

ported as largely prevalent. The Rev. J. Stewart has been labouring there the most of last summer, and the improvement manifest is encouraging.

2. The township of Proton has a large Presbyterian population, and while some adhere to the Church of Scotland, a large majority look for ordinances to the Canada Presbyterian Church. The locality suffers from summer frosts, and the people have not been able to do much for the support of a missionary. They have, much against their will, been a burden on the Central Fund. Messrs. Stuart and Forbes have both been successively labouring here, and with encouragement.

3. Egremont—which includes three stations. Mr. Ferguson, who has been labouring here, reports favourably; so much so, that though but lately opened, there is a near prospect of its being ready to secure a settled minister.

4. Carrick—is a large and prosperous field, and has recently obtained Mr. Hay as minister, which, it is reasonably expected, will advance it more speedily than merely missionary labour could.

5. Brant has not been so prosperous as most of the other stations; but has greatly improved under the ministrations of Mr. Forbes. During the past summer the Lord's Supper was dispensed to from eighty to one hundred communicants. This field is also expected to be able, ere long, to obtain a settled ministry.

6. North and South Sullivan. The latter is a very weak station; but the former has always paid its missionaries in full, and is thus even prepared for a settled minister, if the other stations were only more advanced. S. Sullivan and Proton are instanced as the most expensive of all these stations to the Central Fund; but, it is to be observed, that this is not regarded as the "fault of the people."

7. Tara and Derby. Mr. Hay laboured here, with success, for four months, at the special request of the people.

8. Keppel and Sarawack, lying in the Indian Peninsula, north of Owen Sound, form quite a new country. They have not yet been supplied by any of the Synod's missionaries, but, it is expected, next summer, such may be obtained; and thus secure the moral cultivation of the new district, as its external improvement advances.

In connection with the above mission field, Mr. Cameron remarks, first:—That only two or three of the stations now claim aid from the Central Fund, though, hitherto, fully one half required more or less assistance. Second:—Many of the stations are in a fair way of becoming pastoral charges. Increase in the number of such charges, in the Grey Presbytery, has been very marked within the last five years; an increase likely to continue should the times be anything prosperous. Four or five of them could now call could they find suitable men for the field.

The above Presbytery deserves credit for the zeal and efficiency with which the mission work, in the very large sphere in which they labour, has been prosecuted; and, also, for the anxiety with which they have been labouring to get their stations advanced to a self-supporting position. Such a wide and necessary field has surely claims upon the Church, for a general effort to sustain the Central Fund; and from which the Presbytery of Grey thankfully acknowledges.—"Without which," it has been said, "such has been the state of the district since the Union, mission operations must needs have been suspended to a great extent. But should Providence prosper the district, less will be demanded each year from the Central Fund, until, ultimately, instead of asking, assistance will be given."

Such is the necessary result of attention, on the part of the Church, to the Christian duty, on the part of the "strong," of helping those that are "weak."

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