become denominational, and the blessings of its burden and usefulness equalized. We hope that all our criticisers will take stock, and thus have a hand in running the concern. Please fill up the coupons and return them at once.

We publish the following extracts from the last Report of the Superintendent of Missions, which of itself shows the nature and importance of the work he is doing :—

"The St. Catharines Church, a new and vigorous enterprise, and one which would probably never have been commenced but for this new Agency, has been thrice visited. On the 15th of June, the organization of the Church was completed by the ordination and settlement of the Rev. J. R. Black, B.A., the service being held in the new 'Tabernacle,' just then opened as a temporary place of worship. The church has since taken steps for the erection of a handsome and commodious house, in keeping with the requirements of the newly chartered city; the membership has grown from 17 to 62; and the congregation and Sabbath School now equal those of our much older organizations.

"Manilla, vacant by the resignation of its pastor a year ago, has been similarly cared for. Five visits were paid to them during the year by the Home Secretary, and during most of the year the church

has been supplied by his superior, Kincardine has also been looked after as far as practicable, though for the want of a Gaelic tongue, or of any minister learned in that 'most ancient of languages,' not very much could be done to supply them with preaching. Arrangements, however, were made with the Rev. Mr. Mackay to visit them in the month of January, with the blessed results with which our readers are already familiar.

"The entire month of September was devoted to visiting the churches—such of them as could be reached in that time in Quebec, and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick—and in attending the Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of the Lower Provinces. In this way Cowansville, Brigham, Granby, Durham, Melbourne, Windsor Mills, Sherbrooke, Danville, Brooklyn, Beach Meadows, Liverpool, Yarmouth, Chebogue, and St. John were visited, and whatever could be done was done to encourage them and stimulate them in their work.

"The new Western Church in Toronto has received its share of attention, having been supplied by the Secretary personally four Sabbaths, and otherwise as he was able to assist them. The church is growing vigorously, especially since the advent of their pastor elect, Mr. J. B. Silcox. A new house of worship is being erected for the use of their increasing congregation.

"Two weeks were spent in February last in visiting the churches of Eastern Ontario, and in holding our annual Missionary Meetings among them, and about an equal time was given to similar work in the Central District. Most of one week was also given to assist in special services in Southwold, and occasional help was rendered elsewhere. In addition to the foregoing, two Sabbaths were spent in Fowmanville, one in Belleville, two in Kincardine, one in Pine Grove, one in Hamilton, one in Guelph, one in Whitby, one in Fergus, one in Stouffville, two in Cobourg, one in South Caledon, one in Paris, two in Newmarket, one in Stratford, one in Kingston, and seventeen in preaching in Toronto."

Summing up his work, Mr. Wood says: "I find that in addition to my duties in editing the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT and Congregational Year Book, transacting the business of the Book-room, and attending to a correspondence averaging about 40 letters per week, I have been absent from home 33 Sabbaths; have preached in Toronto 17 Sabbaths, and have travelled