

## Our Home Work.

Slow but sure has been the growth of Presbyterianism in the historic town of Digby, N.S. A new church is to be opened there some time this month.

A Presbyterial Young People's Society was organized by the Presbytery of Saugeen at its last meeting. Every Presbytery should have one. The Presbytery is a Church family, a congregation on a larger scale, and every family should have a place and work for its young.

Rev. Prof. Gordon has been "recruiting" in Cape Breton and P. E. Island; not—primarily—himself, but for the Presbyterian College, Halifax; day after day speaking and preaching, winning hosts of friends among these loyal Presbyterians for our oldest school of the prophets; and realizing, we trust, that the work of "recruiting" is "twice blest," yea, thrice, the Islands, the College, and his worthy self.

A sample of the union that should pervade the Church is the notice that the annual meeting of the Presbyterian C. E. Societies of Whitby Presbytery will meet at Brooklyn, 19th Oct., the same day and place as the meeting of the Presbytery. Our young people should be in closest touch and sympathy with our Church. Then a few years hence they will take their fathers and mothers' places in the Church with hearty love and loyalty.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet at Moncton, N.B., and within St. John's Church there, on Tuesday, the fifth day of October next, and will be opened with divine service, conducted by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. A. Falconer, beginning at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

All papers relating to the business of Synod should be sent to the Rev. T. Stewart, Dartmouth, N.S., Convener of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, at least eight days before the date of meeting.

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Last Record had the Story of the Unions, the many greater "Streams." It is interesting to note the smaller side-streams which

still swell the volume of the "river." In a picturesque valley, Barney's River, N.S., widely known in connection with that warm-hearted Gael, scholar, and friend, the late Rev. D. B. Blair, a scene of historic interest was witnessed on the 18th of July, when the Auld Kirk and the Free, divided for half a century in the same glen, and recently happily united, gathered in glad communion. It is not hard to fancy the ministers and people who have passed beyond, and see no more through a glass darkly, present in spirit at such a scene and time, "ministering angels," sharing and increasing the joy, thankful that earth is leaving its division and disunion behind and reaching to the things before; to Heaven—upon earth.

## AUGMENTATION—WEST.

For the RECORD,

It is very desirable that at the earliest possible moment our people should be seized of some facts as to this year's Augmentation work.

On all hands it is admitted that, if we would maintain our ground, more must be done in the Great West. There are movements going on there which lay heavy responsibility upon us. Our friends are pressing in and we must meet them.

The Synods of Ontario and Quebec and the General Assembly have declared that we must aim at raising at least \$5,000 more than formerly to meet the requirements of this Western work, and each Synod has pledged united effort to that end.

What more can be done towards securing the \$30,000 needed? Specially at the present time, Presbyteries, who are our most efficient agents, must be up and doing. The Kingston Presbytery have grasped the situation.

They have appointed delegates to visit aid-receiving congregations with a view to reducing grants. They have determined as a Presbytery to aim at increasing their contributions to the fund by 50 per cent. One does not wonder that a Presbytery with so great and scattered a mission field on its hands, should thus take the initiative. *They know* that augmentation work is abundantly helpful.