

eight labourers were employed in these fields last year. The expenditure from the funds of the committee was as follows:—For salaries of catechists, \$3956.68; of ordained missionaries, \$2382.66; of preachers supplying vacancies, \$1314.93. The places supplied contributed \$13,234. In addition to this, about \$8000 were expended in the Augmentation of stipends—making the whole amount, for Home Missions in the East, within a fraction of \$29,000 for the past year.

In the *Western Synods*, while there is work done in nearly all the Presbyteries, the principal fields of the Home Mission are the Presbyteries of Quebec, Ottawa, and Kingston, the districts of Muskoka and Parry sound (attached to the Presbyteries of Bruce and Barrie) and the territories included in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-west. In the Province of Quebec, there are a number of "weak congregations" and mission stations so hemmed in by solid masses of Roman Catholicism that there is little prospect of their ceasing to be a charge on the sympathies and liberality of the church at large. But it is an interesting field, and the work at many points is yielding the peaceable fruits of righteousness. A very useful, we might almost say a romantic branch of the work, is carried on amongst the lumbermen in the valley of the Ottawa, where devoted ministers, leaving their own work in charge of others for a time, go to the remotest backwoods, preaching the Gospel with much acceptance to the thousands of men who find their occupation in the woods and live in rude shanties—French and English, Highlanders and Lowlanders, Catholics and Protestants, all receiving alike the message of Salvation, and being supplied with Christian literature. In the Presbytery of Kingston, there are eighteen mission fields and forty-nine preaching stations. In Muskoka and Parry Sound, Rev. Allan Finlay superintends the missions in forty-seven fields and one hundred and sixty-three preaching stations. Dr. Robertson's diocese of Manitoba and the North-west is 1800 miles long, and 350 miles broad. In it there are 95 groups of stations, 473 congregations and preaching stations, 161 employees of the Church, of whom 77 are ordained ministers.

British Columbia, whose connection with

our Church is but of yesterday—has made very rapid progress in a short time. We have already *fourteen* ordained ministers in that Province who are carrying on the work with zeal and good success. The old St. Andrew's Congregation, in Victoria, Vancouver Island, has taken a new departure under the leadership of Rev. P. F. MacLeod, and is building a new church, to cost \$60,000. At Vancouver, where a city has sprung up as if by magic within the last few years, there are already two large and flourishing congregations. So important is this field and so rapidly is the work increasing, the Presbytery of Columbia has applied to the Home Mission Committee for the appointment of "a travelling ordained missionary," in other words, for another Superintendent of Missions, which will doubtless be granted.

The Number of Missionaries, under the direction of the Western Committee in April last, was 229,—namely, 76 ministers and licentiates, 114 students, and 39 catechists. The expenditure last year for Home Missions was \$48,953.71, for augmentation of stipends, \$25,394, to which if we add the amount paid by stations for supply—\$49,271.82, we reach an outlay in the West of \$123,619.53, not including the expenditure by the College Missionary Societies and the mission to the lumbermen. In round numbers, the receipts from all sources, East and West, in behalf of Home Missions and augmentation, thus appear to have been about \$158,000, during the past year.

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IN ROME—ARCH OF TITUS AND THE COLISEUM.

STANDING under the Arch of Titus you feel as though you were riveted to the spot by an irresistible charm. It is in itself a gem of architecture, spanning the *Via Sacra* where it reaches its highest level, about midway between the Forum and the Coliseum. It was erected A.D. 91, by the Senate and People of Rome, to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem by "the deified Titus," son of "the deified Vespasianus." How much or how little