

From these Tables we learn that connected with the Committee's operations there are 77 mission fields, with 150 preaching stations, and 56 supplemented congregations. These represent altogether 4509 families, an adult membership of 6155, and an average attendance of 15091. These Mission Stations and Congregations contribute locally, besides board for Missionaries \$22,762 41, and received in aid \$9,583 75.

Comparing these results with those of last year, we find a slight decrease in the number of Mission Fields, but an increase in the supply given to them, in the aid received to the amount of \$1,184 25, and in the amount contributed of \$3,374 33.

Of Supplemented Congregations we have an increase in number of 11, with 510 additional communicants. It is to be regretted that arrears due by congregations exist to the amount of \$1,074 22. The increase in the Supplemented Congregations compared with the decrease of Mission Stations, indicates that by means of the assistance afforded by the Committee, several stations have been so strengthened that they have been able to obtain a settled pastor, or feel themselves prepared to call. The amount paid from the Central Fund is in such cases almost necessarily increased, but the Committee, believing that the building up of congregations by settlement with liberal supplements, is the best way of advancing the Home Mission work of the Church, rejoice in this evidence of progress.

II. MISSIONARIES.

In Appendix IV. will be found the list of Missionaries.—It contains the names of 11 Ministers, 4 Lay Catechists 22 Divinity Students and 14 Student Catechists. The necessities of the Mission Work have led Presbyteries still to employ the last named class of valuable labourers. The demand for Missionaries by the Presbyteries this spring was however less than last year, being 49 as against 61, and the supply was so nearly equal to the demand that Presbyteries have not seen fit to employ Students of other Theological seminaries, to the same extent as in former years. The cases in which Ordained Ministers are employed in mission districts for long periods are more numerous this year, and the Committee are of opinion that this method of cultivating our mission fields, may be more extensively adopted by Presbyteries with success, where good men can be obtained for work.

During the winter months some of the Presbyteries, with laudable diligence, endeavoured to give occasional supply to mission stations in sending the members of the Presbytery for one or two Sabbaths at a time. And much good would result if this plan were adopted throughout the church.

III. FUNDS.

Besides the regular grants to Mission stations, the Committee has paid, in accordance with the resolutions of last Synod, for Kankakee \$100; towards the reduction of the Buxton arrears \$100, and to the payment of arrears in the Presbytery of Grey \$100; sundry expenses in addition, amount \$156.70. In all \$156 70. All the money due to Missionaries and Ministers, so far as known to the Committee, is paid.