

V. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Annuities to the widows of ministers are paid from this fund, ranging from \$100. to \$300. per annum. The amounts expected from the congregations of the Western section are \$5,000 for the General Assembly's fund, and \$2,000 for that formerly in connection with Church of Scotland. Each minister contributes annually to this fund from \$8 to \$12.

VI. The Assembly Fund. This fund is chargeable with all expenses connected with the meeting of Assembly—the printing and issuing of the minutes, salaries of the clerks, printing documents for committees that have no funds of their own, such as reports on the State of Religion, Sabbath-schools, Temperance, &c. To meet these expenses at least \$5,500 are required this year.

VII. Manitoba College The circumstances of this College being exceptional, a special contribution is authorized by the General Assembly from the whole Church. The requirements for this year call for \$10,000 from congregational sources.

VIII. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. \$15,000 are required by the Western section and \$3,000 by the Eastern section, to enable them to continue the pitifully small annuities at present paid to ministers who have retired from active service owing to age and infirmity. The highest annuity is only \$200. An effort is being made to secure a permanent endowment fund of at least \$200,000 in this connection, which it is hoped will commend itself to the practical sympathies of the wealthier members of the Church.

IX. Foreign Missions. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has at present a staff of thirty-two ordained missionaries engaged in preaching the gospel to the heathen. These are assisted by twenty-two Canadian ladies (in addition to the wives of the missionaries) and a staff of native assistants—teachers, catechists, Bible-readers, Zenana visitors, colporteurs, &c.—to the number of 250. The number of communicants connected with the missions at date of last annual report was 3,668, and of young people attending schools and Bible-classes, about 3,000. The missions are as follows:—[1] To the Indians in the North-West; [2] the mission to Formosa; [3] the new mission to Honan on the mainland of China, to which six ordained missionaries have been recently appointed, besides a lay medical missionary; [4] Central India, where we have five ordained missionaries, six Canadian ladies—two being doctors of medicine—and a large staff of native helpers; [5] the new Hebrides—the oldest and one of the most fruitful of all our missions—in which there are at present three ordained missionaries and their wives, who are assisted by a large number of native teachers; [6] The Trinidad Mission begun in 1867 by the Rev. John Morton, and which has now a staff of five ordained missionaries and their wives, assisted by three Canadian lady teachers. There are now about 2,000 young people in the schools, and 382 on the roll of communicants. The total amount expended last year in support of our Foreign missions was \$93,122.62. The estimated expenditure for the current year is \$106,516.

The above are the Schemes of the General Assembly, to which all the congregations of the Church are expected to contribute annually. The mode of contributing for them in this congregation is by means of a schedule sent to all the members and adherents at the beginning of the year, in which they are requested to enter the amounts they desire to contribute for the different purposes named, and to transmit it to the Treasurer. Those who prefer to contribute anonymously are at liberty to do so. As this is the *only* way in which the contributions of St. Paul's congregation are asked for those purposes, it is earnestly hoped that none will decline, but that each will give according to his or her intelligent judgment.

N. B.—In addition, and quite distinct from these, it is to be remembered that this congregation is pledged for the support of Rev. George Mackelvie, our missionary in **Central India** under the auspices of the General Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions. The amount annually required for this purpose is about \$1,400.