

encouraging, and there is cause to hope that in a short time a strong charge will be formed. This field is in connection with Chalmer's Church.

11. Parkdale Mission:—The work here has sustained the hope entertained at its inception. It has thoroughly justified the expenditure made in connection with its establishment. Soon others will spring up west of this. This work, so hopeful, is under Parkdale Church.

N. B.—Only two missions out of the eleven within the city receive any aid from the Home Mission Fund. All the others are supported, with one exception, by the congregations with which they are connected.

Augmentation.

One congregation, East York, was placed upon the Augmentation Fund during the past year. One congregation, West Toronto Junction and Dixie, was, to the great satisfaction and delight of the Presbytery, removed, after being on the Fund for a very brief period.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.

Our work here is largely pioneer missionary work and progress fairly satisfactory. In regard to Augmentation, would it not be judicious to recommend to the Assembly that grants be discontinued after a period, as some congregations become imbued with the idea that the aid is perpetual, and liberality, in such cases, is crushed.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.

Missions.

During the past year the work of the Church has been diligently prosecuted in the bounds. The greater number of the stations here enjoyed winter supply, and the missionaries, students, and catechists have, with scarcely an exception, acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Presbytery. As regards the Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts, under the supervision of Rev. A. Findlay, his report will give account of the work there, but the appointment of ordained ministers as labourers in the bounds may be noted here. They were made as follows at the October meeting of the Home Mission Committee: Rev. James McEwen to Sudbury, Rev. W. M. Christie to Maganetawan, Rev. W. J. Hewitt to Parry Sound. These were winter engagements, but were continued by the Committee in March at the request of the people of the several stations. Mr. Hewitt's appointment was made for 18 months, dating from April. The Rev. J. M. Goodwillie, M. A., was appointed in October for two years as ordained missionary at North Bay.

Besides the large mission field in the districts named, there are eight other groups of stations in the bounds, all situated in the northern half of the county of Simcoe. The work is steadily maintained, though there is little of a special character to be reported. It is hoped that ordained missionaries may be obtained for most of them at no far distant time, so that they may advance more rapidly. Events seem to be maturing for some of them becoming soon self-supporting congregations. A station was recently organized at Wyevalle, which is united to Knox Church, Flos, Gibson, and Phelpsston. This addition, it is hoped, will hasten the settlement of an ordained missionary for a term, if not of a pastor. In connection with Airlie, Banda, and Tioga, strong hopes are cherished. The congregation of Honeywood has been handed over to this Presbytery by the Presbytery of Orangeville, and will be united to those stations when the transfer is sanctioned by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. They will be strong enough to become a pastoral charge with a little aid at first from the Augmentation Fund. Credit is due to Rev. J. Leishman, of Angus and New Lowell, for the formation of this new charge. Three or four years ago the Presbytery accepted Mr. Leishman's resignation of Airlie as part of his charge. It stood alone at first and received student supply, but new ground was taken up under direction of Mr. Leishman as Moderator of Session, new stations added, and now there is expectation of a good pastoral charge.

Guthrie Church and Mitchell Square, Oro, formerly a charge, is now on the Home Mission list, and is supplied by Rev. J. Hunter with acceptance. Severn Bridge, etc., a charge which became vacant by the resignation of Rev. A. H. Drumm, is also on the list of stations.

North Bay:—An encouraging report has been received from this congregation since the above was written. Mr. Goodwillie has conducted two services on Sabbath, superintended the Sabbath School, held weekly prayer-meeting, visited the people diligently, and a marked improvement is visible. On Sabbath, 10th April, twenty-two were added to the membership by certificate and on profession of faith. The attendance on the services is increased. The Sabbath collections average \$9.00. The attendance at Sabbath School is between fifty and sixty, and at prayer-meeting twenty.

Augmentation.

Last year there were ten congregations in this Presbytery receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund to the amount of \$1,675 for the year. The number now is seven, receiving \$1,000 (including the grant of \$50 expected for one congregation, the application being delayed till October next). The changes during the year are as follows: 1. Removed from the list, Townline and Ivy, October 1, Midland, December 31. 2. Reduced applications, Esson and Willis, \$100 to \$50. 3. Taken off the list and placed on the list of Mission Stations, Parry Sound, Severn Bridge, Washago and Ardtrea. 4. Increase of grant, Penetanguishene, etc., \$50 additional.

Additional Report of Rev. A. Findlay.

Muskoka.—With a staff of twenty-five missionaries during the summer half year, and of thirteen during the winter months, pretty full service has been given to the stations on this field during the past year. In many of the stations very decided growth is visible, while in most of them appearances are very promising. At Sudbury, etc., a deep interest is being taken in the prosperity of Zion by the comparatively few families found there. With a membership of about twenty, they raise \$400 per annum for the support of ordinances among themselves. The crying need here at present is a church building, as the congregation has successively outgrown the court house and school house,

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