

REPORT  
OF THE  
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
*PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA*  
(WESTERN SECTION),  
FOR 1889-1890.

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The Home Mission Committee present their Annual Report to the General Assembly with thankful acknowledgment of the goodness of God in the success that has attended the labours of their missionaries in the vast field committed to their care. Some promising young men have been laid aside temporarily and others removed by death, but taking the large number of our missionaries into account these cases have been few.

The financial statements submitted show that the Home Mission Fund closes the year with a small balance in hand amounting to \$1,706.82, while the Augmentation Fund shows a deficit of \$658.07, in spite of the reduction of grants that was made in March. Had the grants been paid in full the deficit would have been \$3,716.32. But for the handsome contributions received this year from the Maritime Provinces, grants from the British churches, and bequests, the Home Mission Fund would have had a considerable deficit also, as the ordinary contributions from congregations are still far from adequate to meet the increasing expenditure.

In the Report now presented it will be observed that the arrangement differs from former years. The two branches of our work—Home Missions and Augmentation—have been kept distinct, in the hope that this will facilitate reference to the work done by the Presbyteries in each department, instead of having them reported together as formerly. The Report contains particulars more or less copious of the progress of Home Missions and Augmentation in the different Provinces and Presbyteries, reports of the Students' Missionary Societies, the Lumbermen's Mission, and other matters of interest that have engaged the attention of the Committee during the year. The appendix presents complete and carefully prepared statistics of all the Mission Stations and Augmented Congregations under the care of the Committee, with the names of the missionaries, probationers and student catechists now employed.

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PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Home Mission work in the Presbytery of Quebec has to face many discouraging influences. The small number of families comprising our Mission group, and the tendency in many instances to become smaller, makes it difficult to build up self-supporting congregations. Yet, notwithstanding all the odds against us, the past year, in many respects, has been very encouraging. Our own people, in every instance, have appreciated the services of their missionaries, and feel grateful for the blessing of the preached Word and Gospel ordinances. Valcartier has now the services of an ordained missionary, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, who laboured faithfully in this field as student missionary for several years. This field has made good progress during the year. Metis reports little change, but is holding its own and doing good work. The missionary in charge, Rev. J. M. Carte