

MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED, TERRITORY OCCUPIED, CHURCHES ORGANIZED, CHAPELS BUILT, AND CHURCHES THAT HAD BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING.

All attempts, however, to secure the information desired, with *certainty of accuracy*, met with signal failure, and we are sorrowfully compelled to admit that we justly deserve the stinging rebuke administered to us a year or two ago by Bro. Blue, when he affirmed that it was simply impossible to present reliable figures in connection with our work on account of the careless, inaccurate and incomplete manner in which our records were so frequently compiled. We can easily show that *in income*, missionaries, mission fields, churches organized, and chapels built, *we have trebled at every point*. We can show that the net gain in membership during the ten years ending October, 1884, was 5,727, or 30 per cent.; and we can just as easily prove that in the ten years ending October, 1894, our net gain has been, on a basis of 38,500 membership, 1894, 13,726, or over 60 per cent. Moreover, we can prove, what is of special significance in our advocacy of Home Missions, that in the ten years ending October, 1884, we had made no advance in income or in missionary staff, while during the years of blessing and enlargement our income and our missionary staff *kept constantly increasing*. To Bro. Alexander Grant, former Superintendent of Missions, more than to any other man, belongs the credit for the *Forward Movement* which has marked the past ten years, and for the hopeful and aggressive spirit which happily animates so many of our people to-day. May the rich blessing which God has caused to rest upon the work of our hands, and the plain manifest leadings of His Providence lead us to redouble effort to win this goodly land for Him "Whose we are and Whom we serve." Our survey of the work must necessarily be brief. Where no marked change has taken place, comment is unnecessary; our aim has been to present a faithful record, whether that record *tells for or against us*.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Within the limits of the Eastern Association we have helped to support *four pastors* and *six students*. For years these four brethren have stood at their posts. Calls from other churches have not been unknown to them; difficulties and discouragements have appealed to them, as they have appealed to others, but the *needs of Quebec* and the loyalty of their people have overmastered every other consideration. Last week a breach was made in their ranks. Pastor Higgins, after seven years of strong, faithful