

HOME MISSION WORK.

SOME WESTERN MISSION FIELDS.

The last issue of the "Journal" contained a sketch of the work done under the auspices of the Students' Missionary Society. In this number we continue the series by giving a report of those western localities in which some of our students were engaged during the past year.

Before entering upon this paper we desire to express our regret that the name of Mr. H. T. Murray was omitted from the report of Lochaber Bay Mission, in the "Journal" for November.

We may now turn our attention to the western part of the Dominion. The future of Canada depends a great deal upon the character of the settlers in British Columbia, and in what is somewhat indefinitely called the "Great North-West." From time to time the "Presbyterian Bishop" of that immense territory, Dr. Robertson, visits the different theological colleges in the east, and seeks to impress upon the students the duty which they owe, not only to their church, but also to their country. And yet, it is a duty which falls not upon the students alone, but upon the church at large as well. They, too, are citizens. They, too, owe a debt to the Kingdom of Christ. Henry Ward Beecher, in one of his many terse remarks, said, "When a lion eats an ox, the ox becomes lion, not the lion, ox." And so, if we are to be a nation, prosperous in the highest sense, the church must keep pace with the increasing needs of an ever-growing population. It is for her to say whether she will allow Christian vitality to lapse into stolid paganism; whether she will waste energy at home and abroad by squabbling over, not too much charity, but too many charities: not over too much work being done, but over who shall do it. The permanent vitality of the future of "The