

the Paris Presbytery as student with a view to the ministry, was appointed catechist here in January, and will remain during the summer.

**Airlie and Banda:**—The services of Mr. W. W. McRae, Catechist in this field, which is partly new, were successful. He extended his work to Tioga and Silverwood at the request of the people there, and at the close of the season a strong interest was expressed in having an ordained Missionary, for whose stipend the people promised \$420 per annum. As an ordained Missionary could not be obtained for them, Catechists were sent during winter. Mr. J. C. Stinson is at present labouring there, and it is hoped that the stations may soon become a pastoral charge.

Minesing, Midhurst and Craighurst; also Knox Church, Flos, Gibson's and Phelpston have had winter service.

Collingwood and Gibraltar made an advance in not requiring aid from the Home Mission Fund. The hope expressed last year of their being united to another station and being formed into a pastoral charge has not been fulfilled, but is still entertained.

Thankful recognition of the labours of the Students' Missionary Society, of Knox College, has been frequently expressed by the Presbytery. Last year the society occupied seven groups of stations in the Parry Sound and Muskoka districts, and about the same number of their missionaries will help in the Church's work in outlying fields of this Presbytery.

#### *Augmentation.*

Last year there were seven congregations of the Barrie Presbytery receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund. There are now ten; nevertheless the grants to the Presbytery have been considerably reduced. Three—Midland, Huntsville, etc., and Severn Bridge—receive the same sums as before. Four have the grants reduced, viz.:—Townline and Ivy, from \$100 to \$50, grant to cease in October; Bracebridge, etc., from \$300 to \$200; Parry Sound, from \$400 to \$200; Penetanguishene, etc., from \$300 to \$250. The new grants are as follows:—Waubushene, etc., \$200 from June last reduced, to \$125; Knox Church, Flos, \$50; Esson and Willis Churches, Oro, \$100.

#### *Mr. Findlay's Report.*

Muskoka and Parry Sound.—Progress in this field has been steady during the past year. Not only is the number of stations increasing, but also the membership in many of the stations shows a gratifying increase. As a rule faithful work always tells in this department. Further progress is being marked by the erection from year to year of places of worship giving greater comfort and more accommodation to the assembled worshippers than can be found in the school house or the private dwelling. Considerable interest in the work of the Church at large is also being manifested, which we take as a further sign of progress. When people look away from themselves and their own needs and think of those less favourably situated, while they give practical outlet to their thoughts, they are in so far "fulfilling the law of Christ." Over sixty missionary meetings were held during the fall and winter months, which not only gave opportunity of disseminating much information as to the progress the Church is making in all the departments of work entrusted to her, but also gave the people opportunity to manifest their sympathy and interest in the work. The result, as shown in their contributions to the Schemes of the Church, is most gratifying. In some stations an average of \$1.88 per member was realized. One means in securing this result has doubtless been the fact that the editors of our *Record* have supplied it during the past year to our mission stations at a merely nominal price, bringing within the reach of the poorest of them a monthly supply of wholesome reading matter, and at the same time keeping up their interest in the work. It is a good investment. If any missionary on the field would see to it that it is supplied to every householder, being within the reach of all, it would tell in the increased intelligence of our people regarding the work of our church, both at home and abroad.

#### PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

##### *Missions.*

This Presbytery has two mission fields, comprising four stations, viz., Cotswold, which was supplied during the last summer by a Student. The services were well attended—and a number were added to the Church. During the past winter occasional supply was given to this field by neighbouring ministers.

Balaklava, Ayton and East Normanby. This field was supplied during the past summer by a Student who preached once a Sabbath, at each of the stations services were well attended. During the past winter an ordained Missionary occupied the field. On account of the long distances between stations, and the short days, he was unable to give more than two services on the Sabbath. Neighbouring ministers and lay help has given to the field about ten additional Sabbath services. Last summer a new Church was built at East Normanby, which was opened free of debt. Occasional evening services have been given at Mildmay—a village a mile from Balaklava.

##### *Augmentation.*

During the past year the different congregations of the Presbytery were assessed, according to membership, for the amount asked of this Presbytery by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. Some of the congregations raised the full amount of their assessment, one (Durham) more, but most fell short; on the whole, more than half as much again has been raised this year than last year—and we hope that the amount contributed to this fund will still advance, as the claims of the fund become better known.

#### PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

##### *Missions.*

The mission stations in this Presbytery are Eden Mills, under the charge of Mr. Strachan of Rockwood and Elmira, under that of Mr. Hamilton, Winterbourne; Hawksville and Linwood, Knox Church; Dracon and Metz, supplied by students during the summer, and by such others as may be available during the winter.

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