

four years, all our fields but two have now a settled pastor. It is drawing out the liberality of our people also. The average contribution per family in our augmented charges this year has been \$10.60 per family, and the Schemes of the Church benefit considerably by every settlement effected.

The translation of Rev. F. M. Dewey to Montreal, and of Rev. P. Sym to Owen Sound Presbytery afforded us an opportunity to re-arrange these fields. Richmond and Melbourne united, make a strong self-sustaining charge. And the erection of the two Windsors into a pastoral charge, with a pastor to reside among them, has led them to double their former contributions for the stipend of their minister; and there are very promising prospects of growth.

As to the rest of our augmented congregations, there are but small prospects of growth numerically, for the families are moving away one by one. The settlement of a pastor among them makes the people more contented to stay; it arrests the progress of emigration; it builds the people up morally and spiritually; and the influence of our congregations on the mass of Romanism around them is greater thereby.

To do its duty our Church needs to cultivate these augmented fields in the province of Quebec much more and make them centres of light, and use them as levers to do French work. Why not supply these fields with pastors able to speak both French and English—men able to superintend mission schools, and have a mission school in every one of these centres, bound to do aggressive work? Let these small congregations be wiped out, and our Church can never have such a vantage ground to carry on its evangelization work again.

Augmentation to help these congregations is a move in the right direction. But let the principle be developed with a view to aggressive work. It will take some time to get the people to look at the matter in this light—but unless we adopt that principle we cannot succeed. "He that will save his life shall lose it," expresses the truth, socially, as well as individually; and our small congregations seeking to save their own life, without giving their life for those perishing around them, are sure to die. But, if we shall do our duty, and spend ourselves for the salvation of those around us, we shall live, God will prosper us.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Missions.

The present year has been on the whole one of progress. A comparison of the Statistics of the year, with those of the preceding one, shows a slight increase both in membership and in the number of families. Two of the fields are supplied by ordained missionaries, and at least one other continuous service by an ordained missionary is required if the field is to hold its own. Farnham West, which was on the mission list a year ago, has been erected into a pastoral charge, and is now settled. A new mission station (Trout River Line) has been opened this spring. It is hoped that ere long it may be united with part of a neighbouring congregation, and form a self-supporting charge.

Augmentation.

During the year Laguerre, which was vacant twelve months ago, has been settled, and West Farnham, which was till lately a mission station, is also settled, the people contributing \$600 per annum towards salary.

A few years ago a French missionary was sent to West Farnham. Finding some English-speaking Presbyterians there he began an English service on one part of the Sabbath, in a little Protestant school building. The cause has gradually strengthened, till now there is a beautiful church property, worth fully \$5,000, and a settled pastor giving his services wholly to English work. Notwithstanding the number of Protestant families leaving the Province from time to time, our augmented congregations report an increase of twenty-two families over last year, and notwithstanding the exceptionally high cost to Protestants of education in many districts of this Province, the average contribution per communicant towards salary in our augmented charges is \$6.33, as compared with \$6.13, the average in the augmented congregations in Ontario and Quebec. This scheme has been of very great benefit to our Presbytery, and has secured for our numerous weak charges regularly settled pastors. How it is appreciated by the ministers of these congregations, is shown by the following extract from a letter recently received from one of them, in response to a remittance of the balance of his last half year's grant.

"Words can scarcely express the gratitude we poor ministers feel towards God the giver of all good, and towards the Church, for the aid received from this augmented fund. Nor do words suitably express the joy and comfort it brings to our homes, relieving us of difficulties and enabling us better to meet the wants of our children. I had forgotten for the time being that this balance was due to me, and was conjecturing how to meet an account when your letter was put into my hands, containing three dollars more than is necessary to meet the present emergency.

"I am so thankful the same supplement is to be given to us another year, for I have no hope of an increase from the congregation, but have reason to fear that we shall have to report a decrease of families and members, chiefly owing to removals."

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

Missions.

The mission station of Gravel Hill and Front of Roxborough, the only one within the bounds, has been supplied during last winter by the Rev. D. D. McLennan, ordained missionary. The prospects are very encouraging. The short line of the C. P. R.—which is on the eve of completion—passes through the field, and is to have a station at Gravel Hill. If the expectations of the residents are fulfilled, there will soon be a self-sustaining congregation.

Augmentation.

There is but little change in the supplemented congregations. Summerstown, partly owing to a change of ministers, but more particularly owing to losses through the failure of the wheat crop, and the failure of the harvest, had to fall back from the advance which they made

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