

A New Presbytery. Kamloops Presbytery, which extends from the boundary on the South to that on the North, the width of the Dominion, is asking the General Assembly to divide it and to form the new Presbytery of Kootenay, the limits of which on the East and South, will be the B.C. boundary line, on the North a line from 50½ North at the B.C. Eastern boundary, due West to Arrow Lake, and thence to Pentecost, and on the West a line due South from Pentecost to the U. S. A. Where recently there was but wilderness there are now Presbyterian congregations to form a Presbytery, some of them self-sustaining and helping our Home and Foreign Mission Schemes. That is one of the fruits of Home Mission work.

Our Own Utah. Our Mormon settlement in the North-West bids fair to become as large a factor in our national life as is Utah in that of the U. S. A. It is larger than was the Mormon Colony at Salt Lake at the same age. It is being rapidly increased, not only by the efforts of its missionaries in almost all civilized countries, but by large bodies of immigrants from Utah. Read the letter on page 107 of last RECORD. Polygamy is openly justified, and where such is not the case it is no doubt secretly practised, to become open as it grows stronger.

The zeal of these people is something marvellous. They have missionaries, many hundreds of them, in all lands, half a dozen of them are said to be at work in the city of Winnipeg. The following sentences from one of the leading Presbyterian Weeklies in the U. S. A., tell their own story:

"During five months over two hundred women left Brooklyn as converts to Mormonism. Their confidence was won by repeated visits and by appealing to their sympathies.

"A self-supporting girl in the East was lured to Utah simply as a guest. To her delight, the kindness and hospitality of the people exceeded that of her Eastern friends. When required to become a plural wife she went to a Presbyterian missionary and begged and begged that she might be sent home."

People are lured by false promises, and many when they get there cannot get away. Our legislation in the Territories will require to be carefully watched. Their zeal in propagating some by false means should be surpassed by ours in spreading truth by means right and fair, that this great moral cancer may not get its hold upon our great new Western land.

Beaver Lake. The district around Beaver Lake one of the remote fields in the Edmonton Presbytery. Occasional services were given in 1893 to the few scattered settlers. The following year a student missionary was settled among them, and from that time on the supply has been continuous. The Presbytery has had occasion several times to acknowledge with gratitude the valuable service rendered by the Students Missionary Association in Manitoba College, in largely supporting the missionary in that field, for one or two years.

The Lake is fifteen miles long by eight miles wide. There has been a little church on the East side since 1894, and now they are speaking of a church at the South end and at the North end. At the recent services, the Communion of the Lord's Supper was enjoyed at three points. There is a future for Beaver Lake Mission Field. There have been many discouragements, but these seem to have been sanctified to the people and to the missionary. Under the hand of God they have proved an incentive to carry on the work with greater zeal.

To any intending to settle in the North West, Beaver Lake presents many advantages. The land is good, and there are excellent facilities for raising cattle, plenty of hay and water. Already there are four school districts and a fifth is in course of formation. There is every possibility of a railway passing the Lake in the near future. —Com.

HOME MISSIONS WEST AND YUKON.

INTERESTING STATEMENT FROM H. M. COM.

The Home Mission outlook has, perhaps, never been brighter than at the present time. Through the liberality of the congregations of the Church, the committee were enabled to end the year free from debt.

A large number of new applications were received from fields desiring the services of missionaries. The committee were able to respond to every one of those, the number of missionaries at their disposal being ample to supply every field.

In the older Provinces the supply is now chiefly by means of Ordained Missionaries, so that a comparatively small number of students are employed in Ontario and Quebec. West of Lake Superior, however, quite a number of fields are, this summer, supplied by students from the various Theological Colleges of the church.