

Sabbath Schools, and Temperance, were taken up at the evening sessions when there was a large attendance of the public, and the latter shewed their appreciation of such an arrangement by filling the church well on several successive evenings.

The Report on Home Missions, for the Eastern Section, presented by the Convener, Rev. John McMillan, shows steady progress during the year. In the Maritime Synod there are 29 vacant congregations, viz., 19 in N. S., 5 in N. B., and 5 in P. E. I.

It is only a few years since our church began the plan of grouping a number of mission stations together and settling over them an ordained missionary. The number of such in our Synod is now 19. These mission fields when wrought for a time in this way, can, as they grow, be organized into regular congregations with regularly called and settled pastors. An ordained missionary receives \$700, of which the stations themselves must contribute at least \$400 and upwards according to their ability, while the remainder is given by the Home Mission Fund.

In addition, to these, 42 student catechists were employed last year. These "gave supply during the summer months to as many mission fields, containing about one hundred and fifty stations and two thousand five hundred families. They conducted over two thousand services on Sabbath and spake the word of life to upwards of ten thousand people, and the people showed their appreciation of the efforts for their good by contributing to the payment of the young men more than \$7000. But no counting up of figures can give a full idea of the work performed and the good done. Many have been led to the truth through the church's work in the hands of these young men. God has given His Spirit with His word proclaimed and many have publicly confessed with their mouths the Lord Jesus."

This Home Mission work is a quiet one, but upon it depends largely the extension of our church in our own land. It gives the gospel to the scattered settlers in the forest and by the sea, and lays the foundations for congregations in the future.

Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Convener of the Committee on Supplements, presented their report. As our readers know the year has been a successful one. The receipts have met the expenditure. Weak and struggling congregations have been

enabled to support ordinances, and those who labored among them have been enabled to do so with comfort. The report which is given on another page will well repay a careful study.

The Home Mission Report for the West was presented by Dr. Cochrane, Convener, and that on Augmentation or Supplements by Rev. D. J. McDonnell. The expenditure in that section during the year has been for

Home Missions	\$47,060
Augmentation	28,824

which added to the givings from College Societies &c., makes their total expenditure for Home Mission Work \$81,565.85.

The Home Mission work of the West, particularly in the North West, is an immense one. There are under the care of the Committee 215 Home Missionaries supplying 744 stations, of which 328 are in Manitoba and the North West, and 31 in British Columbia. Not long since there was but one settled minister of our church in British Columbia, now there are 13.

Foreign Mission evening was a grand one. The Report was moved by Rev. A. McLean Convener of the Eastern Section.

The whole receipts of both Sections for the year have been \$31,000, or \$10,000 more than last year, and \$26,000 more than two years before.

Mr. Wilkie who has been laboring in Indore, Central India, for eight years and who is now home on furlough then addressed the Assembly in a thrilling speech of nearly an hour's duration, telling of the difficulties and opposition with which they had to contend in the early history of the Mission, especially from some of the officials of the British Government, and how step by step they had patiently striven for their rights and at length won them, and how God had blessed their labors there. Special mention was made of the kindly and sympathetic aid given by Lord Dufferin when he went as viceroy to India. Mr. Wilkie is a small sized man, of spare and sinewy form, physically, not wholly unlike our own Dr. Geddie, and still more like him in his undaunted courage and perseverance.

The next speaker was Rev. Dr. Smith, who goes to China as the missionary of the Queen's College students. He is an earnest, able man, and if spared will do a good work in China.

One point in his address will be of in-