

OUR HOME MISSION WORK.

The Home Mission report presented to the Synod last June, is now in the hands of every minister and of many office-bearers of the church, and it is hoped that, at the missionary meetings about to be held, this important part of the church's work will have due prominence given to it. Defective as the returns of last year were, particularly in the eastern part of the church, still we have learned, that more than 132 mission stations and 41 congregations receiving aid, are embraced in our operations, and that these represent a membership of more than 4,500, and an average attendance of over 8000, and contribute over \$19,000 annually, for the support of gospel ordinances in their various localities. There cannot be a doubt that these numbers may be much increased if additional men and means are provided.

The income of the Central Fund, not taking into account the large sum expended within its bounds by the Presbytery of Montreal, was \$7099.60. With this money the indebtedness of the various Presbyteries was discharged, and the missionary operations of the church have thus far been carried on. This sum, we are convinced, can be much increased if every congregation and mission station do something, and there be a more general adoption of congregational missionary associations, or some other plan than a mere annual collection, as was recommended by last Synod.

Last year the committee were able to supplement the salary of every minister, so that it reached a *minimum* of \$400. This year they aim at making the minimum \$450, or even higher if the funds permit. We shall see how far the liberality and interest of the church will enable us to go.

Besides the mission stations proper, and weak congregations, the Synod last year instructed the committee to pay, out of the central fund "\$200, for the support of Mr. Chiniquy, and \$400 for the support of the mission schools at St. Ann's," U.S. The Buxton mission, among the coloured population, under the care of Rev. W. King, also receives \$200. And these sums have to be deducted as a first charge, before any addition can be made to the supplements in weak congregations.

We rejoice also to state that the Presbytery of Guelph has begun a mission among the German population within their bounds. Mr. Leutzinger, lately ordained, has made a good beginning in that deeply interesting field of labour, and the committee are desirous of liberally aiding that work.

The greatest obstacle which is presented to our work is the want of suitable missionaries. The supply of Probationers is quite inadequate, but the scarcity of men offering for mission work is much greater. Were it not for the earnest and efficient labours of our students in the summer months, very little could be accomplished. While, therefore, we lay the claims of our Home Mission work before the church, and ask from them liberal contributions in money, we even more earnestly press upon our people the duty of looking out and educating suitable men; and we would affectionately express the desire that ministers and others may seek out, encourage, and aid suitable men, in whose heart the Lord may have put a desire for the work of the ministry. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

To the Members and Adherents of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

At the last meeting of our Synod in Hamilton, two overtures relating to