

to put forth a special effort to secure 100 congregations or individuals to contribute \$250 each, this being the average sum required over and above the contributions of the people, for the support of a missionary. It is encouraging to report that this effort has met with such success that there are now upwards of 150 congregations and individuals who have each assumed the support of a Home Missionary. Because of this, the committee were enabled to respond to every application made last spring for missionaries, and while there is a scarcity of men so far as those trained in the Colleges of our own Church is concerned, rendering it necessary to send to the Old World for a number of missionaries wherewith to carry on the work, yet the committee report that, so far as known, there is not at present in the entire wide field committed to their care, a single district containing a settlement of a dozen Presbyterian families where there is not regularly maintained among them the ordinances of our Church. The large immigration into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories this year, and the prospects of a rapid increase in the population is likely to tax the energies of our Church to their utmost extent for the next few years, which are really the crucial years in the history of the country. It is said that the Canadian Northwest can support a population of 50 millions. It contains 250,000,000 acres of wheat-producing land,—in other words, upwards of 1,500,000 farms of 160 acres each. Only two million acres are at present under cultivation. It is hoped that this General Assembly will devise liberal things for the prosecution of Home Mission work all over the Dominion.