

The Presbytery of Calgary at its recent meeting, protested against the giving, by the Home Mission Committee, of a lump sum to be divided between Manitoba, the Territories, and British Columbia.

Progress in the West is seen in the fact that at a recent meeting the Presbytery of Calgary sanctioned sites selected for churches at eight different places, viz: Red Deer, Clover Bar, Belmont, Sturgeon River, Beaver Lake, Sturgeon Settlement, Fort Saskatchewan, and Agricola. To the former five, have been granted 40 acres each of land, and to the three latter, five acres each. Besides these there were under consideration the organization of a Church at Josephsbury and the securing of a site at Ponoka.

From a district in Cape Breton, a friend writes: "We are nearly all Presbyterians here, but are eight miles from the nearest church, and our last service in this neighborhood was seventeen weeks ago. Some of us want to get up a C. E. Society, but scarcely know how to go about it. Can you give us some instructions." This is a grand idea. C. E. is admirably fitted to such circumstances, and if this plan were followed out in all such cases, to our Church and country it would be untold gain.

Manitoba The third summer session closed on **College.** 22nd August. The number of students in Theology, during the term, was thirty-two, of whom thirteen graduated to enter the work of the ministry. In this class are the first graduates who have taken their whole theological course in the summer time. The professors of the College have been assisted, during the term, by Professors Scringger and Ross, of the Pres. College, Montreal, and by Prof. Orr, of the U. P. College, Edinburgh. During the year, a gift of \$5,000 has been received from Sir Donald Smith, and a legacy of \$5,000 from the late Warden King. The Church at large will rejoice with Manitoba College in its joy and success.

Knox Three important points in connection **College.** with Knox College are:—

1. Prof. B. Warfield, D.D., of Princeton, is to give a course of lectures at the beginning of the next term, 14 Oct., etc., on Theology, Supernaturalism, Miracles, The Scriptures, Inspiration, etc.

2. Owing to the death of Prof. Thompson and the retirement of Dr. Gregg, two new professors are required, and Presbyteries will be asked to send in to the College Board, not later than 14 March next, the names of two men fit for the chairs of (a), Old Testament Literature and Exegesis, and Old Testament Introduction and Bib-

lical Theology; (b), Apologetics and Church History.

3. Owing to the reduced rate of interest on endowments, and, in some cases, diminished receipts from congregations, there is absolute necessity for increased financial support. The College is worthy for whom the Church should do this.

Pres. Coll. At the public opening of the **Pres-Montreal.** byterian College, Montreal, 2nd Oct., Dr. Scringger gives a grand key-note to the college work for the winter, in a lecture entitled "The Minister's Working Theology." This is a healthy theology. It is not liable to be troubled with doubts, or to raise them in the minds of others. Doubts breed in "speculative," might we not say, "idle," as opposed to "working" theology. The doctrines of a "working theology" are simple and great. Man a lost and helpless sinner; God a loving Father; Christ an atoning Saviour; the Holy Spirit ever present to regenerate, purify, and guide; sin and its doom a thing to shun; holiness and heaven a goal to win.

Since God gives but a few years for work, and an eternity for rest, would it not be a good thing if all Christian teachers in or out of college, would give their strength to a "working" theology, and leave more of the speculative till they get to heaven, where there will be more time and clearer mental and spiritual vision.

The Highland Cape Breton has, every sum-
Sacrament. mer, in a number of her congregations, scenes which scarcely any other part of the world can show. There, in places, is still observed the time-honored Scottish Sacrament, with the weird melody of its Gaelic psalmody rising and falling in plaintive cadence, as it floats away on the summer breeze from a vast open-air congregation; or mingles in harmony with the songs of Zion in the Saxon tongue from the thronged church near by. Services are held for five successive days; Thursday, "fast day"; Friday, "question day"; Saturday, preparatory service; Sabbath, the Communion, with its tender solemnity; Monday, "thanksgiving day." In the changes of modern life, and the more frequent and regular services every Sabbath, these lengthened Sacraments will soon be a thing of the past. Even in Scotland they are growing rare. But it is doubtful whether in any religious services in the history of the Church, from Christ's ascension until His coming again, earth will be nearer heaven, in the sweetness of its experiences, than in some of those blessed sacramental seasons. The days of devout preparation help to bring the mind into a condition to enjoy fellowship with Christ at His table, a fellowship that is often missed in the briefer communion services of our ordinary church life.