

Our Home Work.

Among the worthy Ministers and Elders of our Church that have recently gone to their rest, two widely known and honored names, one in East, and one in the West; one a Minister the other an Elder; Dr. McCulloch and Warden King; within a few days of each other were called Home. Their life work was done and well done. Few have served more faithfully. The fathers are passing away. May their mantle as well as their work fall to others.

Ch. Building Fund. The "Hunter Church Building Fund, East. Fund" has proved of great help to many a weak congregation in Nova Scotia. But it is confined to N.S. by the terms of the bequest. In the large Home Mission region of New Brunswick there is great need of such a fund, and at the request of the Home Mission Committee, East, the Assembly agreed to give to the Maritime Synod, if the latter approve, power to establish a Church Building Fund, the benefits of which shall extend to all parts of the Eastern section not now eligible for help from the Hunter Church Building Fund.

Pictou Pres. Jubilees are common. Centennial Centennials are beginning and will, ere long, be plentiful. Our family of fifty-two Presbyteries is coming on. Truro, the eldest, celebrated her centenary some years ago. Pictou, the second born, followed on the 7th of July, ult., with meetings on the 10th; afternoon in James Church, New Glasgow; evening in United Church. Addresses were given, retrospective, circumspective and prospective, by historians, preachers and prophets, Drs. Patterson, Macrae and Morrison, Principals Grant and Forrest, and Rev. E. D. Millar, while a number of "the younger brethren" took part in the devotional exercises. Pictou Presbytery is continually renewing her youth, and never looked younger than now. Men may come and go, she continues. May it ever be with renewed strength and success. Is Halifax next?

Knox College. The re-arrangement of chairs in Knox College, preparatory to the appointment of additional professors, is thus given in the *Canada Presbyterian*:

I. A chair in New Testament work, comprising all questions relating to the New Testament, viz., the canon, the text, introduction, exegesis and Biblical theology; this chair has been assigned to Principal Caven. II. An Old Testament chair, to include similar questions; this will require a new professor. III. Professor McLaren remains in charge of the chair of systematic theology. IV. Dr. Proudfoot has charge of his old subjects—homiletics, pastoral theology and church government. V. The fifth chair includes church history and apologetics, and for this a new professor will also be needed.

A WOMAN'S TOUCHING APPEAL.

Women are banding for home work as well as foreign. Women's H.M. Societies are increasing. In the address of Mrs. (Dr.) Gray, at a meeting of the Orillia Branch Society, is the following passage:—

"In our Dominion we have the largest territorial Home Mission field in the world, and surely it is an honour for us to help that noble band of Christians who are striving to set up the ruins of the Tabernacle of David, that have fallen down. Surely it is a privilege to respond to the tearful cry that comes to us from the rocky shores of Newfoundland, from the scattered settlers on the shores of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, from the French-encircled mission stations of Quebec, from Ontario, with its many mission stations, from the wilds of Muskoka, from the fair and fertile plains of the North-West, from the rocks and mountain-girt valleys of British Columbia, and from many a scattered settlement that looks out on the wide Pacific, 'Come over and help us.' Hard must that heart be that remains unmoved, and deaf as an adder that ear that fails to be charmed by so pathetic an appeal. Of such an one as turns away unmoved by this cry of distress for lack of ordinances it may be said, 'He has denied the faith and is worse than infidel.' Patriotism, love of our fellow-countrymen, the claims of religion, and the Divine command, unite in urging us to aid as far as we can the glorious Home Mission work of our Church. May we count it an honour and a privilege that we are permitted in any way to build up that Church, which, planting one foot in the Atlantic and laying the other in the waters of the Pacific, shall stand forth throughout the length and breadth of our land, 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners.'"

Northern Alberta. Northern Alberta has received a good deal of immigration during the past year or two, and there are many evidences of substantial advance on the part of the Presbyterian Church. At one time Rev. A. B. Baird, of Edmonton (now Prof. Baird, of Manitoba College), was the only ordained minister of our Church, north of Calgary—now there are nine separate congregations or mission fields. A Presbytery of Edmonton may in a year or two more have a place upon the Assembly's roll, although it may be well to postpone the action in that direction until one or two of the congregations concerned, become self-supporting in their finances.

How difficult is this question of funds! It does not follow that because there is a large influx of settlers, a field becomes quickly self-sustaining. Apart from the fact that many settlers are very poor, and all have an immediately heavy outlay, it is to be borne in mind that the Presbytery blocks out new missions in the area of immigration, and is sending in additional missionaries, season by season, as the country fills up.

How to keep pace with the growth of settlement; how to weld together into congregational unity vastly various elements of population; how to provide for an adequate revenue, and at the same time build churches, and if possible a