

Bay, Providence Bay, Mindamoor, Kagawong South. The average attendance each Sabbath has been about 48, with an average Sabbath School attendance of 20. At Gore Bay a church is in process of erection, to be finished in July, capable of holding 300, and to cost \$700. The number of Presbyterian families at this point, is 25. At Manitowaning, it is also proposed to build a church during the present summer. About \$300 has been already subscribed by the people towards this object. Many settlers are coming into the Island and the number of Presbyterian families may be readily estimated in all, at 150.

The operations of the Committee are carried on in all the Presbyteries, and the scope for work is constantly widening. The Students of the Church's Colleges render invaluable service to this part of the church's work.

Comparing the revenue of the present year with the past, it falls below that 1876-77 by \$3,607.76. It will however, be remembered that a special effort was made in 1876-77 to wipe out an indebtedness of nearly \$10,000, towards which \$8,000 was raised; so that the regular contributions for the year, from Presbyteries, exceed those of last year.

The special Thanksgiving Collection for the year realized \$1,098.

The donations received during the year include \$1,000 from an unknown friend, \$500 from the estate of the late Robert Ewing of Hamilton, and \$100 from Mr. McCleave of Drummondville.

GRANTS FROM BRITISH CHURCHES.

The Committee have received during the year the handsome donation of £600 from the Free Church of Scotland, and £100 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. These remittances have been duly acknowledged by the Convener, leaving it to the Assembly to record its grateful thanks for the continued interest manifested by these churches in our important mission work.

The Home Mission of the Western Section includes 120 distinct fields; 355 Stations; 80 Supplemented Congregations; 102 Churches; 24,400 Sabbath attendance; 7,906 families; 9,153 Communicants.

EASTERN SECTION.

The report for the Eastern Section (the Maritime Synod), was given, in brief, by Rev. DR. MCGREGOR. Of the 17 labourers in the field at date of last report, 12 have been settled. Whole staff of labourers last year, 44; this year, 53. Of the 53, there are 14 preachers, and 39 student catechists. There are, besides, a few Gaelic labourers,

who devote a portion of their time to the work.

Special efforts have been put forth with regard to these three fields,—Bay of Islands and Bett's Cove in Newfoundland, and New Kincardine in New Brunswick. *Bay of Islands* has been occupied over a year, and one result is a neat little Church, furnished and free from debt. This summer a manse is being built. The people give \$400 towards Mr. Creechman's support. It is expected that in the course of this season Mr. C. will be settled as Pastor there. *Bett's Cove* is a mining region, barren and wild, on the East coast of the great island of Newfoundland. It is altogether a mining district. Mr. Cruikshank was sent there last autumn. He was cordially received, and the work has prospered in his hands. The people pay \$400 towards his support. These two important stations, one in the East and the other in the West of the vast island have been opened as a fruit of Union in Newfoundland. Previous to 1875 we had no Presbytery there, and no missions. At that date a Presbytery was formed, and mission operations have succeeded. *New Kincardine* is another special field. The people are making homes in the forest, and as is always the case with pioneers, they have met with serious hardships. For some time Rev. P. Melville had ministered to them with the greatest zeal and success. Four school-houses and a neat new church, all free of debt, are now open. The Established and Free Churches, as well as our own Home Board, have aided in the work. Dr. McGregor then sketched the Home Mission field in the Presbyteries of St. John, Miramichi and Halifax. The expenditure has exceeded the income by about \$200.

SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

(MARITIME PROVINCES.)

This Report was presented by Rev. THOS. SEDGWICK; 49 congregations were placed on the list for aid, 10 remained without pastors, and only 40 therefore received aid. This makes nearly one in every four of our charges. The expenditure was \$5353. The income amounted to \$5060, leaving an adverse balance of \$292 augmented by a small balance from last year to \$366. The sum of \$1805 was received from the British Churches. 111 congregations contributed, 52 neglected to make any contribution.

The whole sum designated is, say, \$5035. But a portion of this amount (\$1520) is contingent on the settlement of vacant congregations. The Committee make graceful mention of the sum of £200 sterling, from the Established Church of Scotland, £200