

Presbytery of Kingston	0	5	1,042 00
“ Brockville	0	5	560 25
“ Ottawa	4	6	708 00
“ Montreal	3	12	3,113 33
	35	89	\$19,593 39

There were 50 labourers engaged during the year in Home Mission work, 30 being probationers, and 20 students.

SYNOD'S CENTRAL FUND.—The amount received for the Synod's Central Fund was, exclusive of balance from last year, \$1,526 44, being contributed as follows : Presbytery of Montreal, \$11 50 ; Ottawa, \$26 19 ; Brockville, \$32 60 ; Kingston, \$32 ; Cobourg, \$49 66 ; Ontario, \$28 55 ; Toronto, \$489 20 ; Guelph, \$51 29 ; Hamilton, \$216 47 ; Paris, \$183 ; London, — ; Stratford, \$219 81 ; Huron, \$5 87 ; Grey, \$60 : Donations, &c., \$93 16. The published accounts show the disbursement.

Communications.

THE LATE REV. ALEX. McLEAN.

The Rev. Alex. McLean, the late Pastor of East Puslinch Church, whose lamented death took place at Morriston, May 25, 1864, from a fall from a stair, on the evening of May 24, was born on the island of North Uist, March 1827.

His parents were both just and devout, his father was one of God's gentle ones, a Nathaniel in character and disposition ; his mother, Catherine MacDonald, was earnest, active, energetic, and loving, a Martha in business and a Mary in affection, a strong-minded and efficient woman. Her will her son inherited, blended with her earnest love and his father's thoughtfulness.

About his tenth year he followed his parents to a distant part of the country, and grace began to curb his bold and free energy, and bound him to Christ. A sacramental sermon at Musselborough, by the Rev. Mr. Glass, when he was about twelve years of age, settled his purpose to be a minister. The difficulties of his position and circumstances, through want of schools, were equalled only by his energy. Any but one nursed in storms, and whose element was conflict, would have failed, but trials moulded him and made him mighty.

He was not only cradled in storms, but his life at Barra, where he was endeavouring in boyhood to do good, was a constant battle, a fight for existence against the strong arm of Romanism ; a ready apology for any degree of keenness in debate, an answer why one so loving in heart should be so hard in the hand, for he mourned over his habit so early acquired, and by love healed the wounds he made. A mere boy, unfriended, unfurnished, and unfitted, but indomitable under difficulties, he made his way to Edinburgh, entered the University, completed the literary course, and entered upon Theology ; whilst thus engaged he became associated with the Rev. Mr. Hall, in the Glasgow Home Mission work, in which he gathered many incidents with which he painted his powerful appeals in the pulpit, and rendering his caustic, humorous, and substantial speeches in Presbytery and in Synod commanding.

Mr. McLean was an earnest Free Churchman. His father and family suffered the loss of livelihood and home for that Church through landlord intolerance, and came to Canada, and gave still another son to the cause of the Redeemer, the Rev. Donald McLean, whose promise and prospects were bright, but now the Great Shepherd calls him from active usefulness, to the service of silent suffering.