

the winter months, the progress is not so rapid as it would otherwise be. Through the kind and generous assistance of the Students of Montreal College, the Presbytery were enabled to give several of the fields a somewhat good measure of service during last winter, while another field received full supply from the Pastors and Ministers without charge within the Presbytery. Two of the fields, however, lie at such a distance, both from any railroad and from any settled charge, that they have received no supply since October last. On the whole there is a fair measure of progress in the mission fields, and the outlook for the future is in a good degree encouraging.

#### *Augmentation.*

This Scheme has been of great benefit to the Presbytery. Its benefits are so manifest that it has secured the approval of all the congregations. And though it is not supported with that full measure of liberality which it merits, there are no such objections urged against it as other Presbyteries encounter and complain of. The Presbytery would deeply deplore, not only the failure of the scheme, but any lowering of the standard which it has hitherto maintained.

#### PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.

##### *Missions.*

The whole field in this Presbytery has been wrought with more than usual success, as better and fuller supply has been available. Eganville and Scotch Bush Mission district has prospered greatly, a new church having been erected at Scotch Bush, and a comfortable manse having been provided by the Eganville section. This mission is now transferred to the list of Augmented charges, with good prospects before it.

At Chalk River, in the Alice group, a new church was opened in September, and it is now in contemplation to divide the district, which is too large for one man, and has so prospered, that with the same grant, two men may be placed in the field.

Litchfield has been working onward again, and rearrangements have been made in the interest of the work, which lead us to hope that it may soon occupy its old place among the regular charges of the Presbytery.

##### *Augmentation.*

The Presbytery keeps steadily in view the reduction of grants, and has been measurably successful this year, notwithstanding the shortage in crops and the general depression in business.

Ross and Cobden, under the faithful ministry of Mr. Blakely, has become a self-sustaining charge. The grant has been reduced in Elmsley, which was erected into a pastoral charge a year ago, under Mr. Neil Campbell, whose labours have been greatly blessed. Bromley has shown evidence of Mr. John Campbell's energy in the building of a handsome church at Douglas, and opening it practically free from debt.

These results are noted as showing that those young men who, with self-denying zeal, take hold of our weaker charges, have at least a reward in seeing the work prospering in their hands. Were there more men such as those mentioned available, much might still be done in extending the boundaries and influence of our Church in this district. Kitley is now transferred to the Brockville Presbytery.

#### PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

##### *Missions.*

1. Morton:—During the past six months this station has been supplied by Students from Queen's College Missionary Association, and since by a Catechist, who is still in the field, and doing excellent service. This has now become a proper field for the services of an ordained Missionary, with the power of sealing ordinances for the many Presbyterian families who are scattered throughout the district of Delta, Morton and Leeds. Application for the appointment of such a labourer will probably be made to the Home Mission Committee at their next meeting.

2. Farmersville and Mallorytown:—These stations are being regularly filled by an ordained missionary, and are making considerable progress. During the past year the people at Farmersville have purchased a neat commodious church, formerly occupied by the Methodist brethren, for the sum of \$2,300, part of which (\$1,300) has been arranged for, the balance to be placed at interest for the time being. Re-arrangements of the ecclesiastical connections of these stations may lead to their transfer, as a settled charge, to the Augmentation list.

3. Merrickville:—This field, limited in area and numbers, continues gaining in strength, and gives promise of better things to come. The congregation of Kitley, have at last been transferred from the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery to this, and the union of Merrickville with Irish Creek, which is part of the Kitley charge, is an event in the near future. From this union we look for a desirable settled charge.

4. North Augusta and Stone's Corners:—This field has been regularly occupied during the past half year by Students of Queen's College Missionary Association and others, with increased success. A student has been appointed for the summer. The prospects here are good.

5. North Williamsburg and Winchester Springs:—This field has been regularly supplied during the past winter with licentiates and others, eligible for a call, but without as yet any satisfactory result. They have a list of \$500 per annum already raised for the support of a minister, and the promise of \$300 from the Committee, if the state of the fund will permit. It is hoped that from the number of men who are to be sent in, a suitable selection will soon be made, and settlement effected.

The contributions of our Presbytery towards the Home Mission fund have been a little in excess of those of former years. Our Presbytery feels, however, that much more might easily be accomplished in this matter.