

The Record.—The H. M. work has told powerfully on the growth of the Church since the Union. In 1875 there were in the Western Section, 435 self-supporting congregations, 86 augmented congregations and 169 missions; now there are 550 self-supporting, 152 augmented and 344 missions, i. e. a gain in the respective classes, of 26, 76 and 103 per cent. The Committee has thus started 356 missions in 20 years (nearly 18 a year) on the road to become self-supporting congregations; many of them have already reached their destination, and it is hoped the remainder will not fall among thieves.

Work Cannot Remain Stationary.—The work cannot continue stationary; ours is a growing country, and christian work must keep pace with settlement. No other Church has extended its work so widely, in the West, as our own, and no one has been more successful. Some argue that there is no need of such wide extension since people have their Bibles. Those who reason in this way have never visited the frontier, nor have they seen the baneful effects of neglect. A neglected Bible is a feeble religious force. And it is noticeable that those who would leave the frontier settlers to their Bibles are careful that they and their families shall have a preached gospel. Consistency!

Where are the Missions.—These Home Missions are in the wilds of Ontario and Quebec as well as on the prairies and in the mountains of the west. The farmer and rancher, the miner and railroader, the lumberman and fisherman are connected with them; and we are endeavoring to teach these people and their children to fear God and keep His commandments. And could the Church see the progress made and the good done, and witness the gratitude of the people, there would be ample compensation for her sacrifices. A glance at the more important districts may be of interest.

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