

ued sympathy and support of our members and adherents. The mission field under the care of the Committee includes British Columbia, The North-West Territories, Manitoba, Quebec, and Ontario,—the latter embracing the Lake Superior and Muskoka Districts. These fields represent 533 preaching stations and supplemented congregations; 11,862 communicants; 9,039 families, and an average Sabbath attendance on ordinances of 23,912. The very gratifying success of our work in the great North-West, of which the members of our Church are fully informed, and the pressing claims of the Manitoba Presbytery for additional missionaries, leads the Committee to hope that the contributions of congregations and gifts of individuals during the present year will be largely increased. The Committee require for the North-West alone—for mission stations, supplemented congregations, salary of Superintendent of Missions, arrears of salaries due missionaries (which have been satisfactorily settled) and for Manitoba College—the sum of \$14,000. To this must be added the travelling expenses of missionaries to their distant fields of labour. Five additional missionaries were appointed to Manitoba in October; another has been appointed since, while others are expected to follow during the present winter. At the last meeting of the Committee, it was found that on the lowest calculation the sum of \$40,000 would be required to meet the claims for the present year. This sum can easily be raised and exceeded if every member gives on an average the small sum of *fifty cents*! In order, however, to reach this amount, it is necessary that the pressing claims of the fund be set clearly before our congregations and mission stations by every minister, probationer, and catechist in the Church. I have only to add that the Committee have reduced grants to the lowest possible point, and are exceedingly desirous to implement the instructions of the General Assembly by bringing their annual expenditure within their receipts. There never was a period in the history of our Church when the results of Home Mission work were so encouraging as at the present moment, and when immediate effort was more called for. Capitalists are pouring their millions of dollars into great railways that are stretching across our prairies, and opening up their wealth and material power. These railways do not wait for populations; they bring them. They do not seek towns; they create them. The Home Mission work which they thus create as fast as steam can drive the locomotive forward, is most imperative. "We cannot delay an hour without loss; we cannot postpone a year without sin." In name of the Committee,

WM. COCHRANE, *Convener*.

## IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The following contains the substance of a statement addressed to the Home Mission Board of the Maritime Provinces, by the Rev. Dr. Macrae, on behalf of the Presbytery of St. John, from which we learn some interesting facts respecting the Home Missionary work in the Province of New Brunswick:—

I. *Glassville and Florenceville*.—These two stations occupy an area of thirty miles by ten,—have sixty, and eighteen families connected with them respectively,—an average Sabbath attendance of one hundred and twenty, and sixty; communicants, seventy, and twelve; sabbath-school, children, one hundred and sixty, and forty,—and many Presbyterians who could be brought in with little care and labour. Our Catechist reports the procuring of a farm as a glebe, and the raising of nearly three hundred dollars to repair the church, and erect a manse. His belief is that, with a little aid and encouragement, this field would soon be self-sustaining. In support of this belief, he speaks of having visited two hundred families in the Glassville section. II. *Londonderry and adjacent Stations* contain fifty-four families; and all express their willingness to "make great sacrifices," to quote from our Catechist's return, in order to secure the services of an ordained minister. III. *Bailie and Tower-hill*.—Of this field, our very intelligent Catechist speaks of "pressing need of a settled pastor to take it in charge. Many, not belonging to any church, could be brought into ours, if properly cared for." Only forty-three families are connected with these two stations; but one hundred in all were visited; and there are others not yet overtaken. IV. *Quaco and Black River*.—Of these stations I can speak from personal observation,—having ordained elders and dispensed the communion, etc. at both, some six weeks ago. They form a field of very great interest. Could we secure one man to labour even on alternate months at Quaco, etc. and at our fifth Group of Stations, *St. George, etc.*, we might cherish the hope of building up fairly flourishing charges in both. But both are in great need, as regards services; and of course, a labourer in each would be vastly preferable. Both are earnestly desirous to obtain a settled pastorate; and each would, we believe, raise at least, the minimum, entitling to supplement. At Quaco, there are in all, fifty families, some of whom are wealthy. From St. George, full returns are not in my possession; but our conviction is, that these places need only suitable men, to become, in a short time, self-sustaining charges. Our cause, in this vast, unwieldy missionary Presbytery, has reached a critical period of its history. Never were the people