

cessitous field. It is to be regretted that more missionaries cannot be obtained to labour there. The brethren of the presbytery do what they can to meet the wants of the region, and to foster the stations, but no little difficulty is sometimes experienced. The committee is disposed to deal liberally with those stations that are trying to help themselves.

*Bruce Mines.*—Of the important mission at Bruce Mines, no particular report has been made to the committee. A desire, however, has been expressed to have some ordained missionary sent there for a lengthened period. The presbytery are not neglecting the field, though unable to do what they would like for want of a suitable person disposed to undertake the mission. This field, though under the care of the presbytery of Grey, is possessed of a general interest, and will receive from the committee all possible attention.

*Buxton Mission.*—Though Buxton is now on the list of weak congregations, in the presbytery of London, the peculiar circumstances of the mission, and its financial concerns, call for particular notice. The presbytery of London has made no report to the committee in regard to the mission. But the committee, considering it dutiful on their part to take action, obtained from the treasurer a detailed statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Mission Current Fund since 1864. The following summary will suffice to put the synod in possession of the facts. It is, however, distinctly to be understood that it has not been submitted to the presbytery, or approved by them.

Between June, 1864, and June, 1866, there was	
Paid to Rev. W. King, at sundry times .....	\$1699 89
“ Teachers “ “ .....	627 11
	<hr/> \$2327 00
During the same period there was	
Received by the treasurer, from all sources .....	\$1581 23
Leaving amount due treasurer .....	745 77
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The committee wish the synod to say from what funds this balance due to the treasurer (\$745 77) is to be paid. During the year, the grant of \$400, as ordered by synod, has been paid; and \$199 89 of arrears, due to Mr. King. Total, \$600 all but eleven cents.

#### ST. ANNE'S, KANKAKEE.

The Committee believing that the Synod, in the resolution adopted last year, intended that the \$600, to be given to the congregation and schools at Kankakee was to be paid out of the Central Fund, have paid \$500, being the amount due up to April 1st, 1867. The Statistical and Financial information required by the Synod's regulations has not been furnished. Neither has the presbytery given any report of the mission during the year, although we learn from other sources that matters in connection with the mission are possessed of no little interest. This want of information is much to be regretted as in many parts of the church a deep interest is felt in this mission.

Glancing then at the whole field, it will be seen that during the year a number of new missions have been opened in various parts of the church; settlements have been greatly promoted and resignations have been prevented by means of the aid granted through the committee. All the presbyteries are cordially entering upon the work in conjunction with the committee, it is believed with satisfactory results. A foundation has now been laid for future and more extended operations and the committee are more hopeful than ever of ultimate success.

During the year pre-byteries have to a greater extent than before, made appointments of ordained missionaries to labour stately in Mission districts. It seems desirable to encourage such appointments, and the committee ventures to express the hope, that such ministers may have accorded to them their full status and seats in the church courts.

The committee respectfully submit for consideration by the Synod a few things which may tend to further the Home Mission operations of the church.