

1. St. Columba and St. Paul, north of Madoc, Rev. S. Childerhose.
2. Consecration and Hillier, Rev. J. A. Snodgrass.
3. Glenvale, Harrowsmith and Wilton, Rev. Geo. Porteous.
4. Fredericksburgh and Bath, 4 stations, Rev. J. Robertson. Mr. Robertson has been compelled, by ill health, to resign, much to the regret of the Presbytery. A student goes to the field in May.
5. Poland, etc., six stations, Rev. Jas. McIlroy. Roslin and Thurlow having lost several families through removals from the district, was reduced to a mission field at last meeting of Presbytery, and Mr. John McKinnon, B.A., a young Licentiate of Queen's, appointed as ordained missionary. He will enter on his work there about the end of May. Appointments for the summer have been made to all the other fields.

The stations on the North Hastings and K. and P. Roads were supplied for several Sabbaths during the winter by students.

The work done has, on the whole, been encouraging. The services have been well attended and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper observed, with a fair average increase of membership. Sabbath Schools were organized and church and cottage prayer-meetings carried on whenever practicable, and doubtless much solid good has resulted.

The majority of our mission fields must necessarily be a constant expense to the Fund, especially those lying north of the cities of Kingston and Belleville. These are in the midst of a poor agricultural country and are sparsely settled, the stations, in some cases, being very far apart. The surrounding district is chiefly mineral, and should the wealth supposed to be there, be utilized, centres of industry with accompanying increase in population, and prosperity will, no doubt, be the result. Meantime, the people, while doing as a rule what they can, are largely dependent on the aid they receive from the Home Mission Fund.

Queen's College Missionary Association has materially helped our work by giving several Sabbaths' supply during the winter to the most of our mission fields. The Association takes up the two fields of Matawatchan and Wilbur for the summer, without any expense to the H. M. Fund, thus repeating this year what they did last summer.

#### *Augmentation.*

Last year there were nine aid-receiving congregations in this Presbytery. Since then two have been reduced to mission stations, leaving seven on the roll.

Deputations visited them during the winter in the interests of the Fund. Efforts are being made to reduce the claims for augmentation, and, in some instances, with fair prospects of success.

Meantime the grants are the same as last year. But for the generous help received from the Committee, our cause in this section of the country would suffer seriously.

All things considered, the Presbytery has been fairly successful in its effort to raise the amount asked from it by the Home Mission Committee.

#### *PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO.*

##### *Missions.*

Regular services have been maintained in Harvey and Havelock throughout the past year, with a manifest increase of interest, as shown by a larger attendance and more liberal contributions. In Harvey the contributions for the support of ordinances were increased by a half, and Mr. Oswald's services have proved both acceptable and fruitful.

Chandos and Burleigh have had a fair share of prosperity, but a winter service is needful in order to their consolidation.

Haliburton, on the withdrawal of Robertson's settlement, with which it was formerly joined, secured a supply for itself during the summer by a corresponding increase in its contributions. An ordained missionary has now been engaged, who will have charge of entire field, including Haliburton, Minden, Robertson's and Woods' settlements.

By the transference of Kinmount to the Lindsay Presbytery, regular services have been secured to it, and it is hoped that the severance of a connection which rendered it dependent on a station less liberal than itself, will result in increased prosperity.

##### *Augmentation.*

The direct contributions of our churches to the Augmentation Fund have not yet reached the amount that might fairly be expected from them. Some of our wealthy congregations do not contribute to this Fund as they do to the other Schemes of the Church. The great benefits which the Presbytery has derived from the Fund will, it is hoped, dissolve the prejudices that in some quarters have existed regarding it. Some of the churches have been so stimulated that by praiseworthy exertion they have passed the minimum point of self-sustenance, while others are steadily approaching to it. In this way, the burden imposed by the Presbytery on the Fund, has been reduced, and is now one-fourth less than it was two years ago.

#### *PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.*

##### *Missions.*

The mission field of the Presbytery consists of three groups of stations, viz., Sebright, Cobocok, Cambray and Oakwood. In the Sebright group there are four preaching places. In Sebright there is an excellent brick church. At the other points service is held in school houses. For the past three years the field has made gratifying progress under the faithful labours of Jas. Gilchrist, student. Mr. Gilchrist has been recently ordained, and now takes charge of the field as an ordained missionary, to which he was appointed at last meeting of the Committee. This district will, for the

first time in its history the progress of the past summer was rendered complete by the return of Peterboro' and with this growth the important day will be Cambray. In the latter place, for the first time, of an augmentation

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