

The Mission Crisis.

HOME MISSION WORK.

WHILE so much is being said and gladly heard by the Christian Church of the present day regarding missionary efforts in foreign lands, is it not well that we should be better acquainted with the less unassuming, though no less important, work that is being carried on at our very doors under the management of our Home Mission Committees? That to preach the gospel to every creature is a noble ambition and a command of our Master we dare not deny, still we must not overlook the fact that Christ, in giving directions to his immediate followers, emphasized their bearing witness for him in Jerusalem, and in all Judea as well as in the uttermost parts of the earth. And so too, while it is now the duty and privilege of our church workers to send the glad tidings of salvation to all nations, it is incumbent upon them to begin at their own Jerusalem. This they are certainly doing, for year after year the Home Mission work of our church is increasing. This increase is due, in large measure, to the opening up and settlement of new territories, especially in the western parts of the Dominion. There new settlers are continually com-

ing in, chiefly from Great Britain and the older Canadian provinces; and while they undoubtedly bring with them their religious faculties, they find themselves, in many cases, so situated that their religious beliefs are apter to dwindle than develop. In many parts of the West, the preaching of the gospel is still unknown; and people going thither are very liable to become careless and indifferent regarding spiritual matters. To prevent such a state of affairs mission-fields are now being opened up wherever the circumstances will permit.

During the summer months, these are supplied, for the most part, by Theological students from the various colleges of our land, and it is to give a brief account of some of these fields and the work done in them that this paper is intended.

For the past summer, twelve students from this college labored in various parts of the West. Of this number, six filled vacancies in Manitoba, four in the Territories, and two in British Columbia. Those in Manitoba were Messrs. Jamieson, Young, MacInnes, Smith, Gordon and MacIntosh.

Mr. Jamieson's field of labour was