

the field are now more encouraging. Massawippi and Richby is an interesting field, but has no immediate prospect of growth. This place needs regular supply, summer and winter.

In the Mission work of the year there has been some encouraging signs, for which we are thankful. We are still willing to sow the good seed, waiting in faith for the blessing sure to follow.

#### *Augmentation.*

The Augmentation Scheme has again proved a great blessing to the weak congregations of the Presbytery.

Three Rivers, owing to the loss of a number of families, required an increased grant from the Fund. Windsor Mills has steadily flourished since the settlement of the present pastor. The grant to Windsor Mills was less than the grant of last year. Windsor Mills has also repaired their church. The other augmented congregations received the same grant as those of preceding years. The Augmentation Fund has enabled the Presbytery to effect the settlement of a pastor at Danville, and there is also the prospect of an immediate settlement at Scotstown. The Augmentation Scheme has the confidence of our congregations, and is loyally sustained by them, in most cases, according to their ability.

#### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

##### *Missions.*

The Rev. Jas. Stewart continues to labour as ordained Missionary in Arundel and Harrington, the most widely extended field in the Presbytery. The people generally are poor and unable to contribute much for the support of religious ordinances. They appreciate highly the services of Mr. Stewart, who is the only Protestant minister visiting some of the stations in the district. Here, as in the adjoining field of Ogdensburg, etc., there is a considerable French speaking community, which has of recent years been increasing, and which may ere long operate against the interests of our cause. The Trout River Line Mission is hereafter to be worked by the Session of Elgin and Athelstan, thus saving the Home Mission Fund. From a variety of circumstances the congregations of West and Centre Farnham have been so weakened that they are now being worked together under an ordained Missionary, Rev. A. E. N. Suckling. In the other fields of the Presbytery there is little change to note during the year.

##### *Augmentation.*

The union of West and Centre Farnham under an ordained Missionary, considerably relieves the Augmentation Fund. The congregations of Taylor Church, Montreal, Rockburn and Gore, and Second Church, Huntingdon, have each added \$50 to their contributions, reducing the grants from the Fund to this extent. The grant to Ste. Therese has, on the recommendation of the Presbytery, been reduced to \$50, and this grant has been made conditional on the congregation contributing \$700. The total grants for the current year amount to \$1,900, as compared with \$3,600 in 1884. The success of the Scheme in this Presbytery has been most gratifying. It has not only enabled our weak congregations to secure and retain the services of regularly inducted pastors; it has also stimulated the liberality of these congregations, so that from year to year the aggregate grant from the Fund has steadily decreased.

#### PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

##### *Missions.*

The only two Mission stations in this Presbytery—Gravel Hill and Apple Hill—were erected into a united pastoral charge, on the 19th March last.

##### *Augmentation*

The congregations of Summerstown and East Lancaster are both vacant. The former is likely to be settled in May, the latter is to be supplied by a student during the summer. The other three charges, according to the reports of the visiting deputations, give evidence of increasing prosperity. Dalhousie Mills, etc., now only require a grant of \$100, instead of \$250, as was the case three years ago.

#### PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

##### *Missions.*

The Mission work in this Presbytery, though beset with the many difficulties which necessarily arise out of a divided Protestantism in the midst of a population that is largely Catholic, was attended with some measure of success during the past year. For the causes referred to, our Mission fields grow but slowly towards the position of pastoral charges, or even of increased support. Their growth is hindered by the frequent removal of individuals and families, whose places are very generally taken by Roman Catholics. The wide and needy field of Cantley and Portland is, at present, suffering a severe loss by the removal of the Rev. D. Findlay, who has given many years of earnest and faithful labour, as ordained Missionary, to this field. The Presbytery feel that it will be difficult to secure a successor of like mind to take his place. As in former years, the Presbytery is greatly indebted to the students of Montreal College for the large measure of supply they have given, at much personal sacrifice, to several of their Mission fields during the winter months. But distance rendered it impossible to secure supply for some other fields. By the transference of Onslow from the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery to Ottawa, and the disjunction of Eardley from Aylmer, a new Mission field has been added to our list this year. The outlook for the current year possesses some features of hopefulness.

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