

At the request of the Presbytery, it was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West. *Eighty-nine* students from the several colleges had fields of labour assigned to them—seven being appointed to Manitoba Presbytery. The salaries of student missionaries are, for *Divinity Students*, during the summer, *six dollars* per Sabbath, with board and travelling expenses to the field of labour; *Catechists* (including students in the literary course), *five dollars* per Sabbath, with board. It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that the College Sessions extend from the beginning of November to the end of April. Also, that a special appeal be made to the Churches in Britain with a view of securing their hearty cooperation in making provision for the religious instruction of the large number of emigrants that are annually coming to Canada from Great Britain and Ireland, and that a deputation be sent to their Assemblies on this behalf.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The following is a copy of REV. ROBERT JAMIESON'S Annual Report addressed to Convener of the Home Mission Committee:—

New Westminster, 4th March, 1881.

Owing to so many removals from this place during the past year I have to report a considerable decrease in every part of our congregational work except the financial. As we have made a change in our ecclesiastical year, I do not give the usual details. The figures would include those given last year for three months and a half. Notwithstanding the decrease in numbers, I am happy to say we are able to report an increase in our income. The total receipts for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1880, were \$1,217.75. The principal payments were,—salary, \$800; new fence and sidewalk, \$141; and to missionary and benevolent schemes by the Ladies' Missionary Association, \$114. The latter sum was made up by six or seven zealous ladies collecting monthly 12½ cents (our smallest coin) from each one connected with us who may be willing to give in this systematic manner, and hardly any one refuses. Any donations in addition are also received. They were all astonished to find at the end of the year that the amount was so large. And it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to be able to say that all the money was fairly and openly contributed by our own people, and that we had no occasion to resort to soirees, or bazaars, or raffles, or oyster suppers, or necktie socials, much less to raffles or theatricals. I may also report that in addition to the regular services in town, I conduct a service every Sabbath at 1.30 o'clock, and every Wednesday at 12.30 o'clock, at the Peneten-

tiary, as Protestant Chaplain, appointed by the Dominion Government about two years ago.

I am sorry to say that our ministerial staff has been again diminished by the departure of Mr. McGregor from Victoria. No successor has yet arrived, though one is "expected." It is only a few years since a Presbytery was organized, and already three of its members have left the country, leaving four members on the roll. And one of these is about to leave his congregation, and perhaps the Province. Such has always been the character of our work out here; occasionally things take an upward turn, and we make a little progress for a year or two; then all our bright prospects are blighted, and back we go to our chronic condition,—“neither dead nor alive!” For instance, when Mr. McGregor came here eleven years ago he found three Presbyterian ministers at work, and now he leaves just five,—four of them in the Presbytery.

PRINCE ALBERT. Rev. James Sieveright writes as follows under date, March 2nd. Active preparations are making for the erection of four churches next summer in Prince Albert District—three log and one brick. A large portion of the timber is already on the ground. The brick one is at Prince Albert Settlement. Only the school-room or lecture hall of the new church will be erected this summer (25 x 35) costing from \$1500 to \$2000. Building is a costly operation here. I have preached twice at Carrot River—the first sermons they have had, and intend going once a month on week days till more help is sent. Down east they have little conception of what preaching at Carrot River implies. When the roads are at the best it takes three days hard work—a journey of over forty miles from Prince Albert: the last twenty-five through a wilderness. In summer the only trail travelled makes the distance sixty miles from Prince Albert. In bad weather or roads it will take nearly a week. Last harvest was by no means a bountiful one in the North-West. The greater part of the wheat was frozen, a fact which makes it far more difficult to get contributions for church purposes from new settlers. When our four churches are up two more are needed at once. Mr. Duncan has been compelled by shattered health to abandon all idea of going to Edmonton, so that I am the only missionary of the Church west of Fort Ellice. Dr. Bain's son has recently come from Winnipeg to begin a medical practice. The congregation is unique. It has no Session. Not one of the Building or Managing Committee is a church member. The Sabbath-school, about 50 children, has only two teachers. Mr. Sproat, of Walkerton, is expected here next week.