

work at the school. The boys too, I am glad to say, have made great improvement. Their deportment, on the whole, affords me much satisfaction. They always render a cheerful obedience, and do any work which is assigned them; they are for the most part diligent at their lessons, and their improvement in manners and general intelligence is very gratifying. Some of the bigger ones speak and write English quite well.

With regard to Mission work, it goes on much as usual. We are badly in need of churches in which to meet, and we hope at least to have one built this spring. In the meantime we hold our meetings at private houses, and often quite a company assembles. The number of stations at which I hold service is six. There are at present 30 members in full communion.

We are now busily at work on the new school building. The foundation is dug, and quite a quantity of stone on the ground. A kiln of limestone is at present burning, which will supply sufficient lime for all purposes. The school-house is to be 24x34 feet inside, with two class rooms on the first floor, and girls' dormitories on the second. We hope to have it ready for occupation some time in the autumn.

Home Mission Work in Quebec.

OUR readers will peruse with interest, the following brief statement from a venerable missionary, who is now retiring from the active duties of the ministry after a lengthened period of earnest and successful labours, which we have reason to know have been highly appreciated by the people to whom he has ministered, as well as by the Presbytery of Quebec:—

Now that I am leaving this interesting field of Christian enterprise at Marlow and Kennebec Road, I deem it my duty to the Home Mission Committee, without whose aid I could not have remained here, to make a few remarks respecting the success that God has been pleased to send our way during the three years and eleven months of my sojourn among this endearing and beloved people. I have visited the whole district—Moose River, State of Maine included,—forty-five miles in extent, five times, and preached four hundred and eighty-nine sermons. As you already know, when I first came to Kennebec Road, there was but one elder and no kirk session and only twenty-seven communicants. There are now five elders and two kirk-sessions and eighty-two communicants. The fifty-five persons added to the roll at our four communions, ranging in age from seventy-eight to fourteen years, were all admitted on profession of their faith, and their consistent walk and conversation since prove that we did not make a mistake in admitting them. The Christian En-

deavour meeting for prayer, praise, and Scripture reading, commenced by my son-in-law Warren A. Kneeland, B. C. L., when here recently on a visit, is now conducted every Sabbath evening by the young people. I have been preaching to them every Sabbath morning, and while I have gone twelve miles and return—one Sabbath to St. George, and the other to the boundary line between Maine and this place, the young people have conducted the Sabbath-school and the Sabbath evening meeting themselves. Through praiseworthy efforts of the ladies, a small sum of money was placed in the treasurer's hands towards the erection of a church at Marlow, which is very much required, as at our last communion several persons could not get into the school-house. Notwithstanding our poverty, there has been a small increase in our contributions to the schemes of the church each year. We raised during the first year twenty-two dollars, the second year, thirty-one dollars, and ten dollars for the Bible Society. The fourth summer, (for we can only take up collections during the summer months), we have made our first contribution of twelve dollars for Home Missions, and before I leave we are to take up our second collection for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON.

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China.

REV. DONALD MCGILLIVRAY has favoured us with the following lines from LIN-CHING:—

Passing along one of the business streets of this city (Lin Ching) my attention was arrested by a flaming advertisement, or poster, pasted conspicuously on a wall. I send you a full translation of it, for it shows the commercial ingenuity of this race, and also sheds light on China's curse—opium smoking. It reads as follows:—

HEAVENLY ORIGIN HALL.

In ancient times the physician went abroad to foreign countries, and got a wonderfully wise prescription for cure of opium smoking. He selected first-class pharmaceutical materials. According to the ancient plan he mixed his medicines. The prescription if taken, the patient will throw away his pipe and lose the (opium) "appetite." Besides, the body will be strong and the frame vigorous. The undersigned are not anxious to make money. They truly cherish a desire and purpose to benefit the world. As the years go on, this medicine is more used, and has more testimony as to its efficacy. Countless officials and merchants have through it got rid of the habit. The prescription is the number one prescription of