

Home Missionaries Wanted.

The Rev. Dr. Warden, under date 29th December writes:—The Executive of the Home Mission Committee are anxious to secure the services of two or three men, unmarried, for Mission work at the mines in British Columbia. The men required are men of strong common sense, vigorous and energetic, judicious and tactful, and of a true missionary spirit. It is hoped that a large number of the students graduating from the several Colleges next spring will offer their services for mission work in the North West and British Columbia, and that several will be ready to go in at the call of the Church and overtake the work at mining centres.

I have this morning an urgent request for two ordained missionaries for the Pacific Coast, one for Ladner and the other for a new coal mining field, Chemainus, on Vancouver Island. The Rev. W. L. Clay, of Victoria, writes regarding Chemainus as follows: "The new field will extend from Chemainus to Extension Mine. Extension is almost certain to eclipse Wellington as a mining camp. There is here a solid mountain of coal into which a shaft a mile long has been driven, and the coal will almost roll out of its own accord. Twenty families, besides single persons are there now, and others are coming every day. No service except an occasional one given by the Northfield missionary. Alexandra, on the main line is also active. I was simply surprised at the number of houses I saw there last week. North and South Cedar are farming communities, with several Presbyterian families in each. Oyster Harbor, where wharves and bunkers are now being constructed for the output of Extension and Alexandra has a number of men just now. From Chemainus a logging railway is under construction nine miles back into the woods. Logging camps all along this road without services. Then, the Mount Sicker Gold Mine is not far off, so that the field is a very extensive one. The man for this field, (and he is needed at once) requires to have some experience, a great deal of energy, unlimited common sense, together with the grace of the Holy Spirit."

From Mr. Clay's report the field is not only likely to be self-sustaining soon, but will ere long require the services of several missionaries. The call is a very urgent one, and it is hoped that some one will volunteer his services for this important new field.

The strength of the Romeward drift which prevails in Anglican circles in England is indicated by the boldness of the offer recently made by the Duke of Newcastle to provide six poor churches with incense pots for use at Mass. All this in a so-called Protestant Church.

The Rev. J. McP. Scott, president of the Toronto Jewish Mission, writes:—The Jews in Toronto number about three thousand, amongst whom little or no Christian work is being done except that done by this mission. Mr. Henry Singer, our missionary, has approved himself as a devoted and faithful Christian worker amongst his own people, and has secured the confidence of the Christian public of this city.

When the American United Presbyterian Church was organized in May, 1858, it contained 408 ordained ministers, 653 organized congregations, and about 53,500 communicants. During the forty years of its existence it has grown to 939 ministers, 961 congregations, and about 126,000 members.

Mr. Chamberlain has invited the co-operation of English capitalists in an attempt to revive the sugar industry of the West Indies. Sir Thomas Lipton is willing to put a million into the undertaking on certain conditions.

During the absence of Dr. Watson in America the pulpit at Sefton Park will be occupied by well-known preachers from both sides of the Tweed.

Principal Dykes, as Moderator of the Regent Square session during Mr. Connell's absence, is taking an active interest in the work of his old congregation.

Marriages.

At North Sydney, C.B., on Dec. 5th, by Rev. T. C. Jack, B.A., George Hatric and Annie McGillivray.

At McLaren's Depot, Ont., on Nov. 30 by Rev. James Binnie, Mr. Jno. D. Miller to Miss Annie Allen, both of McLaren's Depot.

At St. Andrew's Manse, Lanark, Nov. 30th, by Rev. D. M. Buchanan, Mr. Duncan Ferguson to Miss Annie Anderson, both of Harper.

At their residence of the bride's parents, Derby, Ont., by the Rev. P. McNabb, of Kill-syth, Mr. James Maxwell Penner to Miss Annie Irvin.

At Ottawa, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Earnest Newman, Carleton Place, to Jennie, daughter of Mr. F. E. McKnight.

In Lindsay, on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, by Rev. J. W. Macmillan, Miss Mary Ann McGill, of Lindsay, to Mr. John James McConnell, of Ops.

On Wednesday, 14th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Hugh McLean, George Francis Howes to Mary Goodfellow, all of Hinchinbrook, Ont.

On December 26th, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. James Hastie, A. J. Cunin, of Montreal, to Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr. John Curry, of Cornwall.

At the Manse, Inverness, on the 17th ult., by the Rev. James Sutherland, Geo. Grady, Esq., to Sarah Jane Joffie, all of the Township of Inverness, Co. Megantic, Que.

Mr. George D. Law, of East Toronto, to Miss Maggie Lumsden of Aberdeen, Scotland, on the evening of the 14th ult., at 36 Pembroke Street, Toronto, by the Rev. William Patterson.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 6th ult., by the Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, Mr. Wm. J. McCutcheon to Sarah Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. James Cunningham, all of the Township of Franklin.

At Cornwall, Ont., on the 14th ult., by the Rev. Neil McNish, B.D., LL.D., assisted by the Rev. J. S. Burnett, J. W. LeB. Ross, formerly of Ottawa, to Mary Ethel, youngest daughter of the late Wm. Mattice, Esq.

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