

ployed in whole or in part during the past year was 345. The mission stations occupied by these missionaries were over 1000 in number, scattered over the whole country from Newfoundland and Labrador to British Columbia and Vancouver Island. The direct contributions administered by the Assembly's Committees reach the respectable sum of \$ 64,462.84, increased to \$ 100,753.19 if we include the disbursements of the Lumbermen's mission, the College societies, and others not included in the reports of the H. M. Committees. Adding to these the receipts for the Augmentation scheme, which is virtually Home Mission work, the whole amount is \$ 132,464.97. There was a slight deficit in the receipts of Western Committee last year, so small, however, (only some \$ 1400) that it need occasion no disquietude. The work has been prosecuted with great enthusiasm and ability and no doubt the committee will be sustained this year also by the continued and even increased liberality of the congregations. The report submitted to the General Assembly by Dr. Cochrane concludes with these words,—

“As to the future, it is evident that, unless the Mission work of the Church is to be seriously curtailed, the amounts placed at the disposal of the Committee, both for Home Missions and Augmentation, must be considerably increased. Manitoba and the North-West, and British Columbia, will of necessity, as emigration flows in, require larger sums than in the past. This year the North-West (including Manitoba) received some \$ 29,200, and British Columbia nearly \$ 4,500. Next year British Columbia will require at least \$ 7,000, and the North-West a proportionate increase, if the Church is to maintain its hold, and supply destitute regions beyond our present missionary limits.

The Committee would again remind congregations that they can very materially reduce the amount of interest paid on the large sums borrowed in October for claims then due, by forwarding their contributions *as they are received*, to the Agent of the Church, instead of withholding them till near the end of the financial year.”

IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

THE HOME MISSION Committee of the Eastern Section of the Church on looking back over the past year, marks with gratitude the many tokens of Divine favor which have been vouchsafed in the prosecution of its work. The missionaries, with one exception, have enjoyed good health, and all have performed with dili-

gence and zeal the work entrusted to them. Their number has not always been equal to the needs of the field, but that want was partially made up by the services of elders who rendered most excellent help in times of need. The Church has been true to its past record as a liberal supporter of the fund, and although we cannot give in figures the spiritual gain, we have many evidences that God's word has not returned to Him void.

SYDNEY:—Five catechists were employed, one assisting Mr. Farquharson in his extensive charge at Sydney. The others occupied stations that give promise of growth and stability. The old historic town of Louisville was occupied, with pleasing results. During the summer, Rev. Ewan McKenzie the zealous missionary at Cape North was called and inducted to the pastorate of that remote and interesting field. Pictou employed seven catechists and two ordained missionaries; Truro, three catechists and one ordained missionary; HALIFAX, nine catechists and two missionaries; LUNENBURGH and SHELBURNE had two catechists during the whole year; St. JOHN, employed no less than ten catechists and four ordained missionaries, who reported good success all along the line. P. E. ISLAND has no mission stations within its bounds but one catechist laboured here, in Dundas—a vacant congregation. NEWFOUNDLAND:—In this Presbytery, Mr. A. Laird supplied Harbour Grace, then vacant, during the summer. It has since secured the services of Rev. E. McNab as its pastor. Rev. F. S. Coffin spent the year as missionary at Bay of Islands on the West Coast. The sum of \$ 3075 was contributed by the congregations in the Maritime Synod for missions in the North-West. The total receipts for Home Missions were \$ 11,528.58—just a trifle under the expenditure. The number of workmen employed was 87—viz, 47 catechists and 40 ministers.

“We need for the future more men and more money. There are not enough men on our list, whom our people are prepared to call, to supply our vacancies. We have had to place several fields that ought to have been under the charge of ordained missionaries under the care of catechists. We pray the Lord of the harvest to send out more labourers, and we beseech the fathers and mothers of our Church to consecrate their sons to this work. But if we had all the men that are needed—ordained men drawing the modest salary of \$ 700 apiece per year—we would need much more money than we now receive. Can we not get both? Are not our people interested enough in the religious prosperity of our country to furnish both? We believe they are. We will go forward and trust the Lord, in Whose hand are the hearts of men, to dispose them to deal liberally towards this work.”

JOHN McMILLAN, *Convener*.
P. M. MORRISON, *Secretary*.