

Mr. Jamieson, of New Westminster. At Prince Albert there is progress—there is hope—there is urgent need of more preachers.

The Home Mission Report included the reports of the Missionary Associations connected with the three colleges, and also the mission to the lumber men. The report contains also a brief statement by Mr. Pitblado of his visit to the North-West in the Autumn of 1880.

At the meeting of Committee in March last, Mr. C. B. Pitblado's report of his visit to Manitoba and the North-West was laid on the table. The Convener intimated that he had, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, sent Mr. Pitblado \$150 on behalf of his expenses in the North-West, which sum Mr. Pitblado had returned to the Home Mission Fund, with the request that it should be expended on mission work in the North-West. The Committee resolved to put on record their appreciation of the valuable and gratuitous services rendered by Mr. Pitblado, and instructed the Secretary to convey to him the cordial thanks of the Committee.

Mr. Pitblado since his return has lectured frequently in the Lower Provinces on the claim of Manitoba upon our Church, and has in addition to the \$150 mentioned above, sent to the Home Mission Fund \$130, being a portion of the collections taken up at his lectures, and divided between our Home Mission Fund and other benevolent objects.

Besides appropriations to definite fields, the Board voted \$1,000 to the Presbytery of Manitoba for Missionary purposes. The appointment of a Superintendent of Missions was recommended as essential to the successful prosecution of the work.

New regulations are proposed:—

1. That congregations having settled pastors, and not self-sustaining, be placed on a list, distinct from stations supplied by missionaries, to be called the list of Supplemented Congregations; that a minimum contribution of \$450 towards the salary of the minister be necessary in order to entitle any congregation to be placed on this list, and that, in view of the greater cost of living in Manitoba compared with Ontario and Quebec, the Committee have power, if it sees fit, to supplement the salaries of ministers labouring in these congregations up to \$850 per annum.

2. That the Committee hereafter simply make grants to the fields, and that the list of labourers to be employed by the Presbytery in supplying these fields, be revised at the semi-annual meetings of the Home Mission Committee; with the understanding that the Committee are only liable for the amount of the grant to the field, except in the case of those missionaries directly appointed by this Committee, whose term of service has not expired.

3. That the distinction hitherto made in the remuneration of married and unmarried missionaries be done away, and that \$800 be the salary of missionaries to be hereafter sent to Manitoba, during the period of their direct appointment by the Committee, unless in cases in which the great distance from Winnipeg would render a larger salary necessary; with the understanding that the

amount promised by the field to which the missionary is appointed be regarded as a part of the salary named.

4. That a semi-annual grant be made to the Presbytery of Manitoba for exploring and giving temporary supply in new district; the details of the expenditure to be submitted to this Committee.

The Committee thought it would be proper to make a special appeal to the Churches in Great Britain on behalf of the field in Manitoba and the North-West. The financial summary is thus given:—

Home Mission Fund.....	\$34,299.67
Lumbermen's Mission.....	497.12
College Missionary Societies.....	2,436.79

Total contributions for 1880-1.....\$37,233.58

Grants from the Free Church of Scotland have been received to the amount of £237; and from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland to the amount of £100.

The Committee is in debt \$862. A Church Extension Fund is much required. A member in one of the churches in the East has offered \$1,000 towards a fund of \$100,000 for this object. The Committee recommend that the Colleges extend their sessions from the beginning of November to the end of April.

The Report of the Eastern Section was presented by Rev. C. B. Pitblado. Forty five agents have been employed, of whom fourteen were ordained ministers and six licentiates, making twenty preachers, and nineteen theological students, two who have finished their arts course and had been admitted for theological study, and four young men of piety, recommended by Presbyteries as persons who had proved themselves earnest and successful workers. These have been employed in the Presbyteries of the four Provinces of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. The labours of student-catechists have been acceptable and successful.—Number of mission fields, 29; stations, 93; average attendance, 6512; communicants, 1299; paid by stations, \$2384; paid by Committee, \$1171.

Of the twenty-nine fields eleven are found in St. John Presbytery, which embraces more than half of the Province of New Brunswick, comprising nine counties, and extending from Northumberland Straits in the east away to the State of Maine in the west. Its stations are some on the sea coast, and others by river or lake, as far from the sea shore as is possible in the Maritime Province. Northern New Brunswick is covered by the Presbytery of Miramichi, where a number of stations have been occupied. The lumber camps on the great rivers have been visited by Mr. John Grierson. The camps visited were occupied by about 800 different men, representing all the different countries and creeds which go to make up our Lower Provincial population. In accomplishing the above he travelled 1069 miles, of which 415 was on snow-shoes. But it would have taken five missionaries, doing an equal amount of work, to have even so seldom, and so hurriedly,