

and the attendance, in good weather, about 140. It is at present placed under the charge of Mr. Smith who preaches there every Sabbath afternoon. There is reason to hope that in after years it will be a self-sustaining church.

6. Yonge and Lyn.—Since Mr. McKenzie resigned the charge, the people have not felt themselves able to support a missionary. The stations have been meanwhile placed under the care of Mr. Smith, who preaches once a month at Lyn, and occasionally at Yonge and Caintown. He has recently opened a new station at Mallorytown, where he preaches once a month, and where we have some good Presbyterian families, who are very anxious to enjoy the services of our Church. The four stations expect to be in a condition, in Spring, to support a missionary. The Presbyterian element is not strong in this section, but by continuous supply, and faithful labour, a good congregation might be established. We have a stone church at Yonge.

There are other inviting fields within the bounds, where there is an opening for our church, if we had the requisite men and means. At Beverly, Charleston, Farmersville, and to some extent at N. Augusta, where we have a stone church, there are parties who desire the services of our Church. But our Presbytery is weak, having no large or wealthy churches which can give much assistance, and having several which need aid to be given them, that so our laborious and faithful ministers may not be driven by pecuniary difficulties from their fields of labour. The work, if it is to be done successfully, must be accomplished by aid from without, as well as by greater liberality from within. We have, at present, a heavy home mission debt which we are to make every exertion to sweep off this winter; but the difficulties which are felt in a small and comparatively weak Presbytery, furnish a strong argument in support of a central fund, without which it may indeed get along, but only in a slow and unsatisfactory manner.

NEW OPENING FOR HOME MISSION WORK IN THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto the following report was presented by the Rev. D. Coutts, who had been appointed to visit the townships of Mulmur and Melancthon :—

“In compliance with the appointment of Presbytery, the undersigned, in company with one of his Elders, set out from Chinguacousy to visit the petitioners for supply of ordinances in the townships of Mulmur and Melancthon on Friday, the 6th November, at mid-day, and after being dragged along forty-four miles over very muddy roads, arrived at the place of destination on Saturday, at three o'clock p.m. Your deputy found lodgings and was kindly entertained in the house of Mr. George Leitch, teacher, a worthy Elder of the Canada Presbyterian Church, who emigrated from Edinburgh to this country some five or six years ago. On the Sabbath following he preached in a school-house lately erected on lot 14, 1st concession of Melancthon. The school-house, if badly seated for an adult audience, is nevertheless commodious, and on the occasion referred to was well filled in every part by an attentive and apparently a deeply interested congregation. A public meeting was held early on Monday in the same place, when a considerable number of the leading men that are desirous of receiving a stated supply of sermon were present, and seemed quite hearty in the cause, and after themselves subscribing liberally for the support of a missionary amongst them for six months, appointed a small committee to take up subscriptions from others in the neighbourhood who coincide with them in their views and feelings. Some of these men, who are among the first settlers in the township, not only expressed their confidence in the success of the cause, but affirmed their belief that were an able and efficient missionary to be sent among them, a good congregation might be gathered together in less than twelve months.

On returning homeward, after spending a night with our friend, Mr. Duncan Lamont, the originator of the movement, and son-in-law of the Elder that ac-