

## Our Home Work.

The Klondike Missionary Nurse Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has had a good start. The treasurer, Mrs. McCaughan, acknowledges \$784.36 received. Great the need, and blessed the work, of these Christian Missionary Nurses in the far North.

One by one the few remaining "Kirk" congregations in Canada are coming into the Union. The Presbytery of Lindsay met at Beaverton on the 28th of June, to formally receive the congregation there which has seen its way to cast in its lot with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Welcome, brother Scots.

The Assembly agreed to receive eleven ministers, by application from other churches, viz., one from the U. P. Church of Scotland; two from the Free Church of Scotland; one from the Established Church of Scotland; one from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland; one from the Presbyterian Church of Queensland; Australia; four from the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.; and one from the Reformed Episcopal Church.

A little side light on the "Romance of (Home) Missions," is a sentence from Rev. Gavin Eamilton, a missionary in Calgary Presbytery. "I walked from Mountain View, December 20th, in five and a half hours, as I could not take a horse for drifts. On December 24th I lost my way and stayed out nearly all night. I drove from twenty-five to thirty-five miles every cold Sunday this winter, got into Fish Creek with my horses, and have had a few other experiences."

In Middle Musquodoboit, one of the old and intelligent centres of Presbyterianism in Canada, the home and congregation of the late Rev. Robert Sedgewick, D.D.; the 3rd of July was an eventful day. They were reopening their church and were bidding farewell to one of their own daughters, Mrs. Foote, nee Miss Sprrott, grand-daughter of the late Rev. John Sprrott, and her husband, Rev. Mr. Foote, who leave shortly as our missionaries for Korea.

During the past term forty-one Missionaries have been employed within the bounds of the two Presbyteries of Algoma and that portion of the Presbytery of Barrie under my care. In the Presbytery of Algoma, seven Ordained Missionaries and eighteen Students and Catechists. In the Presbytery of Barrie, five Ordained Missionaries and sixteen Students and Catechists, forty-one in all. With this number of men pretty full supply was given, though we could have employed a few more had they been available.—Rev. Allan Findlay.

The Reports presented to Assembly from all the Colleges, showed steady progress. The spirit and life of our Colleges stamps in no small measure the spirit and life of our Church, for they send forth year by year the men who in large measure mould the thinking and action of the Church. It is the practice of many to pray for our missionaries. As needful and as much for the good of the Church is it to pray for the Colleges that the true spirit of devotion to Christ, the true ideal of the work of the ministry, may there prevail. If the right ideal of Christian Life and Work, the right conception of the duty and obligations of the Christian life; the true missionary spirit, prevail in the Colleges, the Church will not be found wanting.

A notable centenary was that commemorated in the McDowall Memorial Church, Sandhurst, Ont., 6 July, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Kingston. One hundred years before, Rev. Robert McDowall had come as the first Presbyterian missionary to the U. E. Loyalists, and the pioneer of Presbyterianism in Ontario. He was one of the four pioneers in Canada, Macgregor, of Nova Scotia, MacDowall, of Ontario, Black, of Manitoba, and Jamieson, of B.C., whose histories were sketched in the Record, not long ago. Rev. Dr. Gregg and Hon. Oliver Mowatt were among the veterans who took part in the centenary; the latter stating that he had been baptized by Mr. MacDowall 77 years ago. Faithfully and well have these baptismal vows been kept through the long years that the subject of them has acted for himself.

If any minister is not making provision for his own, in case he should be taken from them, he should first read 1 Tim., 5: 8; and then study the rules of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund of the General Assembly, where he will find that a small yearly rate, within reach of all, insures to widows and orphans a larger measure of help than can be obtained in any other way, at the same cost.

The two Funds, East and West, in our Church are on different principles. The former is simply a mutual insurance fund supported by the ministers. The latter is partly made up by minister's rates, which are much smaller than in the East; but its chief support is contributions from congregations and individuals. But in East and West alike, a minister must be a contributor to the Fund before his widow or orphans can receive benefit.

Reports to Assembly show that in the West benefit was received during the year by one hundred and five widows and their families, and in the East by twenty widows and sixteen orphans. The one pressing need and duty in this regard is that every minister, at his ordination, should connect himself with the Fund and pay his yearly rates.