

ment. The ordinance of the Lord's supper was also dispensed. The communion roll formed contains the names of 39 persons, of whom 19 were admitted by certificates, and 20 admitted for the first time by examination. Belonging to the congregation are 25 families, of which 18 are originally from the parish of Loch Carron in Ross shire, and 7 from Roxborough-shire. In temporal circumstances they are what may be termed comfortable. The congregation is anxious to obtain a settled pastor, and the members have subscribed liberally for the support of the means of grace; the average of the subscriptions being \$30 a year, while one is \$60 and another as high as \$115.

In regard to the attendance on the preaching of the gospel at the mission stations, the lowest may be placed at 60 and the highest at 200. The number of communicants range from 20 to 60. Four of the nine have churches, six of them may be regarded as in a condition to maintain pastors, though it is to be feared that some of these, in the event of their receiving settled ministers, would not be able to give adequate stipends without the assistance of small supplements.

At all the vacancies and stations the sacraments of the Church are regularly dispensed; that of the Lord's Supper generally once a year; though in some cases more frequently.

The funds necessary for carrying on the mission work are mostly raised by the vacancies and stations receiving supply of service, and generally paid by them direct to the labourers, a notice of amounts being sent to the Presbytery's Mission Committee. The settled congregations also contribute a considerable amount for the meeting of deficiencies. According to the understood rule, every settled congregation is expected to give an annual contribution for the mission fund, taken up by subscription, or by collection at communion season; and in addition to this a collection at the annual missionary meeting. Over a portion of Presbytery, the congregation combine the collection of the missionary meeting and the subscription, employing both methods at the same time, a plan which is generally found to be successful in yielding good results. But in this as in all the mission schemes of the Church, there are always some congregations that come short of what is expected of them; several neither give a contribution by subscription, nor a communion collection. The sums raised last year by contributions from settled charges, and by collections at missionary meetings, amounted to \$845.97, and the amount paid by vacancies and stations to missionaries was \$2095, making a total of \$2940.97. Two sums, \$46 and \$50, were received from the Synod's Fund; but these grants were not in support of the ordinary mission work, the former being in behalf of the Sandwich Mission, and the latter as supplement to the congregation at Carlisle.

The labourers by whom the mission field is cultivated are of three classes; the regular missionaries assigned to the Presbytery by the Synod's Committee; lay catechists who reside permanently within the bounds; and the ministerial members of Presbytery. Those of the first class, compared with the vacancies and stations to be supplied, are seldom more than one to four, sometimes (as during the present quarter), less than one to nine. Of the second class, there are two who are frequently, though not constantly employed, in order to meet in some measure the deficiency of regular missionaries. In regard to the third class, according to an understood rule of Presbytery, every member is expected to give one Sabbath per quarter to the mission field, and though the rule is not fully observed, yet every minister gives a little, and some a considerable amount, of mission work. During the year ending on the 1st of July last, out of 457 Sabbath services, 55 were given by members of Presbytery.

The amount of service now mentioned as bestowed on the mission field last year, would allow on an average to every vacancy and station 28 Sabbaths, being a very little more than half supply. But the amount was far from being distributed in equal proportions to the respective congregations, some received