

Remarks.

1. HOME MISSIONS.—To enable the Committee to keep pace with the growth of population, and to open up new fields, as well as to furnish regular supply during the whole year, the full amount given in the estimate will be required. As the amount received from Great Britain and Ireland is now much less than formerly, increased contributions will be required from our own Church. The amount required to support a Western missionary, over and above the contributions of the people in the field, is \$250 per annum. A special field is assigned to congregations, etc., contributing this amount for the support of a missionary.

2. AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.—This scheme is under a committee distinct from the Home Mission Committee. Last year the normal revenue was only \$23,000, or \$7,000 less than the amount asked this year. It is earnestly hoped that the scheme will be liberally supported, so that the Committee may be in a position to receive all Mission Stations desiring to come upon the list.

3. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The amount required this year is nearly \$6,000 more than the amount received last year. While the amount required for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is stated, it is to be borne in mind that this is entirely distinct from the amount required by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raise their money chiefly by means of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands connected with the Society.

4. FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.—The estimate includes the amount required for the Central Mission Schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles, and for the general work of education and colportage, besides what is necessary for the maintenance of the French congregations and Missions.

5. COLLEGES.—Since the abolition of the Common Fund in 1888, congregations contribute to one or more of the Colleges, as they think well. The amount required for each of the Colleges is given. It is hoped that every congregation in the Church will contribute for theological education, and that the full amount required may be got. All congregations, including those in the Maritime Provinces, are expected to aid in making up the amount required for Manitoba College. In sending money please state expressly what College or Colleges it is intended for.

6. WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—A misapprehension exists in the minds of many as to the needs of this Fund, the impression being that it is abundantly ample to meet all demands. The reverse is the case. The expenditure last year was greatly in excess of the revenue. The Fund closed the year with a debt of \$3,883, and it may become necessary to reduce the present small annuity given to widows and orphans. To prevent this, congregational contributions should be fifty per cent in excess of those last year. Special attention is called to this matter. Ministers' personal rates are payable in advance on November 1st for the year then beginning. Only the widows of those whose rates are paid up regularly are entitled to benefit from the Fund.

7. AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.—Additions are made to the list of Annuitants by the Assembly from year to year. Last year eighty annuitants received benefit, and an exceptionally large number were added to the list by the general Assembly last month. To meet the expenditure of the current year the sum of \$13,000 will be required over and above the income from interest. Ministers' personal rates are payable annually on or before the fifteenth of January for the year ending on the thirty-first of March following.

8. ASSEMBLY FUND.—In addition to the expenses immediately connected with the meeting of the Assembly, and the printing of the annual volume of Minutes, this Fund has to bear all expenses of Committees that have no fund of their own, such as the Committees on the distribution of Probationers, Church Life and Work, Statistics, etc. There is also an annual charge for the general expenses of the Presbyterian Alliance. About \$7,000 will this year be required for this Fund. As the large bulk of the expenditure (printing of the Minutes, etc.) has to be met in July and August, it is hoped that congregations will remit at the earliest possible date.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. D. C. MacIntyre, B. A., Quebec, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit at St. Elmo on Sunday last.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Lanark, has been appointed moderator of the Middleville and Darling sessions, and on Sunday last declared the charge vacant.

The new Presbyterian church at Franktown, is well under way, and the cornerstone is to be laid on the 9th July by Rev. Dr. Crombie, of Smith's Falls. A picnic will be held in the McCarthy grove after the religious ceremony is over.

Rev. Mr. Woodside, of Carleton Place, exchanged pulpits with Rev. D. Currie, Perth, Sunday, June 20th, and at the morning service addressed the members of the Masonic Order.

Rev. G. C. Maclean, pastor of St. John's church, Almonte, who has been ill for some time from pleurisy, and other complications, went to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on Wednesday morning of last week for further treatment. He was accompanied by Rev. Orr Bennett; also the trained nurse who has been attending him during his illness.

Rev. H. Cameron of Morrisburg took charge of the services in the St. Elmo Church last Sunday, officiating at communion in the morning, and preaching a sermon to the Oddfellows in the evening. In consequence there was no service in the Morrisburg church in the morning, while Rev. Mr. McIlroy of North Williamsburg occupied the pulpit in the evening.

A meeting of the Brockville Presbytery was held at Morton, on Thursday evening, 10th June, to complete the arrangements for the ordination of the Rev. J. A. McConnell, B. A., of this year's graduating class in divinity at Queen's College, and his induction to the charge of the Presbyterian congregations of Morton and Lyndhurst. An hour later the ordination services began in the Presbyterian church, which was suitably decorated for the occasion. The service was most impressive. Rev. J. R. Frizzell, Toledo, delivered the sermon of the evening, choosing as his text Matt. xxiii., 8: "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." Then followed the most interesting part of the service, the ordination and induction proper, conducted by Rev. Dr. Stuart, Prescott, moderator of the Presbytery. Rev. A. C. Ryan, Westport, addressed Mr. McConnell on his ministerial duties and work, after which Rev. C. H. Daly, Lyn, addressed the congregation. The musical part of the service was in charge of the Morton and Lyndhurst choirs. This mission field since its organization has been supplied by students from Queen's Kingston. This system has not been altogether satisfactory, the supply during the winter months being somewhat irregular, although during the summer season excellent service has always been rendered. During the last year, however, a movement was started on the part of the congregation to secure an ordained minister and thanks to the energy and ability of Rev. Mr. Daly, who spent considerable time in the field last winter, the work progressed favorably and culminated in Thursday night's service. It is well that the congregations have secured Rev. Mr. McConnell, a man especially qualified to manage this growing charge, and who is well able to preach the full gospel of Christ.

A very impressive service was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church, Picton, on Friday evening June 20th, preparatory to communion. The room was filled with members of the church and those desirous of becoming members. Mr. MacPhail presided, and his exposition of Scripture, his earnest prayers, and his solemn, loving exhortation to the communicants, will not soon be forgotten by any that were present. After the benediction was pronounced, the new communicants were presented to the session of the church by Mr. MacPhail, and were given the right hand of fellowship. At the conclusion of this, just as Mr. MacPhail was stepping from the platform, Mr. E. M. Young, and Mr. W. T. Ross went forward, and requested his attention for a moment. Mr. Young then read an address, and, at its conclusion, Mr. Ross presented a purse, containing a hundred and twenty-five dollars in gold, a cordial free-will offering to their beloved pastor, from his people. Mr. MacPhail was taken entirely by surprise, not a hint of the gift having reached him, and was much overcome at this expression of the love and esteem of the congregation; his voice broke, and his tears fell, as he tried to thank those who had been so

generous, and, during his ministry here, so unfaithfully kind to him and his. He urged his people to continue on their good work, their unwearying efforts for their church, and to extend to whoever should lead them in the future the same loving, helpful support they had given him. His own choice would be to remain here, with the church and people so dear to him; but the need was great in the field where he was going, duty and conscience clearly pointed the way, and, in leaving them, he believed he was indeed "following the call of God." Eyes were dim at the conclusion of his remarks, and many a prayer was offered up for God's blessing upon him and his, in the untired way before them, and for God's strength to be given to the people he left, that they might give heed to his counsel for their future.

Western Ontario.

Rev. John A. Clark, B. A., of Toronto, preached able anniversary sermons in Knox Church, Milton, last Sunday.

Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Church, London, has been secured by the Waitechurch congregation for their anniversary services on the 10th of October.

Last Sabbath Rev. Mr. Daniels, a Persian who has just finished his theological course at Knox College, Toronto, preached in Minnosa church. Mr. Daniels also gave an illustrated lecture on "Persia, its inhabitants and their customs," on June 25th.

Knox Church congregation, Hamilton, was called to meet July 9th, the object being to see if the members are ready to call a minister. During the past few months the congregation has heard Rev. Robert Pogue, of Hespeler; Rev. M. J. McKinnon, assistant pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto; Rev. S. Scott, of Brantford, and Rev. R. W. Dickie, of Orangeville, and if a choice is made it will likely be from among these four. It is said that the last mentioned Rev. R. W. Dickie, of Orangeville, is most in favor.

Ottawa.

The Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, preached in Erskine Church, Montreal, on the 20th June.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser, Ottawa, preached farewell sermons in Bank street church last Sunday. The subjects as follows: Morning, Trust in God; evening, An Open Door. Rev. Mr. Fraser will leave next week for Kingston and for Formosa in September.

The Glebe Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary society has held its regular meeting. Rev. Mr. Milne gave a short missionary talk. Mrs. James Back presided in the absence of the president Mrs. Milne.

Rev. Colin D. Campbell, formerly of Stayner preached in St. Paul's the last two Sundays. Communion services were held in the evening on July 6th.

Rev. Dr. Moore is still in Montreal with his son Lieutenant Moore, who is ill of appendicitis there. A letter received yesterday stated that the patient is doing very well and had passed a comfortable night. Dr. Moore will probably remain with his son all week.

Rev. R. Aylward, B.A., of Park hill is spending his holidays in Ottawa, where he has been invited to supply the pulpit of St. Andrew's church. This is the second time that Mr. Aylward has occupied this position during the pastor's vacation. Last Sunday instructive discourses were enjoyed by many.

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