

Our Home Work.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The collection for this fund, in the Western Section has been appointed for the third Sabbath of October.

Montreal College. A circular has been received from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, in connection with the collection for College purposes which was appointed by the Assembly for the 18th of September. The circular states that the graduates of the College now number 190, that it is the only college belonging to the church which has special departments for French and Gaelic work, that the attendance last session was seventy-seven, of whom sixteen have in view the work of French Evangelization, that the whole amount required from the church this year in the way of contributions is about \$6,000.

The Collection for Colleges. Notice of this collection, which was appointed by the General Assembly for Sabbath, September 18th, should have been given in last issue. In cases where it has not yet been made the fact should be borne in mind that the colleges lie at the foundation of our work as a church. Their value cannot be measured by the number of students attending, nor weighed by a certain number of lectures given. It is a part of the machinery of a church without which the church is incomplete, and the lack of one part affects more or less injuriously all the other parts. When one sense is wanting the others in some measure make up for it; when one limb is wanting the others seem to develop more completely, though even in both these cases the want is felt; but when this part of our church machinery is wanting the other parts suffer. Their own work is not so well done. If this one member suffer all the members suffer with it. Let our colleges share abundantly in the rising tide of Christian liberality that is blessing our land.

The Town of Nelson. Nelson is a new and rapidly rising town of some 2,000 inhabitants in the heart of the rich silver mining district of British Columbia, or as it has been called, the Denver of B.C. To reach it we take the boat which runs regularly from Revelstoke, on the C.P.R., and sail 150 miles south towards the American line to Robson, whence a ride of 28 miles eastward by rail, brings us to our destination. A little more than a year ago, June, 1891, our first Missionary, Rev. Thomas Rogers, went there, and amid difficulties, not a few, succeeded in starting a Mission. In October, the first communion was observed, when nine sat at

the Lord's table. A church has been built which was opened for divine service in June last, and the Mission hopes to be self-sustaining at the end of the year. The Missionary at Nelson is supported by the ladies of Crescent street church, Montreal, and the young men of St. Paul's, Montreal, aided largely in building the church.

Presbytery of Columbia. Farewells are sad, but yet there are times when we would not have them unsaid, for they mean a lesser ill and a greater good to come. Six years ago the Presbytery of Columbia was organized and the Presbyterian Church in Canada was glad at the progress on the Pacific. Faithfully and well was the work done during the six short years of its mission life among the mountains and valleys of the far West. But that work grew beyond its reach. Its size was given as five hundred miles from East to West, and from the United States boundary to the North Pole, while a missionary tells how he had to travel 200 miles on a buckboard and 180 miles by rail, and spend \$50, if he would attend a meeting of his presbytery. And so when its closing meeting was held on July 19th in Vancouver, no tears were shed save those of gratitude for the work done and the progress made, as the brighter future beckoned the workers onward to larger things, and the requiem with which it was laid to rest was one of hope and joy, praise as well as prayer, mingling in the closing services. Soon it will be forgotten, only remembered by what it has done, save by the men who for these years toiled so faithfully and well.

Synod of British Columbia. So rapidly do changes come in the new West that the Synod of British Columbia is now a familiar thing. Its first meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, on July 20th. It was an occasion of deep interest to the Presbyterians of the Province and fraught with important issues to our Church there. Rev. D. Macrae, of Victoria, was elected as Moderator for the ensuing year, and Rev. Mr. Ross, of Westminster, as clerk. Rev. J. M. McLeod was appointed Moderator, *pro tem*. The Presbyteries into which the Synod is divided were appointed to meet as follows:—Kamloops, at Vernon, Aug. 9, New Westminster, at New Westminster, Aug. 15, Vancouver Island, at Victoria, Sept. 13th. Calgary, having previously existed as a presbytery, would meet at its own appointed time. Committees were appointed for the ensuing year. The next meeting was appointed to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, on the first Wednesday in March, 1893.

Let your example be such that others will think well to follow.