

with a large amount of debt constantly on the increase. It is to be feared that in some instances Mission Stations and Congregations may have failed to implement their agreements. This however lies with presbyteries and the committee has not interfered, further than to make inquiry occasionally for guidance in their own operations.

V.—WORK DONE.

It may be proper to give a more full statement of what has been done in the several presbyteries during the past year.

1. *Montreal*.—This presbytery has succeeded in bringing its operations into a good measure of conformity with the Synod's Regulations. A very large proportion of the contributions were paid to J. Redpath, Esq, Montreal, the local treasurer. The fund thus accruing was disbursed by the presbytery to a large extent in accordance with the grants of the committee. Some part of it was expended in payment of arrears, travelling expenses, &c. A statement of these matters has been given in, which the committee deem satisfactory, considering the peculiar circumstances in which that presbytery has found itself placed. Much commendation is due to the brethren of the presbytery who, for the last two years have, by persevering effort, succeeded in ascertaining the position of the various congregations and mission stations, and in bringing about the present satisfactory state of affairs. There are several interesting mission districts within the bounds of this presbytery, for which nothing, meanwhile, can be done. *Nine* mission fields are on the list, and more could be put there if missionaries could be found. There are *seven* supplemented congregations, and further settlements of the same kind seems to be the best way of overtaking the Home Mission Work. The great distances between the presbyterian settlements, and the smallness of the congregations in Canada East, render more than ordinary attention and assistance necessary in their case.

Besides the contributions reported, an effort is being made by the congregations in the City of Montreal, to pay off the debt of St. Joseph's Street Church, to the amount of \$6,000.

2. *Ottawa*.—*Five* mission fields are occupied in this presbytery, and *three* congregations are supplemented. No little difficulty has been experienced during last year from want of missionaries, and a good deal of earnest effort has been put forth to get the mission work thoroughly undertaken. A new mission field on the Upper Ottawa has been opened up.

3. *Brockville*.—Nothing indicative of progress has been reported by this presbytery during the year. At the last meeting of the presbytery, however, new home mission arrangements were made, and it was resolved to form missionary associations in all the congregations, and affairs appear more hopeful. The very small amount sent from this presbytery to the Central Fund, is owing to several congregations having retained their monies. No account has as yet reached the committee of what has been done with these funds. *Two* mission fields are reported, and *six* supplemented congregations.

4. *Kingston*.—This presbytery works very satisfactorily. It furnishes the highest average contribution per member, though the congregations are by no means large or comparatively wealthy. *Five* mission fields are reported, and *three* supplemented congregations. The gold district in Madoc, and adjacent townships, is opening up an extensive mission field, and the presbytery is endeavouring to meet the necessities of the case.

5. *Cobourg*.—This presbytery has *six* mission fields and *two* supplemented congregations. The mission field lies in the lake district, to the north of Peterboro', including a large number of townships, recently settled, and where the inhabitants are very poor. The gold excitement has spread into this region, and the presbytery is trying to visit the remotest settlements. A new mission, on the Burleigh Road, has been opened up this spring.

6. *Ontario*.—*One* mission station and *five* supplemented congregations are reported. The settlers in the mission field are still struggling with poverty, and require liberal aid. But there is a prospect of much mission work for the future,