

the date of the last annual meeting, it is a pleasure to the Executive Board to report that, with one or two exceptions, they are all still actively employed, though of course, with varying degrees of encouragement and success. Twenty-four churches have been assisted in supporting their pastors, by grants from the Society's funds; and it is safe to say that in almost every instance in which aid has been given, the continuance of the relationship depended upon the help afforded by the Society. Five of the students of the College were also assigned fields of labor during the summer vacation, and two of them received assistance from our funds. The aggregate labors of these twenty-nine missionaries was twenty-three years and four months—a considerable increase in the aggregate as compared with the previous year. Rarely, indeed, have we had so few vacancies among our country churches as at the present time. This is especially true of the churches in the Maritime Provinces, where every congregation actually assembling for worship is supplied with a pastor. The Province of Quebec is almost equally well manned.

CHANGES.

The changes in *personnel* have been rather less numerous than usual. The Rev. Timothy Hodgkinson, *Winnipeg* Second, retired from the pastorate of that church, in October last, and has been succeeded by the Rev. D. H. Jacobs. *Stratford* was vacant for six months, but expects shortly to receive back its late pastor, Rev. Geo. Fuller. Mr. R. Hopkin has been ordained and settled by council, at *Listowel*. *Barrie* has secured as its pastor the Rev. D. C. McIntosh; and *Ottawa*, which unhappily, has had to apply for aid, after being independent for fourteen years, has called his brother, the Rev. W. McIntosh, from Yarmouth, N.S. *Eaton*, Que., pastorless since 1891, and considered by some four brethren beyond recovery, has been revived, and taken on new life under the ministry of Bro. Main, and of its new pastor, the Rev. R. Hay. And *Kingsport*, Cornwallis, N.S.,—our oldest Canadian church—almost as long vacant, called and settled in September last, the Rev. E. C. W. MacColl.

Two changes should also be noted in the Executive of the Society,—the retirement of our late President, the Rev. Dr. Cornish, through ill health, and the removal of our valued and efficient Treasurer, the Rev. Dr. Jackson, from Canada to the United States. A suitable minute was adopted, at the last annual meeting, in relation to the former, and similar action was

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