

ence in the work of the committee is a debt of \$2,855. The income was \$11,82, the expenditure \$13,122. The debt was owing, not to decreased income, but to increased expenditure, particularly in the support of ordained missionaries in groups of mission stations, and also in the supply given, while vacant, to weak congregations, which, if settled, would be aided from the Augmentation Fund. The Home Mission Committee asked leave to confer with the Committee on Augmentation to see if any re-adjustment of the work can be made. There have been labouring in the Maritime Provinces, during the whole or part of the year, in the employ of the Home Mission Committee, forty-nine ordained men and fifty-nine student catechists.

AUGMENTATION, EASTERN SECTION.

Rev. E. Smith, of Stewiacke, presented the report of the work. The receipts for the year were \$7,880, a decrease of about one hundred dollars from that of the previous year, but yet in excess of the expenditure. The aid receiving congregations were 42, as compared with 50 the previous year, and the expenditure was less by nearly \$300, being in all \$7,064. This decrease in aid receiving congregations is a cause of sorrow rather than joy, for it is not because they have become self-supporting, but because several of them had no settled pastors and did not require aid. Of the 200 congregations in the Maritime Synod, 158 gave to this fund what was asked by their Presbyteries as their fair proportion; 27 gave part, and 35 gave nothing. This should not be. Each should bear their fair proportion of the work. The principle upon which the Fund is based is an underlying principle of Presbyterianism, the unity of the Church and the duty of the stronger members of it to help the weak.

HOME MISSIONS—WESTERN SECTION.

Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, presented the report. The income from congregations has been \$51,000 in place of \$57,000 last year. Owing to the balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$6,000, and the unusually large amount of bequests, amounting to \$20,000, the year closed with a balance on the right side.

AUGMENTATION IN THE WEST.

For several years, in spite of appeals, the Fund has fallen short by about \$4,000 annually. In consequence more than one hundred of our ministers in the west, those who have been receiving the smallest support, and whose congregations were promised a certain amount from the Fund, have had that amount lessened by \$36. Men who were promised \$50 from it, and were depending upon it to help them meet their liabilities, received but \$14.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in presenting the report showed that while many are doing their duty,

there are many large and wealthy congregations in village and country, in some of the richer parts of our Dominion, that do but little for the scheme. He read a list of congregations, without naming them, that give one thousand dollars or more, as salary to their own pastor, and contribute liberally to other schemes of the Church, who do almost nothing for this, one of the most important of them. It is a shame and a wrong to the many hard-working pastors in the outposts to treat them thus.

A NEW COMMITTEE.

A special committee was appointed to consider the whole matter. These brought in a recommendation which was adopted at a later session of the Assembly, viz., that the Augmentation Committee be separated from that on Home Missions, and that in future the Fund be administered under two distinct committees instead of one as heretofore. Mr. McDonnell is convener of this Committee, and it is hoped that the change may result in a larger measure of support to this beneficent scheme.

FOREIGN MISSION.

Friday night, Foreign Mission night, always interesting from its subject, was especially so this year from the number of missionaries present. The Church was filled, and until the late hour of eleven the interest was maintained.

First came the Annual Report presented by Rev. A. Falconer, who said a few words about the work under the care of the Eastern Division, that in the New Hebrides, with our three mission families and forty native helpers, and that in Trinidad, &c., with its College, five missionaries, four lady teachers, and fifty-three native assistants.

At the beginning of the year, the Fund of the Eastern Division was in debt \$0,466. The expenditure during the year was \$25,313, the current receipts \$23,033, and for debt \$8,264, leaving at the closing of accounts, a deficit of \$3,451, which should be wiped out in this the Jubilee year, to which he briefly referred.

On the 11th of July, 1844, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, one of the eight churches that now form the Presbyterian Church in Canada, resolved to appoint a Foreign Mission Committee and to begin mission work among the heathen. Fifty years have come and gone since that resolve was taken.

Principal Grant then spoke for a short time on Dr. Geddie and his work, showing the obstacles he had overcome in getting the work started, and how much that work had done in breaking down the barriers of prejudice and preparing the way for union at home.

Then came the addresses of the missionaries. Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, after ten years absence, looked almost as young as when he went to the