

most cheerfully of their means, for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom in our land.

The fields embraced in our Home Mission work are the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, with Manitoba and British Columbia. Until last year, the work in British Columbia was under the care of the Foreign Mission Committee, but transferred by the Assembly of 1872 to the department of Home Missions, as geographically lying within the territory of our Dominion, and also in view of the many inviting fields in heathen lands claiming the attention of the Foreign Mission Committee. The work in Manitoba has grown upon us so rapidly during the last three years, that a very large expenditure is needed for that Province alone. The town of Winnipeg, contains a population of 3,500, while immigrants are constantly pushing on to the interior of the country. A very large proportion of the settlers in the new districts are Presbyterians from Ontario, having special claims upon the sympathies of the Church in Canada. And as these immigrants for the most part are possessed of but little means, and have many difficulties to contend with in that new country, but little can be expected from them for a considerable time for the support of ordinances, beyond the bare erection of churches and manses. The maintenance of our Missionaries in that Province, must therefore be provided for, almost entirely out of Home Mission Funds.

Without entering into minute details, it may be sufficient to state that the Home Mission Committee provide Missionaries and help to maintain them, in 100 distinct localities in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. In Manitoba, they employ six Missionaries and several catechists, and are under obligation to provide for the College established at Kildonan, but which is soon to be removed to the town of Winnipeg. Mr. Jamieson still labors in British Columbia, having four Stations under his charge. As special fields, demanding more than usual attention at the present moment, may be mentioned, the large and destitute district in the Simcoe Presbytery, known as the *Muskoka District*; the Mission Stations on Lake Superior, consisting of Bruce Mines, Sault Ste. Marie, Silver Islet, Prince Arthur's Landing and Fort William; and the new Roman Catholic Mission in Glengarry, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal. In addition to the support of Missionaries, the Committee also supplement the stipends of 60 Ministers regularly ordained over congregations, which are as yet unable of themselves to maintain the stated ordinances of religion.

The supplements granted to congregations and the aid rendered Mission Stations is of necessity but limited. The funds placed at the disposal of the Committee have to be carefully husbanded, and most sparingly distributed. Many necessitous fields are thus left unoccupied, that loudly call for aggressive effort. It is also greatly to be lamented that brethren in the ministry, settled over non-sustaining congregations, are compelled to labor on stipends, *altogether inadequate to maintain themselves and their families in comfort*, and in some cases far below the wages now paid to ordinary workmen in Ontario and Quebec.

The Committee might easily cite special instances that appeal to every Christian heart. They prefer, however to rest the claims of Home Missions upon the liberality of the Church; on the direct command of Christ; and the obligations that devolve upon every professing member to make known the Gospel to his more destitute fellow-men. Our past success in the work of Home Missions, and the vast territory we are called to occupy; God's great goodness to us as a Church, and the abundant means placed within our hands, all demand a conscientious consecration of our substance to the cause