

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.

Missions.

The mission work prospers very abundantly in the summer, but we lose ground through lack of winter supply. Suitable men are not available for continuous work, and the cost of getting students from the college is too great to make that method of supply practicable. One of the fields has obtained the services of an ordained missionary, and will soon be self-sustaining we believe. A re-arrangement has made another of our fields self-supporting. A new church was opened in the Indian Peninsula last summer. It is practically free from debt.

On the whole the Presbytery is encouraged in the outlook on our mission fields and augmented congregations.

Augmentation.

The augmented congregations are annually reducing their grants. Wiarton has been removed altogether. Kilsyth, etc., will not likely require aid after next year. Euphrasia and Holland will also very soon be removed.

The mission stations which become settled charges will not require very large grants, so that the Augmentation Fund is gradually being relieved.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

Missions.

There are now only two mission fields, viz., Cotswold, and Ayton and East Normanby. These fields had supply from students during summer. Cotswold has had no supply during the winter.

Balaklava was added to Ayton and East Normanby from the Bruce Presbytery, and was supplied by Rev. J. McEwen during the winter, but the stations are so far apart that it was difficult to keep the appointments. East Normanby and Balaklava are both preparing to build new churches this summer.

Augmentation.

There is now only one congregation on the augmented list, viz., Cedarville and Esplin. The contributions to the Augmentation Fund are far below what is asked of this Presbytery, but it is hoped that as the merits of the fund become better known the contributions will advance.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

Missions.

Hawksville and Linwood, which formed a pastoral charge on the Augmentation Fund, under Mr. Russell, was reduced to the standing of a mission field after his translation to the Presbytery of Chatham.

A new station has been organized at Metz, in the township of Garafraxa, in connection with the Sixth Line.

Eden Mills is still under the pastoral oversight of Mr. Strachan. A new church is about to be erected on a new site, with the permission of the Presbytery.

Elmira continues under the care of Mr. Hamilton, of Winterbourne, receiving supply on the afternoon of every alternate Sabbath.

Augmentation.

Only one charge was on the Augmentation Fund, Hawksville and Linwood, and it ceased to be so after the translation of its pastor, Mr. Russell.

In the Statistical Reports of congregations, \$630 is the amount returned as contributed to the Augmentation Fund to the 31st December, 1886. This is less than one-third of the amount apportioned to the Presbytery. The following congregations have not contributed: Mimosa, Doon and Hespeler, Galt Central Presbyterian Church, West Puslinch, Moorefield and Drayton, Rockwood, Acton, Hawksville and Linwood.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Missions.

The number of mission fields within the bounds of the Presbytery has been considerably decreased during the year.

East Ancaster, which for many years has received supply through the Home Mission Committee has been united with part of the Caledonia charge, forming a self-sustaining congregation.

North Pelham and Wellandport were united by Presbytery, and now have a settled pastor.

The Port Erie field, which has given both Presbytery and the Committee considerable anxiety, has made substantial progress, and has been given the status of a pastoral charge. The growth is chiefly at Victoria, at the Canadian end of the International Bridge, which is quite an important railway point.

Merritton has been united with Port Robinson, forming a pastoral charge.

Cayuga and Mount Healey have been added to the list of stations. This is a promising field, and the Presbytery cherishes the hope that it will soon be in a position to call a minister.

The other fields in the Presbytery—Port Colborne, Port Dalhousie, Louth, Haynes Avenue, St. Catharines, and Wentworth St., Hamilton, have received regular supply, and have at least held their own. Louth, which formerly was connected with Merritton is now being wrought with Port Dalhousie.

Augmentation.

The amount required by the Presbytery from the Augmentation Fund during the past year was less than formerly. This was due to changes in the congregations rather than an increase in their contributions for stipend.

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