

at least four new stations might be easily opened by it, had it the means to do so; and that it has indeed, from want of means, been able to do very little for the stations it already possesses, during the past year. Its indebtedness, by this forced inactivity, has been somewhat decreased; but is still about \$200. The Presbytery of Kingston reports, that the past year has been one of great difficulty. Its mission field has been fully taken possession of, but by no means furnished with adequate supply. It is one not easily worked, from the Presbyterians being few and greatly scattered. It finds it much easier to aid mission fields, in sustaining pastors, than in paying the salaries of missionaries who labour only a short time in one place. It expects that more than one of its groups, or mission fields, will be able soon to call a pastor, if all goes well; but, during the past year one refused, from inability, a missionary for the summer, and another was on the point of doing the same. No new stations have been opened during the year. About \$100 less have been raised, than last year; but no debt is spoken of. The Presbytery of Hamilton reports, that most of its field is occupied; though there is a Presbyterian population in some places yet requiring to be cared for. It gave a donation of \$100 to the Central Fund; yet its supplies seem to be plethoric, as, in April, it had \$800 on hand, with some congregations yet remaining to be heard from. Two groups of stations are prepared for settlement. The Presbytery of London reports, that its mission field is rather increasing than diminishing; and both funds and suitable labourers are required to occupy it properly. It employs two catechists for the greater part of their time. Of its stations, four groups, with very small help, are prepared to call pastors. The Presbytery of Cobourg reports, that it has been very desirous of commencing operations upon the Burleigh road settlements, but has hitherto been unable, for want of funds. During the past year it has reduced its indebtedness from \$400 to about \$190.

Only some Presbyteries give any information as to the amount of aid given by the settled pastors in the general mission field, the number of stations that are organized congregations; with their membership; the attendance at the stations &c. There are several other things, not noticed here, on which also the information given is too limited to be useful.

Respectfully submitted,

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MISSIONARY LIFE AND PROGRESS IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.

ADDRESS BY REV. JOHN GEDDIE.

The following is the substance of an address delivered by the Rev. John Geddie before the Synod, at its late meeting in Montreal. We take the speech (very slightly abridged,) from the *Montreal Herald*, in whose pages it appeared at the time. The subject is more interesting to our people, from the fact that the Synod agreed to send, as soon as circumstances will allow, a missionary to labour in the New Hebrides.

"More than eighteen years had elapsed since Mr. Geddie left Nova Scotia for that distant region, and he would now proceed to give a statement of his operations. The New Hebrides, to which in the Providence of God he was led, lay between the 13th and 14th parallel of South Latitude in the Southern Pacific. The islands for fertility and extent had no rivals in that part of the world. The population was a branch of the Papuan race, numbering 150,000 souls. These islands were perfect gems, so fertile was the land. But the chief object of interest was the state of the people who inhabited them, who for the most part were ignorant of the true God, and still continued to practise the most disgusting and abominable crimes of heathenism. The first effort to spread the Gospel in that region was made in 1839 by the late