

to withdraw our men from the more destitute localities for the supply of small charges on a most inadequate salary. During the year very satisfactory action has been taken by two Presbyteries to abate this evil, and to consolidate our interests by connecting weak congregations in one charge where practicable.

The Committee is happy to say that, owing to the efforts put forth by some Presbyteries in eliciting the liberality of the people, the grants have been reduced, in ten instances, to the amount of \$255 per annum, and in some cases have been discontinued; also, that a general desire seems to be felt to equalize the salary of supplemented congregations. However desirable it may be to secure the service of ministers in certain localities, the evils resulting from supplementing one or two favoured localities to an extent that makes the salary greater than that of some self-sustaining congregations, is fraught with danger. There seems also reason to fear that some congregations are allowed to expect a continuance of the supplement from year to year, while no effort is made to increase their contributions as they advance in temporal wealth and comfort.

The Committee has pleasure in referring to the work done by the Students' Missionary Society in several localities. They maintain some of their number as missionaries in different and necessitous districts, and are greatly aiding in the good work; and, with the approval of the Assembly, the Committee will request a statement of these operations to be presented along with the Annual Report to the Assembly, so that all her mission operations may be before the Church at once.

II. FUNDS.

The present state of the Fund is:—

Balance from last year	\$ 1,306.75
Congregational contributions.....	10,781.41
Grant from Church in Ireland.....	485.55
Sundry donations.....	187.54
	\$12,761.25

EXPENDITURE.

Paid to Presbyteries	\$11,179.19
Other expenses.....	594.52
Balance on hand.....	987.54
	\$12,761.25

Besides this there has been received during the month of May \$211.47, showing in the Treasury \$1,199.01 to meet the expenses of the summer half year. Thus the fund, as compared with last year, shows a decrease of balance on hand of \$117.74, that is, an excess of expenditure over income of \$117.74. This continued deficit must be considered by the Assembly.

As most intimately connected with all our Missionary work, both Home and Foreign, we shall next notice the Reports of our Theological Halls.

KNOX COLLEGE AND THE MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE.

At Knox College, the attendance was in all 70, viz: In the Theological department 30, and in the Preparatory 40. Besides these, about 20 are attending University College. The classes in Theology were conducted by Principal Willis, Professor Caven, and the Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot. The studies of the Students in the Preparatory Department were superintended by Rev. G. P. Young, now again a Professor on the staff of the College. Fifteen Scholarships and Bursaries were awarded, besides ten to students in the University College who have avowed their purpose to study for the Ministry. The students were, as usual, called upon for a certain amount of Missionary services during the Session. The receipts for the Ordinary Fund were \$6,636.53, and the payments \$6,804.29, leaving a balance at Dr. of \$167.76. The total debt on the ordinary fund was at date of report \$998.79, being \$1,010.46 less than it was a year before. For