

many interesting mission fields, and more could be opened if only men and means were provided. Surely, when we realize the amount of good accomplished in this Presbytery, through the Home Mission Committee, by the small outlay of \$1,300, men of means in the Church will be willing to help the Committee in the prosecution of such good work.

#### *Augmentation.*

The Augmentation Scheme has proved a great help to this Presbytery. Without this Scheme, or some other with the same object in view, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to secure suitable pastors for the majority of our congregations. We have ten augmented congregations, doing good work, and contributing liberally for the support of ordinances, and yet without the aid of the Augmentation Fund it would be very difficult for them to support their pastors. During the year Levis and Windsor congregations have made extensive repairs on their church property. Kingsbury built a fine manse. Danville is reducing its debt on the manse. Scotstown is showing signs of prosperity. Hampden is holding its own. Inverness promises improvement. St. Sylvester and Leeds are as formerly. Windsor asks a reduced grant. Only one congregation, Three Rivers, has asked for an increase, and this is caused by the removal of several of the best supporters of the Church. The liberality of many of the congregations in the Quebec Presbytery, for the Schemes and for ministerial support, will compare favourably with other Presbyteries more favourably situated. The money spent in Augmentation in the Presbytery is put to a good use.

#### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

##### *Missions.*

There is little change to note in regard to the mission fields of this Presbytery for the past year. The process of depopulation among the English-speaking people of the Province of Quebec continues gradually but surely, and in some districts it becomes increasingly difficult for the people to maintain Gospel ordinances. Strenuous efforts are being made by the Baptists in certain portions of the western part of the Province, where the English element is numerically small, thus weakening somewhat other denominations that have been long in the field, and unduly multiplying the number of missionaries in these districts.

This year we report an increased number of families and communicants, chiefly owing to the opening, last spring, of a new mission field, in the county of Huntingdon, Trout River Line, where the work of the Missionary last summer was greatly prospered, and where there is promise of a self-supporting charge by a re-arrangement of the adjoining congregations.

At one of the Stations (Cote St. Gabriel), in the Mille Isles group, a new church building is being erected, which it is expected will soon be completed and opened free from debt. It is in contemplation to re-arrange the Avoca district, and if the plan suggested is carried out, the result will be the strengthening of two fields and the more efficient working of the whole district.

##### *Augmentation.*

While most of the augmented congregations in the Presbytery remain stationary, or barely hold their own, there is marked improvement in some of the others. This is especially true of Taylor Church, Montreal, the congregation increasing every year in the number of families and communicants, and in their contributions for ministerial support. Farnham Centre has become so weakened that it has been transferred to the Home Mission list, and is this summer supplied by a Student. The congregation of Rockburn and Gore, which has been without a pastor for two years, has recently called a Graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The call has been accepted, and the settlement taken place this month. During the past year, \$2,325 was drawn by the Presbytery from the Augmentation Fund, as compared with \$2,933 the preceding year. The fund has been of incalculable benefit to this Presbytery and Province, giving heart and courage to our people in the sparsely settled English-speaking districts, and aiding them in securing the regular services of the minister of their choice. When the fund was instituted, in 1883, there were seventeen congregations in the Presbytery contributing less than the minister's salary of \$750 per annum and the Manse. Four of these congregations are now self-supporting, and the contributions towards salary have increased by fully \$1,600 per annum. The amount drawn by the Presbytery from the fund in 1884 was \$3,600 as compared with \$2,325 last year.

#### PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

##### *Missions.*

In January last a new station was erected at the Railway Depot of Apple Hill. It is supplied in connection with Gravel Hill, the two being only six miles apart. Together they promise for the current year \$400, and it is expected that after the expiration of that time they will be self-sustaining. The services of the Rev. D. D. McLennan, ordained missionary, have been engaged for another year.

##### *Augmentation.*

The congregation of Alexandria have advanced their promise of stipend by \$125, and expect in a short time to be self-sustaining. The position of the other supplemented congregations remains unchanged.

#### PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

##### *Missions.*

All the mission fields within the bounds of this Presbytery were regularly and efficiently supplied by Students during last summer. The Presbytery is still unable to overcome the difficulty of obtaining suitable men, as ordained missionaries, to occupy the several fields within the bounds that require the services of such, and, as a consequence of the irregular supply which they receive during

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