

the Church we love, by means of Presbyterian organization.

4. That we hereby urge all the Young People's Societies of our Church to renewed activity in all that pertains to the interests of our Church, and especially to redoubled effort on behalf of the missionary schemes of the Church, so that, as far as possible, such missionary ardor be expended primarily in support of the great schemes of the Church.

5. Resolved, That the members of the C. E. Societies throughout the Church be recommended to exercise all vigilance in the interests of what will tend to the furtherance of municipal honor, and to the purity of national life, and be urged to use their best endeavor for the establishment of that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

6. That copies of the preceding resolutions be forwarded to the Assembly's Convener of Committee on Young People's Societies, and to the various Presbyterian Conventions.

In passing these excellent resolutions on to the whole Church through the columns of the RECORD, I have taken the liberty of underlining some words in No. 4. Presbyterian C. E. Societies take the lead in giving to Missions. From one of the tables incorporated in the secretary's address at the Ontario C. E. Convention above mentioned, it appears that, of the 456 Societies "sending satisfactory reports," 198 were Presbyterian. These had contributed \$3,815 to Missions, an average of nearly \$20 each; the remaining 258 Societies giving in all \$2,587, or an average of just over \$10 each. These facts are stated here not in any spirit of self-satisfaction, but to encourage our Presbyterian Societies to do even greater things. Measured by what might be done, for example, such an unpretentious method as the two-cents a-week system, adopted and carried out thoroughly, the figures named look exceedingly small.

At this time of year, Conveners of Boards and Committees scan the lists of receipts with great eagerness. "Shall we have enough to carry out the work entrusted to us?" is the vexing question with them. A little system and effort on the part of the various Young People's Societies throughout the Church, would do much to help in a satisfactory answer.

R. DOUGLAS FRASER, *Convener.*

St. Gabriel. The spirit of liberty, which is growing little by little in the Province of Quebec, is shewing itself in this district. Some 38 of the people, farmers, recently seceded from the Church of St. Felix, and asked for another priest. This was not granted. The people were determined not to submit, and had decided to send to Montreal for a priest, failing which, they would have a pastor. What the result of that application will be is not yet known. The missionary who recently visited them was very kindly received. The secession may or may not be justified. That which gives encouragement is that the people are beginning to think and act for themselves, instead of being blindly led.

Our Home Work.

REV. DR. REID. Never has there been an issue of the PRESBYTERIAN RECORD without Dr. Reid's name, as Agent of the Church, at the head at the head of the list of Acknowledgments. Never has there been an Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, without Dr. Reid as a prominent central figure. And now, at four score years, his work is done. The ken't face and voice will be seen and heard no more.

First, Prof. Mackerras, then Dr. Fraser, now Dr. Reid, and the three clerks of General Assembly at the Union, have all passed away. The ties that bind the present to the past are being transferred from earth to heaven. May these ties draw us thitherward, as to the workers that remain comes anew the call, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for the night cometh when no man can work."

A new church (St. Peter's) was formally opened at Nashwaak, N.B., the last Sabbath of December.

The Moderator of the Assembly, Rev. Dr. Robertson, has been for more than two months in the Maritime Provinces in the interest of home mission work.

On Christmas Eve the congregation of Hervey, N. B., suffered a severe loss in the destruction of their beautiful church by fire. No insurance. They at once decided to go forward and rebuild.

When women will, they will, and the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B. C., which was organized less than three years ago, has paid off a debt of \$1,000 on their manse.

Three new Home Mission Fields (Fairville, Brockway, and Salmon River) were opened up in St. John Presbytery during the past year, and two other stations (Loch Lomond and McAdam) reopened.

Glengarry Presbytery lost two of its ministers at its meeting of Dec. 17, Mr. Kay, of Indian Lands, accepting a call to Marsboro (Que.) Presbytery, and Mr. Roderick McKay, of Kenyon, a call to Maitland (Huron) Presbytery.

The brave little congregation of Digby, Nova Scotia, has worked steadily on from very small beginnings not long since, and its progress is seen in the fact that its trustees have applied to the Legislature for an act of incorporation.

Home Work by the Sea. While Home Mission work in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or Prince Edward Island, has not startling surprises of the new North West, the work is just as important, the principles upon which it rests are the same, and the results are similar; better people, a better country, new congregations forming, to help in the work of the church and the evangelization of the world.