

## Our Home Work.

Remember that this year, so far as our work for Church schemes is concerned, is only eleven months long. Last Assembly decided, for the better management of the Funds, to close the Church accounts on the first of April, instead of the first of May, as heretofore.

A sample of what Home Mission fields can do, and of what many of them are doing, is seen in Upper Miramichi region, where, Oct. 10, Dr. Mackay of Chatham, N.B., opened the second new church built in that field this summer, and where in the past year and a half the people have raised, in all, some fifteen hundred dollars for the work.

No mental reservation do we make in commending in the highest terms the action of the Presbytery of Guelph. One of the steps taken by it, at a recent meeting, in seeking to increase the interest in mission work, is the effort to place a copy of the "Record" in every Presbyterian family within its bounds. It is not too much to say that there is no other step which would be more permanently fruitful.

Growth is seen in that Barrie Presbytery, at a recent meeting, organized two groups of mission stations into pastoral charges; the one, Waubauskene, Coldwater, and Fraser-ton; the other, Severn Bridge, Ardtrea, and Gray Church.

Regina Presbytery is taking steps to the same end. And the Presbytery of Victoria is organizing the congregation at Colwood. One by one, in rapid succession, all over the church, congregations are being added to the roll of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The colleges have begun their work. Many fields that were supplied by students during the summer are now vacant. Let not the meetings cease. If there can be nothing but some hymn singing and the reading of a chapter in the Bible, let it be done. Let there be prayer, if possible, or a Christian Endeavor meeting, or Sabbath-school; something to bring men, women and children face to face with their Maker, some-

thing in public acknowledgment of His goodness; something to keep them from forgetting God; and the whole community will be the better for it.

Most successful, judged by its quality, was the Reunion and Institute, 4-8 Oct., in connection with the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The papers were of a high order, some of them especially so. The wide range of subjects, e.g., — 'The Work of the Holy Spirit' — 'Old Testament Criticism' — 'The Minister and His Reading' — 'The Church and the Young' — 'The Course of Study in Theological Colleges' — 'The Outlook for Christianity' — 'The French Problem' — 'Foreign Missions' — 'The Second Coming of Christ' — 'The Place of Evangelists in the Church' — 'The Relation of the Church to Social Problems' — made the five days, twelve sessions, a valuable educational course to those who were able to profit by it.

A plan for the better working of many-centred congregations was adopted by the Presbytery of Regina at its last meeting, as follows:—Inasmuch as most of our fields or labor consist of several preaching stations, separated sometimes by long distances, and inasmuch as it is desirable to secure and maintain greater cordiality and unanimity in such fields, and with a view to unification and united action, as well as to facilitate and render more efficient the efforts put forth in its various branches; therefore be it resolved:

That all such fields, having one minister, one session, one communion-roll, shall be regarded as one united charge, all having the same interests in common, and therefore should have one central board of managers, representing all its different preaching stations according to membership, and whose duty it shall be to deliberate on and control all matters affecting the general interests of these united parts. Further: that while there is this one central board of management, there should at the same time be local boards to look after and manage local matters and forward all moneys collected in their districts direct to the central treasurer as soon as possible, except what may be necessary for local expenses or raised for local improvements.