

Missionary and Benevolent Funds,

For which the General Assembly appoints collections to be made in all the congregations.

I. Home Missions:—The necessary expenditure increases every year. The continuous flow of immigration to the North-West Provinces has hitherto taxed the resources of the Western Committee to the utmost, and this year additional claims have arisen owing to the drought in certain places and floods in others by which the crops were destroyed in some districts and the people were unable to contribute for the support of ordinances as otherwise they would have done. \$79,000 are required in the West and \$13,000 in the East—\$92,000 in all, for the supply of upwards of 1000 preaching stations.

II. Augmentation of Stipends:—On the principles that the strong should help the weak, and that a settled ministry is better than casual supply, this Fund aims at the supplementing of ministers' stipends in the weaker charges so as to secure a minimum stipend of \$750 with a manse. During the past eleven years much good has been done: 155 congregations in the West and 11 in the East have by its help become self-supporting, and regular services have been maintained in many other places that can never become self-supporting. \$30,000 are wanted this year in the West, and \$9,000 in the East. The number of congregations receiving aid last year was 194.

III. French Evangelization:—The work is carried on as heretofore by the threefold means of preaching, colportage, and education. 25 ordained ministers and licentiates, 12 student missionaries, 11 colporteurs, and 22 mission day-school teachers were employed during the year. 36 mission fields with 90 stations were occupied. 160 persons were received into the Church, making a total membership of 958. There were 884 scholars in the Sabbath-schools and 830 in the day-schools: 184 attended the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools. The amount required for the current year is \$47,500.

IV. Foreign Missions:—The field is world-wide and the work of the Committees limited only by the means placed at their disposal. 37 ordained missionaries with a large staff of assistants are employed in foreign fields and among non-christian people in our own country. The estimated expenditure for the current year is \$143,000.

V. The Colleges:—None of our Theological Colleges are as yet fully endowed, but are all more or less dependant on the liberality of the congregations for their support. Altogether they require about \$25,000 per annum from the Church. The work they are doing is certainly of the highest importance.