

toral work, with the view of his visiting the various sections of the Church for the purpose of raising a fund to be appropriated for assisting congregations in paying off their arrears, the administration of the fund to be in the hands of a committee. The report suggested that for the future, Presbyteries be instructed to adopt steps to prevent the accumulation of arrears.

SANDWICH MISSION.

The Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot, on behalf of the Presbytery of London, presented a report with reference to the mission to the French Canadians at Sandwich. The report stated there were a large number of French Canadians, accessible to the Gospel, at Sandwich and neighbourhood, and that were there the necessary means, there was a most favourable opportunity of introducing the true doctrines of the Word of God among them. It was agreed that the Synod receive the report of the Presbytery of London, look most favourably on the interesting object of ameliorating the moral and religious condition of the French Canadians in the western district, and without giving any opinion on the details of the contemplated plan, recommend the case to the congregations of the Church, as the Presbytery in mature consideration, may see fit to present the same to them.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

A minute was agreed to with reference to the Calvin Tercentary. This minute shall appear in our next number.

The report on Home Mission operations for the past year was presented by Rev. R. Ure Convener of the Committee. It gave a summary of the Home Mission work for the past year in the several Presbyteries to the following effect.

The Presbytery of Ontario had fifteen stations, the average attendance at which about 1,250. The amount raised by the Presbytery \$2,992 73

The Presbytery of Toronto has five vacant charges and eight mission stations. Amount raised for mission purposes \$3,004

The Presbytery of Hamilton has three vacant charges and six series of mission stations. Sum raised for missions \$1,352 75.

The Presbytery of Paris reports three vacant charges. Amount of money raised \$308 18.

The Presbytery of Stratford has only one vacant charge and one mission station. Amount raised for mission purposes \$521 27.

The Presbytery of Grey reports seven groups of stations, most of which are self-sustaining. Amount of mission funds raised \$1,045.

The Presbytery of Huron has one vacant charge and nine groups of stations attendance at which is 9,000, 8,000 of whom require Gaelic. Amount of mission fund \$1,255.

The London Presbytery reports eight vacant charges and nine groups of stations. Amount of collections \$2,103.

Presbytery of Cobourg has four groups of stations. Sum raised by congregations \$407 35.

Presbytery of Kingston has five series of stations. Amount raised \$1,042.

Presbytery of Ottawa reports two mission stations. Sum raised \$700

Presbytery of Brockville has five groups of stations, with about 1,070 attending them. Sum raised \$560 25.

Presbytery of Guelph has four vacant charges and five stations. Amount raised \$1,188 36.

Presbytery of Montreal has about 15 stations, and raised \$3,113 for home mission purposes.

From the above it appears that there are in all throughout the Church about 25 vacant charges, and 99 mission stations or groups of stations. The gross amount raised by Presbyteries and mission stations for home mission purposes is \$19,593. There have been 50 labourers engaged in the mission field, 30 of whom are probationers. The report also presented the claims which had been made on the Central Fund and the disbursements made from it.