

Guelph reports having a large German population within their bounds.

In the Presbyteries reporting we find 43 stations, 7 places of worship opened, and raised for missionary labour \$6,333 46; and a return by two Presbyteries of 1,656 members, and 5,550 adherents.

The Committee would call attention to the fact, that Presbyteries seem to make up their returns at different periods of the year.

The reports indicate that the Church stands much in need of a large supply of *suitable labourers*, for whom immediate employment and settlement might be obtained. The Presbytery of London alone reports *eleven* congregations which may be regarded as self-supporting, though few of these have borne their entire expenses during the past year; and some have come short by more than one-half. This is accounted for—by there having been arrears due to a former minister, or their being engaged in church building, or being supplied with unsuitable labourers. Indeed, on this last named circumstance, in the words of their report, “the question of self-supporting or non-self-supporting may, in most of the instances, be said to turn.” Nearly all the vacancies and stations, with efficient labourers, would raise the entire expense of service. In other circumstances, there are few of them that will not fall short of the amount required.

Farther, there appears from the reports to be a special lack of Gaelic-speaking labourers; and the Presbytery of Huron calls attention to the fact, that the Gaelic language is necessary in the greater part of its mission field, and that as so few of our missionaries can speak it, large portions of their fields had to be left comparatively neglected.

The committee respectfully recommend, that where vacant congregations are classed with mission stations in the reports of the mission field, they should be separated, that it may be seen how much of the field is taken up from year to year.

The Committee regret, that owing to the very late period at which the greater part of the returns have been received they have been unable to devote that time and attention to the matter, which they were prepared to do, at the time ordered by the Synod, though the delay on the part of Presbyteries, may in some cases, have been unavoidable. But they regret still more the fact, that since five Presbyteries have made no returns, the Committee are able to give only a very *partial* view of the Church's Home Mission Work.

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Since the above report was drawn up, statements have been received from the following Presbyteries, viz., Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Paris, and Brockville. We subjoin abstracts of these so as to give, as nearly as possible, a complete view of the missionary operations throughout the various Presbyteries:—

TORONTO.—In this Presbytery about twelve vacant congregations and mission stations have been receiving supply. The following may be mentioned as mission stations proper, viz., Georgetown and Limehouse, Malton and Weston; York Town Line; Cedar Grove; Caledon East and Mono Mills; Tecumseth, 1st and 2nd Congregations; Mara and Muskoka; Nottawasaga and Osprey. These last are now under the pastoral charge of the Rev. J. Greenfield. These stations have all received supply, most of them have had full supply, and may be regarded as, on the whole, in a prosperous condition. At Malton, through the zealous efforts of a few friends, a commodious Church has been erected. It may be stated that the services of Dr. Burns at Georgetown, and of Principal Willis at Weston, have tended much to the continued prosperity of the stations. The newly opened region, of which the township of Muskoka is the centre, has been partially supplied during the past year. This is an important and destitute locality, and to do any good the Presbytery would require to give the services of an active missionary, and, for a time, mainly to bear the expense.

Besides the mission stations, the following vacant congregations have been