

of the Home Mission Grant unused, so far as they were concerned! Eighteen months have elapsed since the scheme was inaugurated, and what is the result? Four have settled pastors and are entitled to claim support from the Augmentation Fund. The remaining four are ready to call, some have done so already unsuccessfully, and all have a good prospect of becoming self-sustaining within a few years. The same plan is being pursued in three other fields, one of which is already moving to call its missionary, who will probably accept. These facts need no comment. We have solved the problem of winter supply.

To sum up, we have the same number of settled charges as in 1875, but add to these seven mission charges and seven mission fields. All are in a flourishing condition. There are ten supplemented congregations receiving \$2,420, but this brings them up to a much higher standard than was ever dreamed of twelve years ago. The total strength of the presbytery is 3,044 families and 4,519 communicants. The sum raised for all purposes last year was \$62,785, of which \$26,198 was for ministerial support and \$3,666 for Schemes of the Church. Arrears of stipend stand properly against only three congregations, and the total amount does not exceed \$400.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Any account of the Home Mission work of our presbytery would be unpardonably defective which did not refer to the part taken in it by the ladies of St. John. On the 23rd January, 1882, they organized themselves into a Woman's Home Missionary Society. An effort had been previously made to secure special annual subscriptions, and the sum thus realized was handed over to the Society. At its meeting in October, notice was sent to the presbytery that it was in a position to assume the payment of the salary of a home missionary. The appointment of the Rev. J. McGregor McKay followed. When Mr. McKay resigned and Mr. Shore was chosen superintendent the ladies again assumed the larger portion of his salary. During the five years of its existence the Society has raised a total sum of \$2,834.04. Besides the payments just mentioned it has aided needy students, helped weak congregations, assisted in building mission churches, supplemented the salaries of catechists in fields which required unusual outlay for personal expenses, and con-