

2.—Augmentation of Stipends.

This scheme is under a Committee distinct from the Home Mission Committee. Last year the revenue was about \$2,000 less than the amount required to pay the grants in full. It is earnestly hoped that this year 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 fully \$6,000 in excess of the amount received last year from the congregations, etc., of the Church, for the ordinary work. 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.

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 \$2,500 in excess of the revenue, and it may become necessary this year to reduce the present small annuity given to widows and orphans. To prevent this the congregational contributions should be fifty per cent. in excess of those of 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 seventy-nine annuitants received benefit. To meet the expenditure of the

current year the sum of \$14,000 will be required over and above the income from interest and rates. 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 connected with 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.

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ASSEMBLY'S S. S. COM. MEETING.

By Rev. D. S. Fraser.

Editor Record,

The Assembly's Sabbath School Committee held its autumn meeting in Toronto during the first week of September. All the Synods were represented by their respective Conveners, who met with the Assembly's Convenor on the 4th, compared notes, and arranged the docket of business for the whole Committee, which held five sessions during the 5th and 6th. A large amount of business was transacted, but here only the most important can be noticed.

The question that was considered as the one of chief interest is that of securing Trained Teachers for our Sabbath schools. There are now many very faithful teachers in our schools, to whom all credit is due, but none will be more ready than they to acknowledge the need that exists in all parts of the Church.

The Colleges are to be asked to help by giving increased attention to training their students in the principles of teaching, with special application to S. S. work. There has been a great change in the educational system of the country within the last twenty years. Formerly nearly all ministers, during their college course, taught in the public schools, and thus gained a valuable practical knowledge of teaching; but now very few of our students are able to avail themselves of this training. With all that may be done to train S. S. teachers by lectures, institutes, or other general methods, the chief dependence must be placed upon our ministers, who should be fully qualified to give the necessary instruction to the teachers in their own congregations. The Committee is framing its plans with this