

At By that I mean the work our Church **Home.** is doing in our own country, in which you too have a share. In some places in the older Provinces there are scattered settlements where we help to send missionaries, but our greatest Home Mission Field is in the North-West. Here new settlers come in from other lands, and there are no churches, and the people are often not able to build them. You send missionaries to preach to these people and help them to build churches, and after a time they become able to support their own churches. We cannot allow these new comers and new settlements to be without the Gospel, for parts of our own land would in this way soon become heathen. If we send missionaries to them they become self-supporting congregations and help to send the Gospel to the heathen abroad. So you see that Home Missions pays, and that it is one of the most important works that we have to do, for it blesses the world both at Home and Abroad.

Some of these Home Missionaries are this year very poor. In many parts of the North-West the crops failed last summer, and in some places the people cannot give anything to their missionary. The little that he gets from the Home Mission Fund is all he has to live upon.

The Another part of our Home work is **French.** among the French Canadians. Did you ever think that nearly one third of the whole population of our Dominion is French, and that nearly all of these are Roman Catholics. Instead of confessing their sins to Christ alone, they are taught to confess to a priest. Instead of praying to God only they are taught to pray to saints. Their teachers do not like them to have the Bible, and part of our work is to distribute that Bible among them that they may there learn the way of life.

Pointe-aux-Trembles schools to which you sometimes send your gifts is doing a grand work in teaching the young French people of Christ, and when they go back to their homes in different places they become centres of good.

FOR A MISSIONARY CONCERT.

ON THE NEW HEBRIDES.

An opening recitation given by a member of the "Helping Hand" Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, at a missionary concert about the New Hebrides.

Dear friends, we're glad to see you
And greet you one and all,
We'll try our best to please you
And profit too—withal.

We're banded here together,
In a work of joy and love,
We call ourselves the "Helping Hand,"
And trust that we may prove

We're not unworthy of our name,
But the little that we do,
May truly help Christ's kingdom come,
And bring His love to view.

To-night we speak of work for God
In far off Southern isle,
"Where every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile."

And yet, though *vile*, and *dark*, and *gross*,
The heathen there may be,
We thank our Heavenly Father
That His grace can set them free

In eighteen hundred forty-five,
John Geddie and his wife
Went forth: to tell these distant isles,
The way of Truth and Life.

Altho' he knew before him lay
Hardship and toil and pain,
He also knew that loss for Christ,
Is turned to endless gain.

And rich reward God gave his faith,
For thousands once in sin,
Are now rejoicing in God's love
And truly worship Him.

But of that story now you'll hear,
To interest all we'll try;
We hope not one will weary grow,
Before we say good-bye.

CLOSING RECITATION.

And now our story's at an end,
We trust that what you've heard,
Will help each one more earnestly
To spread God's Holy Word,

Until each nation, far and near,
And every sunny isle,
Shall sing the praise of Jesus,
Washed from their sin and guile.