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HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

One of the chief objects of our journal is being served by the renewed interest shown in Home Missions. We have advocated strongly Home Missionary Societies and from all quarters is coming good news about them. The movement is assuming various shapes. The Sunday Schools—in some cases with their boys, in others with their girls—are forming juvenile Home Missionary Societies. In some quarters, as in New St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, young men are thus banding themselves together, and we are glad to see deputies were lately sent to urge the matter on the Assembly's committee. That committee has formed a constitution for these Societies, and will see to their organization. Elsewhere we learn some societies are dividing their gifts between the two sister schemes of Home and Foreign Missions. This is as it should be. The West for Christ!

A SUMMER COLLEGE SESSION.

The very general favor with which the proposal to hold a summer session in Theology has been met encourages us to speak of it. The need is patent. Formerly many fields were left vacant in the winter, and this entailed heavy loss to us. Six months of spasmodic summer growth was checked by the dearth and frost of winter, and our good name suffered, and what is more, precious souls were lost. Now a new danger is meeting us; dozens of young men brought to Christ by Y. M. C. A. agency, or revival movements, etc., offer themselves. They have never been at college, but their zeal is commendable. Their knowledge and fitness to give religious instruction are small. These are now used for our winter work. We thank God for them, but we see a more excellent way. If from the six colleges we could have in the Western Mission field say 25 of our theological students, who would drop out a session and then take the summer session following, we should be greatly satisfied. Where this summer session should be held we would not venture to say. We have a shrewd impression that the inspiring ozone of our Western air, and the delightful cool summer of Manitoba would conduce to study. But it would be selfish of us to press this too strongly. We believe all the six colleges should co-operate in the scheme, wherever held, and if this were done the choice of each professor would only come every sixth year. It would be a beautiful specimen of college unity and would be an enormous advantage to our Home Missions.