

advance the interests of the Church, and of the settlers of the Rev. R. Wishart, of Madoc. In this field lies the Hastings Road, lately opened by Government, in which free grants of land are made to actual settlers, of which several Presbyterian families have availed themselves. For lack of means the Presbytery has been unable to do much for the cultivation of this field.

There are other fields which are fit to be cultivated by the Presbytery, had they the means necessary to carry on the work.

PARIS.—In the Presbytery of Paris there is scarcely any mission field. A minister has been lately settled at Tilsonburgh and Culloden. There are now vacant, within the bounds of the Presbytery, Innerkip and Ratho; Brantford, the congregation formerly under the charge of the Rev. Joseph Young; and Beachville. The Presbytery has supplied these vacancies, and given necessary assistance in the case of some of them. Although, in a measure, without a Home mission field of their own, the Presbytery of Paris has contributed largely to the general Home Mission Fund of the Synod.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—The following are the leading sections of the mission field within this Presbytery:—

1. Finch.—In this township there is a considerable number of members and adherents, who have erected a neat wooden church, unfinished in the interior. They have been placed, for some time, under the supervision of Mr. Matheson, who gives them as frequent supply as possible. This is a field of which a good deal could be made, if it had constant missionary supply, but it would require assistance from without. A missionary, who could speak the Gaelic, would be preferred by them.

2. Winchester.—We have here a large and interesting field of labour, consisting at present of two stations, West Winchester and Kyle's settlement. At the former place, there is an exceedingly neat and commodious church and in both stations, there is a strong Presbyterian element. The people have repeatedly given calls to ministers, but have not yet obtained a settled pastor. When the weather is good, there must be at least 400 present on the Sabbath at public service. It would be difficult to find a more inviting field, or one, where zeal and diligence would probably meet with a greater reward. There is another station at Armstrong's Mills, of which something might be made, if supplied with service.

3. Williamsburg.—In this township we have two regular stations. The central one at Colquhoun's Settlement has a good church, and a reliable and active Presbyterian element. The front station at Morrisburg is not strong in numbers, but vigorous and resolute in spirit. Our people have had recently to leave the Methodist church, where they formerly worshipped, having been informed that the Methodists required it during the Sabbath for their own service. This has excited quite a strong feeling among our faithful friends, and they are taking steps to erect a suitable church. In this they deserve every encouragement, and as they are but few as yet in number, I hope they will meet with a liberal response wherever they may present their case. We have a third station in the rear of the township where there are a few good Presbyterian families. Since Mr. Thom resigned this charge, the people here have given several calls; but have not yet secured a pastor. Mr. Martin, missionary, is at present supplying the Winchester and Williamsburg station on alternate Sabbaths. This is an excellent and most inviting field of labour. Under a faithful pastor it would soon become one of our best congregations.

4. Mirickville and Burrit's Rapids.—At the former place we have a very tasteful and commodious brick church, partly unfinished in the interior, which was chiefly erected through the exertions of the former pastor of this place, Mr. N. Patterson, who went to Scotland to solicit subscriptions for this purpose. The cause here is not strong, there being about 40 members in both places. They are at present under the supervision of Mr. Quin, who preaches every alternate Sabbath in the afternoon at Mirickville. With assistance from without, and the labours of a missionary constantly among them, this place might in a few years reach the self sustaining point. There is a debt on their church which friends there are making exertions to sweep off.

5. Fairfield.—This station has been commenced within the last three years, and has made rapid and encouraging progress. A handsome and commodious church, neatly finished in the interior, has been erected. capable of accommodating 320 persons, on which there remains only a debt of about \$200. The membership is over 30,