

EXTRACTS FROM THE TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, OF
THE W. B. H. M. S. OF ONTARIO.

In behalf of the officers and members of the Board of B. H. M. S., we would bear testimony to the loyal and zealous efforts of co-laborers throughout the various Mission circles; to the Directors who have rendered efficient service in their respective Associations, and to the Editor of the *Visitor*, who has given so much time and thought to this little paper that is such a helpful factor in our work.

The monthly prayer meetings of our Board have been a blessing and an inspiration to all who have attended them. The work of our Society was begun in prayer; it has been carried out with prayer; no work has been attempted; no plan for raising money or furthering interest in the work has been adopted by your Board without first taking it in prayer to the Source of all wisdom for guidance, and He who has bidden us pray, has heard and answered, and to-night we come with grateful hearts, recognizing first and chief in the measure of success granted our Society, special providence of God.

OUR WORK.

As you are aware, our work covers a part of the territory Grande Ligne and Quebec City in the east, west and north to the Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts, up to the entrance to Lake Superior, where the town of Sault Ste. Marie is situated, and to Calgary in the North-West. It seems to us that no part of our work is of more importance or possesses greater possibilities than that of the North-West. Mr. Mellick, writing of the prospects, says: "Look out on the broad fertile fields; on the double tide of emigration rolling in by the cradles and the cars; see the great colonies of Germans and Scandinavians, like swarms of bees; of Icelanders and Russians, who have been driven to our country by persecution in their own land; see the towns and cities rising; hear the constant sound of the workman's tools, preparing homes for the surging throngs. This is the present. From this standpoint look out into the future and tell me what you see." "A mighty nation." Remember, we are shaping the future of this nation now, for its future weal or woe depends upon the religious instruction given its people. We are told that in the North-West, besides the English-speaking people, 40,000 Germans and Mennonites, 30,000 French Half-breeds, and other Roman Catholics, 30,000 Indians, many still heathen and 20,000 Scandinavians and Icelanders. Here is field for Mission work. The Lord bids us thrust in the sickle.

"Here ye not Jehovah's orders?
High above the land and sea,
Zion rise, enlarge thy borders,
Lo, the nations flock to Thee."

Mission work was begun in the North West in 1873. There was then but one Baptist Church, and that in the City of Winnipeg. There are fifty-two Churches and seventy-five preaching stations. The number added to their Churches last year was over 500. Of these Churches in the North-West, the one in Calgary is under the care of our Society. Last year we contributed \$350 toward the pastor's salary. From the fall of 1894 to 1896 the Rev. Matthew Gold was in charge here. On his resigning, the Church extended a call to Rev. Mr. Frost, who assumed

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