

## REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The chief duty of this Committee is the distribution among the several Presbyteries of the missionaries whose services are available for the supply of destitute congregations, and of the wide mission field waiting for cultivation.

At the meeting in the beginning of October it appeared from the applications of Presbyteries, that 42 missionaries were required, while there were only 18 available for service during the winter. The missionaries available were thus distributed, viz.,—to Presbytery of Montreal, 3; Brockville & Ottawa, 1; Kingston, 2; Cobourg, 1; Toronto, 2; Hamilton, 4; London, 5.

In April, the following distribution was made viz.,—to Presbytery of Montreal, 6; Brockville & Ottawa, 3; Kingston 1; Cobourg, 2; Toronto, 10; Hamilton, 7; London, 9. It may be remarked, that on this occasion there were applications for fewer probationers than on some former occasions, owing in a great measure, it is believed, to the circumstance that there was difficulty in raising the amount necessary for support. And as it will be more particularly mentioned to, there were several missionaries not allocated.

During the past year ten pastoral settlements have taken place, viz.,—1. In Presbytery of London, 1, Rev. W. Blount at Bosanquet; 2. Hamilton, 3, Mr. McRobie, at Jarvis, Mr. McRobie at Walpole, and Mr. Cuthbertson at Woolwich; 3. Toronto 1, Mr. Anderson at Brock; 4. Cobourg 1, Mr. Alexander at Percy and Seymour; 5. Kingston, 1, Mr. White at Belleville; 6. Brockville & Ottawa 3, viz., Mr. Crawford at Westport, Mr. Quin at Kemptville and Mr. Montgomery, at South Gower and Mountain; 7. Montreal 1, Mr. McLaren at Boston, Mass.

The following is a brief statement of the vacancies and mission stations in the several Presbyteries, viz.:—1. In Presbytery of London, there are 24 vacant congregations and stations, of which, one half would require Gaelic. Fifteen are ready for settlement, 10 requiring Gaelic and English, and 5 English alone. The following are the Stations in this extensive Presbytery, viz.:—1. Clinton and Colborne Mills; 2. Paisley and Tara; 3. Elma and Mornington; 4. Westminster and Frampton; 5. Wardsville; 6. Thamesville; 7. Amherstburgh; 8. Maidstone and Mersea; 9. Wallaceburgh; 10. West Plympton and Inniskillen; 11. Vienna and Port Burwell; 12. Komoka. The above require English only. The following require English and Gaelic, viz.:—1.

Thamesford; 2. Belmont and Yarmouth; 3. Wallacetown and Currie Road; Chalmer's Church, Dunwich; 5. Bruce; 6. Kincairdine; 7. Huron; 8. Ashfield; 9. Wawanosh and Kinloss; 10. Culross and Carrick; 11, Blyth; and Manchester; 12. Grey and Wallace.

2. In Presbytery of Hamilton there are three vacant congregations; 7. mission stations requiring English alone; and 9. requiring Gaelic and English. The vacant congregations are 1. Niagara; 2. Owen Sound; 3. Wellesley. The stations requiring English alone are:—1. Garafra; 2. Arthur; 3. Maryborough; 4. Walsingham; 5. Cayuga; 6. Durham; 7. Grimsby. The stations requiring both Gaelic and English are:—1. Upper Arthur; 2. Mount Forest; 3. Hendrie Station; 4. Swanston Station; 5. East Durham; 6. Rocky Saugeen; 7. Glenelg; 8. Derby and Sullivan; 9. Tenth Line Sydenham. Of these stations and congregations four have calls pending and will likely have pastors soon settled. Six others are self-sustaining, and are ready for settlement.

3. In Presbytery of Toronto, there are 5 pastoral charges fit for settlement, and 13 mission districts, including 9 organized congregations. The following are the charges referred to, viz.:—1. Erin and Caledon; 2. York Mills and Fisherville; 3. Cedar Grove &c.; 4. Collingwood Harbour; 5. West Gwillimbury and Bradford. The following are the mission districts referred to, some more and some less extensive viz.:—at. Vincent; 2. Artemisia; 3. Osprey; 4. Nottawasaga and Sunnidale; 5. Mono, (centre and west); 6. Mono East and Adjala; 7. Mono Mills and Caledon East; 8. Medonte and Flos; 9. Oro. (Gaelic); 10. Vaughan, (Gaelic); 11. Weston; 12. Georgetown; 13. Brampton.

4. In Presbytery of Cobourg there are two mission fields; 1, Alnwick & Bethesda Church, and 2, Smith, supplied for a length of time by Mr. Rogers.

5. In Presbytery of Kingston, there are three vacant congregations, viz: 1, Picton, 2, Trenton and Corsecon, 3, Demorestville; and besides these the mission stations of Ballinahinch and Storrington.

6. In Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa, there are 6 organized congregations vacant, viz: 1, Ramsay; 2, Beckwith and Goulburn; 3, Cumberland and Lochaber, 4, Renfrew; 5, White-Lake and Burnstown; 6, Osgoode. There are also two mission stations, viz: Merrickville and Westmeath.

7. In Presbytery of Montreal, there are ten vacant congregations and missions, viz: 1, Kenyon; 2, Martintown; 3, Winchester; 4, La-