

### OUR MARCH CATECHISM.

*Question.*—What is the Home Mission scheme?

*Answer.*—A plan or scheme for having Missionaries in all the smaller and more scattered settlements, so that the Gospel may be preached everywhere.

*Q.* How is this done?

*A.* A number of small settlements within reach of each other are grouped together and a Missionary is placed in charge of them, travelling from one to the other in turn.

*Q.* How are these Missionaries supported?

*A.* The people among whom they labor give what they can, and the balance comes from the Home Mission Fund.

*Q.* Who provides this Fund?

*A.* Boys and girls and men and women all over the Church give their littles and thus make it up.

*Q.* What are we doing when we give to this Fund?

*A.* Home Mission Work. If we cannot go ourselves, yet when we work, and give some of what we earn and thus help to send others, we are really doing Home Mission Work and are in that measure real Home Missionaries.

*Q.* How many Home Mission Fields are there in our Church?

*A.* There are 56 Home Mission Fields in the Maritime Provinces; and in the West, from Quebec to Vancouver, 344 fields; 390 in all.

*Q.* How many preaching stations are there in all these fields.

*A.* In the Maritime Provinces, 175, or an average of a little over 3 in each Home Mission Field; and in the West, 1007, or an average of a little less than 3 preaching stations in each Home Mission Field; a total of 1182 preaching stations in the 390 Home Mission Fields.

*Q.* What are some of the benefits of Home Mission Work?

*A.* One benefit is that many boys and girls and older people, have Sabbath Schools and religious services, that help to make them better in this life and the next, who would otherwise have no such teaching.

*Q.* Name another benefit

*A.* As these scattered settlements grow larger, the congregations become self-supporting and help to support Missionaries in other places, Home and Foreign.

*Q.* Name still another benefit?

*A.* As the country grows larger by the formation of new settlements, it grows a Christian country, safe and happy, instead of being lawless and bad.

*Q.* What would the result be if there were no Home Mission Work?

*A.* The people would in most cases grow careless; and the older the country became the worse it would be.

*Q.* How does Home Mission Work help our country?

*A.* It helps to make the people Christian, and to make the country quiet, peaceable, and safe.

*Q.* How does Home Mission Work help our Church?

*A.* It makes it stronger. It is only by Home Mission Work that the Church can grow. In building up these weak congregations into strong ones the Church is that much stronger to do both Home and Foreign work.

*Q.* What is one of the best ways of helping our country? and making it a better place to live in?

*A.* By helping Home Mission Work, so that as new settlements are formed, all may have the Gospel.

### LETTER FROM INDIA.

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For the CHILDREN'S RECORD.

**M**Y DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—Xmas morning there were about 1,000 people gathered in "Bronson Hall." Do you know where that hall is? Well, I'll tell you. It is the fine, large, central hall of your Mission College in Indore.

Why called "Bronson"? That is the name of the lady who gave so freely to help build this beautiful hall.