

the congregation of Orlaco, Ont., was placed in charge of Comox. His labors there are being attended by encouraging and gratifying success. It may be stated that in addition to the work carried on in British Columbia under the direction of the Presbytery of Columbia, the Presbytery of Calgary has the oversight of a number of mission stations in the Province along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and extending southward to the important Kootenay district as far as the International Boundary. The work in this new and mountainous region, has been vigorously prosecuted under the direction of that Presbytery, and that of the energetic Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the Northwest, since the opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

There are now in the Presbytery five settled self-sustaining charges, paying stipends ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,500—with, in most cases, manse—and eleven mission fields, receiving more or less aid from the Home Mission Fund,—with eight ordained missionaries.

Reference to the statistical report presented to the last General Assembly (1888) will show that the contributions of these congregations and new mission fields per family for all purposes were very considerably higher than that of any other Presbytery in the church, the average per family having been \$48.60—the next highest being Toronto at \$44.14, the third highest being that of Calgary—another new Presbytery,—the figures being \$40.00. This rate of giving—more than double that of many of the oldest and most favorably situated Presbyteries in the church,—should be a good evidence of the people's appreciation of gospel ordinances and their unwillingness to be unduly burdensome to the rest of the church.

Besides the number of charges and ministers stated there are yet, within the bounds of the Presbytery, three charges with three ministers in nominal connection with the Church of Scotland, and laboring under the direction of its Colonial Committee. These three charges are aided to a small extent by the Colonial Committee. These are Nanaimo, and Wellington on Vancouver Island, and Nicola on the mainland, with Messrs. Miller, Christie and Murray as ministers respectively. The union and consolidation of Presbyterian interests in British Columbia, is, however, a question of only a short time. When these charges have attained a self-sustaining position, which is expected to be at not a remote date, it is confidently expected that with their ministers, they like the Church of