INTRODUCTION

Ar the request of the Home Mission Board, the Rev. R. G. MacBeth prepared for the Presbyterian Summer School a series of lectures on the history and progress of our work in Canada. Through residence and travel in different parts of the Dominion, intimate association with various departments of the Church and considerable research in connection with other literary work, Mr. MacBeth has special qualification for the undertaking. As the Board has been in receipt of many requests for a Home Mission textbook, proposal was made that the lectures be published for use taroughout the Church. Mr. MaeBeth has kindly placed them at the disposal of the Board without any finaneial interest in their publication, and the Board now issues them in book form with the hope and prayer that the Great King and Head of the Church may bless all efforts made to deepen interest in the tremendous work we have to do in Canada.

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