

REPORT OF Q. C. MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

THE Students' Missionary Association of Queen's College and University presents the following report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1885:

The aim of the society is to preach the gospel in fields not otherwise provided for by the church.

The following fields were supplied by the Association during the summer of 1885:

ONTARIO.

1. Sharbot Lake and Picadilly. This field is situated on the K. & P. Railroad, about forty miles north of Kingston. There are four stations in the field. Owing to the roughness of the country, and the distance between the stations, Sabbath service can be held in each only once a fortnight.

2. Mississippi. About twenty miles further north is another group of stations, McLaren's Mills, Hannah's school-house, Wilbur and Mundell's school-house. This field, which has been worked by the Association for a number of years, is an important mission. Twenty-three new members were received into church fellowship last summer, and a new church was erected at McLaren's Mills.

3. Poland. This field consists of a large stretch of rocky country lying east of the K. & P. RR. There are six stations, Poland, South Lavan, Parks, Clyde Forks, Thurlow and Flower Station. There are 150 families in all, and in only one of these stations, Clyde Forks, is there a missionary of any other denomination. During the summer eleven persons were admitted to the church on profession of their faith in Christ. There is need of earnest work here, else the young people will eventually drift away from the faith of their fathers.

4. Mattawachan. Leaving the K. & P. RR. at Mississippi, and taking stage for 40 miles, we come to Mattawachan. This is the most difficult field to work in the Presbytery of Kingston. There are four stations, and supply can be given only during the summer months and Christmas holidays. The work is encouraging, and the people give the missionary every support in their power.

5. Demorestville. This is a small village in the county of Prince Edward. At one time there was here a flourishing Presbyterian congregation, but owing to various causes it grew weaker and weaker, till last summer the Kingston Presbytery requested our assistance to work it. It is hoped that before long the congregation will again have a settled pastor.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST.

1. Elkhorn Mission Field, Elkhorn, a village on the C. P. Railway, 197 miles west of Winnipeg, is the central station in the field. During the summer, besides Elkhorn, five settlements were supplied, viz., Roselea, Two Creeks (east and west), Dunblane and Jaffray's settlement. Service was held in each of these places fortnightly. In Elkhorn and Roselea Sabbath-schools have

been organized and are well attended. An effort is being made to build a church in Elkhorn. The total number of families in the field is about sixty, and the number of single persons having homesteads about fifty. The Sacrament was dispensed by Rev. J. M. Sutherland, of Virden.

2. Tarbolton. The field known as Tarbolton is a part of Rev. James Duncan's, on Oak River, (Man.) Besides it and Daley's schoolhouse, two other places were taken up, one on the Oak River and one on the Little Saskatchewan. At the request of the Brandon Presbytery supply was given for most of the summer at the mouth of the Little Saskatchewan, and occasionally at Rapid City and Minnedosa. In all eight points were supplied, most of them fortnightly. Three Sabbath-schools and a Bible-class were conducted within the field. The Lord's Supper was observed in three places. Provision was made by the Presbytery for winter supply.

3. Alameda is situated in Assinaboia, N.W.T., about 240 miles west of Winnipeg and 80 miles south of the C.P.R. In the field are seven preaching stations for a people scattered over a fertile prairie thirty-five townships in extent. Dalesborough, on the west, is about sixty miles distant from the eastern station Winlaw. The people are young, intelligent and ambitious settlers, chiefly from Ontario and Scotland. Those adhering to the Presbyterian Church are more numerous than those of any other denomination, and will come as far as sixteen miles to divine service. Only in one corner of this wide field was there a missionary of any other denomination. A log church was erected this summer, and a communion roll formed, when forty-one united with the church. The people are crying for the gospel and gladly hear the message whenever it is proclaimed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following sums have been received by the Association:

Madoc, \$18.40; Knox church, Picton, \$14.00; East Lancaster, \$9.00; Miss M. Oliver, \$2.00; Dougald McPherson, Esq., Glamouth, \$5.00; Friends, \$2.00; Williamsford and Berkley, \$22.80; Smith's Falls Sabbath-School \$15.00; Wanbuno, \$8.50; Miss A. Fowler, B.A., \$5.00; Prof. R. C. Harris, R.M.C., \$5.00; Douglas, \$3.50; Collection in Convocation Hall, \$78.27; Rapid City, \$5.20; Chesley, \$5.80; Bothwell, \$11.50; A friend, \$1.00; Prof. Harris, R.M.C., \$5.00; Students' work in St. Andrew's church, Kingston, \$30.00; Douglas & Barr's Settlement, \$30.00; Mrs. A. Buchanan's S. S. class, Hespeler, \$1.50; Johnson, \$5.24; Glen Morris, \$11.50; Dumfries Street church, Paris, \$36.00; Singhampton and Maplevalley, \$9.00; Two Kingston friends, \$2.00; St. Mark's Mission church, Toronto, \$21.05; Ballantra, 60c; Demorestville, \$7.20; West Toronto Junction and Dixie, \$10.00. Balance from Home Mission. \$16.50. Total, \$397.56.

From Colonial Committee of Church of Scotland, \$243.02.