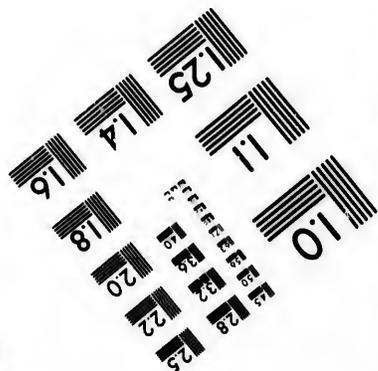
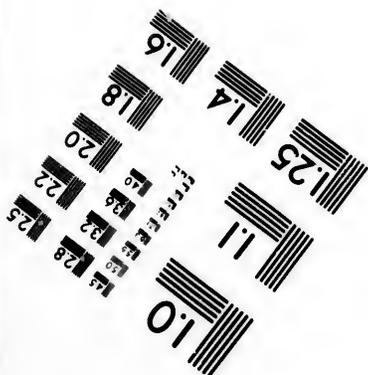
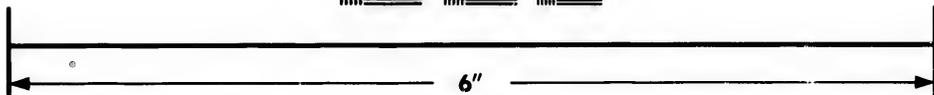
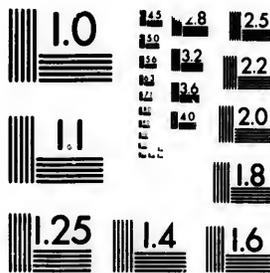


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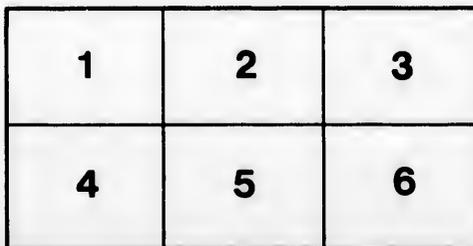
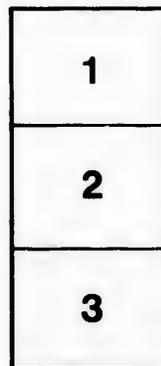
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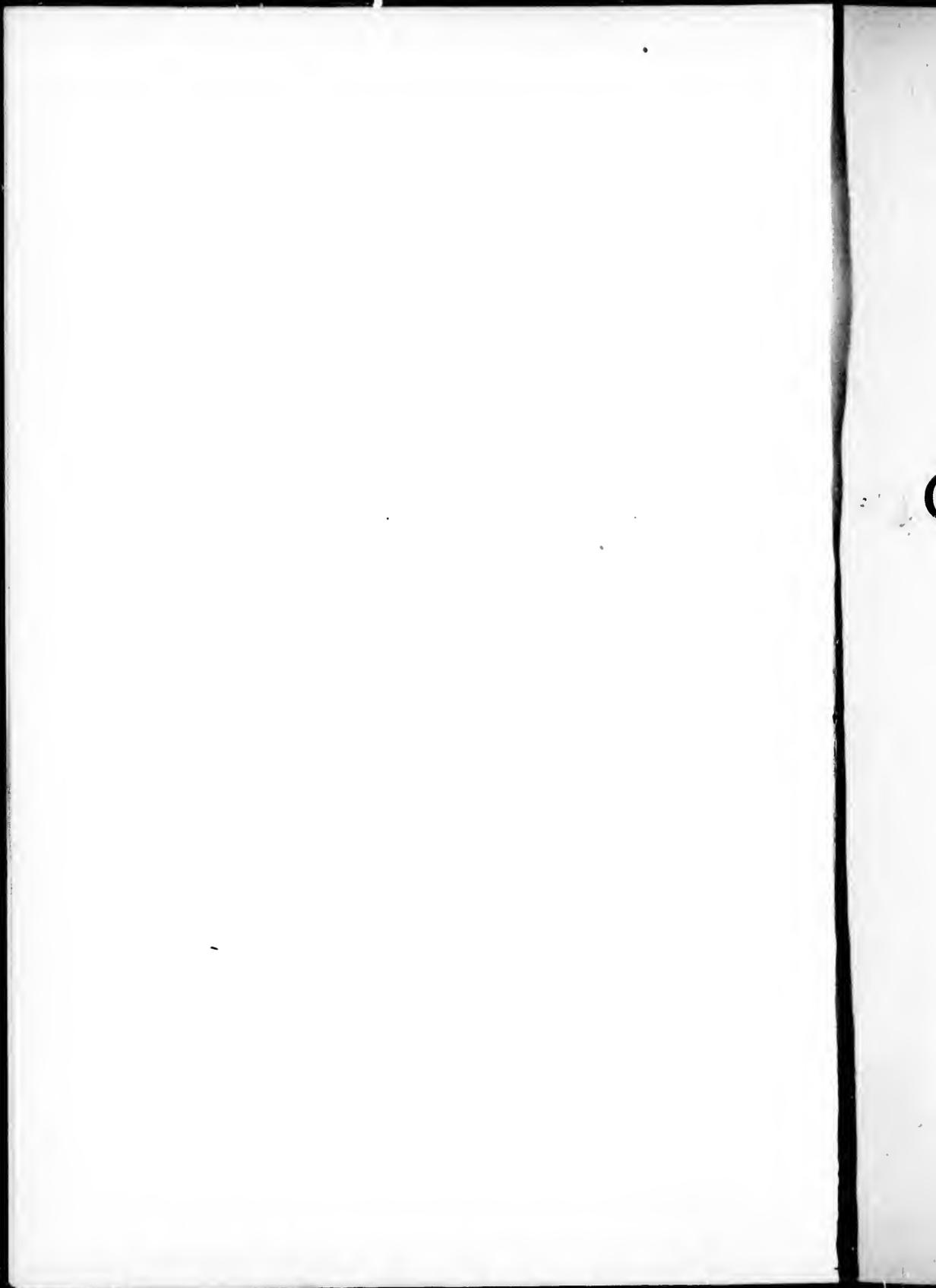
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M. H. McIntosh, B.A.
John A. Logan, M.A.
Albert Edward Vert.

Elders.

J. A. McDonald.
C. R. Sommerville.
— McGillivray.

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

J. Campbell, M.A., Ph.D.
E. G. Perry.
Alex. Tait.

J. A. McDonald.
Thornton Fell.
Walter Paul.

7.—PRESBYTERY OF INDORE (*with Synodical powers*).

N. H. Russell.
W. J. Jamieson.
Ephraim Scott.

8.—PRESBYTERY OF HONAN (*with Synodical powers*).

D. MacGillivray.

Wm. Malcolm, M.D.

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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MATTERS TO WHICH THE ATTENTION OF PRESBYTERIES IS DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

I.

Re STATISTICS.

That the Assembly renew with emphasis its injunction to Presbyteries to be careful, prompt and faithful in having returns from all the charges, whether vacant or settled, and stations in their bounds procured and forwarded to the Committee in good time, as required by previous injunctions of the Supreme Court.

That Presbyteries have reported to them by their Clerk or Convener of their Committee on Statistics the returns made, and that they spend some time considering the same. See p. 22.

II.

Re 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESTMINSTER ASSEMBLY'S WORK.

The General Assembly recommends to Presbyteries and Sessions to take suitable measures for celebrating the 250th anniversary of the completion of the Confession of Faith and Catechism by the Westminster Assembly of Divines. See p. 40.

III.

Re APPLICATIONS OF MINISTERS TO BE RECEIVED.

That, owing to the defective form in which some of the applications are sent up to the General Assembly, it be an instruction to Presbyteries to have regard in their applications to the provisions of the Act on the Reception of Ministers. See p. 45.

IV.

Re CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

That Presbyteries and Sessions be urged anew to bring before all parents and guardians of youth the supreme importance of family religion, and strive to roll away from professedly Christian homes the reproach of neglected family altars.

That Presbyteries be strongly recommended to adopt some form of Presbyterian visitation, with the special design of promoting the spiritual life of the people. See p. 48.

V.

Re WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

That the Assembly renew its instruction of some years ago to Presbyteries to see that ministers at ordination are reminded of this fund, and of the desirability of their connecting themselves with it. See p. 54.

VI.

Re DECEASED MINISTERS.

That it be an instruction to Clerks of Presbyteries in the case of the decease of each minister to send an obituary notice to the Clerk of the General Assembly, for its use ; and to send a copy of such notice to the *Presbyterian Record*. See p. 56.

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iv. MATTERS TO WHICH THE ATTENTION OF PRESBYTERIES IS DIRECTED.

VII.

Re COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

Mr. R. G. McBeth moved, seconded by Mr. C. W. Gordon :—"That this Assembly appoint a Committee on Estimates, Eastern and Western Sections, and that all Committees and Boards requiring money from the Church be requested to report to said Committee not later than the 1st day of June annually, the amounts they require for their respective departments, and that the Committee on Estimates take these reports into consideration and submit to the Assembly their judgment as to the estimate that should be adopted in each case, with due regard to the needs and importance of each department and the welfare of the whole."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. H. MacKellar, seconded by Mr. J. A. Turnbull :—"That the whole matter be sent down for the consideration of the Presbyteries of the Church and report to the next Assembly."

The amendment was carried and affirmed as the judgment of the house. See p. 57.

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Winnipeg, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, at eight o'clock in the evening :

Which time and place the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, pursuant to appointment by the General Assembly, held in the City of Toronto, on the eighteenth day of June last year.

The Rev. Daniel M. Gordon, D.D., Professor of Divinity in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, Moderator of the last Assembly, conducted devotional exercises, and preached a sermon from the words contained in John xii, 21 : "*We would see Jesus.*"

Dr. Gordon then with solemn prayer constituted the General Assembly, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church.

ROLL CALL.

It was agreed on motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Dr. Thompson, that inasmuch as the Roll has been printed, and is in the hands of members, it be held as read. The motion was carried unanimously. It is as follows :—

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(The names of those present are marked with an asterisk.)

1. SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

PRESBYTERY OF INVERNESS.

<p><i>Ministers.</i> *Alex. Ross, M.A. *E. S. Bayne, M.A. D. McDougall.</p>	<p><i>Elders.</i> Walter McDonald. Alex. Campbell. D. McLachlan.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

<p>D. McMillan. James A. Forbes. T. C. Jack. John Fraser.</p>	<p>Alex. Matheson. Norman McDonald Daniel Matheson. Alex. McAskill.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

<p>D. Henderson. W. Macnichol. A. V. Morash, B.A. A. J. McDonald, B.A. J. Sinclair. A. Falconer. *A. Bowman. H. R. Grant, B.A.</p>	<p>A. D. Falconer. Andrew Walker. J. D. MacMillan. R. MacDougall. James Thompson. John Fergusson. William Ross. John MacPhie.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

<p>Thos. Sedgwick, D.D. D. MacGregor, B.A. Geo. L. Gordon.</p>	<p>*W. A. Dunbar. John Sutherland. D. M. Telford.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

<p>*James Maclean. Alex. Cameron. *Thos. Cumming. A. B. Dickie. John Murray. J. A. MacKenzie.</p>	<p>C. P. Blanchard. W. J. Fisher. *Hugh Dunlap. Hugh MacKenzie. F. P. McHeffey. George Burris.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

<p>*Prof. D. M. Gordon, D.D. *P. M. Morrison, D.D. *A. Gaudier, B.D. W. M. Fraser, B.Sc. John MacMillan, B.D.</p>	<p>E. L. Thorne. *Isaac Creighton.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

<p>J. M. Crawford F. C. Simpson. D. MacGillivray.</p>	<p>J. Levi Oxner. E. L. Nash.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

<p>*George Bruce, D.D. *T. F. Fotheringham, M.A. William Ross, B.A. James Gray. James McG. McKay. *J. M. Robinson. Willard MacDonald. James Ross. J. S. Sutherland. J. A. McLean.</p>	<p>Judge J. G. Stevens. Judge A. J. Trueman. *James Friar Dr. James Walker. *W. C. Whittaker. John Willet. H. A. White. Judge J. G. Forbes. L. W. Johnstone. John Adams.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

<p>A. F. Thompson. *Dr. MacKay. *George Fisher, B.D. *F. W. Murray. *J. M. McLeod.</p>	<p>Kenneth McKnight. Dr. Duncan. John A. Nichol. J. J. Thompson.</p>
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PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Geo. C. Robertson.
Wm. Scott.
Alex. Sterling.
A. McL. Sinclair.
T. F. Fullerton.
D. Sutherland.
W. H. Spencer.
Malcolm Campbell.

T. C. James.
R. Munn.
Ewen Campbell.
Neil Sinclair.
Hugh McMillan.
W. T. Huggan.
Hon. D. Laird.
Hon. B. Rogers.

2. SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Charles A. Tanner.
Don Tait, B.A.
J. M. Whitelaw, B.D.
*Donald MacRae, D.D.
K. MacLennan, M.A.
N. MacKay.

*John Whyte.
Wm. Sutherland.
G. B. Ramsay.
Wm. McKelvie.
H. P. Blair.
W. R. Dean.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

John E. Duclos.
D. McDonald.
John Nichols.
Charles B. Ross, B.D.
*James Patterson.
*Ephraim Scott.
D. H. MacVicar, D.D.
*P. H. Hutchinson.
*Andrew Rowat.
*Dr. J. C. Thomson.
*John Scrimger, D.D.
W. R. Cruikshank.
*James Ross, B.D.
*R. Campbell, D.D.
M. S. Oxley.

*Walter Paul.
James Rodger.
*James Brodie.
John Herdt.
Donald McFee.
Alex. Clark.
David Morrice.
*Wm. Drysdale.
Dr. Christie, M.P.
W. D. McLaren.
*D. Torrance Fraser.
Alex. McFee.
James Ross.
Geo. McClenaghan.
*Angus McNaughton.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

*Wm. Moore, D.D.
W. D. Armstrong, Ph.D.
*W. T. Herridge, B.D.
Isaac Campbell, Ph.D.
*Thomas A. Nelson.
James Bennett, B.A.
John McLaren.
D. M. Ramsay, B.D.
J. A. Macfarlane, M.A.

George Hay.
*J. T. Pattison.
Geo. L. Orme.
J. J. Campbell.
J. McNicol.
J. Thorburn, LL.D.
Hiram Robinson.
Hon. E. H. Bronson.
Neil McKinnon.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

*Arpad Givan, B.A.
*David McLaren, B.A.
*D. D. MacLennan.
*Andrew Russell, B.A.
*John MacKenzie.
*Archibald Graham.

John MacKenzie.
Ewen Muuro.
*Peter McLean.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.

Robert Campbell, Sc.D.
*A. H. Scott, M.A.
*Dugald Currie, B.D.
Robert McNabb, B.A.
Charles A. Cooke, B.A.

James Stewart.
*James Forgie.
James A. Allan.
*A. M. Grieg.
Archibald McTavish.
James McIlraith.
*James M. Clark.
A. Gray Farrell.
Donald McLachlan.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

*Wm. A. MacKenzie, B.D.
*Hugh Cameron, B.A.
Joseph H. Higgins, B.A.
*J. J. Wright, B.A.
Edward Aston.

James Cumming.
Wm. Clark.
Newton Cossitt.
John Fraser.
Robert Toye.

3. SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Ministers.

*John A. Black, B.A.
S. S. Burns, B.A.
T. J. Thompson, M.A.
J. A. Claxton, B.D.
R. F. Ballantyne, B.A.
*Samuel Houston.
*Principal Grant, D.D.
M. W. MacLean, M.A.
*Henry Gracey.
*Malcolm MacGillivray, M.A.
*Jas. Cumberland, M.A.

*John Hay, B.D.
C. S. Lord, B.D.
*J. R. Gilchrist, B.A.
Peter Duncan.
James Ross, B.A.
D. A. Thompson.
Bryce Innis.

*John Abraham.
*J. A. McKeen, B.A.
Geo. B. McLeod, M.A.

*H. Currie.
W. M. Reid.
A. U. Campbell, B.A.
G. MacKay, M.A.
D. McDonald.

*Principal Caven, D.D.
*Wm. MacLaren, D.D.
*Wm. Gregg, D.D.
*Robt. H. Warden, D.D.
*Chas. A. Campbell.
*D. MacTavish, D.Sc.
*Jas. Carmichael, D.D.
*R. P. MacKay, B.A.
*J. A. Turnbull, LL.B.
*J. C. Tibb, B.D.
*Wm. Burns.
D. C. Hossack, LL.B.
*A. L. McFayden, B.A.
J. A. Brown.
Louis Perrin.

J. K. Henry.
Lachlan McLean.
R. N. Grant, D.D.
F. Smith.
J. D. Leishman.
*D. L. McCrae, Ph.D.
*Neil Campbell, M.A.
*G. B. Greig.
J. R. S. Burnett.
John Burton, B.D.

*J. Little
*Jas. F. MacLaren, B.D.
*D. A. McLean.
*P. McNabb.
*J. Somerville, D.D.

Elders.

Professor Dyde.
Wellington Boulter.
*Jno. McNaughton.
George Gilles.
Jas. Balcanquel.
*John McIntyre, Q.C.
T. J. Ward.
M. McCullough.
*J. R. Tait.
James A. Caskey.
Angus Urquhart.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.

R. Tulley.
W. E. Roxburgh.
*A. J. Johnston.
G. M. Roger.
*Robt. Graham.
James Russell.
J. S. Fitzgerald.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.

Colin Phillips.
John Reid.
*Thos. Morris.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.

Robt. Ross.
*John E. Thompson.
John Kirton.
T. H. Glendinning.
Robert Irwin.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

*J. K. Macdonald.
*S. C. Duncan-Clark.
*Hamilton Cassels.
J. A. Paterson.
W. Mortimer Clark.
*A. T. Crombie.
Arch. Heron.
W. B. McMurrich.
*C. Blackett Robinson.
Robt. Stewart.
*David Elder.
*Samuel Wallace.
*George Keith.
*Andrew Jeffrey.
*R. C. Moffatt, D.D.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.

*Crawford J. Miller.
J. A. Mather.
James Ross.
*John Strachan.
J. Jamieson.
S. Elder.
John Cowan.
J. G. Hood.
W. Aitkens.
J. H. McGuire.
John Turner.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.

*J. Aickins.
*J. Armstrong, B.A.
*J. Howey.
Dr. Sloane.
*J. Sword.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

*Hugh McKellar.
Henry Edmison, M.A.
Crawford Tate.
*A. B. Dobson.

Thos. Martin.
John Burns.
Alex. Malcolmson.
Daniel Hamilton.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

*Robert Torrance, D.D.
*J. C. Smith, B.D.
*A. M. Hamilton, M.A.
*Wm. Robertson, B.A.
*Peter J. McLaren, B.A.
*Daniel Strachan, B.A.
*H. F. Thomas, M.A.

Robert Morrice.
*Wm. B. Thompson.
Robert M. Hamilton.
*Magnus Henderson.
James Wallace, M.D.
*Wm. Simpson.
*David McCrae.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.

*J. W. Orr.
*J. J. Elliott, B.A.
G. G. McRobbie, Sc.D.
*W. Farquharson, B.A.
*J. R. Bell.

R. Allen.
Joseph Young.
Joseph Scott.
A. M. Gibson.
*Robt. Curry.

PRESBYTERY OF ALGOMA.

*John Garrioch.
*G. E. Loughheed.
A. Y. Hartley.

Wm. Guthrie.
James Scott.
Wm. Thompson.

4. SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Ministers.
M. C. McLennan.
W. J. Dey, M.A.
Jas. Wilson.
*J. G. Shearer, B.A.
J. M. Conning.
*J. P. McQuarrie.
W. H. Geddes.
T. L. Turnbull.
*J. Laing, D.D.
*D. H. Fletcher, D.D.
*M. Fraser, D.D.
J. M. Young.

Elders.
Robt. Garrioch.
Alex. McLagan.
J. Charlton, M.P.
*W. Wilson.
G. Rutherford.
*W. Parker.
R. Lawrie.
*J. B. Hamilton (Rev.).
— Innis.
W. M. Leitch.
*R. Balfour.
*D. Ward Eastman.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

*Wm. Cochrane, D.D.
*R. M. Hamilton, B.A.
*W. H. Johnston, B.A.
*G. C. Patterson, M.A.
*E. Cockburn, M.A.
*E. R. Hutt.

R. McCrow.
*John A. McKay.
Wm. Telfer.
*J. R. Alexander.
Henry Slater.
John Alliston.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

*James G. Stuart.
*W. M. Kay.
*R. W. Leitch.
*Geo. Sutherland, D.D.
*John McNeill.
*J. H. Barnett.
*Norman Lindsay.
*Robt. McIntyre.

*Jas. Weir.
*J. H. Shiels.
*Duncan McLean.
John Turner.
*R. S. McMillan.
*Malcolm C. Munro.
*Wm. Watson.
*Alex. McLean.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

*A. L. Manson.
J. C. Tolmie, B.A.
James Argo.
Donald Currie.
W. H. Jamieson, D.D.
J. A. Mustard, B.A.

Geo. Hooker.
J. McR. Selkirk.
Alex. Laing.
Alex. Bartlett.
*H. McDonald.
James Stewart.

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PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

*John McKinnon, B.D.
F. O. Nichol.
*Jos. E. Elliott, B.A.
*John Thompson, D.D.
G. W. Gordon, M.A.

Francis Blaikie.
Hon. Alex. Vidal.
J. C. Scott.
Hugh McDonald.
P. A. McDiarmid.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

*J. H. Graham, B.A.
*Peter Scott.
*T. A. Cosgrove, M.A.
John W. Cameron, B.A.
*W. W. Craw, B.A.

*Peter Muir.
Wm. Mundell.
*Wm. Taylor.
*Alma Grant.
*John Brown.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

*J. S. Henderson.
*Samuel Acheson.
*J. A. Anderson, B.A.
*Walter Muir.
*Colln Fletcher, M.A.

*R. P. Bell.
*Louis Harold.
*Samuel Bissett.
*D. D. Wilson.
*Robert Pollock.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

*David Perrie.
*Angus McKay.
J. L. Murray, M.A.
James Malcolm.
D. E. McKae.
*Alex. Miller.

Wm. Dawson.
*Gilbert McIntyre.
*John Gordon.
*Hugh Chambers.
*Alex. Stewart.
*John Aitken.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

George McLennan.
*Hector McQuarrie.
*J. R. Craigie, M.A.
*James Fitzpatrick, B.A.

*David Hopper.
Robert Miller.
John Cobean.
*Wm. Ross.

5. SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST.

PRESBYTERY OF SUPERIOR.

*J. L. Small.

Angus Carmichael.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

*John M. King, D.D.
*Andrew B. Balrd, B.D.
*F. E. DuVal, D.D.
*Joseph Hogg.
*R. G. McBeth, M.A.
*Charles W. Gordon, B.A.

*J. B. Mitchell.
*G. A. Young.
*S. G. Matheson.
*Robert MacBeth.
John Craig.
*John G. McKinnon.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

*James Farquharson, B.A.
*M. C. Rumball, B.A.
*J. A. Bowman, M.A.

*Neil Fox.
*Charles Strachan.
George Mutch.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENBORO.

*H. C. Sutherland, B.D.
*A. McTavish, B.A.

*R. H. Ferguson.
W. R. Ross.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

*James Douglas.
*P. Wright, B.D.
*Robert Paterson, B.A.

*Hugh Grant.
John McLeod.
*W. F. Young.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

*T. R. Shearer, B.A.
*D. Carswell.
*E. A. Henry, B.A.

*A. J. McDiarmid, M.D.
*J. Todd.
*J. Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF MINNEDOSA.

*Andrew Chisholm, B.A.
*J. A. F. Sutherland.
*Robert Frew.

*J. W. Shanks.
*James Thom.
Isaac Corbett.

PRESBYTERY OF MELITA.	
*John Cairns, M.A.	C. W. McLennan.
*T. K. Scott, B.A.	*John Fleming.
PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.	
*A. J. McLeod, B.A.	W. Rothwell, B.A.
*A. Matheson.	*R. Crawford.
*J. W. Muirhead, B.A.	*R. Beale.
*J. A. Reddon, B.A.	*A. A. Gillis.
*S. W. Thomson.	*A. B. Bompas.
*J. G. McKechnie, B.A.	*J. R. Anderson.

6. SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.	
*Charles McKillop, B.A.	J. Creighton.
J. P. Grant.	*M. Tweed.
Gavin Hamilton.	*J. D. Higinbotham.
PRESBYTERY OF EDMONTON.	
*James Robertson, D.D.	*E. F. Stephenson.
*D. G. McQueen, B.A.	*W. D. Russell.
PRESBYTERY OF KAMLOOPS.	
Geo. Murray, M.A.	D. McNair.
*Thomas Paton.	D. Matheson.
PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER.	
E. D. McLaren, B.D.	James McQueen.
J. K. Wright, B.D.	J. C. Brown.
*A. E. Camp.	
PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.	
J. Campbell, Ph.D.	J. T. Bethune.
*W. L. Clay, B.A.	Thornton Fell.
W. B. Cumming.	
PRESBYTERY OF HONAN.	
D. MacGillivray, B.D.	*James Thomson (Winnipeg).
*M. MacKenzie.	*A. D. McLeod (Portage la Prairie).
PRESBYTERY OF INDORE.	
*J. Buchanan, M.D.	
*N. H. Russell, B.A.	
PRESBYTERY OF TRINIDAD.	
	*Robert Murray (Halifax).

Dr. Gordon before leaving the Chair briefly addressed the Assembly, reviewed the occurrences of the past year, and, after calling special attention to the approaching celebration of the sixty years' reign of Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, asked the Assembly to appoint his successor.

The General Assembly then proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, when Principal King proposed Dr. William Moore, Minister of Bank Street Church, Ottawa, as a fit and proper person to fill that office; which proposal was seconded by Mr. W. T. Herridge, and carried unanimously; whereupon Dr. Moore being called and welcomed to the Chair by Dr. Gordon, addressed the House, acknowledging the honour conferred upon him, and asking the assistance of fathers and brethren in the discharge of the duties of the office to which they had called him.

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR FOR 1896.

Dr. Gordon reported that the Loyal Addresses had been forwarded, as directed by last General Assembly, and read the replies received. He also read a communication received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Great Britain

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and Ireland, acknowledging the receipt of the Address of last Assembly, regarding the persecution of the Armenians. On concluding, he moved that the Moderator be requested to name a Committee at an early Sederunt to draft the Loyal Addresses, in consideration of the special circumstance of the approaching Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This was seconded by Dr. Laing, and agreed to. The Moderator intimated that he would submit the names of such a Committee to-morrow morning.

SYNOD ROLLS.

Dr. Warden submitted the Rolls of Synods, along with the changes that had taken place during the year, and moved that they be held as read. This motion was agreed to.

THANKS TO DR. GORDON.

It was moved by Dr. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Walter Paul, and unanimously carried,—That the thanks of the Assembly be recorded to Dr. Gordon for his dignified and efficient conduct in the Chair, and for the admirable sermon which he preached this evening at the opening of the Assembly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Business, which was given in and read by Dr. Cochrane, Clerk to the Committee, who moved the reception of the Report and the consideration of its recommendations. This motion was seconded and agreed to.

The recommendations were severally adopted as follows:—

I. That the Sederunts of the Assembly be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30; from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.; and from 7.30 to 10 p.m.; but that this order be so far departed from to-morrow morning as to allow the Assembly to meet at 10 a.m.; and that the first hour be spent in devotional exercises.

II. That the Committee on Bills and Overtures be composed as follows:— Clerks of the General Assembly; Clerks of Synods and Presbyteries that are members of Assembly; and Messrs. A. H. Scott, Neil Campbell, Hugh Currie, Crawford Tait, T. A. Nelson, Dr. D. L. McCrae, W. Farquharson, Alex. Miller, J. Hay, Dr. MacTavish, John Abraham, Dr. Fletcher, J. S. Henderson, John Little, Arpad Givan, Thos. Cumming, Dr. Bruce, W. T. Herridge, E. Cockburn, Peter Wright, Chas. McKillop, Dr. Buchanan, Murdoch MacKenzie, and D. Strachan, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Isaac Creighton, D. Torrance Fraser, John McIntyre, J. B. Hamilton, John R. Alexander, Dr. McDiarmid, John Armstrong, David Elder, R. Crawford, Robert Graham, and R. Murray, *Elders*.

III. That the following be a Committee on the Roll of the Assembly:—Dr. Torrance, Dr. Somerville, and Mr. John Abraham, *Ministers*, and Mr. Walter Paul, *Elder*.

That the following be appointed to examine the Records of the General Assembly:—Dr. Sutherland and Dr. MacTavish, *Ministers*, and Dr. James Wallace, *Elder*.

That Committees be appointed to examine Synod Records as follows:—

1. The Maritime Provinces:—Messrs. David MacLaren and E. R. Hutt, *Ministers*; and George Keith, *Elder*.

2. Montreal and Ottawa:—Professor A. B. Baird and Mr. John Hay, *Ministers*; and Mr. W. Watson, *Elder*.

3. Toronto and Kingston:—Messrs. James Paterson and Jas. Farquharson, *Ministers*; and Angus McNaughton, *Elder*.

4. Hamilton and London:—Messrs. S. Houston and E. S. Bayne, *Ministers*; and A. T. Crombie, *Elder*.

5. Manitoba and the North-West.—Messrs. A. Gandler and J. A. Turnbull, *Ministers*; and A. Morton Hamilton, *Elder*.

6. British Columbia:—Messrs. Henry Gracey and J. P. MacLaren, *Ministers*; and W. Parker, *Elder*.

7. The Presbyteries of Honan, Trinidad and Indore:—Dr. Laing, Messrs. M. MacGillivray, P. McNab and Colin Fletcher, *Ministers*; and A. B. Bompas, *Elder*.

The first named on each Committee to be Convener thereof.

IV. That the Moderator be requested to nominate at an early Sederunt a small Committee to arrange for the Assembly services on next Lord's Day.

V. That the Committee on Bills and Overtures hold its first meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock for devotional exercises, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At the City of Winnipeg, and within St. Andrew's Church there, Friday, the 11th day of June, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon:

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, pursuant to adjournment, and as agreed upon last night. The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises, Dr. Gordon, Mr. J. A. Turnbull, Dr. Morrison, Mr. C. W. Gordon, Dr. Thompson and Mr. James McLean leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the First Sederunt were read and confirmed.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, which was presented and read by Dr. Cochrane, *Convener*. The Report was received, its recommendations were considered and adopted as follows:—

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Friday Forenoon.

1. Moderator's Report on Committee on Sabbath Services.
2. Moderator's Report on Committee on Loyal Addresses.
3. Appoint Committee on Reception of Ministers, with recommendations that Returns to Remits on that subject be referred to that Committee.
4. Appoint Committee on Reception of Students.
5. Appoint Committee on Returns to Remits..

Friday Afternoon.

1. Memorial from Missionaries in Central India.
2. Report on Colleges.

Friday Evening.

1. Reports on Home Missions, East and West.

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Saturday Forenoon.

1. Report of Committee on Statistics.
2. Report of Committee on Distribution of Probationers.
3. Report of Committee on Finance, East and West.

Saturday Afternoon.

1. Report on Remit on Sabbath Schools.
2. Petition of Mrs. Ross.
3. Report of Hymnal Committee.

The unfinished business from one Sederunt to be the first business at next Sederunt.

The Assembly to continue in session to-morrow afternoon till 5 o'clock.

COMMITTEE ON LOYAL ADDRESSES.

The Moderator named the following a Committee to draft addresses to the Queen and the Governor-General:—Dr. Gordon, *Convener*, Principal King, Mr. W. T. Herridge, *Ministers*; and Mr. John McIntyre, Q.C., *Elder*.

The nomination was approved of.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SERVICES.

The Moderator named the following a Committee on Sabbath Services:—Mr. C. W. Gordon, *Convener*; Messrs. T. A. Nelson and E. A. Henry.

The nomination was approved of.

APPLICATIONS OF PRESBYTERIES ON BEHALF OF MINISTERS ASKING TO BE RECEIVED.

The applications of Presbyteries for leave to receive Ministers of other Churches into the ministry of this Church were submitted and dealt with as follows:—

1. Presbytery of Halifax, on behalf of Mr. A. P. Logan. The application was referred to the Committee for that purpose.
2. Presbytery of Halifax, on behalf of Mr. W. S. Whittier. Referred.
3. Presbytery of Montreal, on behalf of Mr. David Downie. Referred.
4. Presbytery of Montreal, on behalf of Mr. Alfred Logan. Referred.
5. Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, on behalf of Mr. R. Harkness. Referred.
6. Presbytery of Brockville, on behalf of Mr. Alfred Fitzpatrick. Referred.
7. Presbytery of Barrie, on behalf of Mr. W. T. Noble. Referred.
8. Presbytery of Guelph, on behalf of Mr. David Anderson. Referred.
9. Presbytery of Guelph, on behalf of Mr. B. W. Williams. Referred.
10. Presbytery of Algoma, on behalf of Mr. B. K. Beshgetoor. Referred.
11. Presbytery of Paris, on behalf of Mr. P. Tinkham. Referred.
12. Presbytery of London, on behalf of Mr. Robert Adams. Referred.
13. Presbytery of Glenboro, on behalf of Mr. N. Stevenson. Referred.

These applications were referred to the following:

COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Dr. Laing, *Convener*; Dr. Somerville, Messrs. Wm. Robertson, Dr. Bruce, Prof. Ross, Alfred A. Gandier, D. G. McQueen, Alexander Ross, Principal Macrae, E. Cockburn, John Hay, Neil Campbell, R. G. McBeth, *Ministers*; Messrs. J. T. Higginbotham, Robert Crawford, W. D. Russell, Dr. McDiarmid, James Clarke, John L. Alexander, Wm. Parker, W. C. Whittaker, *Elders*.

APPLICATIONS OF PRESBYTERIES ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS.

Applications on behalf of Students were made by Presbyteries as follows:—

1. Presbytery of Montreal, on behalf of Mr. A. S. McLean.
2. Presbytery of Toronto, on behalf of Mr. J. G. Reid.
3. Presbytery of Regina, on behalf of Mr. Hugh Matheson.
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All these applications were referred to the following Committee appointed to deal with the subject:—

COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.

Dr. Thompson, *Convener*; Messrs. J. A. Turnbull, W. Farquharson, John Abraham, Colin Fletcher, *Ministers*; Messrs. John Armstrong, Wm. Drysdale, and David McCrae, *Elders*.

The following Committee on Returns to Remits was appointed:—

Mr. J. C. Smith, *Convener*; Messrs. J. G. Shearer, Chas. Campbell, Chas. A. Campbell, J. F. McLaren, Dr. Sutherland, and Alex. Miller, *Ministers*; Dr. Robert Moffat, Messrs. John A. McKay, Samuel Wallace, and D. D. Wilson, *Elders*.

REPORTS ON COLLEGES.

The Assembly called for the reports of the Colleges of the Church.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

The Report of Manitoba College was given in and read by Chief Justice Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Management, who called attention to the several matters of interest in it, as detailed in the printed documents in the hands of members.

Principal King offered the following motion, which was seconded by Dr. Cochrane, and carried:—

The General Assembly receives and adopts the Report of Manitoba College, expresses its thanks to the Presbyterian Church of Ireland and to the Church of Scotland, for their donations, and commends the College anew to the generous support of the Church.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again in this place at 2.30 p.m., of which public intimation was given, and the Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

On the same day and at the same place, at 2.30 p.m. :

The General Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Hector McQuarrie leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of last meeting were sustained.

COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator nominated the following a Committee to strike the Standing Committees of the Church:—

Mr. Henry Gracey, *Convener*; Dr. Morrison, Dr. D. L. McCrae, Dr. Fletcher, Messrs. R. Murray, E. Scott, T. A. Nelson, T. A. Cosgrove, Joseph Hogg, James

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Farquharson, and D. G. McQueen, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Isaac Creighton, W. Paul, A. Jeffrey, Wm. Drysdale, *Elders*.

The nomination was approved of.

REPORT ON THE ROLL.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Assembly Roll, which was given in and read by Dr. Torrance, *Convener*, who moved its reception and adoption. The motion was seconded and carried. The Report is as follows:—

The name of Mr. E. Scott appears for the Presbyteries of Montreal and Trinidad; being ineligible for the latter, the Committee recommend the omitting of his name, retaining it for the former. In the Presbytery of Bruce, that the name of Mr. Ross be substituted for that of Mr. Meikle. The name of Chief Justice Taylor occurs for three Presbyteries. Not being an acting elder he is ineligible to serve. Mr. George Hay, appointed to represent both the Presbytery of Ottawa and Victoria, elects to act for Ottawa. Mr. Robert Murray appears as Commissioner from Halifax and Trinidad Presbyteries. Mr. Murray elects to act for Trinidad.

KNOX COLLEGE.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the Reports of Colleges. The next called for was that of Knox College, which was presented by Principal Caven, in the absence of the Chairman of the Board. Dr. Caven called attention to the more prominent features in the printed report in the hands of members, and made reference to the matter of discontinuing the Preparatory Course in the College, as a subject that may require consideration at an early day. Mr. J. A. Turnbull moved, seconded by Mr. P. Wright, as follows:—

The General Assembly receives and adopts the reports of the Board of Management and Senate of Knox College, expresses gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the efficient services which He has enabled the professors to render, and for the many young men who have been led to consecrate their lives to the Gospel ministry and are being educated for their great work within its walls, and commends it to the liberality of the Church for more adequate support.

The motion was carried.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE.

Principal Grant, in the absence of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the Report of Queen's University and College, and drew special attention to the fact that the allowance always hitherto received from the Temporalities Board is likely soon to cease, and that it will be consequently necessary to provide otherwise for the amount thus to be lost. He also held out the hope that it may be in the power of the Board within the next year to submit the name of a third Professor in the Theological Department.

It was moved by Dr. MacTavish, seconded by Professor Ross:—

That the Report of Queen's University and College be received and adopted; that the General Assembly express gratification at the large attendance of students, especially in the Theological Faculty, at the earnestness and enthusiasm with which the Professors have carried on their work, and at the satisfactory condition of the College finances; further, that the Assembly commend the College

to the increased liberality of the Church, with the hope that the accumulated deficiency of former years may be wiped out, that the trustees may be able to meet the loss arising through the probable withdrawal of the 'Temporalities' Fund, and that they may also be able to submit to next General Assembly a name for an additional Theological Professor, which for some time has been a very pressing need.

The resolution was adopted.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

Dr. Scrimger gave in the Report of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and expressed regret at the absence of the Chairman of the Board, as well as of Principal MacVicar. He gave gratifying information regarding the progress of the institution, and made special mention of the obligations under which the College and its friends were laid by Dr. Barclay, who lectured throughout the session in the absence of the Principal.

He moved, seconded by Dr. R. Campbell:—

That the Report of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, be received and adopted; that the Assembly express its satisfaction at the success which has attended its work during the past year, and encourage the Board in its efforts to secure the increased endowment necessary for the permanent maintenance of the institution.

MORRIN COLLEGE.

Principal Macrae presented the Report of the Governors of Morrin College, and gave information of the present state and prospects of the institution, which afforded gratification to the Assembly. He claimed for it consideration at the hands of the Church.

It was moved by Mr. John Hay, seconded by Mr. R. Murray, as follows:—

The Assembly receives with satisfaction the Report of Morrin College, and expresses its pleasure at hearing of the good work carried on by that institution; is pleased to learn that the recent additions to the teaching staff have been followed by an awakened interest in the general community, and a large increase in the number of students; and heartily commends the College to the sympathy and practical support of the Church, and more especially of the congregations in the Presbytery of Quebec. The Assembly fondly hopes that the special effort about to be made by the Board of Governors, to procure substantial additions to the Endowment Fund, may be attended with a large measure of success, and cordially commends this important object to the liberality of our people.

The motion was adopted.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

The Report of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, was presented by Mr. James McLean, who gave a cheering account of the present condition and outlook of the institution.

He concluded with moving, seconded by Mr. W. C. Whittaker:—

The General Assembly receives the Reports of the Board and Senate of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and records its devout gratitude to God for the prosperous condition of the College. The Assembly authorizes the College Board to submit to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, their plans for the erection and pay-

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ment of a suitable building for the library, and empowers the Synod to take such action in regard to the same as they may deem in the best interests of the institution.

The Assembly commends the College to the prayerful consideration and liberal support of all her people in the Eastern Section of the Church, and urges them to wipe out the present debt, and so increase the revenues that the invaluable work which the institution is performing may be carried on with efficiency and without financial embarrassment.

YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE, BRANTFORD.

The report of the Brantford Ladies' College was presented by Dr. Cochrane, on behalf of the Board of Directors. He drew attention to the successful history of the institution, pointing out the good work done by it for the Church and country.

It was then moved by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. John Thompson:—

That the Report of the Brantford Young Ladies' College be received and adopted; further, the General Assembly expresses its gratification at the high standard of scholarship that has characterized the College since its inception, twenty-three years ago, and the aim of the Directors to make it increasingly worthy of the Church with which it is identified. The Assembly is glad to find that notwithstanding the widespread financial depression of the past few years, the College has been well attended, and commends it again to the patronage and generous support of the Christian families of the Church, as an institution in every way worthy of their support, in which parents may safely entrust their daughters, alike for its moral and religious influences and educational advantages. The Assembly nominates the following gentlemen, from whom six shall be elected at the annual meeting, to act as Directors for the ensuing year, namely:—Wm. Cochrane, D.D., Messrs. Wm. Watt, Robert Henry, Wm. Nichol, M.D., Thomas McLean, C. B. Heyd, M.P., Sheriff Watt, Alex. Robertson, Wm. Grant, Robt. Russell, Adam Spence, Jas. Sutherland and Alex. Turner.

The motion was agreed to.

MEMORIAL OF MISSIONARIES IN CENTRAL INDIA.

The Assembly next proceeded to hear a Memorial from the Missionaries in Central India, transmitted by the Presbytery of Indore. The Memorial was read and is as follows:—

The Memorial of the undersigned Ministers and Missionaries of the Church's Mission to Central India,

Humbly Sheweth

That for years there have been in the Central India Mission differences of opinion as to the policy pursued in reference to certain departments of work, as to the expenditure of Church Funds, and as to the relation of unmarried women to the control of the work.

2. That out of these differences of views there have grown personal feelings, the nature, the extent, and the causes of which have been imperfectly understood even by the Foreign Mission Committee, and still more by the Church at large; which misapprehensions have been to the detriment of the work and have added seriously to the difficulty of settling the matters in dispute.

3. That the Foreign Mission Committee, at so great a distance from the field, and not possessing the advantage of local knowledge, has, by attempting an adjustment of the difficulties, guided by communications from individuals rather than by the findings of the majority of the Presbytery, increased the divergencies. Many difficulties would soon have been settled had they been left to be dealt with according to the constitutional Presbyterian system of government by a majority of the office bearers of the Church in the country.

4. Methods and policies have been insisted on by the Foreign Mission Committee against our protest, and large expenditures have been sanctioned against the remonstrance of almost all, at the very time that small sums have been refused for objects of which all approved.

All this we bore; but now regulations have been imposed on us and insisted on, which we feel bound in conscience to resist by all constitutional means.

Efforts have been made to secure for women an equal voice and vote with the Presbyters in the government of men's work. Step by step this has been granted to them, those who were opposed yielding for the sake of peace to compromises of which they disapproved. In the end of 1895, new regulations were submitted to the Council for consideration. Although, after months of consideration, the Council, by a majority including all but one of the Presbyters, expressed its disapproval of them, they were nevertheless imposed upon us. Thereupon, in August, 1896, we entreated the Committee not to insist upon them, pointing out that they were contrary to Scripture, and subversive of the functions of Presbytery, and if insisted on would compel Missionaries who see this either to do violence to their conscience or to refuse to acquiesce. In reply, the Foreign Mission Committee, leaving them unchanged, have exhorted us to give them a trial; which to our minds can only mean either that they do not believe our assertion of conscientious objections, or else that they require us to disregard our consciences. This we cannot do, and therefore in November, 1896, on receipt of this reply, we felt constrained in the following terms to decline to acquiesce:—

1. We recognize with thankfulness the more conciliatory tone of this letter.

2. But we see with pain and grief that the entreaty of the majority of the members of the Council against the imposition of new regulations, against which they protest as unjust, fitted to injure the work of Christ, and above all, contrary to the long established convictions of some as to the teaching of Scripture, and the usage of the Church, is refused, and that these new regulations are still insisted on.

3. Such coercive imposition, and violation of rights, we deem it our duty, to ourselves, to each other, to other Missions, to our Church, to other branches of the Church, to the Head of the Church, whose work we are in India to do, not to acquiesce in, but to resist by constitutional methods.

4. We therefore ask to be excused from accepting office or sitting in Council under these new regulations.

5. But, meanwhile, so far as necessary to preserve and carry on the work, we submit, under protest, to recognize the Council as thus constituted.

And we are thus driven, as our next step, solemnly to appeal to your venerable House, as the General Assembly of that branch of the Church of Christ to which we belong, to take the whole matter into consideration, and not only afford us relief, but devise measures for the removal of the evils of which we complain, and

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for the more efficient prosecution of the great work committed to us. We ask only that the same rules be given to us which hold in other Missions of our Church, e.g., Trinidad and China, or those of other Presbyterian Churches beside us, e.g. the Irish Presbyterian or Scotch United Presbyterian Missions.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, etc.

J. Fraser Campbell,
W. A. Wilson,
F. H. Russell,
May C. Dougan,
Margaret O'Hara,
Margaret Jamieson,
Kate Calder,
J. J. Thompson,
Norman H. Russell,
W. J. Jamieson,
C. R. Woods.

Extract minute Presbytery of Indore:—

Moved by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mr. N. H. Russell:—

That in transmitting this Memorial to the General Assembly the Presbytery express its concurrence with the prayer thereof. Carried.

True copy.

J. Fraser Smith,
Presbytery Clerk.

Mr. E. Scott moved that the Memorial be received. This was seconded and agreed to.

Mr. N. H. Russell, one of the Memorialists, being present as a member of Assembly, was invited to speak to the Memorial. At this point Mr. Russell left himself in the hands of the Assembly, and expressed his willingness to forego any right he might have to address the Assembly in support of the Memorial, unless the Assembly desired it.

Thereupon Mr. E. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. H. McQuarrie:—

That the Memorial from Missionaries in India be referred to a special Committee to confer with the Missionaries from India, and with the Foreign Mission Committee, and to report to the Assembly.

To this it was moved in amendment by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Laing:—

That Mr. Russell be now heard in support of the Memorial.

The amendment was carried over the motion, and Mr. Russell addressed the House in explanation of the Memorial.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to arrange the Assembly services on the Lord's Day, which was given in and read by Mr. C. W. Gordon, *Convener*, who moved its reception and adoption. The motion was seconded and carried. The recommendations are as follows:—

That there be morning and evening services at the usual hours of worship, and an afternoon service at 4.15, at which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed, in which not only members of Assembly are invited to join, but also all members in good standing of our own or other Churches.

That the morning service be conducted by the Rev. Dr. MacTavish, and the evening service by Rev. Dr. Somerville, and that at the afternoon Communion service, the Moderator preside and Rev. Dr. Gregg and Rev. Jas. McLean deliver addresses, and that the following elders assist in the dispensing of the Ordinance:—

Mr. Walter Paul, Mr. Duncan Sinclair, Mr. S. G. Matheson, Mr. D. Torrance Fraser, Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Mr. R. Crawford, Mr. Jno. McLeod, Mr. W. C. Whittaker, Mr. I. Creighton, Mr. J. M. Clark, Mr. Jas. Thomson.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in the same place this evening at 7.30 o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

On the same day, at the same place, at 7.30 p.m.:

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was duly constituted, Mr. Alfred Gandier leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the afternoon Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Assembly called for the Reports of Home Missions, East and West.

HOME MISSIONS, EASTERN SECTION.

Mr. Alfred Gandier, in the absence of Mr. John McMillan, *Convener*, presented the Report of the Eastern Section, and explained the operations of the Committee charged with the care of this department of the Church's work in the Maritime Provinces, referring to the hopeful features of the Report for that section, printed and in the hands of members. He concluded with moving, seconded by Mr. A. Bowman, as follows:—

The General Assembly receives the Report of the Home Mission Committee, Eastern Section, and records its gratitude to God for the manifest tokens of His blessing on the work accomplished. The Assembly notes with warm appreciation the deepening interest of our people in this great work, and returns hearty thanks for the increased contributions towards its support, especially commending the Woman's Missionary Society and the Christian Endeavour Society for their timely, liberal and much-needed aid; and requests all the contributors to the Fund to continue their support, in order that the present debt may be completely removed, the work developed according to its requirements, and increased aid offered in the same kind of work in the North-West of our Dominion.

The resolution was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS, WESTERN SECTION.

The Assembly next called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, Western Section, presented in printed form, and referred to by Dr. Cochrane, *Convener* of the Committee, in submitting it. Dr. Cochrane made a strong appeal on behalf of the Scheme, after reviewing the work for the year.

It was then moved by Dr. Warden, seconded by Mr. C. W. Gordon:—

That the Report be received and adopted, that the General Assembly expresses its gratification at the satisfactory state of the Home Mission Fund, and its grateful sense of the liberality of the Congregations, Sabbath Schools and C. E.

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Societies of the Church in its support; cordially thanks the congregations in the Maritime Provinces for their continued liberality, and the Colonial Committees, Congregations and friends in Great Britain and Ireland for their generous grants; records its satisfaction with the extension and consolidation of the work, especially in the North-West and British Columbia, and its pleasure that the Committee has found it less difficult than ever before to secure suitable men for the fields under its care; that the General Assembly expresses its thankfulness for the success that has attended the labours of Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, in Britain, and its pleasure in welcoming him back to his work in our own Church. Above all, the General Assembly expresses its devout gratitude to God for the large measure of success vouchsafed during the year, and resolves anew to prosecute with vigour and earnestness the Home Mission work committed to it by the Great Head of the Church.

The motion was adopted.

Stirring addresses on Home Missions were afterwards delivered by Mr. A. Mathieson, Mr. D. G. McQueen, Mr. J. D. Higginbotham, Mr. Thos. Paton, and Mr. Chas. McKillop.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At the City of Winnipeg, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the 12th day of June, 1897, at 9.30 a.m.:

The General Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, prayer being offered, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. W. Paul.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved of.

STATISTICS.

The Committee called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which, being printed and in the hands of members, was referred to by Dr. Torrance, *Convener*, in presenting it, and in giving explanations of various items covered by the Committee's transactions. On motion, the report was received.

Dr. Torrance moved the adoption of the several recommendations of the Committee, which were agreed to, as follows:—

1. That the Assembly renew with emphasis its injunction to Presbyteries to be careful, prompt and faithful in having returns from all the Charges, whether vacant or settled, and Stations in their bounds, procured and forwarded to the Committee in good time, as required by previous injunctions of the Supreme Court.
2. That Presbyteries have reported to them by their Clerk, or Convener of their Committee on Statistics, the returns made, and that they spend some time in considering the same.
3. That the Committee to be appointed be instructed to adopt means for procuring and presenting in summary form information regarding the Church's

equipment to prepare Students for the Ministry, the state and progress of her work in foreign fields, and such other matters as may be expected in a Statistical Report.

The adoption of the Report as a whole was moved by Principal Grant, seconded by Dr. Thompson, as follows:—

The General Assembly expresses its gratitude to God for the very hopeful Statistical Report now submitted, and would record its thanks to the Convener for the very able and accurate Report, and for his long and painstaking services, so cheerfully rendered to the Church.

The motion was carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL FORMS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Statistical Forms, appointed by last General Assembly, which was presented by Dr. Warden, in the absence of Mr. R. Douglas Fraser, *Convener*. He moved, seconded by Dr. M. Fraser:—

That the Report be received, and the following Committee appointed to consider the present statistical forms, and all the statistical matter furnished by the various Standing Committees of the Assembly, in order to recommend such a rearrangement as will tend to secure greater simplicity and accuracy in the Statistics of the Church, to report to next Assembly.

Committee:—Rev. L. H. Jordan, *Convener*; Dr. Robertson, Dr. R. Torrance, Dr. Warden, Dr. Morrison, Messrs. G. F. Fotheringham, Jas. W. Rae, J. McP. Scott, R. D. Fraser, Robt. Murray, John Harvie, Andrew Jeffrey, D. T. Fraser.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Principal Caven gave notice of the following resolution, which he proposed to offer at a future Sederunt:—

The General Assembly, while fully recognizing the fact that the duty of imparting detailed and adequate instruction on the doctrines of the Christian religion devolves primarily and mainly on the parent and the Church, yet regards it of exceeding importance that all instructions given in our Public Schools should be in harmony with revealed truth, and that the Bible should have the place in our educational system which its incomparable excellences and its divine authority claim for it.

In order to assist in giving effect to its convictions on a matter so vital, the General Assembly appoint a Committee on Public Education, whose duty it shall be to act in the name of the Church in any of the Provinces of the Dominion in relation to the subject of religious instruction in Public Schools, and also to cooperate with any Synodical Committee of our Church, or any Committee representing any other branch of the Church, whose views on this question may be in substantial accord with those of the General Assembly.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, which was presented by Dr. Torrance, *Convener*, who referred to the main facts contained in the printed statement in the hands of members.

It was moved by Dr. MacLaren, seconded by Mr. Jno. H. Graham, and carried:—

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That the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers be adopted, and the thanks of the Assembly tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener.

FINANCE REPORT, EASTERN SECTION.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Finance Committee, Eastern Section, which was presented by Dr. Morrison, who moved its reception and adoption. This was seconded and agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, WESTERN SECTION.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Finance, Western Section, which was presented by Dr. Warden, who moved, seconded by Dr. Cochrane:—That the Report be received.

It was moved by Dr. Scrimger, seconded by Mr. E. Scott, and carried:—

That the recommendation regarding the financial year be referred to a special Committee representing the different Schemes that would be affected by such a change, in both sections, and to report to a subsequent Sederunt.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY NOTICES.

The Moderator nominated the following Committee on Obituary Notices, which was approved of:—Dr. Mungo Fraser, *Convener*; Dr. McCrae, Messrs. J. C. Smith, Geo. C. Paterson, *Ministers*; and W. Drysdale, *Elder*.

HYMNAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Hymnal Committee, which was given in by Dr. Gregg, *Convener*, who gave full explanations regarding the Psalter and Book of Praise, which is now issuing for the use of the Church. He moved, seconded by Dr. Somerville:—

That the Report of the Hymnal Committee be received and adopted. The motion was carried.

Mr. D. Torrance Fraser moved, seconded by Dr. Scrimger:—

That the Committee be instructed to arrange, if practicable, that the large edition with the whole Psalter, as taken from the English Presbyterian Book, be published along with the other editions.

The motion was put and lost.

Mr. W. Drysdale offered the following motion, seconded by Principal Caven:—

That the special thanks of the Church are due and hereby tendered by this General Assembly to the Convener and Hymnal Committee, as a whole. Their labours have been arduous, and the results presented to the Church in the New Book of Praise, now before us, are creditable in the highest degree. Our Convener, Rev. Dr. Gregg, has given many years of close attention to the subject, and as a recognition of his valuable services, it is resolved that there be paid to him the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and also that a like amount be paid to Rev. A. McMillan and Rev. Dr. Somerville, severally, in connection with the special services rendered by them in supervising the publication. These amounts to be paid out of the royalty on the Hymnal

COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED CHANGE IN FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Moderator nominated the following a Committee on the change in the financial year, proposed by the Finance Committee, Western Section:—

Dr. Morrison, *Convener*; Messrs. Robt. Murray, Dr. Cochrane, W. T. Herridge,

Dr. Somerville, C. McKillop, Dr. Warden, Dr. MacLaren, W. Paul, David Elder, Robt. Crawford, John H. Graham.

The nomination was accepted.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place at 2.30 p.m., of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

On the same day, and at the same place, at 2.30 p.m.:

The General Assembly met by adjournment, and was constituted with praise and prayer, in which Mr. J. C. Smith led at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the morning Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REMITS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Remits, which was given in and read by Mr. J. C. Smith, *Convener*, on whose motion, duly seconded, it was agreed to receive it. It is as follows:—

The Assembly's Committee, appointed to examine and tabulate the returns on Remits, by Presbyteries, reports as follows:—

Remits sent down were four in number, along with two reports for consideration. Your Committee finds that 40 Presbyteries have sent in replies, distributed as under:—

(1) Remit on change of Representation in Assembly from 1-4th to 1-6th.

40 Presbyteries Report:—For 31, 9 against.

(2) Remit on fixed place of meeting.

33 Presbyteries Report:—For 13, 20 against.

(3) Remit on Mission Board.

28 Presbyteries Report:—For 9, 19 against.

(4) S. S. Board of Publication and Appointment of Salaried Editor.

37 Presbyteries Report:—For 16, 21 against.

Appointment of Editor:—For 30, 7 against.

(1) Report on Owen Sound overture anent Reception of Ministers from other Churches.

(2) Report on Uniformity in Public Worship.

Returns received from only two or three Presbyteries. Too meagre to be regarded as any expression of the mind of the Church.

It was moved by Dr. Warden, seconded by Dr. Cochrane, and agreed to:—That the Report now submitted be sent to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, in order that a time may be fixed for its consideration.

THE MEMORIAL FROM INDIA.

The consideration of the Memorial from certain of the Missionaries in India was resumed, when Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Joint Convener of the Committee on Foreign Missions, was heard on the subject of the Memorial, in explanation of the action taken by the Foreign Mission Committee, Western Division, in the matter complained of.

After several members had been heard on the subject, it was moved by Mr. E. Scott, seconded by Mr. J. C. Smith:—

That the Memorial from Missionaries in India be referred to a special Committee to confer with Missionaries from India, and with the Foreign Mission Committee, and report to the Assembly. This was agreed to. The Moderator named the following as such Committee and the nomination was accepted:—

Dr. Gordon, *Couvenier*; Dr. Caven, Dr. King, Dr. Bruce, Dr. Fletcher, Dr. M. Fraser, Messrs. Joseph Hogg, A. Bowman, J. A. Turnbull, E. Scott, W. T. Hertridge, Prof. Ross, Henry Gracey, Dr. Thompson, J. C. Smith, *Ministers*; and Messrs. John McIntyre, Q.C., J. K. Macdonald, Walter Paul, J. Armstrong, B.A., Robt. Murray, J. M. Clark, J. D. Higginbotham, Robt. Crawford and Isaac Creighton, *Elders*.

The Assembly adjourned to meet at this place on Monday, the 14th inst., at 9.30 a.m., it being understood that the first half hour of the Sederunt should be devoted to prayer for Her Majesty the Queen, in view of her 60 years' reign, and for the British Empire, in view of the present critical condition of public affairs, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At Winnipeg, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on Monday, the 14th day of June, 1897:

The General Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, and, as was resolved at last Sederunt, the first half hour was devoted to prayer on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, in view of her long reign of sixty years, and for the British Empire, in view of the present critical condition of public affairs, in which Mr. P. Wright, Dr. Thompson, and Mr. S. Houston led at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator read a telegram which he had received from Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, conveying His Excellency the Governor-General's and her own best congratulations and good wishes to the General Assembly, and suggesting that if a suitable opportunity could be found for bringing the Victorian Order under consideration of the Assembly, it would be helpful to the undertaking. The Moderator, in acknowledging receipt of Her Excellency's message, is instructed to convey to Her Excellency the assurance that many members of the Assembly are personally deeply interested in this benevolent enterprise, and will lend it efficient help, but that it is deemed inexpedient to press the project upon the attention of the Assembly as a whole.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, which was given in and read by Dr. Cochrane, *Couvenier*, who moved that it be received. The motion was duly seconded and carried, and the order of business recommended was adopted as follows:—

Monday Morning

Conclusion of business connected with Hymnal.
 Sabbath School Report and Overture from Presbytery of Maitland.
 Aged and Infirm Ministers' Report, East and West.
 Applications from Ministers to retire.
 Petition from Rev. Jno. Geddes in *re* Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.
 Widows' and Orphans' Report.
 Petitions from Presbytery of Montreal and Rock Lake in *re* said Fund.
 Report of the Executive Committee of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.
 Commission from Presbyterian Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Monday Afternoon.

Petition from Mrs. Gavin Ross.
 Petition from Presbytery of Miramichi to place on roll the name of Rev. James Murray.
 Communication from the Presbytery of Montreal for leave to the Rev. J. B. Meir to retire.
 Communication from the Presbytery of Westminster to place on the roll the name of the Rev. Thos. Scoular.
 Appeal from Rev. W. Hodnett against Synod of Manitoba and the North-West.
 Appeal of Wallace Bailey against Presbytery of Toronto.

Monday Evening.

Report of Foreign Mission Committee.
 Unfinished Business.

Tuesday Morning.

Report of Committee on Uniformity of Public Worship.
 Communication from Mr. Sanford Fleming.
 Time and place of next meeting of Assembly, along with returns to Remits anent representations and place of meeting (at 11 a.m.).
 Report from Committee on Young People's Societies.
 Dr. Caven's motion anent appointment of a Committee on Public School Instruction.
 Returns to Remits anent Mission Board.

Tuesday Afternoon

Overture from Synod of Toronto and Kingston, in *re* Ruling Elder.
 Overture from Presbytery of Toronto anent Licensing of Students.
 Overture from Synod of Toronto and Kingston, in *re* the enlargement of the power of Synods.
 Overture from Presbytery of Calgary, and from Synod of British Columbia, in *re* Children's Catechism.
 Overture from Presbytery of Calgary and Synod of British Columbia, anent Female Education.

Tuesday Evening.

Report of Augmentation, East and West.
 Report of French Evangelization Committee.
 Communication from Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, anent Colligny College.

APPLICATIONS OF MINISTERS TO BE RECEIVED.

An application from the Presbytery of St. John, for leave to receive the Rev. C. W. Irwin, and one from the Presbytery of Winnipeg, in favour of receiving Rev. C. H. Gunn, with accompanying papers, were, on motion of Dr. Warden, duly seconded, referred to the Committee on such applications.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Sabbath School Committee, which was presented by Mr. T. F. Fotheringham, *Convener*, who called attention to the several items in the same, as printed and in the hands of members. He concluded with moving that the report be received. This was duly seconded and agreed to.

OVERTURE OF PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

The Assembly called for the Overture of the Presbytery of Maitland, on the subject of the appointment of an Editor of Sabbath School Literature.

Mr. A. Miller was heard in support of the Overture. It was moved by Mr. D. McCrae, seconded by Mr. J. G. Stuart:—

That the Report of the Sabbath School Committee and the Overture from the Presbytery of Maitland, be received, and, with the returns of Presbyteries to the Remit on the appointment of an Editor, referred to a Special Committee, to be named by the Moderator, to consider the whole question, and report to this Assembly.

To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. D. Torrance Fraser, and seconded by Mr. T. A. Nelson:—

That a Committee be named to select a Special Committee, whose duty it will be to prepare a scheme of Sunday School Lessons and Teachers' Helps, for the use of our Canadian Presbyterian Church.

To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. W. Drysdale, seconded by Mr. John Abraham:—

Whereas, the Report presented yearly by the Sabbath School Committee, from a financial standpoint, has been showing an increasing deficit each year, and that now we are face to face with a deficit, according to the Convener's own statement, of over \$5,000, which large sum has to be raised by September next, as these temporary loans cannot be renewed; whereas, in order to the successful carrying on of this work, a further sum of \$5,000 at least would be necessary as working capital, it is hereby resolved that the General Assembly be not held responsible financially, and that the Committee cease the publication of these Lesson Helps, and that tenders be advertised for for the supply of such publications as may be deemed suitable.

It was resolved to send the motion and the two amendments to a Special Committee, and the Moderator named the following as such Committee, and the nomination was approved of:—

Dr. Fletcher, *Convener*; Drs. Warden, P. M. Morrison, M. Fraser, Bruce, McTavish, Somerville, MacCrae, Torrance, Laing, Messrs. E. Scott, A. Gandler (Halifax), W. Farquharson, Joseph Hogg, E. Cockburn, Thos. A. Nelson, T. F. Fotheringham, J. Abraham, *Ministers*; and Messrs. W. C. Whittaker, J. M. Clark, D. T. Fraser, Wm. Drysdale, J. Armstrong and D. McCrae, *Elders*.

REPORT ON APPLICATIONS OF STUDENTS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on the Applications of Presbyteries on behalf of Students, which was given in and read by Dr. Thompson, *Convener*, who moved that it be received and adopted, which motion was carried. It is as follows:—

I. Neil Gilmour.

Application made by Regina Presbytery to license and ordain to Mission work in the Crowstand Mission. Mr. Gilmour has taught in a public school six years, has been in the Indian work five years, and has done good service. Has already been appointed to the Crowstand Mission by the Foreign Mission Committee, who request that he be ordained.

The Presbytery have examined him as to personal qualifications and heartily recommend him.

Decision of Committee—That the Assembly be recommended to authorize the Regina Presbytery to take him on trial for license.

II. Application of Toronto Presbytery for leave to license J. G. Reid.

Facts—Mr. Reid was ill during examination at Knox College, but the Senate granted him a certificate of Standing *cum nota* of the facts.

Recommendation—That liberty be granted the Toronto Presbytery, as requested.

III. A. S. McLean.

Facts—Has passed the third year examination in the Literary Course, and also the subjects prescribed for First Year Theology.

Request—That he be allowed his standing as Second Year Student in Theology, although the two years' work were taken in one.

Recommendation—That the case be referred to the Senate of Montreal Presbyterian College, with power to issue.

IV. Hugh Matheson.

Application made for him by the Presbytery of Regina to get the standing of Student in Theology.

Facts—He has taken a course in Law, and has a fair knowledge of Greek, and some of Hebrew.

Recommended—That the prayer be granted.

ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

A Communication was received from Dr. W. H. Roberts, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system, Western Section, forwarding a report of the action taken by the Executive during the year for presentation to the Assembly, and appointing Dr. Cochrane to represent the Executive at this General Assembly.

Dr. Cochrane was heard in relation to the work of the Council of the Alliance.

It was moved by Dr. Warden, seconded by Mr. S. Houston, and agreed to:—

That the Communication from the Executive of the Presbyterian Alliance be received, and the Agent instructed to pay the quota of expense falling to our Church.

The General Assembly has listened with pleasure to the interesting statement of the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, who was appointed by the Alliance of the Reformed

Churches holding the Presbyterian system, to convey the salutations of that body to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Assembly expresses its continued interest in the work and aims of the Alliance, and is pleased to learn that it has been honoured greatly to promote a healthful and practical sympathy among the many branches of the Presbyterian Church throughout the world, and thus to advance the real unity of these Churches

The General Assembly desires to do its own work in the spirit which the Alliance so impressively represents.

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

A communication was received from Dr. W. H. Dewart, Stated Clerk of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, intimating that the Rev. Albert C. Sewall, D.D., *primarius*, and the Rev. Peter Crispell, *secundus*, had been appointed corresponding delegates to this General Assembly.

Dr. Sewall, not being able to appear in person, addressed a letter to the Assembly, which was read, conveying the greetings of the Church which he had been appointed to represent, and expressing the best wishes for the welfare of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Dr. Laing was appointed to draft a suitable reply to this communication.

END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the question submitted by the Finance Committee, Western Section, as to whether it would not be well to change the date at which the financial year of the Church should terminate to the 31st of March, which was given in and read by Dr. Morrison, *Convener*. The reception and adoption of the Report with its recommendation, after emendation, was moved by Dr. Morrison. The motion was seconded and carried. The following is the recommendation:—

The Committee respectfully report that they have considered the matter, and are of opinion that some change in this direction is needed, in order to give sufficient time to prepare reports for submission to the Assembly early in June. The Committee therefore agree to recommend to Assembly the adoption of March 31st as the close of the Church's Financial Year.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place at 2.30 p.m., of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT

At the same place, on the same day, at 2.30 p.m. :

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, conducted, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. T. A. Nelson.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

PETITION IN re REV. JAMES MURRAY.

There was read a petition from the Presbytery of Miramichi, asking leave to place on its Roll the name of the Rev. James Murray, a retired minister living within the bounds of the Presbytery, on the ground that the greater part of his

ministerial service was spent in the Presbytery, although he was a member of another Presbytery when allowed to retire, and both Presbyteries joined in the request.

Dr. N. McKim was heard in support of the petition, and moved that the request be granted. This was seconded and agreed to.

PETITION OF THE REV. J. B. MUIR, D.D.

There was read a petition of Rev. J. B. Muir, D.D., forwarded by the Presbytery of Montreal, asking leave of the Assembly to retire, on the ground that the leave thus granted would secure him a retiring allowance of \$400 from the Temporalities' Fund.

It was moved by Dr. R. Campbell, seconded and agreed to:—

That as the alleged ground of the application was not well-founded, it might not be to Dr. Muir's advantage to grant his request, and that consequently it be laid on the table.

PETITION IN RE REV. T. SCULAR.

There was presented a petition from the Presbytery of Westminster, asking that the name of Mr. T. Scular, recently appointed Chaplain to the Provincial Penitentiary, be retained on the Roll of Presbytery, in view of his long service in the Presbytery, and the valuable aid which his continuance as a member would afford the Presbytery. This petition was granted on motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. J. W. Muirhead.

APPEAL OF REV. W. HODNETT.

There was read an extract minute of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, dismissing the appeal of Rev. W. Hodnett against an action of the Presbytery of Rock Lake. Mr. Hodnett was heard in support of his appeal, when it was resolved to send the question to a Judicial Committee, to be named by the Moderator.

The Moderator named the following a Judicial Committee, and the nomination was accepted:—

Rev. Dr. Scrimger, *Convener*; Dr. P. M. Morrison, Messrs. H. McQuarrie, Jas. Patterson, W. MacKenzie, E. R. Hutt, J. G. Stuart, J. A. Anderson, James F. McLaren, Alex. Millar, *Ministers*; and James Fergie, Andrew Jeffrey, D. D. Wilson, Wm. Ross, George Keith, John Thompson, and J. T. Patterson, *Elders*.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND—EASTERN SECTION.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Eastern Section, which was presented by Mr. T. Cumming, in the absence of the Convener. Mr. Cumming closed his remarks with moving the following resolution, which was seconded and agreed to:—

The Assembly having heard the Report of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Eastern Section, receives the same, and expresses gratitude to God for the present satisfactory state of the Fund, recommends that all the Congregations within the bounds of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces contribute to the Fund, and strongly urges all the young ministers, who have not already done so, to identify themselves with the Fund, without delay.

The Assembly agrees to allow Rev. John W. Nelson and Rev. Gavin Sinclair to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and grants to Mr. Nelson an annuity of \$56, and to Mr. Sinclair an annuity of \$35.

It was further moved by Dr. N. MacKay, seconded by Dr. Morrison:—

That in reference to the application of Rev. T. G. Johnston for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, the papers in the case being complete, but sent in error to the Clerk of the Assembly, instead of to the Convener of the Committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, leave to retire at the end of the current year be granted as desired, and that authority be given to the Committee of the Eastern Section to place Mr. Johnston's name on the Roll of Beneficiaries of the Fund from January 1st, 1898.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND—WESTERN SECTION.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Western Section, which was presented by Mr. J. K. Macdonald, *Convener*, who called attention to the several items of importance in the same, as printed and in the hands of members, and concluded with moving the reception of the report. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. P. Wright, seconded by Mr. W. Drysdale:—

That the Report be adopted, that the cordial thanks of the Assembly be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener and to the Agent of the Fund, for their earnest and energetic efforts on behalf of the same; that gratitude to God be expressed for the goodly measure of success with which their efforts have been crowned, notwithstanding the commercial depression that has prevailed in every Province of the Dominion during the last three years; and further, that this Fund be recommended to all our people, and that our ministers be requested to afford every facility to the Agent in order that the Endowment aimed at may be secured.

The Assembly also approves of the action of the Committee in paying the full amount due to annuitants, trusting to the generosity of Congregations to make up the deficit.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the further consideration of the matter had to be postponed.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again this evening at 7.30 o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day, at 7.30 p.m. :

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. R. P. MacKay leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the afternoon Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPLY TO THE GREETING OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

Dr. Laing, as instructed at a former Sederunt, reported a suitable minute as an answer to the warm greeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, which was received and adopted as follows:—

This Assembly receives with pleasure the letter of the Rev. A. C. Sewall, D.D., extending fraternal greetings from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. It takes this opportunity of expressing the high esteem entertained by this Church in Canada for that venerable branch of the Church of God, and the

appreciation of its unwavering adherence to the Doctrines and Discipline and Government of the Reformed Churches; also of the services rendered in early times to our Presbyterian people in Canada, before sufficient assistance could be obtained from the parent Churches in Britain. The Assembly also is gratified by the expression in Dr. Sewall's letter of interest and sympathy with our people in their efforts to solve the most important problems, religious and educational, which from time to time arise among us. The Assembly further thanks the Synod for its fraternal remembrance and cordially reciprocates its good wishes, and implores the blessing of God on the Reformed Church in all its work for the Lord, carried on at home and abroad.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Foreign Missions, which was presented by Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Joint Convener, who directed attention briefly to the salient points of the same, as printed and in the hands of members. He moved, seconded by Dr. Morrison:—

That the Report be received, and that it be referred to a Committee to be nominated by the Moderator, with instructions to prepare resolutions to be submitted to the Assembly at a subsequent Sederunt.

The motion was adopted. The Moderator, as requested, named the following such a Committee. The nomination was accepted:—

Mr. Thos. Cumming, *Convener*; Dr. McTavish, Prof. Baird, Messrs. David McLaren, J. A. McLean, A. Graham, D. Strachan, D. G. McQueen, *Ministers*; and D. McCrae, Geo. A. Young, John McLeod, R. H. Ferguson, J. R. Alexander, *Elders*.

ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES.

Dr. Buchanan.

After the singing of a hymn Dr. Buchanan was introduced, and gave a brief address on the character and situation of the Bheels, the aborigines of Central India, and set forth the hopeful features of the work already begun among them.

Mr. N. H. Russell.

The next to address the Assembly was Mr. N. H. Russell, who earnestly appealed to the Church at home not to compel by its lack of liberality the staff in India to dispense with any of the Agencies in operation, for lack of funds, for never before was the work in Central India more hopeful than now.

Mr. A. J. McLeod.

Another hymn being sung, Mr. A. J. McLeod gave an interesting account of the good work doing by our Church among the Indians in the North-West Territories, and especially in the Industrial School over which he presides.

Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie.

Mr. Murdoch MacKenzie addressed the Assembly on Missic work among the Chinese in Honan, where he and his colleagues have been labouring for several years with zeal and success, showing the special difficulties of the work, which God by His Grace was enabling them to overcome, so that encouraging results were being secured by the good hand of the Lord upon them.

The long metre Doxology being sung, the Assembly adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9.30, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

At Winnipeg, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the 15th day of June, 1897, at 9.30 a.m.:

The General Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. M. MacKenzie leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

LOYAL ADDRESSES.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Loyal Addresses, which was given in and read by Dr. Gordon, *Convener*. The report was received. He first submitted the draft of the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, which, on motion, duly seconded, was adopted, the Assembly rising and singing the National Anthem.

The draft of the Address to His Excellency the Governor-General was also submitted, and met with the approval of the Assembly, being unanimously adopted.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The Committee on Loyal Addresses also reported a minute, which they recommended should be engrossed in the Record of the Assembly, and on motion, duly seconded, it was received and adopted, as follows:—

In view of the approaching Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, the General Assembly would place on record their profound thankfulness to Almighty God for Her Majesty's long and beneficent reign. They recognize with gratitude the unrivalled progress made, during Her Majesty's reign, in the moral, intellectual and political condition of the people.

While the extent of Her Majesty's Empire has been vastly increased, the various portions of the Empire have been brought into closer relations with the Mother Country, and the separate Colonies of British North America, from ocean to ocean, have been united into one loyal Dominion.

The facilities of communication have been multiplied beyond all precedent through the introduction of railways and steamships, through the application of electric power, and through the extended postal service.

The suppression of slavery, the relief of human suffering, the care of the sick and the poor, the reform of the vicious, and the administration of justice have been advanced in a degree unequalled in previous history.

With special gratitude would the Assembly refer to the extension of the Missionary operations of the Church of Christ during Her Majesty's reign.

In recognition of these and other blessings that have rendered illustrious the reign of our Gracious Sovereign, as well as of the personal influence which, by the Grace of God, Her Majesty has been enabled to exercise for the welfare of her Empire, the General Assembly appoint that public thanksgiving be offered in the regular services of all the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, upon the twentieth day of the present month, in commemoration of Her Majesty's accession to the throne.

RECORD OF THE SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Committee appointed to examine the Record of the Synod of Hamilton and London, reported the same as carefully and correctly kept, and recommended that they be attested accordingly.

The Report was received and adopted.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The discussion of Mr. P. Wright's motion for the adoption of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was resumed, Mr. Drysdale, who seconded the motion, addressing the house.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The order of the day for fixing the time and place of next meeting, and considering the Remit on the question of Representation and the kindred matters sent down to Presbyteries, having arrived, it was moved by Principal Caven, seconded by Principal Macrae:—

That the General Assembly do first determine the place of its next meeting. The motion was carried.

It was then moved by Mr. R. Murray, seconded by Mr. A. Gandier:—

That the General Assembly next year be held at Halifax.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Walter Paul:—

That the General Assembly meet next year in the City of Montreal.

The amendment was carried over the motion, and affirmed as the judgment of the House.

It was then moved by Mr. W. Paul, seconded by Mr. R. Murray, and carried:—

That the Assembly meet next year in Knox Church, Montreal, on the second Wednesday of June, at 7.30 p.m.

REPRESENTATION IN THE ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the Returns of Presbyteries on the Remit sent down to them on the question of a change of representation in the Assembly:—

It was moved by Principal Macrae, seconded by Mr. R. Murray:—

That in accordance with the expressed mind of the Church it be and is hereby enacted that section (1) of the Act constituting the Assembly be amended to read as follows:—

The General Assembly's shall consist of one-sixth of the whole number of Ministers whose names are on the Rolls of the several Presbyteries of the Church, and an equal number of Elders.

The motion being put was lost.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The discussion of the motion as to the disposal of the Report of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was resumed. The motion of Mr. P. Wright was adopted.

It was moved by Dr. D. L. MacCrae, seconded by J. H. Graham:—

That a small Committee be appointed to confer with the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, to look into the whole question of the regulations and administration of the Fund, with a view of inducing a greater number of our Ministers to connect themselves with it, and of drawing out towards it a

larger liberality on the part of our Congregations—to report to the next General Assembly.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the further discussion of this matter had to be postponed.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day, at 2.30 p.m.

The General Assembly met as per adjournment and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. W. Burns leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the morning Sederunt were read and sustained.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Assembly resumed consideration of Dr. D. L. MacCrae's motion in relation to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The motion was carried.

ASSEMBLY RECORD.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Record of the General Assembly, which was given in by Dr. Sutherland, *Convener*. The Report bore that the minutes were carefully and correctly kept, in accordance with the regulations of the Church, and the Committee recommended that they be attested accordingly. The Report was received and adopted.

APPLICATION *re* MR. A. MATHESON.

An application was read from the Presbytery of Winnipeg on behalf of Mr. A. Matheson, of Springfield, asking that he may be allowed to retire, with benefit from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

It was moved by Dr. Warden, duly seconded and agreed to:—

That the application be referred to the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, with power to deal with the case.

APPLICATION *re* MR. J. GEDDES.

An application was read from the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories on behalf of Mr. J. Geddes, formerly a Missionary in the employ of the Church, that he should receive an increased grant from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Prof. Baird was heard in support of the application.

Mr. A. Matheson moved, seconded by Mr. C. W. Gordon:—

That the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be instructed to pay Mr. Geddes \$150 a year.

To this it was moved in amendment by Dr. Warden, seconded by Mr. H. Jassels:—

The General Assembly regrets that it is unable, in conformity with the regulations under which the Fund is administered, to grant the application. The amendment was carried over the motion, and was affirmed as the judgment of the Assembly.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE VOTE ON REPRESENTATION IN THE ASSEMBLY.

Mr. J. A. Reddon gave notice that at the next Sederunt he would move, seconded by Mr. Jas. McLean, a reconsideration of the vote taken at the forenoon Sederunt, regarding representation in the Assembly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARIES' MEMORIAL.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Special Committee on the Memorial of certain Missionaries in Central India, which was given in and read by Dr. Gordon, *Concuer*, who moved the reception of the Report and the consideration of its recommendations serialim. The motion was seconded and carried.

The recommendations were severally considered and adopted, when, on motion of Dr. Gordon, duly seconded, the report was adopted as a whole as follows:—

1. That the Council of Missionaries in Central India Mission, as now constituted, cease to exist.

2. That the Treasurer of the Mission be appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee, and that his duties be defined by the Committee.

3. That the ordained Missionaries from Canada, who have been one year in the field, and who have passed their first examination in the language, shall be a Committee to prepare yearly estimates for their own work, to be forwarded through the Presbytery to the Foreign Mission Committee, and to have general supervision of the finances of such work.

4. That the lady Missionaries be constituted into a Council with the right to meet, discuss and formulate their views on all matters bearing upon their own work; to prepare estimates for that work, and to take such action as may be necessary for conducting their work, subject to the direction of the Foreign Mission Committee; with right also to meet the Presbytery at any of its ordinary meetings, to present their views in open Court, and after conference, to forward a statement of their views, with estimates of their work, to the Foreign Mission Committee through the Presbytery; and that in preparing their estimates the Ladies' Council be recommended to invite the assistance of the Treasurer. To be eligible for membership in this Council, Missionaries must have spent a year in India and have passed the first examination in the language.

5. That the Foreign Mission Committee shall, at the most convenient time, decide approximately the sum that can be spent in India for the year following, and intimate this to the Treasurer, for the guidance of the Finance Committee and the Ladies' Council in making up their estimates in detail; that in any reduction of grants, as compared with their estimates, it is recommended that, so far as practicable, the Foreign Mission Committee adopt the proportion of grants approved by the Committee of ordained Missionaries and by the Ladies' Council respectively. Salaries of Missionaries from the Canadian Church shall not be affected by this recommendation.

6. That these resolutions be adopted ad interim, and that they be transmitted to the Missionaries in India with the request that they report their views upon them, through the Presbytery, to the Foreign Mission Committee, for presentation to the next General Assembly.

7. That the Foreign Mission Committee be authorized to take the necessary steps to give effect to these resolutions.

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TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day, at 7.30 p.m. :

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. A. Ross leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator. The minutes of the afternoon Sederunt were read and sustained.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE VOTE ON REPRESENTATION.

Mr. J. A. Reddon made the motion, of which he had given notice in the afternoon, seconded by Mr. J. McLean:—

That the decision reached in the forenoon, in regard to the question of representation in the Assembly, be reconsidered.

A vote being taken, the motion was lost.

COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee of Assembly appointed to nominate the Standing Committees of the Church, presented an interim report, submitting the names recommended for the Hymnal Committee, which, on motion, duly seconded, was received and adopted.

AUGMENTATION—EAST AND WEST.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Augmentation Committee, East and West.

The Report from the Eastern Section was presented by Dr. Bruce, who drew attention to its leading features, as printed and in the hands of members, and concluded with moving, seconded by Mr. E. S. Bayne, as follows:—

The General Assembly receives the Report of the Committee on Augmentation, Eastern Section, expresses satisfaction with the many gratifying features of the work stated in the Report; but regrets that the receipts for the Fund were not quite sufficient to pay the grants in full; and particularly calls the attention of Presbyteries to the importance of such close supervision as will secure, on the one hand, constant increase in the giving to the Fund, and for self-support by the Augmented charges, and, on the other, more general and liberal contributions to the Fund, on the part of non-aided congregations, so that payments may not disappoint the just expectations of those to whom aid has been promised.

The Assembly refers to the Committee all the cases requiring attention before the close of the year, and authorizes it to deal with them as all the circumstances may require.

The Assembly earnestly prays that the blessing of God may continue to rest on this all-important branch of the Church's work.

The motion was carried.

WESTERN SECTION.

The Report of the Western Section was submitted by Dr. Warden, in the absence of the Convener. He called attention to the salient features of the Report as printed and in the hands of members, and concluded with offering the following motion, duly seconded by Mr. W. T. Herridge:—

That the Report be received and its recommendations adopted; that cordial thanks be tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener; that the General Assembly commend anew the Scheme to the sympathy and liberality of the Congregations, Sabbath Schools and Christian Endeavour Societies of the Church.

The resolution was adopted.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Board of French Evangelization, which was presented by Dr. Scrimger, in the absence of the Chairman and Secretary. Dr. Scrimger, in explaining the operations of the Board for the year, pointed out many features of special interest in the report, which should encourage the Church to prosecute with renewed vigour the work to which it put its hands so many years ago. He concluded with adverting to the proposal that Coligny College should be taken over from the control of the Board and placed under the charge of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

It was then moved by Dr. MacTavish, seconded by Mr. P. Wright, and agreed to:—

That the Report of the Board of French Evangelization be received, that the Assembly express its satisfaction at the success which has continued to attend the work of this Scheme during the year, in all its various departments, and commend it anew to the liberality of the Congregations of the Church, as well as of individuals, Sabbath Schools, and Young People's Societies.

COLIGNY COLLEGE.

There was read an extract minute of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, craving that the Assembly transfer Coligny College from under the control of the Board of French Evangelization and place it under control of a new Board, to be constituted out of members of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, or otherwise as may seem good to the Assembly.

It was moved by Dr. Warden, duly seconded, and carried:—

That the extract minute of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa be received, and that it be referred, along with the recommendation of the Board of French Evangelization anent Coligny College, to a Committee to be named by the Moderator, to report at a later Sederunt of this Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON COLIGNY COLLEGE.

The Moderator named the following as such Committee:—Dr. Scrimger, *Convener*; Messrs. E. Scott, W. T. Herridge, Principal King, P. Wright, *Ministers*; and Walter Paul, and J. M. Clark, *Elders*.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

The Moderator nominated the following as the Committee to confer with the Committee for the Management of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund:—

Dr. D. L. McCrae, *Convener*; Messrs. J. A. Turnbull, J. G. Shearer, E. R. Hutt, and W. G. Jordan, *Ministers*; and Messrs. G. Rutherford, Col. D. McCrae, J. Armstrong, and J. R. McNeill, *Elders*. The nomination was accepted.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow at 9.30 a.m., of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

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THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

At Winnipeg, and within St. Andrew's Church there, June 16th, 1897, at 9.30 a.m.:

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. J. M. Miller leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, which was given in and read by Dr. Cochrane, Convener, setting forth all the items yet to be dealt with. He moved its reception. This was seconded and agreed to.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESTMINSTER ASSEMBLY.

This year being the 250th since the completion of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, the following resolution was offered by Mr. R. Murray, seconded by Mr. S. Houston, and carried:—

The General Assembly recommends to Presbyteries and Sessions to take suitable measures for celebrating the 250th anniversary of the completion of the Confession of Faith and Catechism by the Westminster Assembly of Divines.

CASE OF MRS. GAVIN ROSS.

A petition was read from Mrs. Gavin Ross, craving that the Assembly cause to be investigated a charge which she alleges was made against her in a letter of October 7th, 1891, recorded by the Session of Carmel Church, and the Presbytery of Huron.

On motion, duly seconded, the petition was laid on the table.

MOTION OF DR. CAVEN re SCHOOLS.

Principal Caven offered the motion, of which he had given notice at a previous Sederunt, with regard to religious instruction in Public Schools. It was seconded by Principal Grant and carried.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES OF HONAN AND INDORE.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Honan and Indore, which was given in and read by Dr. Laing, Convener, who moved its reception and adoption. This was seconded and agreed to. It bore:—

1. That no Record for either of these Presbyteries has been submitted for review.

2. That in order to secure adequate oversight of the proceedings of these Presbyteries, while recognizing the difficulty of having the Books of Record annually submitted to the General Assembly, the Committee suggests the following plan as suitable in the premises:—

(1) That each of these Presbyteries be instructed to send, not later than the 1st day of April in each year, to the Clerk of Assembly, a certified typewritten or printed copy of its proceedings for the year then closed, in such form as will be suitable for being put on file.

(2) That these copies of minutes shall be submitted for review, and after examination shall be attested in the usual way by the Moderator of the Assembly, and afterwards shall be kept by the Clerk of Assembly on file.

(3) That a duplicate of the attestation shall be sent to each Presbytery, which

shall be permanently attached in its proper place to the permanent record of the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to report a suitable deliverance on the Foreign Mission Report, which was given in and read by Mr. T. Cumming, Convener, who moved that it be received and its recommendations considered seriatim. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

While these recommendations were still under consideration, the hour of adjournment arrived.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day, at 2.30 p.m.:

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Henry Gracey leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the morning Sederunt were read and sustained.

THE FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

Before resuming consideration of the recommended deliverance on Foreign Missions, the Assembly engaged in prayer on behalf of the Foreign Mission work of the Church, Mr. Walter Paul and Mr. J. A. Turnbull leading the supplications of the Assembly at the request of the Moderator.

The several recommendations of the proposed deliverance were adopted, and on motion of Mr. T. Cumming, duly seconded, the report was adopted as a whole, as follows:—

That the General Assembly record their gratitude to Almighty God for the success attending the labours of our Missionaries in the different fields occupied by the Church, their sympathy with the brethren who have been made to pass through affliction, especially with the Church in Formosa, where so many have been removed by violence and death, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may sanctify these afflictions to His children, and the extension of His own kingdom; that the General Assembly express their sense of the loss sustained by the Church in the death of Mrs. Ewart, and their appreciation of the services rendered by her to the Foreign Mission work, and extend their sympathy to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society in the great loss which they have sustained by her death, and record their satisfaction with the effort put forth by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, East and West, not only for carrying on and extending the Mission work of the Church, but also with the special effort being put forth to remove the deficit resting on the General Fund.

That the General Assembly, as recommended by the Foreign Mission Committee, refer the proposal to begin Mission work in Korea to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, with power to take final action in regard to it.

That the General Assembly express their preference for the present method of performing the Maritime service of the New Hebrides Mission, namely, by arrangement with a commercial line of steamers; that the General Assembly ap-

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prove of the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Committee (W. D.) that there be added to that Committee for the present year one of the members of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and that the General Assembly appoint the Rev. Prof. Baird to act in that capacity.

ESTIMATES—EASTERN DIVISION.

New Hebrides	\$ 7,000 00
Trinidad, St. Lucia and Demerara	21,000 00
Deficit	4,000 00
Interest and expenses	1,000 00
	<u>\$33,000 00</u>

WESTERN DIVISION.

General Fund.

India	\$ 22,733 00
Formosa	9,436 00
Honan	16,500 00
Indians (N. W.)	6,600 00
Indians (B. C.)	1,020 00
Chinese (B. C.)	4,020 00
Chinese (Ontario and Quebec)	1,500 00
General expenses	6,200 00
Deficit	9,685 00
	<u>\$77,694 00</u>

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY (W.D.)

India	\$ 26,105 00
Honan	2,700 00
Formosa	1,125 00
Indians (Man. and N. W.)	10,731 00
Indians (B. C.)	2,170 00
	<u>\$42,831 00</u>

TOTALS.

Eastern Division	\$ 33,000 00
Western Division, General Fund	77,694 00
Western Division, Woman's Foreign Mission's So'ty	42,831 00
	<u>\$153,525 00</u>

With regard to the complaint in the report, that many congregations in some Presbyteries have failed to respond to the appeals made to them on behalf of this Scheme, Principal Caven, seconded by Mr. J. Hogg, moved:—The General Assembly is under obligation to use every effort to carry forward with the utmost efficiency the entire work of Foreign Missions, entrusted to it in the Providence of God; but unless the Church shall contribute with increasing liberality for the support of our Foreign work, retrenchment in it will be rendered inevitable.

The General Assembly thankfully recognizes the growing liberality which characterizes so many of our congregations, but notes with regret that not a few Congregations and Presbyteries are as yet doing almost nothing for the evangeliza-

tion of the world. The Assembly, with great earnestness, instructs the Presbyteries of the Church to see to it that the general work of the Church, and especially the work of Foreign Missions, is effectively brought before all the congregations under their care, and, if possible, that some method of systematic giving be adopted by every one of these congregations, the Assembly being assured that in this way the Missionary revenue may be much increased.

The motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. D. McCrae gave notice that he would move, seconded by Mr. D. Strachan, at a future Sederunt, the following resolution:—

That in the opinion of this General Assembly it is desirable to put the whole of the Mission work of the Church under the control of one Committee to be designated the Mission Committee, sub-divided into Eastern and Western Sections.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Church and Manse Building Fund, which was given in and read by Chief Justice Taylor, the Convener. It was moved by Mr. R. Murray, seconded by Principal King, and resolved:—

The Assembly receives and adopts the Report; expresses its gratification with the work being done by the Board, and its appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Robertson in Britain, and cordially thanks the Christian friends in Britain who, recognizing the importance of the work of Church building in the North-West, have so generously responded to the appeal for assistance in carrying it on. The Assembly desires at the same time to express its warm appreciation of the services of Chief Justice Taylor, Chairman of the Board.

COLIGNY COLLEGE.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Special Committee charged with considering the application of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and the recommendation of the Board of French Evangelization, as to the transfer of Coligny College, which was given in and read by Dr. Scrimger, Convener, who moved that it be received and its recommendations considered seriatim. This was seconded and agreed to.

The recommendations were amended and finally adopted as a whole, as follows:—

1. That the thanks of the Assembly are due to the Board of French Evangelization for its careful and wise administration, whereby the College has been brought into its present efficient and prosperous condition.

2. That in view of the character, which its work has necessarily come to assume, as a College for English-speaking young ladies, it is desirable, both in the interest of the French Board and of the College, that it should not longer continue to be administered by that Board.

3. That inasmuch as the Presbyteries of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa have shown their interest in this institution and an appreciation of the work it is doing by providing a guarantee fund of \$1,775 a year, for three years, in the confident hope that by that time it may be entirely self-sustaining, the Assembly hereby appoints a Board representative of these Presbyteries, as follows:—Mr. W. T. Herridge (Chairman), Wm. Moore, D.D., W. D. Armstrong, Ph.D., Messrs. J. R. McLeod, J. Scrimger, D.D., W. R. Cruikshank, B.A., N. McNish, LL.D., A. H.

Scott, W. A. McKenzie, B.D., and Hon. E. H. Bronson, Levi Crannell, Geo. Hay, Jas. Moodie, F. Frost, M.P., and Colin McArthur, with power to appoint an Executive Committee; which Board shall immediately assume the administration of the College with instructions to continue its work and to report annually to the Assembly, also to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

4. That the Assembly authorize the change of name from Coligny College to that of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Ottawa, and that it be recommended to the members of the Church as a suitable institution to which they may send their daughters for higher education.

5. That the Board be further instructed to procure, with as little delay as possible, an Act of Incorporation, empowering it to hold the property of the College for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with authority to borrow money on the security of the property, to the extent of existing liabilities, and to perform other such legal acts as may be found necessary in its interest, subject to the approval of the Assembly.

6. That as soon as this Act of Incorporation has been obtained, they be authorized to take over the property of the College from the parties who now hold it on behalf of the Board of French Evangelization, and provide for the repayment of the sum of \$25,000 which that Board has advanced on loan to the College.

7. That, until this is done, the interest on this sum that is now due, or may become due at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, be a first charge on the guarantee fund that has been provided by the Presbyteries as it shall be collected.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on applications of Presbyteries for leave to receive Ministers of other Churches into the Ministry of this Church, which was given in and read by Dr. Laing, Convener, who moved that it be received and its several recommendations considered. They were, after consideration, amended and adopted as a whole as follows:—

Your Committee on the Reception of Ministers begs leave to report that all the applications submitted have been dealt with, and makes the following recommendations:—

1. That the application of the Presbytery of Montreal, for leave to receive Rev. Alfred Logan, B.D., be granted.

2. That the application of the Presbytery of Montreal, for leave to receive Rev. David Downie, M.A., be granted.

3. That the application of the Presbytery of Paris, for leave to receive Rev. Perry A. Tinkham, be granted.

4. That the application of the Presbytery of Brockville, for leave to receive Rev. Alfred Fitzpatrick, B.A., be granted.

5. That the application of the Presbytery of Halifax, for leave to receive Rev. Dr. W. S. Whittier, be granted.

6. That the application of the Presbytery of Halifax, for leave to receive Rev. A. P. Logan, be granted.

7. That the application of the Presbytery of Guelph, for leave to receive Rev. B. B. Williams, be granted.

8. That the application of the Presbytery of Guelph, for leave to receive Rev. David Anderson, be granted.

9. That the application of the Presbytery of St. John, for leave to receive Rev. Chas. W. Irwin, be granted.

10. That the application of the Presbytery of Winnipeg, for leave to receive Mr. Henry George Gunn, B.A., be granted.

11. That the application of the Presbytery of Glenboro, for leave to receive Mr. Nathaniel Stevenson, be granted, on his attending the remainder of the present session of Manitoba College, and on his passing the examination of the III. year in Theology.

12. That the application of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, for leave to receive Mr. Robert Harkness, B.A., be granted, but before being ordained, that he be required to supplement his previous studies in Theology by pursuing a year's course of study under the care of the Presbytery.

13. That leave be granted to the Presbytery of Barrie to receive the Rev. W. T. Noble as a Minister of the Church; but before being eligible for a call, he spend a year in Mission work under the direction of the Presbytery.

The other applications considered by the Committee were not recommended.

(1) Your Committee further recommend that, owing to the defective form in which some of the applications are sent up to the General Assembly, it be an instruction to Presbyteries to have regard in their applications to the provisions of the Act on the Reception of Ministers.

(2) That inasmuch as the number graduating from our six Theological Colleges yearly is amply sufficient for the needs of the Church, Presbyteries and Ministers be urged to discourage applicants from other Churches.

Your Committee would further report that only eight applicants complied with the regulation of the Assembly, which requires that applicants shall appear in person before the Committee. In the other cases, it appears that the several Presbyteries had advised the applicants that an appearance in their case would not be necessary.

The Committee reports on the Returns from Presbyteries to the Remit *re* the Reception of Ministers, that seven Presbyteries sent in Returns to the Remits, namely:—Toronto, Guelph, Maitland, Barrie, Montreal, Miramichi, Truro.

Of these four, namely:—Guelph, Montreal, Miramichi, and Truro, approve.

Three disapprove, namely:—Toronto, Maitland and Barrie.

OVERTURE *re* ORDINATION OF MR. SWARTOUT.

There was presented and read an Overture from the Presbytery of Victoria, craving permission to ordain Mr. Swartout. Mr. W. L. Clay was heard in support of the Overture, and moved, seconded by Dr. Fletcher:—

That the Overture be received and referred to a Committee to be nominated by the Moderator.

The motion was carried.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place at 2.30 p.m., of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day, at 7.30 p.m.:

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. J. S. Boyd, of Hillsburg, North Dakota, leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the afternoon Sederunt were read and confirmed.

COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION *re* MR. SWARTOUT.

The Moderator named the following a Committee on the Overture of the Presbytery of Victoria, regarding the induction of Mr. Swartout:—

Mr. D. G. McQueen, *Convener*; Messrs. R. P. McKay, James Farquharson, Prof. Ross, *Ministers*; Hamilton Cassels, J. D. Higginbotham, *Elders*.

The nomination was accepted.

OVERTURE *re* DR. WOODS.

There was presented and read an Overture from the Presbytery of Indore, craving leave to ordain Dr. Woods as an Elder. The Overture was received and referred to the Committee charged with dealing with the Overture regarding Mr. Swartout.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare a deliverance on the Sabbath School Report, which was given in and read by Dr. Fletcher, Convener, who moved that it be received and its recommendations considered *seriatim*. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

While the consideration of these recommendations was proceeding, the hour fixed for taking up the Report of the Committee on Church Life and Work arrived, and the further discussion of the Sabbath School Report had to be postponed.

REPORT ON CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Church Life and Work, which was presented by Mr. P. Wright, Convener, who drew attention to both the darker and brighter aspects of the Religious Life of the Church, set forth in the Report, as printed and in the hands of members, and concluded with moving the reception of the Report, and the consideration of its recommendations *seriatim*. This was seconded and agreed to. The first nine recommendations were considered, amended and adopted, when further action had to be postponed, on account of the arrival of the hour fixed for hearing a deputation from the Methodist Church.

DELEGATION FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH.

A delegation from the Conference of Manitoba and the North-West, in the Methodist Church of Canada, consisting of Principal Sparling and Professor Stewart, was introduced and addressed the Assembly, bringing the warm greetings of the Church which they represented, and expressing the best wishes for this Church in carrying on the work of Christ in the land.

Principal Caven moved the following resolution, seconded by Principal King:—

The General Assembly has listened with much pleasure to the addresses of Doctors Sparling and Stewart, the representatives of the Conference of Manitoba and the North-West, in the Methodist Church of Canada. The General Assembly

prays that the blessing of God may abundantly rest upon the Methodist Church, and that through its zealous labours the Kingdom of our Lord may be greatly advanced.

The motion was unanimously carried, and the Moderator communicated the resolution to the respected delegates from the Methodist Church.

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

Resuming the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Church Life and Work, it was on motion, duly seconded, resolved to postpone further discussion of the subject till to-morrow morning.

DR. ROBERTSON'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, just returned from his visit to Great Britain and Ireland, where he has been advocating the cause of our Home Mission work for some months past, was introduced and addressed the Assembly, and gave an account of the reception he had from the parent Churches, and of the success attending his appeals.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

At Winnipeg, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the 17th day of June, 1897, at 9.30 a m.:

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Dr. Scrimger leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to nominate the Standing Committees of the Church for the year, which was given in and read by Mr. H. Gracey, Convener, who moved its reception and the consideration of its recommendations seriatim. This was seconded and agreed to. They were considered, amended and adopted, with the exception of the Home Mission Committee and Augmentation Committee, Western Section, the nominations for which were remitted to the Committee, also excepting the Foreign Mission Committee and the Sabbath School Committee, the final formation of which was delayed, for cause.

GOVERNORS OF MORRIN COLLEGE.

It was agreed to name two Governors of Morrin College:—Rev. D. Taft, and Rev. J. Barclay, D.D., were accordingly appointed.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The nomination of the Foreign Mission Committee, Western Section, contained the names of Mr. Hamilton Cassels and Dr. MacLaren. These brethren intimated that they did not desire to continue on the Committee. In this connection, it was moved by Dr. Bruce, seconded by Dr. Warden, and carried:—

That the Moderator appoint a Special Committee to confer with Mr. Cassels and Dr. MacLaren on the matter of their declining nomination on the Foreign

Mission Committee, in the hope that they may be prevailed upon to change their mind; and in the event of this not being possible, to bring in a name for nomination as Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee.

COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH MR. CASSELS AND DR. MACLAREN.

The Moderator as requested nominated the following Committee:—Dr. Thompson, *Convener*; Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Scrimger, Dr. Somerville, J. A. Turnbull, the mover and seconder, *Ministers*; with Messrs. Jeffrey, D. McCrae and W. Paul, *Elders*.

The nomination was accepted.

REPORT ON UNION.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Union, which was given in and read by Principal Caven, Convener. He concluded with moving, seconded by Principal King, the reception and adoption of the report, which reads as follows:—

The Convener of the Committee on Union with other Churches regrets that owing to his illness at the somewhat late period when he had purposed to consult by circular the widely scattered members of the Committee, no action falls to be reported for the past year. The members of the Committee, who are present at this Assembly, believing that an organ for conference with other Churches on the important subject of Union and of united action for practical purposes, should continue to exist, have agreed to recommend the General Assembly to reappoint the Committee, with power to resolve itself into three sections, corresponding in locality to the three sections of the Union Committee of the Methodist Church in Canada, thus facilitating conference on the questions which the Committee was last year instructed to consider.

The motion was carried.

LIFE AND WORK.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the recommendations of the Report of the Committee on Church Life and Work.

In discussing the last clause, Dr. Laing moved in amendment, duly seconded, that all the words after "Date" be deleted. The amendment being put, was lost.

The clause was then adopted. On motion of Mr. P. Wright, the report amended was adopted as a whole, as follows:—

1. That this Assembly, while gratefully recognizing the Divine blessing that has so evidently rested on the Ministers and people of our Church during the past year, enabling them to bear witness to the truth both in life and doctrine, yet feels that a richer baptism of God's Spirit, and a more complete consecration of God's people, are needed before the Church can be clothed with invincible power in rescuing sinful men.

2. That Presbyteries and Sessions be urged anew to bring before all parents and guardians of youth the supreme importance of family religion, and strive to roll away from professedly Christian homes the reproach of neglected family altars.

3. That Ministers and Elders be earnestly entreated to consider what they can do to make the prayer meeting more attractive and helpful to the people, so that it may be a greater spiritual force in our Church life.

4. That Presbyteries be strongly recommended to adopt some form of Presbyterial visitation, with the special design of promoting the spiritual life of the people.

5. That Ministers, Elders, Deacons, or Managers be affectionately urged to adopt, wherever possible, the Spiritual method of carrying on the Lord's work, namely, by voluntary, systematic, proportionate weekly offerings.

6. That this Assembly, prizing above all price the Christian Sabbath as a Divine Institution, and as an unspeakable blessing to mankind, both in its bearing on the spiritual nature and in its benignant aspect towards the sons of toil, would express its deepest sympathy with all the efforts put forth by the Churches, by the Lord's Day Alliance and its Branches, and by all Christian people, to preserve to ourselves and to our children the precious boon of a quiet and restful Sabbath.

7. That this Assembly would further record its appreciation of the helpful character of recent Ontario Legislation on the Sabbath question, and trust it is only the harbinger of other and still more effective safeguards of Sabbath sanctity; and would express its satisfaction with efforts made in the Dominion Parliament to protect from public violation the sacred day of rest.

8. That while the Assembly rejoices in the growth of Temperance sentiment, it would not less earnestly urge Ministers, Elders, Parents, Sabbath School and Public School Teachers, to spare no effort to instil into the minds of the young Temperance principles, enforced by scriptural and scientific sanctions; and that total abstinence on moral and philanthropic grounds be earnestly advocated.

9. That our people are hereby earnestly exhorted to use their utmost endeavours in every lawful way to carry the *plebiscite* in favour of Prohibition by an overwhelming majority, and thus free the Church from one of its deadliest foes, our land from untold misery and crime, and our modern civilization from its direst reproach and shame; and further, this Assembly would express the sincere hope that the Dominion Government will submit this question to the electorate at the earliest convenient date untrammelled by any other political or financial issue.

Thereupon Dr. Laing craved leave to dissent from the last clause of section 9, in his own name and in name of all that may join with him. Principal Macrae, Col. D. McCrae, Mr. D. Strachan, Dr. Gordon, and Mr. D. A. McLean joined in the dissent.

It was moved by Mr. J. Hay, seconded by Mr. J. R. Gilchrist, and carried:—

That the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to Mr. P. Wright for his concise, clear and admirable report on Church Life and Work, and the Assembly expresses the hope that Mr. Wright will retain the Convener'ship for the ensuing year.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Principal Caven moved, seconded by Mr. P. Wright:—

The General Assembly deems it incumbent upon it at the present time to direct the attention of the members and adherents of the Church to their duty in relation to the Lord's Day.

The observance of the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, rests upon Divine authority, and must not be regarded as having only ecclesiastical sanction. The institution of the Sabbath at the beginning of human history, the incorporation of the Sabbath law in the Decalogue, and the reasons assigned for setting apart the day of weekly rest, clearly show that the keeping of the Sabbath is permanently binding upon all nations and all classes of men.

In observing, according to New Testament authority, the first day of the week instead of the seventh, we commemorate at once the creation of the world and the resurrection of Christ; and the Lord's Day, even as the original Sabbath, is to be regarded as a day of rest and worship.

The unspeakable value of the Sabbath in relation both to the physical and spiritual well-being of man is attested by all history. Where the weekly Sabbath is not honoured, the Church is seriously hindered in doing its work, while all the temporal interests suffer rather than benefit. The General Assembly is painfully aware of the extent to which the Lord's Day is desecrated in nearly all Christian countries, and of the persistent efforts made in our own land by business and pleasure to encroach upon the Sabbath. Unless Christian people shall recognize the danger, and shall unite in defending the Lord's Day from the attacks made upon it in so many forms and from so many quarters, we may before long find that Canada has lost its place as a land distinguished for keeping the Sabbath and reverencing the Sanctuary.

The General Assembly, therefore, earnestly and affectionately exhorts all those whom it represents, to use faithfully the Lord's Day for the holy ends of its appointment, to refrain from all encroachments on its rest, except what "necessity and mercy" justify, and strenuously to bear their part in defending the priceless inheritance of the sacred weekly rest.

The resolution was adopted.

REPORT *re* APPLICATION OF MR. MACKNIGHT.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the application of the Presbytery of Peterboro' as to the status of Mr. MacKnight, which was given in and read by Mr. P. Wright, Convener, who moved its reception and adoption. The report is as follows:—

The Committee appointed to consider the application of Mr. MacKnight to be restored to the full status of the ministry of this Church, begs leave to report that it has carefully perused all the papers on the subject, and also had conference with a representative of the Presbytery of Peterboro', from which the application comes, and with the Revs. Dr. Laing and Fletcher, of the Presbytery of Hamilton; and after full consideration, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that Mr. MacKnight's status as a Catechist be left undisturbed for another year, and that meanwhile the Presbyteries of Peterboro' and Hamilton be instructed to confer with each other on the matter, and report to next Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WITH MR. CASSELS AND DR. MACLAREN.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Cassels and Dr. MacLaren, which was given in and read by Dr. Thompson, Convener, who moved its reception and adoption. This was seconded and agreed to. It is as follows:—

Committee to meet Mr. Cassels and Dr. MacLaren with a view to inducing them to reconsider their decision to act on the Foreign Mission Committee, met and conferred with these brethren, and regret to have to report that they have been wholly unable to persuade Mr. Hamilton Cassels to allow his name to stand on the Committee for the present year.

Dr. MacLaren, in view of the fact that no final action on the estimates for the following year can be taken until next Assembly, agreed to allow his name to stand, provided a resolution of the following tenor be passed by the Assembly at the present time:—

That in adopting the recommendation complained of by Dr. MacLaren, regarding the *pro rata* reduction of estimates, the General Assembly desires to disavow in the most emphatic manner possible, any intention of casting reflection on the Foreign Mission Committee, or of expressing want of confidence in this Committee of the Church.

The Committee further recommend that the Moderator, Dr. Moore, be appointed Convener.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place at 2.30 p.m., of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day, at 2.30 p.m.:

The General Assembly met as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Dr. M. Fraser leading in prayer, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the morning Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT ON CASE OF MR. HODNETT.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Judicial Committee, which was given in and read by Dr. Scrimger, *Convener*, who moved its reception and the consideration of its finding. The motion was seconded and carried. The report is as follows:—

The Committee to which was referred the appeal of the Rev. W. Hodnett, against the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, beg leave to report that they have met and conferred with all the parties, and would recommend that the Assembly dismiss the appeal from the decision of the Synod, on the special point appealed from, viz., the resolution of the Presbytery of Rock Lake to sustain the claim of the Killarney Congregation against Mr. Hodnett for the use of the manse for nine months after he ceased to be pastor; this, however, without in any way prejudicing any counterclaims which Mr. Hodnett may have against the Congregation.

Parties were called and the finding intimated to them. Mr. Hodnett did not appear when called; but the representatives of the Synod and Presbytery acquiesced in the recommendation. It was adopted by the Assembly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Legislation, which was given in and read by Dr. Warden, *Convener*, who moved the reception and adoption of the report. The report is as follows:—

The Committee appointed by last Assembly on Legislation, as to holding, conveying and dealing with lands and other property and securities now held, or that may hereafter be conveyed or devised to the Church or any of its Schemes, by the formation of an Incorporated Board of Trustees, or otherwise, beg leave to report

that they have found such diversity of opinion regarding the subject that they are unable to submit a definite plan to the Assembly, and recommend that the whole matter be referred to the following Committee, with full power to secure such legislation as in their judgment may best serve the object in view:—

Justice Maclean, W. Mortimer Clark, Hamilton Cassels, A. R. Creelman, Dr. Moore, Dr. MacLaren, Dr. R. Campbell (Montreal), Dr. Warden, *Convener*.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS.

The Moderator nominated a Committee on Religious Instruction in Public Schools, as requested at a former Sederunt, as follows, regard being had to the several Provinces in the Dominion in the formation of the same:—Principal Caven, *Convener*, Messrs. J. C. Herdman, J. A. Carmichael, W. L. Clay, D. G. McQueen, Thornton Fell, Principal King, Joseph Hogg, P. Wright, Dr. J. McDiarmid, W. W. Miller, Dr. Thompson, Mr. G. R. McNeilly, J. K. Macdonald, Dr. Scrimger, A. J. Mowatt, Principal Macrae, Sir J. W. Dawson, A. C. Hutcheson, Principal Forrest, R. Murray, A. Falconer, Hon. D. Laird, D. Sutherland, Dr. Bruce and Hon. D. C. Fraser.

The nomination was accepted.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

The Assembly resumed consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on the Sabbath School Report. After due consideration, the recommendations were adopted as follows:—

1. That the publication of the S. S. supplies be continued.
2. That the Committee of the Presbyterian Record be requested to undertake this work and carry it on under the control of the Editor of the Record from January 1st, 1898.
3. That the S. S. Committee be instructed to take special steps toward the removal of the existing deficit, and that in this connection, the total collections taken up on Children's Day be devoted as a help for this purpose, and that in the meantime the Assembly, in accordance with the decision of last Assembly, authorize the Convener of the S. S. Committee to obtain a loan sufficient to meet the present liabilities.
4. That if it is found that the work of printing and publishing the Record and S. S. supplies can be more advantageously carried on in Toronto than in Montreal, the Assembly approve of its being done in Toronto.
5. That thanks be given to the S. S. Committee, and especially to the Convener; and further, that the Assembly express its appreciation of Mr. Fotheringham for his valuable services in connection with publication of the S. S. supplies, in some tangible form, and that in making its appeal for contributions, it be understood that the sum of \$500 be granted by the S. S. Committee to Mr. Fotheringham, if the funds received will allow.

SYNOD RECORDS.

The Assembly called for Reports of the Committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Montreal and Ottawa, of Toronto and Kingston, of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and of British Columbia. They reported that they had discharged the duty laid upon them, and found the records carefully and correctly kept, and recommended that they be attested accordingly. The reports were received and adopted.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Young People's Societies, which was presented, in the absence of the Convener, by Mr. J. A. Turnbull, who drew attention to its leading features, as printed and in the hands of members. He moved the reception of the report, and the consideration of its recommendations. The motion was seconded and agreed to. The recommendations, as adopted, are as follows:—

1. That Ministers and Missionaries supervise the returns sent in from Societies, to the end that these may be more prompt, accurate and complete.

2. That the Assembly express satisfaction with the general outline of the plan of study issued by the Committee, and the extensive use into which the plan has come, and authorize its continuance, with such new monthly topics for the coming year as the Committee may find suitable.

3. That the Committee be instructed to consider whether some similar plan might not be devised for the use of the children in junior organizations, and to issue such plan if deemed practicable.

4. That Ministers, Sessions, and Young People's Societies be specially reminded of the urgent need of seeking to bring a larger proportion of the young men into the membership of the Societies and an active interest in the work of the Church.

5. That the Assembly's previous recommendation to the young people in regard to moneys be reiterated, viz.: (a) To adopt some systematic and voluntary method of raising funds; (b) to give the foremost place to the support of work connected with their own Congregation, and to the great Missionary, Educational and Benevolent Schemes of the Church.

6. That a first charge on the money contributed by the Young People's Societies to the several Mission Funds of the Church, be the payment of the necessary expenses of the Committee, and the extension of the work in the newer districts; the amounts chargeable against each Fund to be proportionate to the amount received by it from the Young People's Societies.

Mr. C. W. Gordon moved, and it was duly seconded and agreed to:—That inasmuch as the Session is the Court entrusted with the oversight of the congregations, all communications from the Assembly's Committee to Young People's Societies should be made in the regular way through the Session, and that all contributions from these Societies to the Missionary and Benevolent work of the Church be made through the Treasurer of the congregation entrusted with the transmission of moneys to the Agent of the Church.

FOREIGN MISSION AND AUGMENTATION COMMITTEES,—WEST.

The Committee to strike Standing Committees reported the names finally recommended for the Foreign Mission Committee, and the Augmentation Committee, Western Section. The report was received and adopted.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place at 7.30 p.m., of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day, at 7.30 p.m.:

The General Assembly met *as per* adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

FOREIGN MISSION FINANCES.

It was moved by Dr. Warden, seconded by Col. D. McCrae, and carried:--That it be an instruction to the Foreign Mission Committee, Western Section, if, in the end of January next, they find that the revenue of the year is likely greatly to fall short of the expenditure, on the basis of the estimates approved by this Assembly, to reduce expenditure, as far as practicable, so that at the end of the current ecclesiastical year the indebtedness of the Fund do not exceed the amount of the deficit reported to this Assembly.

APPEAL OF MR. WALLACE BAILEY.

There was presented and read an appeal of Mr. Wallace Bailey against a decision of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston.

The appeal was received, and laid on the table, in the absence of any one to support the same.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Assembly called for the Report of the several Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Funds of the Church.

Western Section.

In the absence of the Convener, Dr. Warden presented the Report of the Western Section, as printed and in the hands of members. He gave explanations regarding the Fund and moved its reception and adoption. The motion was seconded and carried. The following are the recommendations:--

That power be given to them to reduce if necessary the annuities hereafter to be paid to the widows and orphans entitled to these, so as each year to equalize revenue and expenditure.

That no one be placed on the list of annuitants who is not entitled to this by the regulations under which the Fund is at present administered.

That discretionary power be given the Committee next year to admit to connection with the Fund, prior to 1st January, 1898, Ministers desiring this, upon their contributing a sum equivalent to the total payments they should have made, provided they had connected themselves with the Fund at induction, together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, compounded annually from the date of induction. That only the widows and orphans of Ministers who were connected with the Fund, and whose personal rates were paid up in full to a period not exceeding one year from the date of their death, be entitled to participate in the benefits of the Fund.

That the Assembly renew its instruction of some years ago to Presbyteries to see that Ministers at ordination are reminded of this Fund, and of the desirability of their connecting themselves with it.

Eastern Section.

Mr. R. Murray, in the absence of the Convener, presented the Report of the Eastern Section, as printed and in the hands of members. He moved the reception and adoption of the report. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND FUND.

Dr. R. Campbell, Clerk, presented the Report of the Fund of the former Synod of the Church of Scotland, as printed and in the hands of members. He moved the reception and adoption of the report. The motion was seconded and carried.

MEMORIALS ON BEHALF OF WIDOWS.

There were presented and read Memorials from the Presbytery of Montreal, on behalf of the widows of the late Dr. Smyth and Rev. C. MacKerracher, asking that their names be placed on the Fund. The Memorials were remitted to the Committee, Western Section, for its consideration.

There was presented a similar Memorial from the Presbytery of Rock Lake, on behalf of Mrs. M. MacKenzie. It too was referred to the Committee, Western Section.

UNIFORMITY IN WORSHIP.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Uniformity in Worship, which was presented by Dr. Laing, Convener. Along with this there was read a Memorial from Mr. Sandford Fleming bearing on the same matter.

Dr. Laing moved as follows, seconded by Mr. R. Murray:—

That the Memorial of Mr. Sandford Fleming be received and be sent to the Committee for its consideration, to report to next Assembly, and that the name of Mr. Fleming be added to the Committee, and that he be invited to take part in their deliberations.

That in view of the small number of commissioners present, and the importance of the matter to which this report refers, it be not now considered; but that the Committee be continued and reappointed, with the addition of Dr. Carmichael, and Messrs. W. Farquharson, J. McD. Duncan, D. D. Wilson (Seaforth), Lieut-Col. McCrae, and Sandford Fleming.

ELDER MODERATORSHIP.

It was moved by Dr. Laing, seconded by Dr. R. Campbell (Clerk), and carried:—That the reference and overture on this subject do lie on the table.

OVERTURE *re* MR. SWARTOUT.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Overture of the Presbytery of Victoria, asking leave to ordain Mr. Swartout, which was given in and read by Mr. R. P. MacKay, who moved its reception and adoption. The motion was seconded and agreed to. The report is as follows:—

The Committee recommend that the prayer of the Overture from the Presbytery of Victoria, which was unanimously adopted and transmitted by the Synod of British Columbia, be granted, in terms of the extract minute of the Synod, viz.:—That the Presbytery of Victoria be instructed to prescribe for Mr. Swartout a course of study in Theology for one year, at the end of which time they shall be at liberty to take him on trials for license and ordination.

OVERTURE *re* ORDINATION OF DR. WOODS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Overture of the Presbytery of Indore, asking leave to ordain Dr. Woods as an Elder, which was given in and read by Mr. R. P. MacKay, who moved its reception and adoption. The motion was seconded and adopted. The report is as follows:—

Re the application from the Presbytery of Indore, it is recommended, that in the opinion of the Committee it is exceedingly desirable that Dr. Woods, being the only unordained male Missionary in our Mission in India, should occupy the same position in the Presbytery of Indore as his brethren; and it therefore recommends the General Assembly to grant leave to the Presbytery of Indore to ordain him as an Elder, and to place his name on the roll of Presbytery.

OVERTURE *re* LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

The Committee appointed by last Assembly to consider an Overture *re* Licensing of Students, reported progress through Dr. Milligan, its Convener, and asked that the Committee be reappointed for another year.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

REPORT ON RECORD.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on the Record and Children's Record, which was presented for the Convener by Mr. E. Scott, who moved the reception of the same and the adoption of its recommendations. The motion was seconded and agreed to. The recommendations are as follows:—

1. Pastors, Sessions and Congregations are urged to place the Record, the property and organ of our Church, in every family of the Church, so far as circumstances will admit.
2. That the Children's Record should be taken in all our Sabbath Schools and Congregations, for the children of the Church.
3. As it is difficult to adapt one periodical to all ages of our young people, and at the same time desirable that the Missionary work of our Church should be kept before them, and as the financial condition of the Records will now warrant the experiment, the Assembly sanctions the issuing of an additional paper for the older children, when the time may appear most suitable for doing so.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Obituary Notices, which was given in by Dr. M. Fraser, *Convener*, who briefly stated the substance of the notices. It was moved by Dr. Fraser, seconded by Dr. Laing:—That the report be received and be printed as an appendix to the minutes, also that it be an instruction to Clerks of Presbyteries in the case of the decease of each minister to send an obituary notice to the Clerk of the General Assembly, for its use; and to send a copy of such notice to the Presbyterian Record.

OVERTURE *re* POWERS OF SYNODS.

There was presented and read an Overture from the Synod of Toronto and Kingston anent enlarged powers of Synods. Mr. S. Houston was heard in support of the overture. He moved, seconded by Mr. J. G. Stuart:—That the overture be received and referred to a small Committee to define the subject more clearly, so

as to have something to send down to Presbyteries next year, and to report to next Assembly. The motion was agreed to.

REMIT ANENT PERMANENT PLACE OF MEETING.

The Assembly took up the consideration of the Returns of Presbyteries regarding a permanent place of meeting for the Assembly. It was agreed to lay the same on the table.

REMIT ON MISSION BOARD.

The Assembly next took up the Returns of Presbyteries anent a Mission Board. No action was taken on the subject.

COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

Mr. R. G. MacBeth moved, seconded by Mr. C. W. Gordon:—

That this Assembly appoint a Committee on Estimates, Eastern and Western Sections, and that all Committees and Boards requiring money from the Church be requested to report to said Committee not later than the 1st day of June annually, the amounts they require for their respective departments, and that the Committee on Estimates take these reports into consideration and submit to the Assembly their judgment as to the amount that should be adopted in each case, with due regard to the needs and importance of each department and the welfare of the whole.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. H. MacKellar, seconded by Mr. J. A. Turnbull:—That the whole matter be sent down for the consideration of the Presbyteries of the Church and report to the next Assembly.

The amendment was carried and affirmed as the judgment of the House.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ENLARGED POWERS OF SYNODS.

The Moderator nominated a Committee to define more clearly the subject of the overture of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, as follows:—Mr. S. Houston, *Convener*; Messrs. W. T. Wilkins, John Hay, H. Gracey, *Ministers*; and G. M. Roger, Professor Dyde, *Elders*.

MONTREAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

There was presented and read an extract from the Presbytery of Montreal, transmitting an abstract of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society for the past year. The communication was received, and it was agreed to record the Assembly's warm appreciation of the important work accomplished by the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society.

RESOLUTION ANENT MR. CASSELS' SERVICES.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed to frame a minute expressive of the Assembly's estimate of the services rendered by Mr. H. Cassels to the Foreign Mission work of the Church, which was given in and read by Professor Ross, *Convener*, who moved its reception and adoption. The motion was duly seconded and adopted unanimously by a "standing vote." The resolution is as follows:

The General Assembly, while deeply regretting the retirement of Mr. Hamilton Cassels, from the Foreign Mission Committee, desires to put on record its high appreciation of his self-denying labours during the fourteen years that he has

served on the Committee, and especially during the six years that he has occupied the position of Convener. It must be gratifying to Mr. Cassels, as it is to the Assembly, that during his connection with the Committee the work to which he has given himself with such untiring zeal and devotion has, by God's blessing, so largely increased and prospered.

His professional training and experience, his patient, kindly, courtesy in the performance of difficult and delicate duties, his calm judicial temper, his appreciation of the difficulties of the labourers in the field, and his sympathy with them in their work, have not only commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow members on the Committee, but have also endeared him to every Missionary.

While it is a source of deep regret that his professional duties compel his retirement, the Assembly gratefully acknowledges the debt of gratitude under which his services have laid the Church, records its earnest hope that his services on the Committee may soon again be available, and prays that the Holy Spirit may continue to make his labours on behalf of our Foreign Mission work fruitful of blessing.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

There was read a communication from the W. C. T. U., and on motion of Dr. Warden it was received, and the Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt thereof.

OVERTURE ANENT REPRESENTATION ON H. M. COMMITTEE.

There was presented and read an Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary anent representation in the H. M. Committee.

Mr. C. McKillop was heard in support of the overture, and moved, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay:—That the General Assembly grant the prayer of the overture, and add the name of Mr. J. C. Herdman to those already mentioned on the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. The motion being put, was lost.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee to Strike Standing Committees, as to the recommendations regarding the composition of the Home Mission Committee, Western Section, and the Record Committee.

On motion of Mr. Gracey, duly seconded, the report of the Committee as a whole was adopted as follows:—

I. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

1. Board of Management.

Dr. Sedgwick, *Chairman*; Principal Pollok, Dr. Currie, Dr. Gordon, Prof. Falconer, Dr. Forrest, Dr. N. Mackay, Messrs. A. Simpson, E. D. Miller, L. G. MacNeil, John McMillan, James McLean, T. Stewart, A. B. Dickie, H. H. Macpherson, A. Maclean Sinclair, J. S. Carruthers, J. S. Sutherland, G. A. Leck, A. Macmillan, J. F. Forbes, E. M. Dill, William Macdonald, T. Cumming, *Ministers*; and Dr. Stewart, J. D. McGregor, Hon. B. Rogers, Dr. James Walker, R. Murray, R. Baxter, Judge Forbes and Hugh Mackenzie.

2. Senate.

Principal Pollok, *Chairman*; the Professors of the College; Dr. Forrest, Dr. Black, Messrs. J. M. Robinson, T. Cumming, A. Simpson, H. H. Macpherson, T.

Fowler, R. Laing, Jas. Carruthers, C. Munro, W. P. Archibald, and A. W. Mahon, *Ministers*; and Prof. Macdonald, Prof. Walter Murray, Dr. A. H. Mackay and R. Murray.

II. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

1. Board of Management.

Mr. D. Morrice, *Chairman*; Principal MacVicar, Dr. J. Scrimger, Prof. Ross, Dr. John Campbell, Dr. A. B. Mackay, Dr. Warden, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Armstrong, Messrs. J. R. McLeod, W. R. Cruikshank, J. Hastie, D. W. Morrison, J. Fleck, W. T. Her-ridge, W. A. MacKenzie, D. Currie, J. R. Dobson, and G. Whillans, *Ministers*; and Sir J. W. Dawson, Sir Donald Smith, Messrs. A. C. Hutchison, W. D. MacLaren, W. Yuile, Geo. Hyde, A. C. Clark, C. MacArthur, John Stirling, W. Paul, M. Thompson, Jonathan Hodgson, M. Hutchinson, A. S. Ewing, Charles Byrd and Henry Birks.

2. Senate.

Principal MacVicar, *Chairman*; the Professors and Lecturers of the College, Dr. A. B. MacKay, Dr. R. Campbell, Dr. D. Paterson, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Moore, Messrs. A. J. Mowatt, D. Tait, F. M. Dewey, John MacLeod, G. D. Bayne, C. B. Ross, S. J. Taylor, J. R. MacLeod, H. Cameron, M. MacGillivray, and Dr. Amaron, D. Currie, G. C. Pidgeon, representing the Alumni, *Ministers*; and Sir J. W. Dawson, Principal Peterson, Prof. Murray, Dr. Kelly, Messrs. D. Morrice, and Arch. McGoun.

III. MORRIN COLLEGE, QUEBEC.

Governors appointed by the General Assembly:—Dr. Barclay, Mr. D. Tait.

IV. QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Bursary and Scholarship Committee.

Mr. M. MacGillivray, *Convener*; Principal Grant, Messrs. W. W. Peck, John Mackie and J. D. Boyd, *Ministers*; and Geo. Gillies, D. B. MacTavish and G. N. Northrup.

V. KNOX COLLEGE.

1. Board of Management.

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2. Senate.

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VI. MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Board of Management.

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VII. HOME MISSIONS.

1. *Western Section.*

Dr. Cochrane, *Convener*; Dr. Warden, Prof. Ross, D. Mackenzie, A. T. Love, Dr. Somerville, Dr. J. R. Battisby, Dr. R. Torrance, Dr. Robertson, (Superintendent), Dr. W. D. Armstrong, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. McMullen, James Stuart, A. Gilvan, M. W. MacLenn, M. McKinnon, R. Moodie, A. Findlay, A. Gilray, J. H. Ratcliffe, E. Cockburn, J. L. Murray, A. Tolmie, A. Henderson, J. Rennie, J. McAull, E. D. MacLaren, James Farquharson, J. A. MacKeen, A. A. Scott, Dr. F. F. Torrance, J. Neil, C. W. Gordon, L. H. Jordan, H. Currie, S. Acheson, *Ministers*; and Messrs. R. Kilgour, W. E. Roxborough, John Penman, Hon. E. H. Bronson, G. Gillies and Col. MacRae.

2. *Eastern Section.*

Mr. J. McMillan, *Convener*; Dr. Morrison, G. S. Carson, A. Gandier, A. Bowman, J. K. Fraser, J. R. Munro, D. MacDonald, A. Simpson, J. A. Forbes, J. M. Robinson, T. Stewart, J. W. Crawford, James Ross, T. F. Fullerton, D. Henderson, David Wright, Joseph MacCoy, J. A. McLean, Clarence McKinnon, J. W. Falconer, and G. MacMillan, *Ministers*; and John Willett, H. Dunlap, R. Baxter, J. S. Smith, T. Cantley, O. M. Hill, Isaac Creighton, A. Robertson (St. Johns, Newfoundland), and J. K. Munnis.

VIII. AUGMENTATION.

1. *Western Section.*

Dr. Campbell (Renfrew), *Convener*; Dr. Warden, Dr. Kellock, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Somerville, Messrs. J. C. Tolmie, E. Cockburn, C. W. Gordon, W. T. Herridge, W. J. Clark, W. G. Wallace, James Farquharson, E. D. McLaren, W. J. McCaughan and S. Houston, *Ministers*; and Messrs. D. Morrice, Joseph Henderson and A. T. Crombie.

2. *Eastern Section.*

Mr. E. Smith, *Convener*; Daniel McGregor, G. L. Gordon, James Sinclair, J. H. Chase, Thomas Fowler, W. McC. Thompson, Dr. G. Bruce, E. D. Millar, T. C. Jack, W. Aitken, E. S. Bayne, D. MacGillivray, J. A. Cairns, W. H. Spencer, W. W. Rannie, F. F. Fullerton, and Henry Dickie, *Ministers*; J. D. MacGregor, T. C. James, H. W. Cameron, and J. B. Calkin.

IX. FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

Dr. Moore and Mr. A. Falconer, Joint Conveners.

1. *Western Division.*

Dr. Moore, *Convener*; Dr. MacLaren, Dr. Warden, Principal Grant, Principal MacVicar, Prof. Baird, W. A. J. Martin, Dr. Thompson, Dr. A. D. MacDonald, Dr. J. B. Fraser, Dr. MacTavish, Messrs. A. J. Mowatt, L. H. Jordan, Dugald Currie,

R. Johnston, J. G. Shearer, and R. P. MacKay, *Ministers*; and Messrs. J. R. McNeillie, A. Jeffrey, R. S. Gourlay, D. MacKenzie and D. D. Wilson.

2. *Eastern Division.*

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X. FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Principal MacVicar, *Chairman*; Dr. Scrimger, Dr. R. Campbell (Montreal), Dr. Warden, Prof. Coussirat, Dr. Amazon, Dr. S. Lyle, Messrs. R. Gamble, R. P. Duclos, J. R. MacLeod, D. MacLaren, J. R. Dobson, James Fleck, T. Cumming, G. F. Kinnear, G. C. Heine, W. R. Cruikshank, F. M. Dewey, F. H. Larkin, E. Scott, D. Tait, A. J. Mowatt, G. D. Bayne, J. F. McFarlane, James A. MacFarlane, M. MacGillivray, A. A. Scott, D. James, Alex. Forbes, J. Hastle; A. T. Love, James Ross (St. John); Dr. MacFavish, S. J. Taylor, Peter Wright, J. L. George, Dr. Neil MacKay, A. Mahaffy, G. C. Pidgeon, and T. A. Nelson, *Ministers*; and Hon. E. H. Bronson, A. C. Hutchison, D. Morrice, Walter Paul, R. McQueen, Geo. Hay, John Herdt, P. R. Miller, Paul Payan, A. G. Farrell, Jas. Ramsay, Dr. Thorburn, and W. Drysdale.

XI. DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Dr. Torrance, *Convener*; Messrs. J. G. Shearer, Dr. Cochrane, and James A. Grant, *Ministers*; and Geo. Rutherford, *Elder*.

XII. CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

Mr. P. Wright, *Convener*; the Conveners of Synods' Committees, Messrs. D. Stiles Fraser, J. M. Fisher, J. Dustan, A. L. Geggie, D. MacD. Clarke, Dr. A. B. McKay, Dr. MacNish, Dr. W. A. McKay, D. Tait, John Hay, J. E. Munro, A. Lee, D. G. McQueen, T. R. Scott, John MacInnes, E. H. Sawers, J. Leishman, James Murray (St. Catharines), James Wilson, John Johnstone, Joseph Hogg, A. J. McLeod, W. L. Clay, J. Mackie, J. C. Herdman, and Dr. Bruce, *Ministers*; and Messrs. R. Murray, Walter Paul, George Hay, Dr. Gandier, John A. Paterson, G. Gillies, Dr. Bearton, R. MacQueen, J. Charlton, Dr. MacDonald (Wingham), W. D. Russell, John Paterson and Dr. Wallace.

XIII. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. T. F. Fotheringham, *Convener*; the Conveners of the Sabbath School Committees in the several Synods and Presbyteries; Dr. M. Fraser, Dr. Bryce, Messrs. J. G. Stuart, J. Neil, D. B. MacLeod, James A. Brown, W. G. Hanna, D. M. Buchanan, J. MacEwan, Dr. R. H. Abraham, J. A. Jaffray, J. H. Cairns, W. Farquharson, Vice-Convener on Higher Religious Instruction; C. B. Pitblado, H. K. MacLean, D. G. MacQueen, W. Shearer, Peter McNab, F. W. Murray, D. D. MacLeod, J. W. Rae, Vice-Convener on Statistics; J. W. Bell, John Ross, R. G. MacBeth, Daniel Strachan and J. A. Black, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Geo. Anderson, Geo. Rutherford, W. G. Craig (Kingston), J. Clark (Port Hope), John Ross, James Gibson, W. N. Hossie, S. Waddell, G. Haddow, J. M. Clark (Smith's Falls), Dr. Kelly, D. Fotheringham, James McNab, D. T. Fraser (Montreal), R. J. MacGregor (Inglewood), W. Drysdale, James Turnbull (Toronto), J. Samuelson, W. MacIntosh, G. A. Reid, James Gordon, C. M. Dawson, W. W. Miller, J. A. McCrae (Guelph), G. T. Ferguson, T. W. Nisbet, W. T. Huggan, A. S. McGregor, W. H. Irvin, J. A.

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Paterson, James Ross (Crescent Street, Montreal), J. Keane, W. E. Roxborough, H. A. White, W. C. Whittaker and R. Kilgour.

XIV. MINISTERS, WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

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Mr. T. Kirkland, *Convener*; Dr. Warden, S. S. Craig, W. Amos, Dr. R. H. Abraham, Dr. W. A. Hunter, *Ministers*; and Messrs. J. L. Blaikie, J. Harvie, W. Gordon, Andrew Jeffrey, W. Galbraith, G. F. Burns, Joseph Norwich and D. Ormiston.

Eastern Section.

Mr. R. Laing, *Convener*; Dr. Paterson, Dr. T. Sedgwick, A. MacLean, A. MacLean Sinclair, J. MacLean, James Carruthers, A. F. Thompson, *Ministers*; and Messrs. R. Baxter, G. Mitchell, Dr. A. H. MacKay and J. D. MacGregor.

XV. AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

1. *Western Section.*

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, *Convener*; Dr. Parsons, Dr. W. D. Armstrong, Messrs. D. D. McLeod, H. McQuarrie, W. Burns, Dr. Fletcher, J. Becket, J. R. Gilchrist A. H. Scott, G. McArthur, F. McCuaig, Dr. Barclay, J. A. F. Sutherland, *Ministers*; Dr. McDonald (Hamilton), Sir Donald A. Smith, Dr. Wallace, Alex. Nairn, Robert Lawrie, W. Adamson, H. J. Johnston, John A. Paterson, W. B. McMurrich, Alex. Fraser (Toronto), J. Rowand, A. Thompson, R. Atkinson, John Brown, M.L.A.

2. *Eastern Section.*

Mr. Anderson Rogers, *Convener*; Messrs. H. H. MacPherson, C. MacKinnon, A. B. Dickie, Geo. Fisher, J. R. Coffin, A. MacLean Sinclair, J. H. Chase, D. Fraser (Hampton), C. Munro, Dr. A. W. MacLeod, G. Leck, James Sinclair, E. S. Bayne, Dr. Pollok, and J. F. Dustan, *Ministers*; and D. MacDonald, S. Waddell, W. C. Whittaker and L. W. Johnston.

XVI. FINANCE.

1. *Western Section.*

Mr. Joseph Henderson, *Convener*; Dr. Warden, A. Nairn, R. J. Hunter, R. Kilgour, Wm. Wilson, G. T. Fergusson, J. L. Blaikie, Geo. Rutherford (Hamilton), D. Morrice, J. Stirling and C. MacArthur.

2. *Eastern Section.*

Mr. J. C. MacIntosh, *Convener*; Dr. Morrison, Messrs. David Blackwood, J. W. Carmichael, J. F. Stairs, Geo. Cunningham, James MacAllister and John Stewart.

XVII. STATISTICS.

Dr. R. Torrance, *Convener*; Dr. Gray, Prof. Baird, Messrs. J. C. Smith, A. B. Dickie, L. G. MacNeil, Alex. Grant, D. MacLaren, W. A. J. Martin, A. E. Mitchell, J. MacInnis, Geo. Carson, D. MacRae (Victoria), J. S. Hardie, W. T. Wilkins, R. D. Fraser, R. J. Glassford, and W. L. Clay (Victoria), *Ministers*; John Hawley, Charles Davidson, T. C. James, D. F. MacWatt, R. MacQueen, Wm. Parker and Col. Fraser.

XVIII. PROTECTION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Hon. Justice MacLennan, *Convener*; Dr. Bell, Dr. Warden, Dr. R. Campbell (Montreal), Dr. Pollock, Dr. R. Torrance, Prof. Hart, Dr. John Campbell (Victoria), and Dr. Robertson, *Ministers*; and Hon. D. Laird, Messrs. J. L. Morris, Q.C., G. M. Macdonnell, Q.C., J. MacIntyre, Q.C., Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, W. B. MacMurrich, Hamilton Cassels, Hon. D. C. Fraser, Judge Forbes, Thornton Fell, F. H. Chrysler, Q.C., W. B. Ross, Q.C., J. A. MacKinnon, James Muir, Q.C., A. W. Thompson, Judge Stevens, Judge McKenzie (Sarnia), John A. Paterson, Major Walker, Judge Creasor, W. M. Clark, Q.C., Hon. Justice Sedgwick, Thomas Caswell and Judge Trueman.

XIX. CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING BOARD.

Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, *Chairman*; Dr. Robertson, Dr. Duval, Messrs. W. L. Clay, Joseph Hogg, G. A. Wilson, J. C. Herdman, James Farquharson, M. C. Rumball, J. A. Carmichael, C. W. Gordon and D. G. McQueen, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Alexander MacDonald, C. H. Campbell, John Patterson, James Fisher and Major Walker.

XX. HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Gregg, *Convener*; Dr. Jenkins, Dr. MacRae (Quebec), Dr. D. M. Gordon, Dr. MacLaren, Dr. D. L. McCrae, Dr. Scrimger, Dr. J. Somerville, Dr. James, Dr. W. D. Armstrong, Dr. J. B. Fraser, Messrs. J. A. MacDonald, W. J. Dey, J. Thomson, (Ayr), W. T. Herridge, G. C. Heine, James Anderson, J. B. Mullan, Alex. Henderson, R. S. G. Anderson, M. MacGillivray, Alexander MacMillan, and G. Stuart, *Ministers*; and Messrs. W. B. MacMurrich, R. A. Becket, W. B. Geikie, M.D., John H. Thom, Joseph Henderson, R. Murray, Jas. Gibson, James Johnson (Hamilton), and Prof. S. W. Dyde; the members in Toronto to be an Executive Committee.

XXI. PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

Dr. R. H. Warden, *Convener*; Editor of Record, Dr. R. Campbell (Montreal), Prof. Scrimger, Prof. Jas. Ross, Messrs. W. R. Cruikshank, J. Fleck, C. B. Ross, T. F. Fotheringham, Wm. Farquharson, Dr. Abraham and Walter Paul.

XXII. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Mr. R. D. Fraser, *Convener*; the Conveners of Synod and Presbytery Committees, Messrs. W. Patterson, J. A. Brown, A. D. MacDonald (P.E.I.), W. R. MacIntosh, W. S. MacTavish, James Burgess, Anderson Rogers, W. Shearer, Dr. J. A. R. Dickson, N. H. Russell, John Little, C. MacKillop, W. G. Jordan, Alex. Hamilton, J. A. Carmichael, D. G. McQueen, W. M. Rochester, Dr. J. Campbell, R. M. Hamilton, D. C. Hossack, John Young (Hamilton), L. R. Drummond, T. S. Glassford, J. P. Grant, R. Patterson, W. Frizzell, S. H. Eastman, Prof. Robinson, T. J. Thomson (Belleville), J. W. MacMillan (Lindsay), F. M. Dewey, Jas. Fleck, *Ministers*; and Messrs. John S. Smith, W. J. Parks, S. Stewart, J. C. Thomson, Prof. J. F. McCurdy, J. Armstrong, J. H. Burgess, G. A. MacGillivray, I. Pitblado, J. B. MacKilligan, T. M. Henderson, G. Tower Fergusson, James Mather, J. D. Higgin, botham and Geo. E. Robertson.

The second name on each Committee to act as Convener or Chairman in the absence from any cause of the gentlemen now appointed.

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GUARANTEE IN AID OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Moderator submitted the terms of the guarantee furnished by Doctors Robertson, Thompson and Fletcher, to the Sabbath School Committee, as follows:—

The guarantee is strictly limited to the following particulars:—

Loan from Dr. Morrison	\$ 3,954 90
Notes due July 17th	\$ 86 91
Notes due July 24th	277 57
Notes due August 11th	159 37
Notes due August 11th	100 00
Notes due August 25th	244 85
Notes due August 31st	117 27
Notes due September 5th	339 46
Notes due September 8th	247 85
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	\$ 5,528 18

OVERTURE *re* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM.

There was presented and read an Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary, regarding the compiling of a Children's Catechism.

The overture was supported by Mr. C. McKillop. Mr. McKillop moved, seconded by Dr. Robertson:—That the overture be received, its prayer be granted, and that it be handed over to the Committee on Sabbath Schools, with the recommendation that it prepare a Catechism to be presented to the next General Assembly for its approval. The motion was carried.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

There was read a communication from the Secretary of the Dominion Alliance Toronto, requesting the Assembly to name four persons to take part in a meeting of the Alliance Council, in Toronto, July 14th prox. The Assembly appointed the following representatives, in compliance with the request:—Messrs. J. A. Turnbull, W. Frizzell, and J. A. Paterson, of Toronto, and Dr. Mackay, of Woodstock.

COMMUNICATION ON CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.

There was read a communication relative to a National Conference on Charities and Corrections, to be held in Toronto in July next, asking the Assembly to appoint representatives to the Conference. Mr. R. P. MacKay and Dr. McTavish were appointed in compliance with the request of the Secretary of the Conference.

OVERTURE ANENT FEMALE EDUCATION.

There was presented and read an Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary anent Female Education. Mr. W. L. Clay was heard in support of the overture.

It was moved by Mr. C. McKillop, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay:—That the overture be received, and that the whole subject be referred to a Committee to report to the next General Assembly. The motion was carried, and the following Committee was appointed:—Dr. Bryce, *Convener*; Dr. Robertson, Peter Wright, J. A. Carmichael, D. G. McQueen, C. McKillop, and W. L. Clay, *Ministers*; and Messrs. J. D. Higginbotham, Major Walker, John Stewart, Jas. McQueen, Thornton Fell, R. Crawford and Mr. McTaggart.

BEQUEST OF LATE WARDEN KING.

Dr. Warden reported that the bequest of the late Warden King had been paid over by his executors, and the amount invested. He moved that the report be received and that the Committee appointed last year be reappointed, with instructions to report to next Assembly a definite scheme for the carrying out of the terms of the will. The motion was adopted.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

The Assembly ordered that the Stated Collections for the Schemes of the Church, in congregations in which there are no Missionary Associations, be made as follows:—

1. French Evangelization, on the fourth Sabbath of July.
2. Home Missions, on the fourth Sabbath of August.
3. Colleges, on the fourth Sabbath of September.
4. Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund, third Sabbath of October.
5. Assembly Fund, on the third Sabbath of November.
6. Manitoba College, on the third Sabbath of December.
7. Augmentation Fund, third Sabbath of January, 1898.
8. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, third Sabbath of February, 1898.
9. Foreign Missions, second Sabbath of March, 1898.

Ordered, also, that all Congregations and Mission Stations be enjoined to contribute to the Schemes of the Church.

Further, that contributions be sent to the Treasurers of the Church as soon as possible after the collections are made.

THANKS.

Moved by Mr. T. Cumming, seconded by Mr. J. A. Turnbull:—That the thanks of the Assembly are due, and are hereby tendered:—

1. To the Pastor, Session, and Board of Managers of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, for the use of their Church and its convenient apartments, and to the Committee of Arrangements, especially the Chairman, Rev. Joseph Hogg, and the Secretary, Rev. R. G. MacBeth, for the ample accommodation which they provided for the commissioners and the friends who accompanied them to the Assembly.

2. To the citizens of Winnipeg for their generous hospitality in opening their homes and their hearts, for the entertainment of the members of Assembly and their friends.

3. To Mr. Geo. H. Young, for free tickets of admission to Elm Park, of which he is the obliging manager.

4. To the Railway and Steamship Companies that have favoured the members of Assembly and their friends with reduced rates of travel, and to the Telegraph and Telephone Companies for obliging services rendered to the Assembly.

5. To the press of the City for admirable reports of the Proceedings of Assembly.

The minutes of last Sederunt were held as read and sustained.

CLOSED.

The business being finished, the Moderator addressed the Assembly, briefly reviewing the proceedings, and called upon Professor Ross to offer prayer.

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The Moderator then asked the Assembly to join in singing the 122nd Psalm, sixth to ninth verses, which having been sung, he said:—

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of this Assembly, I now dissolve this Assembly, and appoint and order another General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to meet in the City of Montreal, and within Knox Church there, at eight o'clock in the evening, on the second Wednesday in June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

The Moderator then closed the Session with the apostolic benediction.

WM. MOORE, D.D., *Moderator.*

ROBT. CAMPBELL, D.D. } *Joint Clerks.*
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The Home Mission Committee, in presenting their Annual Report to the General Assembly, acknowledge with gratitude to the Great King and Head of the Church, the liberality of congregations and individuals, and the contributions of the British Churches and Maritime Provinces, which have enabled the Committee to report full payment of missionaries for the year and a balance to their credit. The year just ended has been one of considerable anxiety and responsibility in connection with the opening up of the new Mission fields in the Klondyke, and the greatly increased expenditure in connection with the outfit, maintenance, and travelling expenses of Missionaries to that distant region. An appeal to the Church for a special Klondyke fund was responded to very generously, the amount received at the end of the financial year being over \$7,000 of the \$10,000 asked. As this is only the beginning of work in the Yukon Territory, it can easily be seen that the expenditure of the Committee for many years—in spite of what the fields may contribute themselves—will be very great, demanding at least \$20,000 additional from our Churches. It is for the General Assembly now to approve of what the Committee have done in the appointment of the Rev. Messrs. Dickey, Grant, Pringle and Sinclair, and authorize them to go forward in the work thus initiated.

The North-West Territories had a good fair crop during the year 1897, and have, according to their increased ability, given for the support of Gospel ordinances. The Mission Stations greatly appreciate the efforts made by the Committee in connection with the liberal contributions from the British Churches, to enable them to enjoy the services of a regular ministry. For details of the work done in the North-West and in British Columbia, and also in the Muskoka and Algoma districts, readers of the report are referred to the outlines presented by the Superintendents of Missions.

In any case, it is but a brief sketch of the Mission work of the Church that has been accomplished during the year that can be presented to the Assembly. The trials and unwearied labours of our Missionaries, despite of the extremes of heat and cold, and oftentimes inadequate shelter and insufficient compensation, cannot be adequately described.

The Report now submitted contains particulars, as far as forwarded to the Convener, of the progress of Home Mission work in the different Presbyteries, in response to the following questions sent the members of the Home Mission Committee and others in the different fields:

1. A statement of the progress of Home Mission Work in your Presbytery during the past year.

2. The amounts expended by congregations within your bounds during the year for Mission work and Mission buildings (such as are *not included* in the regular contributions to the Home Mission Fund).

3. Also, whether your Presbytery, and what number of congregations in it, have organized Young People's Missionary Associations, as recommended by Assembly? What contributions have been made from this source to Home Missions, and whether a Presbyterial Union of the Young People's Societies has been formed?

Instead of separating the answers given, as in former years, the complete report of each Presbytery has been given, so that it can be seen at once what has been done by each Presbytery in these different departments of Home Mission Work. The Report also contains the usual reports of the Students' Missionary Societies, the Lumberman's Mission, the names of congregations in Great Britain and Ireland as well as individuals, who have sent contributions during the year, with a *resume* of the work done in Committee during the year, and the Financial Statement of the Agent of the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Home Mission Work is carried on in the Presbytery of Quebec under many difficulties and discouragements. The work differs from the other Provinces in that most of our Stations are entirely surrounded with a people of a different religion and language. It is very gratifying to learn, however, that notwithstanding the large number of Protestants who have left the Province, and especially the Presbytery of Quebec, during the past twenty years, that the amount of money given for Missionary and benevolent objects increases yearly, showing that the people themselves appreciate fully the great privilege of having the ordinances of religion amongst them conducted by ministers of our own denomination, and their determination and willingness to make sacrifices in giving the Gospel to the little groups of Protestant settlers in the outlying parts of the Province. In several of our Missions we have to see to the education of the children of these people as well as to have religious ordinances among them, else there would be no permanency to our work. Let these small congregations be neglected or wiped out and our Church can never have such a vantage ground to carry on its evangelization work again.

Excellent service has been given during the past year

- (1) In Valcartier, by Rev. C. E. Dobbs.
- (2) In Marlow, by Rev. John Turnbull.
- (3) In Metis by Rev. John Callan.
- (4) In New Rockland, by Rev. David Pugh.
- (5) In Grande Mere, by Rev. W. A. Stewart.
- (6) In Chicoutimi, by Rev. J. L. Campbell.
- (7) In Lake Megantic, by Mr. F. O. McMahon.
- (8) In Massanippi, etc., by Mr. J. D. Morrow.
- (9) In Portneuf, by Rev. E. L. Pidgeon.

Sawyerville, having been placed on the list of Augmented charges a few months ago, has now a settled pastor. The manse at Metis has been rebuilt during the winter and made habitable for their new Missionary, Mr. Callan. We hope to build a manse at Grande Mere during the year. Altogether, our Church is making substantial progress, showing that we have been more than justified in continuing Gospel ordinances among the scattered groups of Protestants here and there throughout the Province.

In addition to our regular contributions for Home Missions, we have expended for Mission work and buildings \$5.

Almost all our congregations have now Young People's Societies connected with them. About \$200 has been given to Home Missions from this source.

A Presbyterial Union of the Young People's Societies has been founded in Quebec City.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

In some fields there has been encouraging progress; others have barely held their own.

Le Guerre and Port Lewis have been transferred to the list of Augmented charges, and the Rev. D. Stewart, an experienced minister, settled there on March 23rd, 1898. The liberality and the solidarity of the families in this field are worthy of all praise.

Grenville Village has been separated from the settled charge of Chatham and attached to the Mission field of Grenville Mountain, thus very considerably strengthening the latter. An Ordained Missionary, able to preach in both French and English, has been sent into this field.

Farnham has been weakened by the removal of workmen from the C. P. R. shops, so that the ordained Missionary has been compelled to resign. But an able and energetic student has been sent into the field, and it is hoped that its resources will be developed and that soon the population may again admit of expansion.

De Salaberry and Arundel have obtained an Ordained Missionary, at very little additional expense to the Home Mission Fund, through the consolidation of the French work in Arundel. Previously De Salaberry was so far from the other Stations connected with it that the services were infrequent and the work unsatisfactory. Now, with a weekly service, the outlook is more hopeful.

Avoca and Harrington are making satisfactory progress, and all sides of the work are being developed. The trouble once experienced from the special efforts of emotional religionists to gain a foothold among our people has pretty well ebbed away, and the work is finding its normal level.

It is a curious fact that the Hornerites, neglecting populous centres, made strenuous efforts to carry off our people in two or three of our remotest and poorest Mission fields. In some of the fields the Baptists have made proselytizing campaigns, but without much result. The intelligence and stability of our people have been very clearly brought out by these trials.

Mille Isles, Cote St. Gabriel and Shawbridge.—Rev. A. Robertson continues his work here with much encouragement. The interest of the people in Christian work is steadily growing.

Trout River and Burke is a field on the American border. It was neglected for many years, and was hard to reclaim; but during the last two years very satisfactory progress has been made, and the field, apparently burnt over by crude revivalism, followed by neglect, shows signs of earnest Christian life.

Montreal Annex.—The Sabbath School has been conducted by the people here with commendable energy during the past year. Through the liberality of Erskine Church an evening service has been conducted through the winter months. The Syn-
dicate which originally owned all the land in this neighbourhood, has very generously donated a lot for a church to the people of this Mission, and steps will soon be taken to build a Sabbath School room on it. There are many signs of immediate growth here.

Verdun.—Preparations are being made to erect a church here.

II. Amounts Expended on Home Mission Work.

Crescent Street Church.....	\$1,000
St. Paul's Church.....	1,000
Erskine Church.....	450
American Church.....	100
St. Matthew's Church.....	100
Montreal Annex.....	100
Lot donated by Syndicate.....	600
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Total	\$3,350

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

River Desert, Baskatong, etc.—In this widespread field a varied work has been carried on by the Rev. N. McLaren. He preaches both in English and French and visits the lumbermen in their shanties during the winter.

Aylwin, Pickanock, etc.—Another widely extended field, in which Rev. James Taylor has been rendering valuable service for several years. His self-denying labour is telling for good on the whole community.

Chelsea and Caulby.—An old field has entered, we believe, upon an era of prosperity under the ministry of Rev. A. Logan, who was ordained pastor on February 13th, and passes from under the care of the Home Mission Committee.

Portland, Baltimore, etc.—A wide and interesting field, occupying one of the most picturesque spots in the Dominion. Most excellent work was done here last summer by Mr. Thurlow Masey, and continued by Mr. D. J. Craig, Catechist, during the winter. The congregations have been increased and the work consolidated.

East Templeton enjoyed the services of Mr. D. J. Scott during the summer. The work grew in interest. The church was renovated, a number of members added and the people so encouraged that they desired continuous services during the winter. These were supplied by Mr. Scott and the ministers of Ottawa City.

Plantagenet was without a pastor since last spring. Excellent services were rendered by Mr. Colin Campbell during the summer and Rev. Wm. Brenner and students of Montreal College during the winter. Mr. Elmhurst is to be settled there this summer.

Bearbrook and Navan have had a prosperous year under Rev. A. S. Ross, who, to the regret of the people, leaves in October for Edinburgh to pursue further studies. This field will, in all likelihood, be ready to call a settled pastor after Mr. Ross has concluded his term.

Casselman and South Indian have been supplied by Rev. H. McLean. These congregations have been called to pass through great trial. A disastrous fire swept through the district, and the villages of Casselman and South Indian were consumed. Our churches in both places were burned. In Casselman steps were immediately taken to rebuild. The Presbytery opened a fund to assist the people. A hearty response was met with from the Presbytery and many parts of the Church. It is expected the church will be ready for services in May. Church building is being commenced in South Indian, and before summer is over it is expected that the people will be able to worship in it.

Stittsville has increased at least one-third during the year under the preaching of the Rev. E. McCauley.

Lochaber was taken charge of by the Students' Missionary Society of Montreal College. Mr. J. R. Elmhurst occupied the field during the summer months.

The Glebe Mission, sustained by St. Andrew's Church, has been for the greater part of the year under care of R. T. Moorefield. In the month of February he was called to Montreal. Rev. J. Milne has been recently settled in this Mission.

Throughout the Presbytery generally the work under the care of the Home Missionaries has been prosperous in spite of some difficulties and setbacks.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

In this Presbytery there are two Mission fields, namely, Morton, Lyndhurst, etc., and North Augusta, Stone's Corner's and Fairfield. The latter, after having been for three years on the list of Augmented congregations, had to become once more a Mission field, owing to heavy losses through deaths and removals.

In the Morton field a church is to be built at Lyndhurst during the summer. Most of the material is now on the ground, and almost enough money has been subscribed to build the church. It is confidently expected that the new church will be the means of giving much greater interest in the work and deciding some who were holding back because there was no church edifice. The work is encouraging.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.

The Mission field of this Presbytery consists still of the same two parts as indicated in last year's report—that within the bounds and that lying beyond. In both cases the Missions have been wrought with zealous interest, and, in many cases, with a good share of success.

1. Temiscamingue has been continued under the charge of an Ordained Missionary, and churches have been built at Liskeard and Hailebury, and as a consequence we look for more definitely organized work. The Missionary from this field visits and attends to the lumber shanties during the winter.

2. Kippewa, Rutherglen, Rockliffe, are three Missions operated by the Students' Missionary Societies during the summer months, and in winter are given occasional supply by the Presbytery.

3. Chalk River, etc.—Here a manse has been built for the Missionary, Mr. Wilson, in the payment of which the Presbytery generously assisted the Mission. The work here is hopeful.

4. Stafford and Osceola.—In the Scotland part of this Mission a new church was built and the Presbytery gave financial assistance in its payment to the extent of \$100, so as to have the church free of debt. It is expected that in the near future an Ordained Missionary will be secured for this field.

5. The various Missions along the line of the Parry Sound Railway have been faithfully operated by Students and an Ordained Missionary, and it is hoped we may soon see more perfect consolidation of the large number of Stations embraced in the territory.

6. Dalhousie, etc.—Still under the care of the Home Mission Committee. It was hoped this Mission would have been transferred to the Augmentation Committee, but the special features in the case have, so far, precluded such transfer. The people desire a regular settlement of their minister, but are unable to raise the full amount of the salary alone.

7. Bathurst and South Sherbrooke is steadily advancing, and is hopeful of reaching the status of independence.

On the whole, the work within the bounds has been quite encouraging, and it is hoped that the territory which lies outside the bounds may soon be more conveniently appointed and operated.

The Presbyterian Young People's Home Missionary Society still continues its

operations within the bounds of the Presbytery, inculcating principles of systematic liberality, which may be expected to bear fruit more abundantly in coming days.

In most of the congregations and mission stations within the bounds there are Young People's Mission Societies or Christian Endeavor Societies affiliated. An interesting and satisfactory report was made to the Presbytery, and a conference is to be held in May, 1898, under its auspices. We hope and expect to see progress and organized efficiency resulting. The contributions were slightly in advance of last year.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

All the Mission fields have been fully supplied during the past year with one exception: Demorestville, not reachable by Student during the winter.

Five of these were supplied during the winter by Queen's College Missionary Association.

The work done, considering the nature of the great majority of the fields—the general poverty of the people, and the large areas over which they are scattered—has gone on steadily progressing, increases to the membership and growing interest in the work of the Church being items emphasized by many reports.

At Coe Hill, an important Station of the Thanet, etc., field, the new church edifice will probably be opened this summer.

Sidney Mission has been attached to the congregation of Roslin and Thurlow, thus relieving the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds of over \$200 per annum. A new Church has been built at Ompah, a Station in the Wilbur, etc., district.

For the first time in its history, Ernestown, Bath, etc., sent in a subscription list amounting to \$450 per annum, with a request for the services of an Ordained Missionary. Mr. R. Young, a theological graduate of Queen's University, has been appointed to this important field.

L'Amable, etc., has also applied for an Ordained Missionary, and guarantees \$300 per annum towards stipend. Mr. A. Walker has been in charge here last winter, and will continue for the summer. The Rev. D. M. Jamieson has resigned charge of Matawatchan, etc. A Student goes there for the summer. Demorestville and Deseronto West paid all Students' salaries for last summer services.

As has always been the custom, members of Presbytery visited the fields by appointment, and administered the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism where required, and enquired into condition of the Missions, reporting generally in favourable terms of work done and its results.

The policy of the Presbytery has been to settle as soon as possible Ordained Missionaries in large districts and in other localities where there is reasonable expectation of growth. There are now seven Ordained Ministers serving in important sections, and the general result testifies to the wisdom of having Ordained Ministers occupying the ground all the year.

There are, I believe, nineteen Young People's Associations, in all, in one Presbytery. Am unable to find what is exact amount of contributions from them to Home Missions. I am certain, however, that it reaches a substantial sum, and have reason to believe they will be a felt factor as to contributions, at least to the Home Mission Fund in future.

It is very difficult to get Young People's Societies in many of our Mission fields. The population in many cases is so scattered and distance so great that it is hardly possible to have meetings. I suggested meeting on Sunday before or after service, or having them in some cases before or after Sabbath School.

A Presbyterial Union not yet accomplished. Expect it will be suggested at July meeting of Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.

Chandos and Burleigh.—The work in this field was carried on by Mr. R. F. Hall during the summer months with much success. This was his second term in the field, and he has been appointed again for this year. There is quite a strong congregation at Clydesdale, and it is expected that with the erection of a small church at Apsley a new impetus will be given to the work there.

Harvey.—Mr. R. McKnight has been in charge of this field for the past eighteen months. He has held service each Sabbath at Lakehurst, Taylor's Settlement and Nogie's Creek. The attendance at the latter is very encouraging, and there is a prospect of a new Church being erected soon. At Cardiff Mr. Crombie was the Student Missionary during the summer months. The people in this field do not seem to realize their obligations to provide for the support of the Missionary. Heretofore each section of the field has had fortnightly supply, but it is proposed to rearrange the Stations, so that each during the present summer may have regular supply every Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.

There are no Mission fields in the Presbytery.

We have a Presbyterian Union of Young People's Societies, in which nearly all our congregations are represented. An annual convention is held under the auspices of the Presbytery. The young people thus organized have taken a special interest in the Home Mission work at Glenora, in the North-West, and have this year, through Dr. Warden, sent \$119 to that field.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.

The Mission fields of this Presbytery are old, sparsely-settled districts, where we cannot look for much special progress. The fields are well supplied, and steady, earnest work is being done. They appreciate the liberality of the Home Mission Committee.

There is a Presbyterian Union, but no special contributions have been made to the Home Mission Fund.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Mission work has been well maintained during the year in (1) Harbank, Fisher-ville, (2) Chester, (3) Kew Beach, (4) Malton, (5) Morningside. With the exception of one or two, these fields are so situated that anything like large increase may not be looked for in the near future.

HOME MISSION WORK IN THE CITY

The following amounts were contributed for special Mission work by the various Churches which support their own Missions :

1. By St. Andrew's Church, King Street W., to its Mission	3,048 00
2. By Central Church to its Mission.....	\$1,095 00
3. By West Church to its Mission.....	720 00
4. By Erskine Church to its Mission.....	467 00
5. By Knox Church to its Mission.....	190 00
6. By Bloor Street Church to its Mission.....	193 00
7. By Westminster Church.....	100 00

\$5,813 00

These amounts are over and above all contributions to the regular Schemes at home and abroad.

Whilst there are a number of Young People's Missionary Societies in the Presbytery, and also a number of Young People's Christian Associations, in the large number of the congregations the Christian Endeavor Society is established, and doing good work. Most, if not all, of these Societies contribute to Home Mission work, and they are encouraged by Presbytery and Ministers to send in their contributions through the Church treasurers.

A goodly number of these Societies have made special offerings to the work in the Klondyke. There is a Presbyterial Union, well organized and vigorous in its operations.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.

1. In all our Mission fields good work has been done during the past year.
2. These Mission fields report \$1,500 expended during the year, and one (Proton Station) has not reported. But the previous year this Station expended \$100; so we would be safe in putting it down for this amount, which would bring up the amount to \$1,600.
3. A Presbyterial Union of the Young People's Societies has been formed. Am not able to give amount of their contributions.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.

There are several signs of advance in the Mission work of this Presbytery; not that there has been increase of the number of Stations, but in the advanced position to which several of them have reached. Two of the Mission groups have been put on the list of the Augmentation Committee, so that they will become pastoral charges. These are Burk's Falls, etc., and Waubaushene, Fesserton and Coldwater. Sundridge and Bloomfield, on the contrary, have ceased to be a pastoral charge, and have been placed on the list of Home Mission Stations.

Then five groups of Mission Stations have become strong enough that, with the aid from the Assembly's Committee, they will be able to enjoy the services of Ordained Missionaries. These are: (1) Emsdale, etc., Mr. R. B. Smith, Missionary; (2) Maganetawan, etc., Mr. Thomas Davidson; (3) Wyevale, etc., Mr. W. T. Noble. The Missionaries for the two last named have not been appointed yet.

There has been a great improvement in the condition of Minesing, Midhurst and Ednvale since October, when Mr. Thomas Paton, late of British Columbia, took charge as Ordained Missionary. His report at the end of the half year is encouraging. It shows the ability and diligence of the Missionary. The organization of the Stations has been made more complete. The attendance upon the means of grace has increased, as well as the liberality of the people in support of the ordinances and of the Schemes of the Church. The grant asked for the field is \$100 less than that of the preceding year. The Presbytery expressed much satisfaction at the improved condition, and intimated the desire that the congregations proceed to give a call.

In view of an important change, which will probably be authorized by the General Assembly, it may be timely to glance at the work of the Home Mission Committee and the Presbytery during the past years in Muskoka, Parry Sound and Nipissing. Since these districts were open for settlement the Church has sought to provide religious services, and to keep pace with the increase of population. The Home Mission Committee have dealt generously with the Presbytery in maintaining Gospel ordinances there, and the result is that now there are seven pastoral charges, seven provided with Ordained Missionaries, and twenty-seven groups, including seventy

Stations. Some of the Ministers and Elders labouring there believe they would serve the interests of the Church better by being separated from Barrie Presbytery, and having a new Presbytery, thus, as it were, setting up house for themselves. With this view an overture is on the way to the General Assembly praying for the formation of a new Presbytery, which will take from Barrie three self-supporting charges, five under Ordained Missionaries, and fifteen Mission fields. The overture was considered by this Presbytery, and it was sent on to the Synod and Assembly with cordial approval. We have no means of getting information as regards contributions for Home Mission work and Mission buildings, such as are not included in regular contributions to the Home Mission Fund.

We have no information of definite character on this question. We know that there is an active Women's Home Mission Society in Orillia. In almost all the congregations there are Y.P.S.C.E.

The statistical report of Presbytery shows that there are fifty-three of these societies, and that the total amount contributed by them last year for Home Mission work, together with the contribution of the Orillia Home Mission Society, is \$330.

At the general annual meeting of the Y.P.S.C.E in September last it was decided to make an effort to contribute \$400 for support of a Missionary.

MR. FINDLAY'S REPORTS TO HOME MISSION COMMITTEE AND ASSEMBLY.

To the Rev. the Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly and permanent members thereof:

For the half-year, ending on the 31st inst., I beg leave to report as follows :

During the past term forty-one Missionaries have been employed within the bounds of the two Presbyteries of Algoma and that portion of the Presbytery of Barrie under my care.

In the Presbytery of Algoma, seven Ordained Missionaries and eighteen Students and Catechist. In the Presbytery of Barrie, five ordained Missionaries and sixteen Students and Catechists, forty-one in all. With this number of men pretty full supply was given, though we could have employed a few more had they been available.

At many points our work suffered from a variety of causes; yet we have reason to thank God for the measure of success which has attended the efforts of our Missionaries. Absence in the lumber camps in distant parts of the country and in the Crow's Nest Pass on the railway construction deprived many of our Stations of the presence of the men who help to make up the attendance in the winter season. Financially, their absence has been felt also; yet in certain parts of the field we have to report progress. For example: French River and Byng Inlet, two lumbering centres in the Presbytery of Barrie, ask for no grant during either summer or winter. Powassan is anxious to pass over to the care of the Committee on Augmentation, asking no further grant from your Committee. Burk's Falls has completed the work of strengthening itself for the responsibility of a settled charge under Augmentation by uniting with it the neighbouring Stations of Berridale and Ely.

In the Presbytery of Algoma, Tarbutt, which has had a variable experience during past years, asks to be set apart as a congregation under augmentation, which the Presbytery most cordially assents to, as it gives them opportunity to take in new territory, which it was impossible to touch under the old arrangement. Spanish River asks for an Ordained Missionary.

These facts we take as evidences of advancement in the work, and to which we might make additions, but let these suffice to show that the work is progressing,

notwithstanding the fact that the boom in business which has been enjoyed in other parts of the country is as yet unknown in these northern regions.

In these new regions the securing proper church accommodation is always an important consideration. Additions to our church buildings have been made as follows: At Dunchurch, in the Presbytery of Barrie, the advancement of our work has been not a little hindered in years past by the lack of a proper place of meeting. Our people there were loth to assume the responsibility of such a building as they felt would be required by them. However, an offer was made them, which they very gladly accepted, by which they are to-day in possession of a place of worship in every way comfortable, and a credit to all concerned in its erection. About a year ago I received, through Mr. Currie, of Thedford, an offer from Mrs. Kirkpatrick, a member of his congregation, that she would contribute to the erection of a church in any of our needy fields to the extent of \$500 on condition that the congregation would contribute at least a similar amount towards the building, the Church to be known as a memorial Church, in memory of her late husband, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., for many years postmaster at Thedford. Our people at Dunchurch gladly accepted the very generous offer which was made to them, and set about the erection of their new Church, which was opened for public worship on Sabbath, the 3rd October, last. The possession of a Church so complete and comfortable has inspired the friends in that neighbourhood with renewed courage. The kindness of Mrs. Kirkpatrick was suitably acknowledged by the congregation.

At Kearney, also in the Presbytery of Barrie, a new Church was opened on the first Sabbath of the year. They had built a few years ago—before the advent of the Atlantic railroad—on a site which proved to be a mile distant from the village, which is springing up around the railroad station. The accommodation was also less than the increasing community required. On the advice given them by the Presbytery they resolved to erect a more commodious Church in the village, which was opened as above. The building is very creditable to the taste and liberality of those engaged in its erection.

In the Presbytery of Algoma the work of Church erection has been going on apace during the past months. At Tarbutt, the old log Church which has done service from the early days of the settlement, showed signs of decay, but not on this account so much as that it had become too small for the increasing congregations, under Mr. Hartley's ministrations, was it doomed to removal, that a larger building might be erected on its site. On the 19th December last it was opened for public worship, the large congregations who attended the services showing the deep interest that is felt in this community in matters affecting the welfare of Christ's cause.

At Spanish River, a station on the Soo branch of the C.P.R., where our cause has been keeping pace with the growth of the place and neighbouring country, a Church was also erected during the last summer, and opened for worship on the 9th of January last.

In each of the above instances, except that of Dunchurch, where such assistance was not required, aid has been given out of our Church Building Fund, which has done much to encourage our people to undertake this much-needed department of work. But, as the fund is exhausted, we will require to rest for a time for lack of means to render further assistance.

In the Presbytery of Algoma one new field is added to the list, to be known as Echo Bay. By setting apart Tarbutt as an augmented congregation, Bar River, formerly connected with it, is released, and to it is added new Stations at Echo Bay and Echo River; also the Station known as Sylvan Valley, formerly connected with the Desert field, thus forming a compact field of four Stations. As there are still five Stations on the Desert field, the Missionary there will not lack for work.

In the Presbytery of Barrie one field passes off the list, viz., Berriedale. It has been found desirable to unite two of the Stations of this field, viz., Berriedale and Ely, with Burk's Falls, and the other two, Hartfell and Harkness, with Sundridge. This is done for the purpose of strengthening these central points, and, as each Station will receive as much service as under the old arrangement, and enjoy service during the whole year, a benefit will be done them.

Though interrupted somewhat more than usual during the past winter by storms and sickness—in a great measure the result of exposure—I was enabled to make fifty-two visits to different Stations during the term. In all visited I found the work progressing satisfactorily, so far as the Missionaries are concerned. In some of them I found great depression on account of the scarcity of money, which may result in arrears, more or less. The removal of some of our best families to the North-West has also been severely felt in some of our Stations, causing financial loss in some cases, which the Stations can ill afford. The Presbytery have, however, taken steps to remedy this, where possible, as in the case of the Uffington field, where this has occurred. They propose taking in with the three Stations comprising the above field other two, which lie contiguous to it, in the neighbourhood of Gravenhurst. By so doing the weak field will be strengthened, and the two Stations, which have practically been without service for some time, will have their wants supplied.

Previous to the late meeting of the Presbytery of Algoma I spent some days on the field occupied by Mr. Pelletier, lying along the main line of the C.P.R. This is a most interesting field, not because of the great results which appear on the surface, but rather because it is the seed-time of what we hope and expect will be an abundant harvest in the near future. Mr. Pelletier, it will be remembered, is engaged partly under your Committee and partly under the Board of French Evangelization. The people among whom he labours are, therefore, partly English-speaking and partly French. His field extends from Sudbury to the west some 300 miles to White River. The kind of people to be met with in this long distance vary very much. There are the railroad officials and the men in the service under them, the Hudson Bay factor and his men, the lumberman and those under him in the woods or in the mill. Like the Missionary, most of them are on the go all the time, moving about in the discharge of duty, but falling in with the services held by your Missionary in the lumber camp or mill, in the railroad village or gravel-pit, as the case may be. One thing that impressed me very strongly during my necessarily hurried run over the field was the heartiness with which he is received by all classes of the community. Many of the Roman Catholic settlers in the field evidently look upon him as their friend, while all classes among the Protestants are equally hearty in welcoming him in his rounds among them. A heaven is at work which will surely tell in the near future, let us hope, in bringing many out of darkness into the light of truth. Many instances of this might be given, which go to prove that his labours, carried on quietly, have been blessed to many a home and many a heart in this field. Others are earnestly seeking after the truth, reading the Word and enquiring as to its meaning. Financially, the results on the field may not be striking, but this is only one side of the question, and, after all, the least important. Changes are taking place in the settlements along the line which cannot but benefit our cause. Patience and perseverance are necessary meantime, and in the end we will have reason for thankfulness. "We shall reap if we faint not."

At the meeting of Presbytery, held on the 9th inst., it was agreed to ask the Students' Missionary Society of Montreal College to assist Mr. Pelletier in his work during the coming summer by appointing a Student who could use both the French and English languages to this field, but the application reached them only after their appointments had been made for the season, and so nothing could be done.

The desirability of such an arrangement will be seen when it is remembered that Mr. Pelletier can visit most of the points under his care only once a month on Sabbath, and many of them only on a week day. It is to be hoped that by another season some arrangement will be entered into whereby more frequent service may be given at important points.

As an item of interest I may mention that I received into the membership of the Church, by profession of faith in Christ and by the ordinance of Baptism, a young lady—a Jewess—who had been led to believe in Christ as the promised Messiah, and to accept Him as her Saviour.

Financially, the outlook for the Schemes this year is not so encouraging as I could have wished. Still, all things considered, many of our fields have done well—some of them nobly. The uncertainty in the future of the lumber industry may be taken as one cause for the shortage; the present uncertainty of the nickel industry also plays its part in other places, while the shortening the time of receiving contributions—this year by one month—will find others unprepared to report before the closing of the books on the 31st inst.

In some of our Stations the latter weeks of March and the early weeks of April are found to be the best for these contributions. As it is, about \$950 have been received from both Presbyteries during the year, which sum will yet be considerably supplemented, as many Stations are yet to be heard from.

PRESBYTERY OF ALGOMA.

Coming so soon after the annual report to the Committee, there is not much left to be said regarding the progress of the work during the past year. Of one thing there is abundant proof, viz., the desire on the part of our people to do all they can for the support of the Schemes of the Church, outside of what is necessary to keep up the support of ordinances among themselves. Wherever the matter has been fairly brought before them, and their interest enlisted in the subject, their contributions show that they desire to do all they can, that the work may progress elsewhere as well as at home.

The sum of \$428 has been contributed towards the Home Mission Fund, and \$151 towards the Augmentation Fund. Nor have the other Schemes been forgotten, though not so liberally supported, as we find that the sum of \$641 have been contributed altogether toward the Schemes.

Nor have they been unmindful of the pressing needs at home. In some cases a manse has been erected for the comfort of the Missionary; in other cases a Church, in which they may assemble for public worship, has engaged their attention. In this department the sum of \$2,250 has been expended, and for other congregational objects incidental, the sum of \$1,417; in all, \$3,667.

The benefit of continuous supply is seen in the fact that the arrears for services rendered are less now, when full supply is given, than formerly, when supply was only for the summer months.

So far as the reports show there are no distinctively Young People's Home Missionary Societies, but there are thirteen Christian Endeavor Societies which are composed mostly of young people, and which meet weekly for prayer and the study of God's Word. The amounts, if any, given to Home Missions have not been reported. The question of forming a Presbyterial Union was considered at the last meeting of Presbytery, but on account of the great distances necessary to be travelled it was deemed for the present impracticable.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.

In the field lying to the north of the River Severn, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Barrie, there is not much of special importance to note during the past year. The work has been going on quietly, in some cases with a good deal of energy; in others, with nothing of any account to note.

Some of our fields have been strengthened by the doubling-up process, as it is called, which will give larger fields, and stronger, and require less from the Fund to keep them up. We are suffering this year from removals to the North-West, causing a decrease in the giving power of some of our Stations. In others, there is a marked growth in this particular, so that meantime, until they arrange for the Ordained Missionary, they ask no grant from the Home Mission Committee.

This suggests an idea with regard to the working of these fields of the highest importance to the best interests of our cause. No one who is acquainted with the work in past years will deny that splendid work has been accomplished by the Student Missionaries and Catechists who have been employed in the field. At the time and under the circumstances none others could have accomplished what they did in laying the foundation of the work. But while their work has its place, and a very important place, it would be folly to close the eye to the fact that by these means the work can be brought forward only so far. The time comes, sooner or later, and to some sooner than to others, when something more than this kind of supply is felt to be necessary, when the Ordained Missionary must step in and carry on the work which has been commenced by the Student or Catechist.

So we find a number of our fields that are on the border land, grateful for what has been accomplished for them in the past, yet expecting something more from the Presbytery than a continuance of the supply that has hitherto been given them.

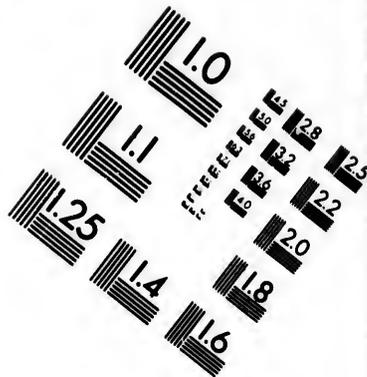
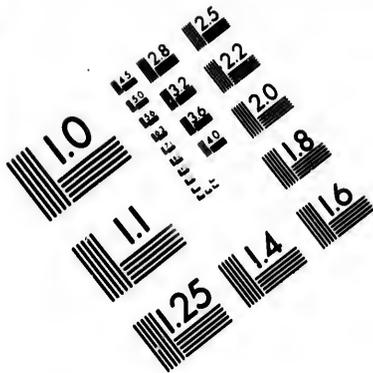
And in this view, I am glad to say, intelligent men among our labourers agree. "This field should have an Ordained Missionary," is the message which comes to me from one point and another by the men on the field, who appreciate the needs of their charge more correctly perhaps than can be from an occasional visit. Fear lest the Fund might not be able for these increased burdens has tended to keep the Presbytery from making the request, but the time has come when in some of these fields we must either go forward or go backward. We must have the Ordained Missionary or the cause must suffer.

The sum of \$460 has been contributed by these fields this year to the Schemes: \$348 to the Home Mission Fund, \$101 to Augmentation, and the balance to other Schemes, making, in the Mission fields in this and the neighbouring field in Algoma, the sum of \$1,100 for the Schemes.

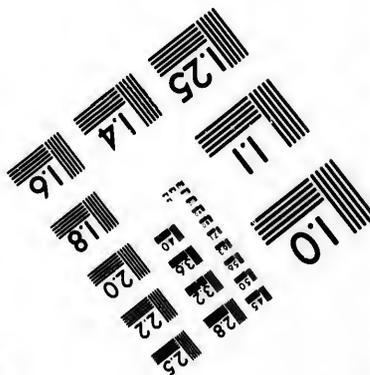
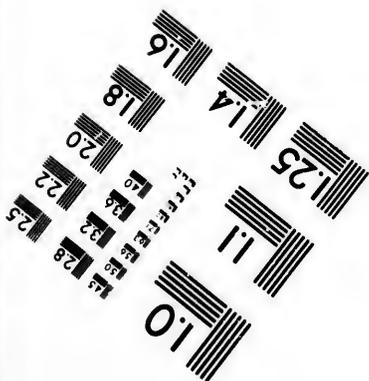
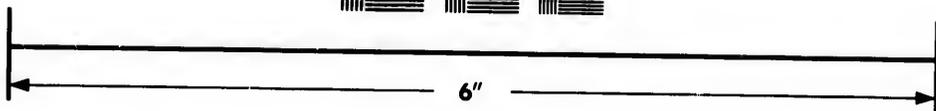
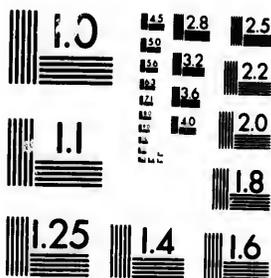
The amount expended in Church and Manse building during the year is not so great as in some previous years. This for two reasons: First, there is not so great demand in this Presbytery as in former years, their wants in these respects being more fully met than in Algoma; and again, the times have been too hard to encourage them to engage in the work except under very pressing circumstances. We have had two very fine Churches, considering the circumstances of the people, erected at Dunchurch and Kearney. Another is under way at Windermere, which we hope to see opened during the present summer.

\$1,391 have been expended in church building during the year so far as reported, while for other congregational work, incidental expenses, etc., \$604 have been expended.





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PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.

1. In the Indian Peninsula, including the Lion's Head District, considerable progress has been made in consolidating the work. Presbyterianism is being put on a firmer basis. The arrangement entered into with the Methodist Church to divide the field has been faithfully carried out on both sides, to the advantage of both. In the other fields progress has been made.

2. It is difficult to form an estimate, or obtain exact data, of the money expended in improvements in the Mission fields. Sheds have been erected and improvements made in connection with Church buildings, but all these have been done by voluntary labour and gifts of material, so that a money estimate cannot be made. In every part of the Peninsula substantial improvements have taken place.

3. Some time ago a Presbyterial Union was formed of all the Young People's Societies within the bounds. Twenty-five reported this year. The Union is pledged to raise \$150 for Home Mission work. It has taken under its special care the Indian Peninsula. The year for the operations of the Union closes on the 1st day of April, yet on December 31st there was reported the sum of \$126 sent to the Treasurer of the Church for Home Mission work. All contributions for this purpose are sent to Dr. Warden.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

Nothing special to report. No opportunity for extending Mission work, as the district embraced in the Presbytery is pretty well occupied.

The sum of \$401 has been expended in Mission work in addition to the regular contributions to the General Fund.

In the Presbytery there are eighteen C.E., seven Y.P.S., one H.M., and one M.B.; \$356 have been contributed by these Societies, but not distinguished. A Presbyterial Union of Young People's Societies has been formed, and these have agreed to raise \$50 (special) to aid the congregation at Linwood.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON

There is only one Mission Station in the Presbytery—Port Robinson, an old congregation, which is found in its present relation because of the difficulty of finding a suitable connection.

Ancaster, which was supplied by the Home Mission Committee for a number of years, is now connected with Alberton, and has a settled pastor.

A Presbyterial Young People's Society exists, but owing to the unsatisfactory character of the report I have no idea how many Young People's Missionary Associations have been formed, nor of the amount contributed for Home Mission work.

About \$800 have been expended on Mission work connected with the congregations not included in the sums given for the general work of the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

There are three Mission Stations in this Presbytery—St. Andrew's and Balfour Street, Brantford, supported wholly by Zion Church, and where substantial buildings have also been erected; and Onondaga, which, since its severance from Alberton, has been put upon the list of Mission Stations. Zion Church has expended during the year the sum of \$1,924.72 on its Missions. In almost all the congregations there are Young People's Societies, chiefly Endeavor Societies, who give to the various Schemes of the Church. A Presbyterial Society has also been formed, and is vigorously worked.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The work of Home Missions has materially advanced in the Presbytery of London during the past year. At North Ekfrid much remains to be done in the way of educating the members and adhering families in the grace of systematic giving for the support of ordinances as well as in other graces. But the universal testimony of all who know the field is that a very great improvement has been made in that settlement since the Presbyterian Church went in. This is one of not a few places that could be named where the Presbyterian Church has had to begin the work of evangelizing a people who may for years have had access to other Churches.

Two congregations in the City of London—Pottersburg (aided by St. Andrew's Congregation) and Chalmers' Church (aided by First Presbyterian Church and by Knox Church)—have advanced to the status of settled charges, and been transferred to the list of Augmented congregations. These Missions were maintained by the city Churches without any charge on the Home Mission Fund proper.

Twenty-eight Young People's Societies of various kinds reported to the Presbytery's Convener last year. These contributed \$1,805 to the Schemes of the Church, \$566 of which were for Home Missions. There is a General Presbyterial Union in this Presbytery. There is also a Presbyterial of Young People's Home Mission Societies.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

A new Station is opened up by the Knox College Missionary Society.

Harrow and Kingsville have been provided with an Ordained Missionary, with an increased membership.

Morpeth field has also increased in membership, and their support has increased. Bentpath field is more alive, and brighter prospects before them.

Buxton field, under the Students' Society, did better last year than ever before.

On the whole, the fields have made substantial progress, and the future prospects are brighter than they have been in the past.

Price has spent about \$180 in providing sheds and finishing the manse.

Harrow has paid out about \$150 on Church debt.

Morpeth spent \$200 in fitting up a place of worship.

Buxton spends this spring \$100 in building a shed.

Fourteen congregations have Christian Endeavor Societies.

Six of them contributed to the less or more to Home Missions.

A Presbyterial Union has been formed.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Of the three Mission fields in the Presbytery of Sarnia, two were erected into congregations during the past year, and are now settled charges. Only one field remains—Sombra and Duthie. The development of this field has been very slow. As a Mission field it is now, however, almost self-sustaining. It is situated in a part of the country that possesses great agricultural capabilities, and in course of time should form a good congregation. Our own Church is practically the only Church that carries on work systematically in the more important part of the field. The field was occupied during the whole year.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

- (1) We have no Mission in Stratford Presbytery.
- (2) Of course we have not spent anything on such work within our bounds.
- (3) There are no Young People's Missionary Societies in the Presbytery.

There are fifteen Young People's Societies, but none of them Home Mission Societies. \$92 were collected by them, however, and forwarded to Dr. Warden.

We have not got a Presbyterial, but efforts are made to have one formed. Some Societies raised some opposition, and caused delay.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

There are no Home Mission Stations in our Presbytery. The Presbytery has not organized a Home Missionary Society, but in many of our congregations Young People's Societies act in that capacity. Such Societies contributed \$286 last year.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

We have still but one Mission field in our Presbytery—Salem, Dobbinton and Gillies' Hill. There are sixty families connected with it. There is one Church, but requires two more. Till September last it was served by Students, but since then it has had the services of Ordained Missionaries. This change was by an urgent request from them, and shows that they are making steady progress. They promise to pay \$526 yearly, and they have the promise of a grant from the Home Mission Committee.

Nearly all our congregations have Young People's Societies, but cannot say how many of these have contributed to Home Missions.

We have a "Presbyterial Union" of the Young People's Societies.

THE KLONDIKE.

Early in the autumn the attention of the Home Mission Executive was called to the urgent necessity of sending out Missionaries to the Yukon or Klondike gold region, in view of the extraordinary rush of miners and speculators, not only from the American Continent, but from the Old World. It was felt that whatever could be done must be done at once, if the Presbyterian Church was to gain a footing there, and without waiting for the sanction of the General Assembly or the Committee itself. Accordingly, after due deliberation, in view of the heavy responsibility that would be laid upon the Church by such an expensive Mission, they determined to make appointments without delay, trusting that the Church at large would approve their action and provide the necessary additional funds. After making enquiries as to the special fitness of brethren whose names were mentioned, the following were selected and sent forth in the order named: Rev. R. M. Dickey, of Manitoba College; Rev. A. S. Grant, formerly of Almonte; Rev. John Pringle, of St. Paul, U.S.A.; and Rev. J. A. Sinclair, of Spencerville. Mr. Dickey and Mr. Pringle were designated at meetings held in Winnipeg, Mr. Grant in Toronto, and Mr. Sinclair in Ottawa. The Home Mission Committee, at its meeting in March, unanimously endorsed the action of the Executive, and confirmed the appointments made by the Executive. It is gratifying to the Committee to know that the Church has not only, we may say, unanimously approved of the Mission to the Klondike, but also of the singular fitness of the brethren appointed for the arduous and hazardous work before them. As a writer in one of our papers says: "Every letter which appears, whether from themselves or from others about them, shows that they are of the right stuff

to win the respect of the manly class of miners, and their influence among them cannot fail to be enormously for good. As long as the Committee select men of the class who have so far gone, the Church will stand behind them and furnish the means. Nothing in the history of our Home Mission work has ever awakened so much interest among the people generally. Where there is interest the money will be forthcoming as it may be needed."

The letters sent by the Missionaries at different stages of their journey and received from Mr. Dickey, giving an account of his work at Skagway, have been so fully published in the Church papers, that extracts seem unnecessary. But, inasmuch as this Report will be read by many in Great Britain who are deeply interested in North-West Mission Work and help the Committee in its prosecution, a few sentences from the letters sent may not be out of place. In a communication dated 21st October, 1897, Mr. Dickey says:

"Now, as to Skaguay. The people are very enthusiastic over the building of the Church. They decided to build it a Union Church, and, as they were doing it themselves, without asking the Church for any aid, I did not see my way to raise any objection. But it will be a Presbyterian Church to all intents and purposes, for the American Churches have divided Alaska up, and this is Presbyterian territory. I suppose eventually (unless Canada gets her rights and this is declared British territory) the American Church will occupy these towns. But I understand they are not able financially to do much at present; therefore the Canadian Church must supply the place, or likely no one will come at all. Besides, it is very properly the work of the Canadian Church. While an American town, and most of the people American, it is one of the important gates to British Territory, and nine-tenths of the people now here and that will pass through in the spring will locate in British territory. The congregation embraces all denominations—even Roman Catholics, Jews and Theosophists. I think we have more Roman Catholics than any other, and they have been more ready to express their appreciation of the services than any other denominations."

Of date 25th October, he writes:

"We had a fine service yesterday. I told the people that we needed \$120 before we could take any further steps in reference to the Church. There and then they subscribed over \$200. Two men I met going down the street gave me \$5 and \$10 respectively. To-day another man gave me \$50. Yesterday, at service, a little Indian boy about four years old came up and gave five cents. I took him up in my arms and said, 'Here's a boy has given what is more to him than \$100 to many of you.' Some of our good Winnipeg friends would have been shocked if they had heard the applause. Close on \$500 has been raised. Enough work has been promised to put up two Churches, so it will be built in a very short time. My aim is to build the Church by voluntary subscriptions, without socials or entertainments. We have had lots of offers to get up all sorts of schemes—even a dance—in aid of it. So far we have refused.

"On Saturday I was out along the trail inviting the men to the service. A man who overtook me said that where a number of men were working, one man, after I left them, made some sarcastic remark about religion. Another one spoke up, and said, 'Boys, I won't stand that. I always admire a true Christian, for they are holy.' There was not another word spoken. Was he thinking of his mother?

"I think I forgot in my last to tell you that some people tried to 'jump' the Church lot. I heard of it, and got there in time to hold my ground. Actual possession is the only way to hold anything here."

Of date January 15th, 1898, he writes:

"Since last I wrote you, things have been progressing steadily. School was

opened on the 3rd of January, and we have now thirty pupils. The school is free, and supported by voluntary contributions. On Monday evening the reading room was opened, and is open every evening from 6 to 10 o'clock. I was enabled to furnish it without asking anything from the people here, through the kindness of a gentleman in the East, to whose son I had the privilege of showing some little attention. Those who get magazines and papers bring them here, so that we have a fair amount of reading matter. Of course it is not fitted up very luxuriously. I offered some apology last night to a gentleman who was sitting on a nail keg. 'Oh,' he said, 'don't mention it. We have not a seat of any kind in our own cabin.' Almost every night we have a meeting of some sort going on in the Church. Monday, Endeavor; Tuesday, Literary Society; Wednesday, mid-week service; Friday, singing practice. On Thursday and Saturday we usually have a little singing or public reading. At last I have moved into my cabin, at the back of the Church. It is not yet finished, but is better than the place I was in. I had moved again since I wrote to you. People are crowding in at a rapid rate, and every place is occupied. A lot of lumber has come in these last few weeks, but there are so many buildings going up that it is scarcely landed till it is sold. The price now runs from \$40 to \$50 per 1,000. The price of real estate is going up every day. Our Church lot is worth ten or twelve times as much as when we bought it."

One more extract, of date March 15, 1898:

"We have been passing through trying times, and often I had not the energy to write. There has been much sickness, but not more than would be expected under the conditions. The chief troubles are diagnosed as pneumonia and cerebro-spinal meningitis, though, as to the latter, some of the physicians question whether we have had it at all. It seems to be a nervous trouble, caused by excitement, exposure, and want of proper nourishment and care. The poor fellows who get it usually become unconscious very soon after the first attack, and unless medical skill and care be procured soon they often are beyond hope. The hospital of which I told you in my last has already done a great work, having treated over thirty cases and only losing three. The total number of deaths in the town has not exceeded thirty, and about ten of these were by accident or violence.

"But the sadness of some of them was great, most of them away from home and friends. Regarding the spiritual state of most of them, I cannot speak—they were usually too far gone to be able to give us any assurance of their hope. . . . This makes very touching and sad the appeals from broken-hearted mothers for a last message from their sons. What can I reply but commend them to the love and mercy of our Father in heaven?

"A deathbed among some of the lawless is a very terrible sight. One morning I was called before daylight to see a man that was dying. Hastily dressing, I went to the hotel and up to his room. There lay on the bed a handsome young fellow, apparently unconscious. Around him knelt the watchers, with weary faces and tear-stained eyes, looking in terror for the approach of the Angel of Death. They had been forgetful altogether of their God, but now they supplicated Him with a strange but earnest importunity. When I entered they all kept silence. I spoke to the dying man about the love of Jesus Christ and His atoning death. For a time he seemed to have some conception of what I said, and responded to it. Then he began to wander again, and it was heart-rending to hear a dying man talking of the terrors of the trail and of the golden gulch beyond. Then, as if he suddenly remembered, he jumped up and shouted, 'I'm robbed, I'm robbed. The gamblers have got all my money.' He fell back exhausted, and again we knelt around his bed, gamblers and harlots and minister, and we prayed with and for one another in the grey dawn of an Alaskan morning, and who knows but that God in His mercy heard our prayers?"

The Rev. A. S. Grant, who followed Mr. Dickey, in writing from Port Simpson, January 19, 1898, says:

"I preached three times in Vancouver on Sabbath 9th. The 'Tees' was announced to sail on the 12th, but owing to an accident she had to be cancelled, so we did not get away from Vancouver until the 17th. . . .

"The rush is on already. The 'City of Seattle' left Vancouver last week with over 600 passengers, many of them the off-scourings of the Republic. On board the 'Danube' we have about 400, many of them Americans of the same type. I met a man in Vancouver who has over 2,000 passengers booked from Chicago via the Stikine route for Klondyke. They are to be outfitted at Vancouver, so as to evade customs duty. Everything is Klondyke. The classes of people going in are of such a mixed multitude, the majority so low down in the scale of being, that it is going to make our work very difficult. We must push the work with vigor, in faith, since He who sent us has all power in heaven and on earth, and His Word is quick and powerful. I have been used of God all the way in this work, and beyond my expectations already permanent work has been done. I expect that my knowledge of the healing art will give me access to many a man. When we have some definite policy I will inform you. In this work we shall be sustained by the grace of God and by the prayers and co-operation of the Church. May He give direction to us all, that God may be glorified in the salvation of sinners."

Mr. Grant's second letter is dated Lake Bennett, February 7, 1898:

"I am thus far on my journey. I never before undertook a task which so thoroughly taxed all my energies as this trip has; but I think the worst is over. In all kinds of weather we hauled freight, and with the exception of two Sabbaths I have conducted some kind of a service. In addition to this I have treated about fifty patients after hours along the trail, going sometimes considerable distances to see them. I have received some \$60 in voluntary offerings for such service, and this I now give as a subscription to the work at Lake Bennett. I have decided to establish a mission here at once. The population is small, but this is the head of navigation, and already there are over 5,000 people on the Skaguay and Dyea trails, besides all who are now at Skaguay and yet to come this way. I am going to start to-morrow to take out logs for a cabin and timber for a tent frame-work. The tent I have ordered from Vancouver, 24 x 40, with a six foot wall. I started a subscription list yesterday—the first Canadian Mission of this great Klondyke move. Major Walsh, who has returned from the interior and is here, started the list, followed by Captain Rant, and, with my own \$60. I got \$175. The men in my party are going to give a week's work gratis. Some others are going to give work also, and we will proceed at once. We must occupy this post now. I have secured a fine site, put the tent and the log cabin on the back of the grounds, so that if next summer a Church should be built the services will go on in the tent until the Church is completed. The North-West Mounted Police are a fine class of men. I thanked Major Walsh in the name of the Home Mission Committee for his kindness to the Mission. They took six months' supplies from Skaguay to Bennett for Dickey, when it cost them thirty-five cents per pound to do so, and now Major Walsh has instructed his men to take him down to Dawson by the first boats going in. This is a great service to the Church. I thought once or twice that the difficulties of this trip with so much stuff to move were going to prove too much, but we have succeeded in making it. Hundreds turned back before reaching the summit. We passed many on the way who had been on the trail since last July. The great majority of the parties break up on the way, so terrible are the hardships of the journey. Many are stranded for want of money. Some have died, many have been frozen. There is much sickness, but we are all here safe and well. This is to me additional proof that I am called of

God to this work, and an assurance that He will prosper us. This is the time, the opportune time, for the work, and the Home Mission Executive acted wisely in taking such prompt measures. May the Church support the Committee in this great work, and may the Head of the Church give us wisdom and make us faithful. 'The fields are white unto the harvest.'

Rev. Mr. Pringle writes as follows:

"Steamer 'Amur,' en route to Wrangel.

"Saturday, March 19th, 1898.

"In one hour and a half I shall be in Wrangel—on Monday I shall be one of a thousand camped on Cottonwood Island, at the mouth of the Stikine, waiting for the trail to harden so that they can proceed. The American Church is established at Wrangel, gives morning service to the Indians and evening service to the white population and birds of passage like myself. The only Church there, besides, is the Roman Catholic. It will be unnecessary for me to do anything there. I shall, as soon as possible, start for Glenora, and shall try to make it by the first Sunday of April. I have taken measures which will ensure us a Church site at that point. Mr. J. T. Bethune, formerly of Fort William, and an elder of St. Andrew's, Victoria, will attend to this interest for us. He will see the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Victoria, and will, if his Company's reserve is more convenient than Government property, give us a site himself.

"I shall, with others, start afoot from Wrangel, if it is possible to proceed at all. The general opinion is that while the trail is unfit for horses, it is possible for those who travel afoot. I have a reversible sleigh—sleigh on one side, toboggan on the other—and when I am in my harness will be able to draw my stuff with considerable ease."

The fourth Missionary appointed, Rev. Mr. Sinclair, having only left in May, when this Report was going to press, will be heard from shortly.

It is impossible to make permanent appointments to the different fields that need supply—Skaguay, Lake Bennett, Teslin, Glenora, Dawson, etc. When Mr. Pringle left Winnipeg it was fully expected that the railway between Glenora and Teslin was to be built; and Mr. Pringle was to establish a cause at Glenora, and then, after a month or six weeks, push on to Teslin and get work organized there, Glenora being occupied by another Missionary. The defeat of the Yukon Railway bill interfered with our plans somewhat, and it is considered advisable to wait additional light.

When last heard from the Rev. A. S. Grant was at Lake Bennett; but he was to push on to Lake Lebarge to attend to the building of boats with which to sail down to Dawson. At Lake Bennett Mr. Grant had a Church built—a wooden frame covered with tenting—probably the only Church of the kind belonging to the Presbyterian body. At the opening service there were twenty-six present—twenty-one men and five women. Major Walsh and his party attended in a body. The Governor has done all in his power to encourage our Missionaries, and has given instructions to the Mounted Police to render any practical aid wherever the Church is planting Missions.

Mr. Grant is doing Missionary work all along the road, his destination being Dawson. Mr. Dickey's place at Skaguay will be filled by Mr. Sinclair. Mr. Pringle goes on to Teslin and Mr. Dickey to Selkirk. Other points will be supplied, as far as possible, in the near future.

The Committee await further and fuller information as to railway extension and the more important centres likely to be occupied, and the opinions and advice of the Missionaries already on the ground before making other appointments. The

Edmonton route to the Klondike has much in its favour, and is regarded by many as one that will be much travelled during the coming year, and, in that case, Missionaries must occupy that district. Along the Crow's Nest Pass, also, additional labourers will be required (see Mr. Oliver's letter), so that great care must be exercised in order that the proper points are selected, and the funds placed at the disposal of the Committee used to the best advantage.

They cannot too strongly express their obligation to Major Walsh, of the Mounted Police, and his men, for the great kindness shown our Missionaries, and for means of transportation placed at their disposal, which has saved the Church a very large expenditure of money. They also tender thanks to friends in Winnipeg and elsewhere, who in many ways have assisted the Missionaries and the Committee in the arrangements made for their comfort. They would also mention gratefully the great assistance and encouragement given them by the Church papers, and specially through the "Westminster Klondike Fund," which aimed at raising \$10,000, of which there was received through that channel, or sent direct to the Treasurer, the sum of over \$7,000.

THE CROW'S NEST PASS.

Mr. D. Oliver, Missionary for the past year in British Columbia, thus writes, of date February 14, 1898 :

"I believe there is a grand future for Eastern Kootenay—it has good farming land, rich gold mines, and the largest coal fields in Canada, and now, as it is opened up by the construction of the Crow's Nest line of railway, I see no reason why it should not outstrip Western Kootenay altogether. There are six or seven towns springing up along the line of construction, which in a year or two must have a large population, and if our Church does not send in men and occupy the ground, she will lose her hold on the people, and it will take years to regain it.

"The first new town on the line of construction after leaving Pincher Creek is Coal Creek. It is here that the great coal mines are situated. Already about fifty men are engaged in opening them up, and when the railway is finished, it is estimated that 500 men will get steady employment. The C. P. R. is putting in a large saw-mill which will also give employment to a large number of men. For the past two months, the people have been flocking into it in crowds. Already over one hundred houses have gone up, and in a year it will have a population of several thousands.

"Thirty miles further west is a place called Crow's Nest Landing. Here there is a school, hotel, custom's offices, and some ranchers. They are all Eastern people, and are very anxious for services.

"Twenty miles further west is the town of Wardner, the town site of which is owned principally by the C. P. R. It is situated on the banks of the Kootenay River, where the railway crosses it, so that it will have both water and railway connections. Already there is a school-house, five hotels, and a good many stores. The C. P. R. have their headquarters here, and in a few months it cannot help but be a large town. A man stationed at Wardner could look after it, Crow's Nest Landing, also Coal Creek, and the men engaged on the line of construction between the above-named towns.

"Next comes Fort Steele. A man is needed there. He could look after the mine's in the neighbourhood and Crambrook City, another new town on the line of construction.

"Then there is New Montreal, Swanze City, Armstrong Landing, and Moyle City. The latter is growing very rapidly. It is surrounded by some splendid mines, such as the North Star and the Rio Grande. In a few months this will be

a large city. There will be a man needed here, and he could look after New Montreal, Swanze City, Armstrong Landing and Moyie City, also the men engaged on the line of construction between the above-named towns. We cannot do with less than these three men—in fact, if we had a fourth there is plenty of work for him, but if the Church does not send in men enough to man the field, she will regret it in the future."

THE MORMON SETTLEMENT.

The following letter, sent by Mr. Hamilton, our Missionary in the Mormon settlement, to Rev. J. C. Herdman, of Calgary, will give the Church some idea of the work there, and the special difficulties of the field:

"I have been moving during the past fortnight—getting my household effects transferred to the new manse, which was completed on 14th December according to specifications. Eight hundred and fifty dollars has been paid over to the contractor, Mr. J. C. Cahoun, and the balance, \$160, is due 18th January, thirty-five days after the building was taken over. This holding back of 15 per cent. of the amount was to provide for cases in which the contractor did not fully pay up his workmen or the men who supplied the materials.

"As to educational matters, they have not run as I expected, the Mormons having the full knowledge from my telegrams to Dr. Robertson and Dr. Warden, which I sent, asking for money, were well acquainted with my plans. The fact is, I went to Macleod, ninety miles, to telegraph to Dr. Robertson regarding the money for the second building. When I returned to Cardston the Dr. replied directly to Cardston by telegraph and telephone, that the money would be forthcoming immediately. The Mormons immediately adopted the Territorial School Law in Cardston and adjacent districts, and are enthused on the subject of education. They have two departments opened, one containing eighty-two pupils and another containing seventy-five pupils. The one is in charge of a first-class licensed teacher, the other of a second-class teacher.

"They seem now in thorough sympathy with the School Law, and at their annual meeting, which I attended, they discussed the propriety of opening a Primary Department, a new building, on 1st May next. They will certainly have three or perhaps four departments on the 1st May here. They teach in their hall or church. This counter-movement has put a new face on matters. On the whole, however, it is a decided step in advance, though not in accordance with our plans or anticipations. There is no doubt the law will be adopted in all the districts. There are now four Government Schools additional since I came.

"With regard to the second building, I cannot build just now with any satisfaction. I am trying to get a more central point, if possible. I thought, too, of conducting a small paper, which, besides being local, would discuss religion in such a way as to prove a benefit. I got a good team, and can make quick time when required. I walked from Mountain View December 20th in five and a half hours, as I could not take a horse for drifts. On December 24th I lost my way and stayed out nearly all night. I drove from twenty-five to thirty-five miles every cold Sunday this winter, got into Fish Creek with my horses, and have had a multitude of experiences."

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ANNUAL REPORT HOME MISSION WORK IN THE SYNODS OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND BRITISH COLUMBIA 1897-1898.

By the Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Robertson.

In Western Canada eighteen Missions were advanced to the status of Congregations during the past year, fourteen in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territory and four in the Synod of British Columbia; and twenty-two more would have been added to the number were the Augmentation Committee in a position to place them on their list. The sum required to qualify for the Augmentation list is \$500, and these Missions contributed for the support of their pastors last year, respectively \$512, \$520, \$540, \$555, \$587, \$600, \$600, \$624, \$650, etc. Unless such Missions are organized as Congregations and allowed to call pastors of their own, their development will certainly be arrested. To state the case is to show the need of some adequate remedy. Seventeen new fields, not including the Yukon, were placed on the Home Mission list. The gains in the Mission field during the year are indicated by the following figures. The Missions transferred to the Augmented list during the year are added to those now on the list to show the exact net gain.

THE YEAR'S GROWTH.

	Miss.	Preach. Station.	Church Buildings.	Fam- lies.	Single Persons.	Communi- cants.	Sab. Sup.	Contribu- tions.
1898.	174	733	166	5736	6013	6265	7134	43050
Aug'n Cong'n Figures	18	48	33	884	320	1376	8.4	8012
Totals.....	192	781	199	6620	6333	7641	8018	51062
1897.	175	652	172	5926	2114	6773	7241	38844
Gains.....	17	129	27	694	4219	868	777	12218

West of Lake Superior there are now 174 Mission groups, not including the Yukon district; there are 34 Augmented Congregations and 70 self-supporting congregations; and services are conducted regularly, at least during the summer, at 923 stations, and occasionally at a considerably larger number. The total number of professors, ministers, missionaries, catechists and teachers, including those engaged in Chinese and Indian work, is 334, of whom 187 are ordained and 147 unordained. Of the Missions 12 are for railway employees chiefly, 18 are in mining districts and 144 in farming and ranching districts.

EXTENSION NEEDED.

Although seventeen new Missions were taken up during the year, several needy districts are still without supply. Fears about the revenue at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee led to several Missions recommended by Presbyteries being held in abeyance. Four such districts are in the Presbytery of Kamloops. Nor has provision been made for the six or seven railway extensions to be proceeded with this season, nor for the new settlements sure to be formed by the incoming immigrants.

SUPPLY OF ORDAINED MEN INADEQUATE.

The proportion of unordained men is altogether too large for successful work. If the Church is to keep her hold of the people who belong to her, and reach those who are outside all Churches, she must put a larger number of trained men into the field. People in several places are protesting against supply by Students or Catechists, and heed must be paid to their remonstrances if such people are not to be lost to the Church. This spring it is pleasing to report that a larger number of graduates than usual accepted appointments to the West; and the number would have been larger but for the attitude of parents, relatives, and even pastors, towards accepting calls to the western field. Loyalty to the Church, the country, and western settlers, should suggest a different attitude. If there are ninety Ministers in Ontario in excess of the need, and ample room in the West for a considerable number of them, there ought to be no hesitation as to the line of duty. The disinclination of young graduates to labour on the frontier is an evil loudly complained of by the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and they have adopted strong measures to correct this crying evil; it is worth the attention of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to enquire as to the cause of this desire to shun the frontier, and to devise a remedy to overcome the evil. It is true that Paul may plant and Apollos water, but that God alone can give the increase; but where the Pauls and Apolloses are at work there is no room to complain of a short harvest. Humanly speaking, the Church that places the best men in the field wins the day.

SUPPLY.

Manitoba College summer session continues to give large help in the supply of stations during winter. These students are well advanced in their studies, and render acceptable service in the larger Missions, and even vacant charges. Last winter a larger number than usual from eastern colleges volunteered to remain in the field all winter, and their help was a distinct gain to our work.

DEATHS.

During the year Mr. George Weir, our Missionary at Strathclair, was called away suddenly and unexpectedly. He was not long in the service of the Church, but endeared himself to all who knew him by his spirituality and devotion to the interests of his Master's Kingdom.

In the spring, after a protracted illness, death claimed Mr. John Cairns, Missionary at Carnduff, in the Presbytery of Melita. He laboured in Ontario in the Mission field, and served the Church in the West, first at Marringhurst. He was a faithful and conscientious minister, and laboured with fidelity and success in the two districts in which he was settled.

CHURCHES AND MANSES BUILT.

During the year Churches were built at Bellafield, Glenadelaide, Ochre River, Fairmede, Buffalo Lake, Springhill, Blythfield, Wapella, Plumas, Moffatt, Griswold, Arizona, in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories; and at Nakusp, New Denver, Slocan City, Ymir, Lone Tree, Beaver Lake, Cardston and Colwood in the Synod of British Columbia. At Douglas and Dauphin in the former Synod manses were built, and at Trail, Cardston and Slocan City in the latter. The prospects are that building will be much more extensively carried on this year.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Wherever practicable Sabbath Schools are organized, and the attendance is encouraging; about 10,000 scholars are enrolled, being about half the number in the Sabbath Schools of the Church in the West, the other half belonging to the schools of augmented and self-supporting congregations.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Prayer meetings are held wherever a few people can be got within a convenient distance of a suitable centre, and it is pleasing to note the large proportion of men who attend. In mining districts and railway camps good audiences assemble on week evenings.

INCREASE IN COMMUNICANTS NOT SATISFACTORY.

While the attendance on Sabbath services is most encouraging, the increase in the number of communicants is slow, especially in certain Presbyteries. Attention has been called to the matter, and at the July meetings conferences are to be held, when this subject will receive due attention.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The contributions of the people for the support of ordinances are more than 31 per cent. in advance of the previous year, being \$51,062 as against \$38,844 in 1896-7. To meet the salaries of Missionaries the people give about 63 per cent. and the Home Mission Committee 37 per cent. With more acceptable supply a higher percentage would be given by the people. The rate per communicant for salary is \$6.68.

The assistance given the Schemes of the Church is also much in advance of previous years. Missionary meetings conducted by Presbyteries and more general organization contributed to this result.

STATE OF RELIGION.

It is somewhat difficult to indicate the spiritual condition of the Mission districts with accuracy, and yet there are signs of a gratifying nature. The Sabbath is well kept in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, the busiest time in harvest not tempting men to profane the day. In the mining districts things are not as satisfactory, although an improvement is noticeable, especially in the older towns. The Canadian element everywhere works for a quiet Sabbath, even where it is decidedly in the minority. Attendance on Church services is increasing, even in mining districts, and the proportion of communicants as compared with families is gradually rising. Family worship, it is feared, is not common; nor is family discipline maintained as in the past. There is still a good deal of drinking, but the evil is abating. There is everywhere a great deal of respect for law and order, even among foreigners, and crimes committed against the person and property are rare. The record of Presbyterians in this regard is the cleanest of any denomination. The people are generous in the support of Church work, and interested in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. Only in one Presbytery did the average contribution for all purposes, per communicant, fall below \$10 in 1896; and in one it rose as high as \$29.02; while in Eastern Canada three-fifths fell below \$10, and one as low as \$6.10.

HINDRANCES.

Everywhere worldliness and a love of pleasure are hindrances to the progress of true religion. To these, in mining districts, must be added Sabbath desecration, gambling, drinking and lewdness. Picnics and games are occasionally found on Sabbath, but Canadian sentiment is against them, and such practices will likely cease. Public sentiment and the strong arm of the law are putting down gambling in its grosser forms; in mining camps, however, shops and saloons are frequently open on Sabbath—the latter seldom closed—and the pimp and his proteges are seldom molested. The absence of family life and suitable boarding-houses greatly increases the danger of the brothel and saloon. Sentiment is steadily changing, however, in favour of a quiet Sabbath and clean and sober towns.

PRESBYTERIES' HOME MISSION CONVENERS.

The large and valuable service rendered to the Church by those connected with the Synods and Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees should be recognized. Where the number of Missions in a Presbytery is large and the area of the Presbytery wide, visiting and correspondence make large demands on time and strength, on tact and prudence. To give a few figures is to sustain the contention: Winnipeg has 19 Missions, Rock Lake 10, Portage la Prairie 10, Melita 11, Minnedosa 16, Regina 26, Edmonton 12, Calgary 13 and Kamloops 23. The Convener of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, British Columbia, the Secretary of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and the Rev. C. W. Gordon, who has acted as secretary for the work maintained by British Churches, have done and are doing a work that few are in a position to appreciate.

MISSIONARIES.

Testimony should also be borne as to the faithfulness and efficiency of Missionaries, generally speaking. That in so large a staff one not up to the standard should be occasionally found was to have been expected; the general average, however, is high in scholarship and pulpit power. The field demands nevertheless a larger proportion of men of maturity and experience, men who know men, and who will command their respect by their unblemished life and prudent speech. Said a man, not a Christian, of one of our Missionaries: "I never go to church but Mr. — preaches me a good sermon every day in the week by the way he lives." Of very many the same testimony could be borne. It was a rare sight to find a Roman Catholic railway contractor attending a meeting of Presbytery this spring, and urging that our Missionary should be left in the field all summer because of his valuable work among the men.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Since the progress of the Church in the West is somewhat bound up with the material interests of the country, a few general statements will assist in making clear the obligations resting on our Church. Last year was profitable for the farmers of the West; absence of autumn frosts, a fair crop and good prices enabled Manitoba farmers to realize \$18,000,000 on the year's returns, and those in Eastern Assiniboia four or five millions more. By this handsome return debts were wiped out, mortgages lifted, better buildings erected and confidence inspired. The area under crop this year is one-fourth larger than last year, and the prospects are so far cheering.

DISTRICTS OPENED UP.

The building of the Canadian Pacific Railway uncovered no mineral lodes north and west of Lake Superior, and it was inferred that the country was worthless for mining. Prospecting has shown that judgment to be hasty and incorrect; in the Lake of the Woods region, Rainy Lake, Wabigoon, etc., valuable discoveries have been made, and development is proving that here is an important field for the judicious employment of capital. Exploration has discovered very considerable areas of farming land in North-West Ontario, especially along the Rainy River. To open up these lands the Government of Ontario is assisting to extend the Port Arthur Railway to Fort Frances. Already a considerable settlement is found along Rainy River, and it is to receive large accessions this season. Into the Slate River valley, the Township of Oliver and the district about Dryden, settlers are moving and thriving communities springing up.

MANITOBA RAILWAY.

The Government of Manitoba is assisting to construct a railway to the south-east from Winnipeg to connect with the Port Arthur Railway at Fort Frances; eighty miles are to be built this season and the balance the following year. Last season the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company built and began operating 100 miles of railway through the Dauphin district. Settlers flocked in at once, and occupied the vacant lands within reach of the railway. Sixty-five miles more are to be built this season, opening up a quarter of a million acres of valuable land in the Swan River valley. Next season the road is to be extended to the Saskatchewan River, which is navigable westward from that point for 1,000 miles. This railway is the first link of the Hudson's Bay road.

This spring about 200 settlers began farming operations in the Swan River valley, and the manager of the railway assures me that these are but the vanguard of a considerable army to follow this summer.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company are building a line this year between Belmont and Hartney; this road will start towns and consolidate the work of the Church in the Riverside and Whitewater municipalities. It is probable that the Pipestone Valley Railway will be extended towards the Moose Mountain, and the Great North-West Central up the Qu'Appelle valley to the Touchwood Hills.

Along the surveyed route of the Manitoba and North-Western Railway settlement is extending in anticipation of the extension of the railway, and settlements between Calgary and Edmonton are growing by the arrival of immigrants principally from Europe and the United States.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RAILWAYS.

The Crow's Nest Pass Railway is being pushed through with great energy, and will likely reach Kootenay Lake in August; when completed it will give a great impetus to mining in the Slocan, Kootenay district, by furnishing cheap coke and coal and reducing freight rates on all supplies and the output of mines. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is building a line also from Robson, through Grand Forks, up the Kettle River Valley and into the Boundary Creek district, which is one of the richest mineral regions in British Columbia. The revival of placer mining in the Cariboo country by the use of machinery, has sent a considerable population northward; and, since one of the routes to the Klondike is through this country, settlement may be expected to increase. Mining and ranching are the industries.

MINING.

The growing importance of the mining industry in British Columbia will appear from a few figures. The value of the mineral output was as follows:

	1893.	1896.
Gold..	\$ 25,000 00	\$1,250,000 00
Silver	193,000 00	2,100,000 00
Lead...	79,000 00	722,000 00
Copper	16,250 00	191,000 00
Coal...	981,000 00	2,550,000 00

The total value of the mineral output for 1897 was \$10,500,000—40 per cent. in advance of 1896. In 1897 the Slocan Star mine paid \$300,000 in dividends on a capital of \$500,000; the Reco \$100,000. Already the Le Roi mine has paid \$825,000.

Mining is being carried on with success on the coast at Harrison Lake, on Texada Island, and at Alberni and other points.

The general outlook on the Pacific Coast is brightening. Commercial centres like Vancouver and Victoria have been greatly helped by the Klondike trade, and a salmon catch of \$3,000,000 worth on the Frazer River improved the business outlook. Too many men looking for desirable situations come to the coast; what is needed is a little capital and men to develop the wealth in forest and mine, in sea and soil.

IMMIGRANTS.

Last year 9,700 settlers passed through Winnipeg to take up land in Manitoba and the North-West. This year, during January, February and March alone over 10,000 passed through, not to speak of 2500 Canadians who were on their way to the Klondike. The prospects are that Manitoba and the Territories will get an accession of 20,000 or 25,000 people this year. About one-half of the incomers are English-speaking, from Eastern Canada, the Motherland or the United States; the others are foreigners from Northern and Central Europe. The exhaustion of free grant lands in the United States, the restrictions placed on immigration, and the war now waged between the United States and Spain will likely divide the stream of emigration from Europe, and send a much larger proportion of it to the shores of Canada. The Teutons, Slavs and Scandinavians are, generally speaking, of good physique, industrious, law-abiding, and promise to become good settlers; but strenuous and sustained efforts must be put forth to assimilate and Christianize them, if trouble is to be avoided in the future. The dangers of the Republic to the south, by leaving large masses of population unassimilated, should prove a warning to Canada.

MORMON SETTLEMENT.

As is known to the Church, there is a considerable colony of Mormons established at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, just north of the International boundary line. On coming to Canada they agreed to observe our laws in the matter of marriage, but, having brought all their wives with them, their circumstances are rather unfavorable to the observance of their pledge. They have built a temple, got an act of incorporation from the Legislature at Regina by a vote of 14 to 10, in spite of strenuous opposition, and are establishing themselves firmly. They are in close touch with the Mormons of Montana and Utah, who have an army of 1300 missionaries at work in Europe, the United States and Canada. These missionaries,

too, are making converts even in Canada, especially in districts which Christian Churches are neglecting. The Alberta settlement is likely to receive large accessions during the coming summer, and prompt and energetic measures are necessary to prevent the spread of this pernicious system.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE WEST.

Because of its extent and resources, Western Canada is sure to play a more important part in Canadian affairs in the future than in the past. It is estimated that the country is capable of supporting a population of from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 in ease and comfort. Population in the Maritime Provinces is stationary; the population of Quebec and Ontario is increasing at the rate of about one per cent. per annum; that of Manitoba and the country westward increased about 130 per cent. between 1881 and 1891; and it is confidently maintained that 800,000 people will be found in the West when the next census is taken; and that in 1905 the West will have overtaken the Maritime Provinces. The shifting of the centre of population westward means the shifting of the political and commercial centre. The press, public men and business men are preparing for the change; the Church must do the same, if she is not to be left hopelessly behind. The Presbyterian Church in the United States (North) has undertaken no new home mission work for three years. It reduced its staff during that time from 1,750 to 1,416, and ceased to employ students during the summer as formerly. Other Churches in that country have, in a similar way, seriously shortened their cords. This neglect of the West, in the Republic, has brought about the decay of true religion. In large sections of the country lynching, murder, gambling, divorce, drinking and lewdness are sapping the foundations of social order. Similar conditions and forces will produce similar results in Canada. In some districts these sins have shown their head already, and every effort should be made to remove them root and branch. It is pleasing to observe that the Gospel everywhere has proved itself to be the power of God to save. In some districts where tact and determination were needed to secure a foothold we have now self-sustaining congregations.

THE YUKON DISTRICT.

The Yukon district requires separate treatment. The region lies north of British Columbia and between the Rocky Mountains and Alaska. The United States claims a strip southward along the Pacific Coast from Mount St. Elias for 400 miles; this makes Yukon a sort of Hinterland, the nearest inlets and harbours being in the disputed area. The district is about 600 miles in length and 500 miles in width; and the gold-bearing belt, according to Ogilvie, about 150 miles wide and 550 or 600 miles long. Access to the country is at all times difficult, and especially in winter, owing to the severity of the climate and the lack of travelling facilities. Miners and supplies are entering the country chiefly by the Taku Inlet, Stikine River, Lynn Inlet and Yukon River. From Lynn Inlet three routes start, from Pyramid Harbour, Dyea and Skaguay. The White Pass from Skaguay is 2600 in elevation, and the Chilkoot 1000 feet more. Owing to distance, numerous bars and shallow water, the route by the mouth of the Yukon River is not popular.

MINERS.

In January, February and March 25,000 are said to have entered the Yukon district; and up to the present time 35,000 is the estimate. The defeat of the bill to build a railway between Glenora and Teslin, and the snow slides in the Chilkoot Pass, by which 150 men and 10,000 tons of supplies were swept into the abyss below,

checked the inrush till navigation should open. Unless the wealth of the district is greatly exaggerated, in spite of the hardships to be encountered, gold seekers will steadily flow in, and with them an army of men and women to pander to their appetites and passions. This is not a matter of conjecture; sad reports have already come to hand of the doings of vile and villainous scoundrels and of the fall of many of whom better things might have been expected. Their moral defences were forced.

YUKON MISSIONARIES.

Our pioneer missionary—the Rev. R. M. Dickey—the pioneer missionary of any Canadian Church—went to Skaguay in October, and with great energy succeeded in erecting a church there. Until this spring he was the only missionary in the place. The Rev. A. S. Grant followed in January; he called at Skaguay, and passed on to Lake Bennett, the first point on the Canadian side of the International boundary. Here he built a church and erected a structure to be used for a manse. He then tramped 200 miles northward to Lake Lebarge, where he and his party built boats by which to float down to Dawson. Lebarge they expected to leave May 1st, and to reach Dawson by May 15th. The Rev. John Pringle was designated about the middle of March, and proceeded to Glenora with little delay. He travelled from Fort Wrangel, drawing his sleigh with 400 lbs. of supplies up the Stikine River to Glenora—150 miles—and began work at Glenora and Telegraph Creek. Because a fleet of boats is to ply between Fort Wrangel and Glenora and a road is to be built connecting Glenora with Teslin Lake—Teslin being the head of navigation down to Dawson—it is likely that at Glenora and Teslin towns will spring up. The Rev. J. A. Sinclair was designated at Ottawa, and will leave Vancouver on the 15th for Skaguay. Mr. Dickey left Skaguay, and was at Lake Bennett when last heard from; he will push on to Selkirk. In overtaking the religious wants of this wide region, it should be our aim to occupy strategic points like Dawson, Selkirk, Teslin, Glenora, Bennett, etc., first, and then extend as circumstances suggest. Dease Lake, Big Salmon River, Stewart River, Hootalinqua River, the upper reaches of the Klondyke River and other gold-bearing streams require attention. Until the policy of the Government in this matter of providing transportation is known, caution, in completing arrangements is desirable; but the Committee should be ready to act promptly as soon as the way is clear, else much of the advantage already gained may be lost.

SICKNESS—NURSES

The reports sent by missionaries, and private and press communications, show that there has been a good deal of sickness and suffering, and that the means for coping with disease are primitive and inadequate. The people of the United States may be relied on to build hospitals and provide nurses in the coast cities; they have done so at Dawson, thinking that town was in Alaska. It is pleasing to report that the Victorian Order of Nurses has sent four nurses already, under the patronage, and at the personal expense of His Excellency the Governor-General. The women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada are perfecting arrangements to send two nurses, to be followed by others if required. By this means, suffering will be alleviated, lives spared, and Christian work advanced. The Rev. A. S. Grant, who has received a medical training, did much good in this way while on the route to Dawson.

NEW PRESBYTERIES.

The Yukon district is outside the boundaries of Presbyteries in British Columbia, although Glenora and Teslin are south of the 60th parallel—the northern boundary of the Province of British Columbia. The General Assembly should be asked to

consider the advisability of erecting a Presbytery in the Yukon so that the business of the Church might be conducted in accordance with established usages. A Presbytery would be of great assistance, if able to meet only once a year.

The growth of the Presbytery of Kamloops has led to an agitation in favor of division. The Crow's Nest Pass and Kettle River Railways completed, it is expected that the population of the Slocan—Kootenay country will increase rapidly, and that within a few years the present population will be five, if not ten, times the present figure. From east to west, along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Synod extends 420 miles, and from north to south settlements are found at points 500 miles apart. There are at present 19 ordained ministers and missionaries in the Presbytery, and a division along the present and prospective railways would give ten ministers to the Southern Presbytery and nine to the Northern. In the Northern would be four congregations and eleven missions, and in the Southern four congregations and thirteen missions.

GROWTH.

The growth of the Church in Western Canada can be seen by a glance at the table subjoined. The returns for both 1881 and 1898 are incomplete, but more incomplete for 1881 than for 1898; they are in both cases from the Assembly returns:

	1881.	1897.	1898.
Synods.....	0	2	2
Presbyteries.....	1	14	14
Self-sustaining congregations.....	2	65	70
Augmented congregations.....	0	22	34
Missions	28	175	179
Preaching Stations	116	808	937
Families.....	971	12,434	13,605
Single Persons.....	303	6,152	9,143
Communicants	1,153	18,007	19,505
Contributions	\$15,100	\$251,142	\$301,753

As compared with 1897, the increase in families was 9 per cent., in communicants 81-3 per cent., and in contributions 20 per cent. The average contribution for the past year was per communicant \$15.47, and per family \$24.27. According to the last report sent to last Assembly, the average for the Church, per communicant and family respectively, was \$10.90 and \$20.95. Considering the newness of the west, and that Missions are included with congregations in the calculation, the liberality of the people is hopeful.

MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN.

This department of our Home Mission work has been carried with the greatest thoroughness during the past year. Some twenty of our ministers and missionaries have been engaged in the work of visiting the lumber camps and distributing literature. The seven colporteurs of the Bible Society have also carried our literature in their extensive travels. We have helped to pay the salaries of two missionaries in districts where it is difficult to secure maintenance.

The Rev. N. McLaren is stationed at River Desert, 100 miles north of Ottawa in the heart of a vast lumbering region. The Rev. Mr. Gilchrist is stationed in the new Temiscamangue region. We have paid each of these \$50.00 to supplement their meagre salaries. During the past years there has been a great improvement in the life of the men in the camps. This is due to various influences, not the least of which is the work of the mission to lumbermen. A multitude of

voices from the great lone forest speak to us words of gratitude and encouragement. We have spent this last year about \$325.00 in the work, and we doubt very much if any other department of Church work can show so much accomplished for the money expended.

MATTHEW H. SCOTT,
Convener and Treasurer.

THE HOME MISSION LEAFLET.

Home Mission Leaflets have been issued but sparingly during the year in view of the general one sent out by the committee. A partial synopsis of the last Home Mission Report was prepared by Mr. Henderson for publication in the "Record", and afterwards distributed in leaflet form. Later on another leaflet on "Home Missions in Relation to Other Work of the Church," was prepared by a special committee. The committee feel assured that wherever these leaflets have been judiciously used by ministers they have been productive of good. The best use is to have them distributed in the pews on Sabbath morning, and attention drawn by the pastor to salient points in them, at the time that contributions for missions are about to be made.

The committee would urge upon the consideration of Young People's Societies the special claim that Home Mission work, or at least mission work within our own country has upon their attention, sympathy and liberality.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

MORIN COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Two of the students of Morin College, Messrs. Pidgeon and Wheeler, have maintained services at Port Neuf, and others aided Rev. Mr. MacLennan at Chaudiere.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL FOR 1897.

During the session of 1868-69 the students of this College felt the need of fostering among them the missionary spirit, and in order that this should be done some work must be undertaken; this Society was then organized, that by addresses, essays and other means, mission work both Home and Foreign might be brought more prominently before the students. Mission work was also undertaken in different places on the frontier of our country, but situated as we are, practically surrounded by a French Roman Catholic population, the Society deemed it best to devote its attention chiefly to the work of French Evangelization.

In the twenty-nine years that have passed since its organization, the main features of the Society's work have remained the same, except that during the past three years we have extended our work to the other Provinces, believing that by so doing the interest in the work in our own Province would be stimulated; and the results we are happy to say have justified this extension of our work. In the years that have past, it has been our privilege to do useful work for the Master in the Home Mission fields of our Church, while foreign work has been kept prominently before the members at our regular meetings. Those of our graduates who are now laboring as foreign missionaries testify to the value of this part of our work.

During the past summer ten missionaries laboured under our Society, two of these were French students who had to meet the difficulties peculiar to the work among their own countrymen. This work alone cost us \$424, for it was almost entirely among Roman Catholics, and so, little help was obtained from the fields. The other students were in some cases largely supported by the congregations themselves, although in others the people were needy and scattered so that the contributions were not very large, yet in every case, according to their means, they have done nobly.

Apart from what is raised in the fields occupied by the Society, our income is derived from the personal contributions of the students, and also from friends and congregations throughout the Church. Tithing the income is now the general rule in the College, and a generous portion is given to meet the expenses of the Society. We take this opportunity to thank the many friends outside the College who have so generously assisted us. With their aid some souls have heard the Gospel to whom otherwise it would have been denied. Will not many more help us during the coming year?

The fields occupied by the Society are given into its care by the members of the Home Mission Committee; and the missionaries sent out are subject to the authority of the various Presbyteries within whose bounds they are labouring, in precisely the same way as the missionaries sent out by the Home Mission Committee.

The students supported by the Society during the past summer have furnished the following brief description of their fields :

ROCKCLIFFE, ONT.

This mission field is situated in the picturesque valley of the Upper Ottawa, and is under the supervision of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. It comprises three preaching stations—Rockcliffe, Des Joachims and Bissett, services being held every alternate Sabbath in the two first and every second Wednesday in the last.

The people in this section of the country depend almost entirely upon the lumbering industry, the soil not being suitable for agricultural pursuits, and, owing to depression in the lumber trade, it is not strange to find the settlers very much scattered. The majority, too, are Roman Catholics, leaving a mere handful of Protestants of different denominations. It was very encouraging, however, to the Missionary to find these few united so closely in the common bond of Christian love, and their hearty support and regular attendance at the services would be a worthy example to many more pretentious congregations.

Those who are deprived as these are of services of any kind during the winter months are in a position to appreciate Gospel privileges, and, when available, take advantage of them.

The prospects for the future are not particularly promising, but your Missionary would urge upon the Society not to neglect the needs of this field, and, if possible, arrange to supply it as formerly, for in no community will their efforts be more highly appreciated and their Missionary receive a more kindly welcome.

TARBOLTON, MANITOBA.

This field is situated in the Presbytery of Brandon, about twelve miles north of the village of Griswold.

In the past it consisted of three stations—Ralphton, Brierwood and Tarbolton, but this year Mayne was added, making this work somewhat heavy, as there were regular services at each of the four stations every Lord's Day, which required a drive of thirty-two miles.

The first service each day was held at Mayne school-house at ten o'clock in the morning; the next service was held at one o'clock in the afternoon at Tarbolton, where there is a very comfortable church; the service at Brierwood came next at three o'clock in a school-house; and then the evening service in the Ralpton school-house closed the day's work.

All the services were well attended by the other denominations as well as our own, for the best of harmony prevails among them. At Ralpton the progress of the work is so favourable that an effort will be made next year to build a church in that place.

Your Missionary was treated very kindly by the people, who are pleased with the work which the Society has done among them during the past three years.

SOMBRA AND DUTHIL, MANITOBA.

This mission field in the Presbytery of Sarnia consists of two stations, Sombra and Duthil, and was under the care of this Society last year.

Services were held at both places each Lord's Day, and a prosperous Sabbath School was also maintained at each place. These schools are kept up throughout the year, and do excellent work.

Although the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church are few in numbers, yet the work there is not without encouragement; it has hitherto been hindered by the lack of services during the winter months, but this year the services will be continued throughout the winter and good results are expected.

At Duthil, during the past year, the church underwent extended repairs, yet all the expenses were promptly met, so that now there is practically no debt on the congregation.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed by the Rev. John Eadie of Sarnia, and three persons were received in to the Church on profession of faith, of whom two were baptized.

COMMANDA, ONT.

This field is in the Barrie Presbytery and near Lake Nipissing.

It is now in a weak condition owing to the decline in lumbering, its only industry.

Many of those who have supported the mission have lately moved away on account of the financial depression, and the struggle for those who remain is an uphill one.

The people were pleased to have a missionary among them, and shewed it quickly by organizing for mission work.

Sabbath Schools were started at the different stations and received a very warm support; some of the mothers expressed their gratitude for them time and again.

The regular services were also well attended, considering the number of people. Great kindness and consideration were shown the missionary at all times.

The stations were four in number—Rye, Commanda, Nipissing and Sharp's Corners.

Services were held throughout the summer, one Sunday at the first two of these stations and the Sunday following at the other two.

GRAND MERE MISSION, QUE.

Up the St. Maurice, about twenty-five miles from Three Rivers, where you find yourself in the midst of the far-famed Laurentide scenery, there also you find Grand Mere.

One comes upon the river suddenly in driving, and the view both up and down it in summer or in early autumn is one of the most beautiful imaginable. As you stand at the ferry and look down stream you catch a glimpse of the double fall, the roar of which comes to you, and you see below the falls, the island on which is found the still hard profile of the Grand Mere—"the face which men shape to their mind's eye from broken rocks on the cliff side." She keeps watch and ward over the village, and has given her name to it as a sign of favor.

The mills, for which the village exists, are built beside the right hand fall on a low tract, formerly the river bed. A high plateau rises abruptly above this, and along the edge of it is built the village. The whole scene reminds one somewhat of old Quebec with its upper and lower town.

On the main street stands the Presbyterian Church. It is a neat frame structure, finished inside in natural wood and lighted by two rows of gothic windows set with cathedral glass. In the tiny belfry hangs a bell of excellent tone. This church was erected a year ago, and is quite free from debt.

The sole industry at present is the manufacture of wood pulp, but a large mill for the manufacture of this pulp into newspaper is now being erected.

This latter work has brought to the place an army of workmen, and the once quiet village is rapidly becoming a busy town.

In every way the mission was a most encouraging one. The people were generous and kindly in spirit and loyal to the Church. They were of all denominations, though Presbyterians predominated, and they were also of many countries.

Perhaps a feeling of exile from home and friends is favorable to harmony and fellow feeling; certain it is that great, good will existed, and fellowship in worship.

The usual services were held, and were well attended, considering the high pressure at which both men and women were working the week through.

Communion was twice dispensed by the Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Three Rivers.

The people were generous in their giving. Special collections were taken for French evangelization and for the Missionary Society. The amount raised in the latter case, augmented by private subscriptions, was sufficient to make the field all but self-supporting.

The prospects for the future are of the brightest, for the place is steadily growing in population.

Already it has ceased to be a mission station, for an ordained clergyman was installed in November last.

Though we cannot boast of having made it what it is, our Missionary Society can at least rejoice that during the one year it was in our hands it has made such forward strides. And if I, your scribe, have taken more than my just share of space for my report, I can plead as excuse that I had to introduce the mission to our readers, and also, since it has now passed from our hands, to bid farewell to it—no without some regret and many happy memories.

CHICOUTIMI MISSION, QUE.

The extensive district at the head of the Saguenay River has now been occupied for two years by the Missionary Society.

The history of the field is a most interesting one, shewing as it does the nature of the work which is being carried on among the French. Results, also, show that the work is as encouraging as interesting.

For many years before I was sent there as a missionary, this large district of the Lake St. John had been left entirely unsupplied, and much was lost to Protestantism through this neglect.

The small Protestant community settled there, finding themselves deserted by their church and surrounded on all sides by Roman Catholics, naturally drifted toward the Romish Church.

Some twenty-five of those once Protestants had thus given up their faith before I came to the field. These people were all of Scotch descent—the names such as Harvey, McKenzie and Blackburn indicate clearly that their fathers belonged to the Scotch regiments disbanded in Lower Canada at the conquest. During the last two years I have been so fortunate as to bring back six of these people to the Protestant faith.

As I have stated, the Montreal district is a new one to us. I was the first Presbyterian to preach at Lake Edward, and at Chambord. One woman I visited had not seen a missionary for fifty-four years. These stations were supplied—Lake Edward, Deguen and Chambord and Grand Brule.

At the first of these there are fourteen Protestants, at the second thirteen, and at the third eight. The distance between Lake Deguen and Grand Brule is 127 miles.

Many of the people read the Bible and declare they are not Roman Catholics; but they hesitate yet to become Protestants. They are, however, anxious to be taught, and they are thinking, too.

One young girl said to me: "Why do the priests forbid us to read the Bible? I am anxious to read it, for I want to know the truth. I believe one must be born again before one can see the Kingdom of God." She showed her earnestness by attending all our services.

Seven new members joined the church last summer, six of whom took the communion for the first time.

They expressed an earnest hope that they might have a missionary sent them again next summer. My own hope is no less fervent.

(Note.—The total cost of this field to the Society was \$211.)

CACOUNA, QUE.

On reaching my field I at once took up the work begun the year before. All through May and June I taught the people in the evenings, explaining the Scriptures and distributing Bibles among them.

I gave out during the summer ten Bibles, twenty-four New Testaments and fifty tracts. The people read them eagerly and came to me at all hours to have me explain them.

It is pitiful to note their ignorance and superstition, and to learn the false views of Protestantism taught them by their priests. Most of them regard us as infidels and will not hear us quietly; with a few it is different.

Two men were impressed by what I taught them and refused to go to confession; at this the wife of one of them went to the priest in great distress, asking him to speak to her husband.

He did so, and at the same time charged him to come and confess. The man replied that confession was not a divine institution, and he preferred to follow the Bible rather than the commands of the Church. He went on, too, to contrast the doctrine of the Bible with the penance and fear preached by the cure.

The other man who refused confession invited me to his house, and there I talked to him and his wife a whole afternoon. They were both very grateful, and the woman invited me back, despite the suggestion of a neighbour, who thought I ought to be driven off with a broom.

It is harder to reach the women than the men; indeed, where there are old

women it is almost impossible to do anything, for they always receive us with a burst of anger. Then they talk freely, and are bitter in their complaints against the priests, but in public they are silent. Some who dared not come to me visited the lonely house of one of their number who had become a Protestant. The day breaks, for they rejoice secretly in the Scriptures, and the time is not far off when they will confess Christ openly.

Four children from this district have gone to Pointe-aux-Trembles School, and others would have gone had they not been prevented.

I visited St. Cyprian, where I had been two years before, and was pleased to find that since then the people had been reading the Gospel and discussing it. They questioned me eagerly about many things, and said they wished to build a Church. One agreed to saw the timber as his share in the work. Though they don't attend the Roman Catholic Church they are unwilling to break openly with it until they feel themselves strong enough to call a Protestant minister.

At another village which I re-visited I found a number of people anxious to hear me. Among them was one who had left the Church of Rome.

He told me of a conversation with the priest in which the latter admitted he was not teaching the Gospel, but justified himself by saying the Pope was now Christ, and his commands were to be placed above all others. This same man spoke to me earnestly about his fellows, saying: "They are like sailors wrecked on the ocean and yet distrustful of those who come to save them."

Yet there are many eager hearts among them who have accepted the pure faith newly offered.

They delay their profession until they can make it without fear of persecution.

And let us not be harsh in our judgment of them for this, for their long servitude to Rome has cowed their spirits and numbed their hearts.

God knows his own and watches tenderly over them. At His coming many of those now unknown to the visible Church shall stand revealed as his faithful servants.

(Note.—The total cost of this field to the Society was \$222).

CANOE LAKE, ONT.

This field is situated 176 miles west of Ottawa, on the O. A. & P. S. R. R. and on the Algonquin National Park of Ontario. It was given into the hands of our Society by the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery last spring to organize a mission station among the lumbermen.

The Gilmour Bros., of Trenton, Ont., have built a large saw mill there which provides employment for a large number of men. When I arrived at Canoe Lake, April 17th, I found a number of men busily engaged building the mill, under the direction of Mr. David Clark, general manager for the Gilmour Company. When the mill was ready for work, our numbers were augmented by arrivals from Trenton and Ottawa.

We held services in the dining hall every Sabbath evening at 7.30, that being the only available hour.

At our first service 60 were present, but soon the dining hall was quite well filled, with an average attendance of 200. This was due largely to the excellent music rendered by the choir, several of whom were members of the Roman Catholic Church, who, under the leadership of the Company's bookkeeper, Mr. Elliott, worked with unfailing energy.

We had our difficulties and discouragements at the outset. Good accommodation for a time was out of the question, but the Gilmour Company did very much

towards providing comfortable quarters for their employees, and soon a beautiful little village was the result of their efforts.

For three months I was hospitably entertained by Mr. Simpson, park superintendent, in an old log shanty, the property of the Ontario Government, but about the 1st of July a beautiful little manse was built by the Gilmour Company, furnished by the people, and set apart for the use of the students who will labour there. I also received my board for the summer free of charge.

As soon as the families moved into our midst we started a Sabbath School, which was well attended. The adjacent field, comprising Madawaska, Murchison, and McKenzie Lake, was worked by the Rev. J. A. McDonald, B.A. There I conducted services four Sabbaths during the summer. This field contributed \$17 to our Society.

Canoe Lake is a promising field. It is now supplied by students from Queen's University.

LOCHABER BAY, QUEBEC.

This field is beautifully situated on the Ottawa River, about 25 miles from the city of Ottawa. The English Protestant families here, as in many of the rural districts of this Province, are decreasing in number each year. However, as they have a fair share of this world's goods they are liberally supporting the Christian work there.

The work this summer comprised the holding of services at Lochaber Bay and Masson.

At Lochaber, where there is a neat Church, services were held every Sabbath morning and evening. A prosperous Sabbath School was also maintained, and also a weekly prayer meeting.

At Masson services were held each Sabbath afternoon in the school house. Immediately preceding the service a Sabbath School was conducted by the people. This station did belong to the Buckingham congregation, but was supplied by the Society during the past two summers. The population here is principally French Roman Catholic, but the English-speaking people attended the services very regularly.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed by the Rev. Mr. Doudiet, of Buckingham, in September, when two names were added to the roll on profession of faith in Christ.

Your missionary met with the greatest kindness at the hands of the people of both stations.

BONFIELD AND LES ERABLES, ONT.

The Bonfield section of this field lies along the Canadian Pacific Railway, in Nipissing District, Ont., between Mattawa on the east and North Bay to the west. Les Erables is about ten miles above Mattawa, on the Ottawa River. That these two places should not be united may be clearly seen from the facts, that in going from one to the other, your missionary had to pass through the Presbyterian congregation of Mattawa, and travel about 40 miles at an expense of nearly \$20 for the summer, and that consequently the people had service only every alternate Sabbath.

In the Bonfield section there are two stations, Amables du Fond and Bonfield. In both places services were held in the schoolhouses, but in Bonfield a site has been purchased, and preparations are being made for the building of a Church next summer. Besides the services there was a Bible Class held at the former place, and

a good Sunday School was organized at the latter. The Sunday School continues for the winter, under the wise guidance of Mr. Shannon, the public school teacher. Although the people are not many, and the country has some disadvantages, still the attendance and the interest taken is encouraging, the contributions are, in some cases, praiseworthy, and the kindness and goodwill of the people all that could be desired. It is to be hoped that next year the missionary will be able to give all his attention to this field, as it is impossible for the work to prosper if they have services only about eleven Sabbaths out of the fifty-two.

Les Erables is a small but pleasant field, with a neat little Church on the right bank of the Ottawa. There are only five families, with an average attendance of about thirteen. And it is not likely to increase, as the extent of tillable land is very limited. They are very willing to do their part in carrying on the work, and their liberality may be seen by referring to the amount contributed. It seems desirable that this station should be supplied from Mattawa.

Your missionary expresses his indebtedness to Rev. Mr. McNab, of Mattawa, for kindness and hospitality enjoyed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance it has received from friends and congregations throughout the Church. In some of the fields its missionaries were boarded free of charge, and material assistance was rendered them in many other ways. To all those the Society records its thanks. We also remember those students who have collected funds for us during the past summer, and who so loyally came to our aid in keeping the work of the Society before the various congregations of the Church during the winter. We also express our gratitude to those who have supplied us with literature for distribution on the fields.

WINTER WORK.

Every Sabbath morning during the session a service is conducted by the students in the Protestant House of Refuge. The Montreal Homoeopathic Hospital is also provided with services once a month.

Several of the students are engaged in missionary work in the city, while several are supplying mission stations in the vicinity of Montreal, and many more find employment in the Sabbath Schools of the city congregations. In these different ways, while pursuing their theological studies, the students receive a practical training in the work of the Master.

OUTLOOK.

In bringing to a close this report of the work done by the Society during the last year, the members would lift their hearts to God in gratitude for all his benefits. We were not able to increase the number of our missionaries, for we saw no immediate way of increasing our income. During the coming summer, at least one congregation has undertaken to support a missionary. The student chosen will report periodically to the people and thus keep them interested in the work on the frontier.

We would be glad if many more of the wealthier congregations would do the same. There are many places where the Gospel would be gladly received, and where some earnest Christians are yearning for more truth. We should not refuse the call to come over and help them. In humble reliance upon God, we hope to make each year mark an increase of work attempted and accomplished in His vineyard.

Receipts for the year, \$822.27.

D. J. SCOTT,
Recording Secretary.

R. J. DOUGLAS,
President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY MISSIONARY
ASSOCIATION FOR 1897.

Home Branch.

It was decided by the Association last spring to change the date of printing its report from April to December. By so doing it was thought that the reports could be circulated more freely by the students during Christmas vacation than has formerly been the case. In this way all our friends who assist us by sending in contributions will, we hope, receive copies of the report, and thus get some definite knowledge of the work with which they are assisting.

Printing the report in December causes it to be incomplete in one respect. This is the middle of the financial year. After this date amounts usually come in from fields which we have worked during the summer. Contributions are also received from our friends after Christmas. Thus, money which is used to carry on work undertaken this year cannot be reported until next. This explanation will account for the incompleteness of our financial statement. However, amounts not credited this year will appear in the next report.

Last spring the Association chose several weak fields. It also chose others which were expected to be nearly self-supporting, thinking that the strong would help to support the weak. On account of some mistake the strongest field, Arrow River, was not assigned to us, and we received a new and weak field in its place. In this way the amount which we have to raise is larger than we had expected. We are pleased, however, to report that our Missionaries did excellent work; that the fields in every case have done their best in contributing to the support of the work. In view of these facts, we believe that with the generous assistance of our friends we shall be able to discharge all our obligations, and be in a position to undertake more work next year.

We are appealing especially to Christian Endeavor Societies for help. And in doing so we are not thinking only of the prosperity of our own Association. We have learned that no society can prosper unless it reaches out beyond itself to help others. Knowing this, we invite such societies to join with us in our work, that they may share the blessing which comes from bearing the burdens of others.

The following are reports from the fields supplied last summer :

HARGRAVE.

A somewhat important change was made this summer in the working of the Hargrave field. It was found advisable to discontinue service at Roselea, as this place is too far away from Hargrave to be supplied advantageously by the missionary stationed there. Instead of at Roselea, services were held throughout the summer at Daybreak. This is a prosperous community some twelve miles south-east of Hargrave. Last year there had been no services of any kind held there, and the people were very anxious to avoid the repetition of such an experience. The work at this appointment was very encouraging. A Bible class was formed, and a systematic study of the Sabbath School lessons was sustained. The Bible Class will probably continue to meet at some private house throughout the winter. Presbyterians are in the majority here, but there are several Methodist families. All were united, as Christians should be, and took a hearty interest in the work.

At Hargrave and Two Creeks the services were continued as usual. A Sabbath School was organized at Hargrave and a weekly prayer meeting held during the

summer. The Sabbath School at Two Creeks was specially interesting, and, we trust, productive of much good among the young people. The success of the Sabbath School was largely due to the able assistance rendered by the school teacher of the district.

So far as possible services were held at the three appointments each Sabbath. This involved a trip of some fifty miles over exceptionally bad trails—perhaps the most disagreeable feature of the summer's experience.

Your Missionary wishes to express his gratitude for the uniform kindness and hospitality shown him by all the people, and for the support, moral and financial, given to the Gospel cause.

Financial Statement.

Cost of field.....	\$291 80
Contributed by Daybreak.....	\$96 00
" " Hargrave	93 45
" " Two Creeks	75 25
" " Missionary Association.....	27 10
	————— \$291 80

HILTON, ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND, ALGOMA.

St. Joseph's Island lies near the north-west end of Lake Huron, and is well adapted for farming and dairying. The labours of your Missionary were confined to the eastern half of the island.

Sabbath services were held every two weeks at Tenby Bay and Kaskawan, and weekly at Hilton and Irwin. A weekly prayer meeting was conducted at Irwin and Kaskawan throughout the summer. The people seemed thoroughly interested in the work, and showed your Missionary no little kindness.

At Hilton the people, chiefly through the good work done by the Ladies' Aid Society, have wiped out all back debts, amounting to some \$50, and have also devoted a goodly sum towards improving and beautifying their church. Their zeal is worthy of commendation.

The Irwin people purpose erecting a church during the coming summer. At present the services are held in the school-house. Considerable money, chiefly by the Ladies' Aid Society, has already been raised, and there is every prospect that these worthy people will have a neat church of their own in the near future.

At Kaskawan the work of completing the church was carried forward. Though not yet completed it will be much more comfortable than formerly.

Tenby Bay is a promising station. The interest manifested in the work at this point was very encouraging. When the Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, visited the field in September, several new members were received into the church. A Sabbath School has lately been organized, and is doing good work.

The Rev. Mr. Hartley visited the field in May, and dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and ordained one elder at Hilton, another at Irwin, and a third at Kaskawan.

Financial Statement.

Total cost of field.....	\$209 25
Amounts contributed by field:	
Hilton.....	\$44 00
Irwin	25 00
Kaskawan	11 00
Tenby Bay.....	11 42
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Total cost to Society.....	\$117 83

WAPELLA, ASSINIBOIA.

Wapella is a village on the main line of the C. P. R., 235 miles west of Winnipeg. It is not a new field, but has been supplied for about five years by the Home Mission Committee. In connection with it there are three preaching stations, Rocanville, Hilburn, and Trafford. Services were held every Sabbath in Wapella and Rocanville, and on alternate Sabbaths at the other two points. The Sabbath day's work, therefore, for the Missionary was three services and a drive of twenty miles; a very moderate day's work for the western Missionary.

Union Sabbath Schools have been carried on for some years at Wapella and Hilburn. One was organized during the summer at Rocanville, and was conducted successfully under the superintendence of V. M. Purdy, B.A.

Hilburn and Trafford are practically one station, being only about four miles distant from each other. They will probably unite when the erection of a church is undertaken.

Rocanville is in need of a church building, and is contemplating building next year.

The Wapella congregation built a handsome frame church, with a seating capacity of 200, at a cost of \$1,200. Although the work was not begun till September, it was opened for public worship on Sabbath, October 31st. Rev. Hugh McKay, of Round Lake, conducted the dedicatory services, and congratulated the people on their energy and good taste in the erection of so suitable a building.

Wapella is growing steadily, two elevators having been built during the summer. It is a good wheat market, and is the centre of a large trade.

The people of the whole field are strongly Presbyterian, and are the stuff out of which good congregations are made. They are appreciative, liberal and loyal in their service. Communion services were conducted in three of the stations in the spring and again in the fall. Fourteen new members were received.

The spiritual growth and zealous work of the people has been noted by the Home Mission Committee, and an ordained Missionary has been appointed to the field.

The field paid to our Association \$202.90. Hilburn and Rocanville reserve enough to pay for winter supply, as only one collection is made during the year. Wapella alone raised \$700 for the building fund of its church.

Financial Statement.

Total cost of field.....	\$326 35
Amount contributed by field.....	202 10
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Cost to Association.....	\$123 45

GILBERT PLAINS, MANITOBA.

Gilbert Plains is a portion of the Dauphin District that lies about thirty-five miles west of Lake Dauphin, between the Duck Mountains on the north and the Riding Mountains on the west and south. About eight years ago the first settlers took up land in this part of the province, but until the railroad was completed as far as Dauphin they did not find grain raising profitable, being sixty miles from market. Since, however, a market has been established within twenty-five miles of the plains, there has been a great influx of settlers.

Until this summer the Presbyterian Mission work on the Gilbert Plains was carried on during the summer months by one student Missionary. This year two students were in charge, and the territory in which your Missionary laboured is that portion of the Plains which lies south of the Valley River.

During the previous summer services were held fortnightly at Glenlyon, Markham and Tamarisk. During this summer these stations were supplied and two new ones were opened—Big Grass and Valley River. Fortnightly services were held at all the appointments. Four Union Sabbath Schools were organized in May, and will continue until cold weather makes it impossible for the children to attend.

Glenlyon is about twenty-five miles west of the Town of Dauphin. At this station the services were held in the school-house. The people here as at the other stations are of different denominations. The average attendance at Glenlyon was about forty-two.

Big Grass is a small settlement eight miles south-east of Glenlyon on the first rise of the Riding Mountains. The services here were held in a private house. The people attended well, the average attendance being twenty-five.

Markham is four miles east of Glenlyon. Presbyterianism in this district is very weak, there being only three families, but many members of other denominations attended our services regularly. The attendance averaged forty.

Valley River is twelve miles north-west of Markham. At this station there is only one Presbyterian family, but our services every second Sabbath evening were well attended.

Tamarisk is a settlement eight miles west of Glenlyon. At this station there are seven Presbyterian families, but here as at the other stations the best of feelings exist between the members of the different denominations, and thus the school-house was always well filled. The attendance averaged forty-five.

At all the appointments your Missionary's labours were very encouraging. The people, although enduring all the inconveniences of living in a new country, did much to make him feel that they were interested in the work which he had undertaken. On entering the field he found it difficult to begin the work, as there was no organization. During the summer the first step towards organization was taken—the formation of a Communion Roll. Rev. J. J. Gourlay, of Dauphin, dispensed the ordinances on September 19th. Nineteen members were received—eleven by certificate and eight by profession of faith.

Financially, the people did very well, the amount subscribed being more than double that of any previous year.

Financial Statement.

Total cost of the field.....	\$264 66
Paid by field.....	81 35
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Cost to Association.....	\$183 31

KILLALOE AND TRAMORE.

Queen's Missionary Association this year varied the usual routine of choosing fields by selecting one in Ontario, so Killaloe, situated on the line of the O. A.P. S. Railway, about forty miles west of Renfrew, was chosen. Three years ago a Presbyterian student was sent into this field for the first time, and during the last two summers one of our own men, Mr. Ferguson, has been in charge of the field, and done very efficient work.

The different stations supplied were :

Killaloe village, on the line of the O. A. and P. S. At this point a comfortable church has been erected, and, thanks to the liberality of many friends and the untiring efforts of Mr. Ferguson, it is now clear of debt. Our following at this station is small, but the prospects are that it will increase, as the village is becoming quite an important trading centre. Service was held here three times in the month, and prayer meeting every week. Attendance good.

2. Deacon, at the head of Golden Lake, on the Bonnechere River, where service was conducted in the school-house. We are sorry to say that here we have lost quite a number of our best people through removal, but we hope before long to have others to fill their places. Service held three Sundays out of the four in the month, with a very fair attendance.

3. Tramore, at the foot of Round Lake, about four miles further up the Bonnechere River. At this station a Union church has been erected for the use of all Protestant denominations. Here the lumber industry, which was at one time carried on extensively, has almost ceased, so that many of the settlers have not now the opportunities they once had. However, all classes, in whatever way they could, united in helping on the work. As at Killaloe Station and Deacon, service was held three times a month, with a prayer meeting through the week. Attendance very good.

Besides, your Missionary once a month went further up the railway line to Barry's Bay and Bark Lake.

4. Barry's Bay is beautifully situated on an arm of the Madawaska River, and was for a short time a divisional point on the railway line. But since Madawaska has become the divisional point, the village is losing many of its inhabitants by removal, so that Church work is not in a very flourishing condition. The people seemed greatly to appreciate the fact that, though they were few in number, they were not neglected.

5. Bark Lake, about eight miles distant from Barry's Bay, now that the lumbering days are over in that locality is making but little progress. Though the settlers at this station are almost wholly of other denominations, yet they were anxious for service, as they had service but once a month by an Anglican clergyman.

At all the five stations a spirit of liberality and open mindedness prevailed among the people. They were interested attendants upon service, and showed every kindness to your Missionary, thus considerably lightening the work. Though few of them have much of this world's goods, they contribute liberally according to what they have. They have the spirit of true religion, and we feel in helping them we are doing Christ's work and helping the weaker brethren.

Financial Statement.

Total cost of field.....	\$190 52
Amounts received up to date.....	94 34
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Balance	\$96 16
Amount expended in Home Mission work during the year....	\$1405 36

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ANNUAL REPORT OF KNOX COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR
1897-98.

The following is a brief description of the fields taken up by the Society during the past summer:

I.—IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BARKERVILLE, B.C.

This field is situated 285 miles north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the once famous gold district of Cariboo, British Columbia. In more flourishing days both the Methodist and English Churches were established here, but both have abandoned it now.

Barkerville is a small town, at the end of the Cariboo Road, containing ten families and a number of single men. The miners of the neighborhood make it their winter quarters. Here weekly services were held, and Sabbath School. During the summer there is a large moving population.

Willow River is a mining camp, seven miles down the road, composed of two Methodist and one Presbyterian families, and some ten or twelve single men. All the families are earnest Christian workers, some of the men taking great interest in the work.

Stanley is an almost deserted town, containing only about half a dozen white men and a few Chinamen, with a few miners working in the neighborhood.

Big Valley Creek is a mining camp, sixteen miles out from Barkerville, containing seven or eight men, who appreciated the occasional visits of your missionary very much.

Liquor, desecration of the Sabbath, and prostitution are everywhere rampant, with contempt for religion; but your missionary was everywhere kindly received and gladly welcomed by those who are faithful to the Lord. This is the first time the field has been regularly occupied by a Presbyterian missionary.

NEW DENVER, B. C.

Nakusp is situated 70 miles south of main line of Canadian Pacific Railway. It is a transfer town to the Slocan country, and derives some little profit from this source.

The principal industries are saw milling and boat building. These together employ over 100 men. The people have contributed very liberally to the missionary's support. Also, they have subscribed some \$450 for the erection of a Presbyterian Church. We hope to build in the near future.

New Denver is situated 33 miles farther south, on Slocan Lake. It is a beautiful little town, in the heart of the Slocan country.

In this place we were only able to hold week-night services, and hence the attendance was smaller. Now we have a Presbyterian Church built, which we occupied just recently. Towards this building the people have contributed about \$500. The prospects for a prosperous Church here are good.

Silverton is situated four miles south of New Denver, also on Slocan Lake. It is altogether a mining camp.

During the summer Rev. Dr. Robertson visited the field, giving inspiration to missionary and people.

GOLDEN, B. C.

This field, extending from the eastern boundary of British Columbia to the Columbia River Valley, is composed of railroad men, lumbermen, miners and ranchers.

Field, situated on the Kicking Horse River, is a place of importance. Having crossed the summit of the Rockies, and descended "the hill," we find, nestled close beneath Mount Stephen, this little town, which is strictly a railway town, and which has been exceptionally busy this summer.

Ottertail and Palliser are the next two stations. At both of these places there are large saw mills in connection with the lumbering camps. The mills were open for but a very short time this summer.

After leaving Palliser, the famous Kicking Horse Canyon is entered, and after winding on for some time between its rocky cliffs, there suddenly opens out before us the broad, beautiful valley of the Columbia. Here Golden is situated. It is rapidly becoming a mining centre, and may next year be a Canadian Pacific Railway divisional point. The Presbyterian cause in this place is strong. Besides giving \$100 to the Society, they raised about \$125 on debt of Church, etc. Communion service was conducted by Dr. Robertson during the summer, when twelve united with the Church.

Besides weekly services at these places, and occasional other services, Sunday Schools were conducted at Golden and Field, and a Bible Class met Friday evenings in Golden.

II.—IN NORTH-WEST AND MANITOBA.

ELLISBORO.

In Eastern Assiniboia, eight miles north of Wolseley. Supplied by our Society this summer for the first time. A good agricultural district; most of the settlers just starting. Four preaching stations, at three of which services are held in the school houses. At Ellisboro there is a comfortable concrete Church. Formerly Ellisboro received fortnightly services from the Wolseley minister. Two of the stations, Rosewood and High Bluff, each received monthly; while Duck Point never had any regular services. The country to the north is settled by Germans, who have their own minister. At High Bluff and Duck Point, Presbyterian are the only services held. The field is to be supplied by the Home Mission Society during the winter.

GILBERT PLAINS.

This mission, situated between the Riding and Duck Mountains, covers a territory twenty-five miles long and twenty wide. The field was divided this year, and three stations which were worked the two previous summers by the Society were supplied by a student from Queen's College Missionary Society. The contributions are less on account of the division. Three new stations were opened up, making six in all—Umatilla, Eldon, Clearview, Hume's, Six's, Drifting River.

A communion roll was formed, with a membership of twenty-eight, one joining on profession of faith. Rev. J. J. L. Gourlay, of Dauphin, received the members, and dispensed the sacrament in September.

LONGLAKETON.

The Longlaketon Mission field is north of Regina, about thirty miles. It is bounded on the north by Touchwood Hills and Last Mountains, on the east by Loon Creek and Qu'Appelle River, on the south by the Qu'Appelle River and on the west by Long Lake.

At Longlaketon, the central and principal station, Sabbath School, service and a prayer meeting is held weekly. At Kennell and Pengarth fortnightly services are held.

The interest in all branches of the work has increased. At Longlaketon the Church yard has been fenced, and a building committee appointed, and fund started, to enlarge and repair the Church.

Rev. T. H. Boyd, of Lumsden, visited the field July 25th, and dispensed the sacraments at Pengarth and Longlaketon.

Rev. J. A. Carmichael visited the field October 17th, and dispensed the sacrament at Kennell, and ordained an elder at Longlaketon.

PARKISIMO.

This field is situated north-east of the Assiniboine River twenty-five miles north-east of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and fifty miles north-west of Brandon.

The stations are Arrow River, Parkisimo and Arrowton. Each Sabbath's services involved a drive of about 32 miles.

There are about 25 Presbyterian families on the field, and a large number of families of other denominations take an active interest in the work. All the services are held in school-houses. Union Sabbath Schools were held at two of the stations, also a week-night meeting held at each of these stations.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on August 29th by the Rev. James Hood, of Elkhorn, when six members were added on profession of faith.

Besides the funds raised for the Society, about \$20 was given for the Schemes of the Church. The entire work has been very encouraging.

III.—SUPERIOR PRESBYTERY.

RAT PORTAGE MINES.

This field is situated in the gold mining district of Rat Portage, and covers an area of fifty miles.

Previous to this summer no Protestant missionary has regularly visited these mines, so that the message of salvation brought these mines once more into touch with the Gospel.

Wherever men could be got together, in camps or in the open air, services were held. The miners manifested a deep interest in these meetings, some of them testifying to the blessings received.

All the meetings were well attended, and encouraging interest shown in every part of the work.

MINE CENTRE.

This field is situated in the Rainy River District, and comprises what is known as the "Seine River mining region." It lies along the north bank of the Seine River,

some eight miles above its entrance into Rainy Lake, and extends about eight miles to the north.

There are two rival towns being built on the river bank, each possessing two hotels, a store and several families. In the near vicinity is the Foley mine, which is the principal feature of that part of the district. Back from the river are five other mines, but during the past summer two of them were closed, and the other three were running with small crews of men.

Services were conducted in the dining rooms of the hotels and the boarding house at the Foley Mine, these being the only available places. The miners and prospectors seemed to appreciate the services, and while there were no manifest results, we trust that the seed sown may become plentiful.

IV.—ALGOMA PRESBYTERY.

IRON BRIDGE.

This field lies about 20 miles east of Thessalon, Algoma. The chief occupation of the settlers is agriculture, which is carried on very successfully all over the field. Besides, the lumbering and pulp wood industries are carried on to some extent.

The field consists of four stations, two of which have services every Sabbath; the other two have services every alternate Sabbath.

At Thompson the services were held in the school house. The attendance was only fair. On account of recent trouble on this field, it was impossible to carry on the usual Sabbath School. Three miles from this is Dean Lake, where the services were held in the house of Mr. W. Rowan. This station was opened up this year, and promises to be a very prosperous place. Six miles from this is Iron Bridge, where the services were held in the Orange Hall. Eleven miles north of this is Bellingham. The services in this place were held in the new Church. Two Sabbath Schools were conducted at this place by local workers.

The Rev. Mr. Garrioch, of Lowerby, visited the field twice during the summer and dispensed the sacrament. Thirteen joined the Church for the first time at Bellingham. The prospects for the whole field are very encouraging.

RICHARD'S LANDING.

This field comprises four stations, viz.: Richard's Landing, Ferguson, Mountain and Jocelyn, all situated on the upper half of the Island of St. Joseph, which lies 25 miles down the "Soo" River from Sault Ste. Marie. Service was held at each of these stations every Lord's Day.

Richard's Landing is a pleasant little village on the lake shore, and has a fairly good farming community near it, from which it derives its support. A substantial stone Church is the place of worship here. There are two Sabbath Schools, a Christian Endeavor Society and a week-night prayer meeting in connection with this station. All are well attended.

Ferguson Church stands in the midst of an agricultural community. The attendance on the services of the sanctuary were very encouraging, considering the fact that some had a long distance to come. A Sabbath School, conducted by those having the welfare of the youth at heart, is well attended.

The Mountain Church, watch-tower like, stands on nearly the highest eminence of the island. The communion roll is small, but the staunchness and regularity of its members have been incentives to others who had not been accustomed to attend public worship.

At Jocelyn the service, which was held in a school house, may be looked upon more as an offshoot from Ferguson and Mountain than an independent station. The Sabbath School, like the service, was attended by old and young.

WARREN.

Warren is a lumbering village, surrounded by a farming district, about 45 miles west of North Bay, on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Services are held here in an Orange Hall. Bartlett's Settlement is 3 1-2 miles east of Warren, and is wholly agricultural. Markstay is 12 miles west of Warren, and will perhaps be a more important station in the near future than it is at present, both on account of the suitability of its land for agriculture and of its proximity to the mines. Wahnapiatae is 24 miles west of Warren, and is the shipping point for several lumber and mining camps. Five miles west of Wahnapiatae, at Rumford, we have one Presbyterian family—so that the field practically stretches for 32 miles along the Canadian Pacific Railway. Then 6 miles north-east is Deer Lake, a growing Swede settlement, while 5 miles north is Munro settlement, which is also growing rapidly. South of Warren one can go for 14 miles and find settlers here and there all along the way.

Warren, Bartlett's Settlement and Wahnapiatae were the three stations given into my charge. At the other stations I was not able to hold regular services, but I visited the people in their homes. My work was nicely supplemented at Deer Lake by a Norwegian elder, who held a service each Sabbath, with an average attendance of 20. Mr. McFarlane, from Niagara, an elder of our Church, conducted a Bible class each alternate Sabbath at Munro settlement.

Rev. G. E. Smith, of Sudbury, dispensed the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper in July. On the whole the prospects of the field are encouraging.

The Young People's Christian Association, of Knox Church, Toronto, gave your missionary two dozen hymn books for this field.

SQUAW ISLAND.

This field is on a little island of the same name, in the Georgian Bay, about six miles east of the Manitoulin, and nine miles south of Killarney, on the mainland of Algoma. The island is the temporary home of a number of fishermen and their families.

Owing to the fact that fishing is becoming very poor, the number resorting to the island this year was much smaller than usual. There were seven families, and besides these about thirty men.

Morning and evening services were held each Sabbath, and Sabbath School in the afternoon. Prayer meeting was held each Wednesday evening. Day school was taught by the student for two months during the summer, but the attendance was small, as there were not many children on the island.

SOUTH BAY.

This field lies in the eastern part of Manitoulin Island. It comprises five stations—one, South Bay Mouth, is a small fishing village; the other four, White Lake, Hilly Grove, Tehkummah and The Slash are agricultural communities. Weekly services were held at the two first mentioned, and fortnightly services at the other three. Occasional services were also held at New England, another farming settlement.

White Lake has a flourishing Christian Endeavor Society. There were three weekly Sabbath Schools on the field, one of which will be carried on during the winter.

Rev. Mr. Rennie, of Manitowaning, visited the field, baptised several children, and dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at White Lake and Hilly Grove. Eleven were received as members of the Church—three by certificate and eight on profession of faith.

COLLINS' INLET.

Collins' Inlet is a small lumbering hamlet on the north shore of Georgian Bay. It has been supplied by our Society for seven years, during the last three of which the work of the public school has been undertaken by the student, in addition to the regular missionary work. Some fifty men are employed in the mill a part of each summer, but only eight Protestant resident families. The weekly prayer meeting proved to be a very encouraging part of the work. Many, by their regular attendance and otherwise, showed their deep interest in spiritual things. An efficient staff of teachers made the Sabbath School work profitable. This work is carried on throughout the year. The Sabbath evening services were well attended. A cordial co-operation by all concerned made the summer's work interesting, pleasant and profitable.

V.—BARRIE PRESBYTERY.

FRANKLIN.

This field has been under the care of the Society for a number of years. It is situated thirteen miles south-east of Huntsville. It consists of five stations, Dwight, McCutcheon, Haystack Bay, Cain's Corners and Portage.

The whole field is a resort for tourists and others who go up for the fishing in the lakes that abound in the whole vicinity. Some of these tourists interested themselves in the work and contributed toward it.

Not only at Dorset but at the two new stations the missionary was cordially received and much interest manifested in the work.

Rev. Mr. McVicar, of Huntsville, visited the field in September and dispensed the sacraments.

ASPDIN.

This field is situated about ten miles west of Huntsville, near the border line of Muskoka and Parry Sound. It consists of two stations, Aspdin and Yearley, at which services were held weekly. There was also a prayer meeting and Sabbath School held at Aspdin. In connection with the prayer meeting "Bible studies" were taken up, which proved very profitable. The field suffered a very sad loss in the death of Mrs. Mary Campbell and Mr. Alexander Rome.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed by the Rev. A. McVicar, B. A., of Huntsville, when one member was added.

BERRIEDALE.

This field is situated between Burk's Falls and Sunbridge, in the district of Parry Sound. It is composed of four stations, Berriedale, Ely, Hartfell and Harkness. In Berriedale weekly services were held, and prayer meeting fortnightly, with a gratifying attendance. Services were held in the other three stations fortnightly, with an occasional prayer meeting in Hartfell and Harkness. The Young People's Society Christian Endeavor proved a great source of strength to your missionary

in his work. Ten new members were received into full communion with the Church during the summer. This field is, on the whole, a very promising one, both from a spiritual and a financial point of view.

LORING.

This field has for a number of years been under the Society. It is situated in one of the most beautiful sections of Parry Sound, 42 miles west of Trout Creek. The people are farmers, and at present depend almost entirely for the sale of their produce in the lumber camps, where a large part of the young men spend their winters. There are many evidences that in a few years this will be a populous and prosperous community; and tourists are just beginning to appreciate the beauties of the lakes and forests of this northern region. There are three stations on this field, Loring, where services were held each Sabbath morning; West Loring and Wolf River settlements had services each fortnight.

There is a great need of schools in this section, the latter two places having none, and nearly forty children of school age. During the summer the Church building, begun last year, was put in readiness for services, although as yet it is far from being completed. The thanks of the Society and members of Loring is due the Bible class of Central Church, Toronto, Tavistock Christian Endeavor Society and to Major Burch for financial aid toward the building fund.

On August 22nd the Rev. Thomas Davidson, of Magnetewan, dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Five members were received into the Church. Services were conducted whenever possible in the lumber camps.

BETHUNE.

The Bethune field is situated in Parry Sound District, touching the northern division of the Grand Trunk Railway on the west, and the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway on the south. In its reorganized form it consists of four stations, Katrine, Orange Valley, Sand Lake and Ravensworth.

The work this past summer has had many encouraging features. The erection of a mill at Ravensworth has given a new life to the place. Most of the young men employed in it faithfully attend Church, and their example has already done much towards an increased interest in the services. A Christian Endeavor Society, which was organized here last spring, has undertaken to hold meetings on Sabbath afternoons during the winter months, to take the place, as far as possible, of those conducted by the student. At the other three stations there is little opportunity of much progress, though the work has been satisfactory.

Through the generous assistance of the York Road Sabbath School, Trenton, Erskine Church Bible Class, Toronto, and Westminster Christian Endeavor, Toronto, excellent libraries have been supplied to the stations that most needed them.

Rev. R. B. Smith, of Emsdale, dispensed the sacraments at Sand Lake and Ravensworth, and Rev. J. Carswell, of Burk's Falls, at Orange Valley and Katrine. Altogether ten united with the Church on profession of their faith.

LAKE JOSEPH.

Of the many places visited by tourists during the summer months there is perhaps none more admired for its scenery and none affording greater opportunities for recreation than Lake Joseph, Muskoka.

The field comprises four stations, viz.: Port Carling, Killiecrankie and Glenifer Braes, Stanley Brae and Craigie Lea. At the two former services were held every Sabbath, and at the two latter on alternate Sabbath evenings. The total distance travelled by the student on Sabbath was 22 miles, 18 miles of which he rowed or paddled (generally with help), and walked the other four. In addition to the Sabbath services a weekly prayer meeting was held at Killiecrankie and a union Christian Endeavor meeting at Foote's Bay.

Many of the tourists, as well as the resident members, take a deep interest in the mission and greatly assist the student in his work. Steps have been taken to have the services continued during the winter months at Port Carling.

On August 29th Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, visited the field and dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Port Carling and at Glenifer Braes.

KILWORTHY.

This field lies along the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, between Severn Bridge and Gravenhurst. It is one that will long be remembered by friends of our Society on account of the sad drowning of our missionary and his wife there last summer. It comprises three stations—Kilworthy, Malta and Morrison Lake.

At Kilworthy there is a neat little Church and some earnest Christian people. During the summer the tourists are an important factor here. Considerable interest was manifested in the work.

Malta is a new station, organized by the Superintendent in May. The work here is very encouraging, and this station will strengthen the field considerably.

Morrison Lake is a station nine miles north-west, and is difficult of access. The thanks of the Society is due to those at Kilworthy who very kindly drove the missionary to this station during the summer.

The Superintendent visited the field twice and dispensed communion and administered the ordinance of baptism.

BLACK RIVER.

This field has three stations—Washago, Black River and St. Davids. Occasional service was also held at Ragged Rapids, a settlement of about eight families in North Victoria, about 20 miles from Washago.

Washago is a small village on the line of the Northern Railway, just at the head of Lake Couchiching. There is a comfortable Church here, and though the membership is small, there was a fair attendance both at Sabbath services and the weekly prayer meetings.

St. David's Church, Rama, is a neat frame building. The congregation has lost much both by removals and by death and other causes, and there are three other denominations holding service in the neighborhood, so that the attendance and the support was small.

Black River is a small settlement of about fifteen Protestant families, nearly all of whom are Presbyterians, in the midst of a Roman Catholic community. Service was held every Sabbath in the Rama Township Hall.

The annual communion service was conducted on August 29th by the Rev. Mr. Brodie, of Barrie. There were no additions to the membership.

Thanks are due to the Presbyterian Review, which kindly sent every week a number of copies for free distribution. These were very gratefully received. Also to the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor of Knox Church, St. Catharines, and to friends in Galt for gifts of literature.

CARLING.

This field has now been under the care of the Society for two summers, having for six years previous been worked by the Home Mission Committee. The field, lying along the shore of the Georgian Bay, is situated in the District of Parry Sound, and is, at its nearest station, within nine miles of the town of Parry Sound, the capital of the district. In this field are three stations—Carling, Shebesbekong and Dewe. At the latter of these service was held fortnightly, at the former two a week service was conducted. Also at these two places Sunday Schools were carried on, and at Shebesbekong a weekly prayer meeting was held. A good deal of interest was manifested in the services, and it was much regretted that the work could not be continued throughout the winter.

On the first Sabbath of August Rev. Mr. Childerhose, of Parry Sound, visited the field and dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, when altogether thirty-one partook of this sacrament.

DEPOT HARBOR.

Depot Harbor is the western terminus of the Ontario, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway. It is the beginning of what promises to be a place of some importance. Being on the direct route of transportation from the west to the Maritime Provinces, it will shortly be a shipping point for much of the Western grain. An immense elevator is in course of construction. About 200 men, on an average, were employed during the summer on railroad and harbour construction work. There were no dwelling houses, and accommodation was found for the men in box cars and tents, besides the two large boarding camps. Sunday services were held in the sitting room of one of the large camps, while the prayer meetings were held in the open air, no building being available. There were very few professing Christians on the field, but these showed great interest in the work. As very few of the men would be likely to remain permanently, no organization was attempted.

BYNG INLET—FIVE MONTHS.

Byng Inlet is a small lumbering town near the mouth of the Maganetawan River. Very little business has been carried on here for some years, the mills having been burnt down, but this summer the Holland & Emery Lumber Company began extensive building operations. A large number of men were employed, and several families have moved into the Inlet.

The work of the mission was very encouraging, all denominations uniting heartily in its support.

In addition to contributions to the Society, this field raised, for other purposes, about \$117.00. In July the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed by the Rev. S. Childerhose, of Parry Sound.

The prospects of this field for the future are quite encouraging.

VI.—KINGSTON PRESBYTERY.

BANNOCKBURN.

Bannockburn is situated in North Hastings on the C. O. R. and was occupied by the Society this year for the first time.

In connection with it services were held at Craig Mine while it was in operation, and for a time in one of the stations of the Marmora field.

There had not been a Sabbath service in connection with our denomination before in Bannockburn, and the people deserve great credit for the way they have conducted the Sabbath School. It certainly was the best Sabbath School your missionary has ever attended in a place of the same size.

A weekly prayer meeting was held.

All the services were well attended.

VII.—ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

TARBERT.

This field is situated in the County of Dufferin near the village of Grand Valley. This is the second summer that it has been under the care of the Society. It comprises two stations, Tarbert and Campania, at both of which Sunday services were held weekly. Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings were also held at both places. The attendance at all these services was very encouraging.

There are quite a number of Presbyterian families at Tarbert, and many who take a deep interest in the work. On this account the station is a very encouraging one. At Campania there are only a few Presbyterian families, but the services were fairly well attended. Arrangements have been made by which the field will have the services of a missionary throughout the winter.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed by the Rev. Mr. Crozier, of Grand Valley, when two were received into full communion on confession of faith.

VIII.—CHATHAM PRESBYTERY.

BUXTON.

Buxton, the centre of a good farming section in the County of Kent, is situated twelve miles south-west of the city of Chatham. It is a place of considerable historical importance, as it was the site chosen by the Elgin Association as a settlement for the colored refugees who came from the States in the days of slavery. Few, however, of the old inhabitants now remain.

There was no resident missionary on the field during the winter, but, throughout the summer, morning and evening services were held every Sabbath at Buxton, and, after June 13th, every afternoon at Sandison. The latter was opened up this year. It lies four miles south-east of Buxton, and is easily workable along with it.

The regular prayer meeting and Christian Endeavor prayer meeting were conducted weekly at Buxton. The Endeavor Society has undertaken to conduct a series of meetings during the winter, which, we trust, will be the means of much spiritual blessing to the community.

Horse sheds are to be erected this winter, for which a considerable sum of money is in the hands of the treasurer. The prospects for the future are in many ways most encouraging.

IX.—LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERY.

KIPPEWA.

This field has been under the care of the Missionary Society for the second summer. It is the only field occupied by the Society in the Province of Quebec and is especially interesting, being situated in the rapidly developing Temiscamingue district near the sources of the Ottawa. The field is a very difficult one, especially from a physical standpoint. Spiritually, the work was very encouraging, ten entering into full communion with the Church on profession of their faith in Christ. A hearty welcome was accorded your missionary in his labor, both in the homes and in the Sabbath services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The Society desires to record its thanks to all those in the fields who boarded its missionaries free of charge, or who gave them material assistance of any kind; also to those outside the fields who contributed to the funds of the Society, or who supplied literature for distribution on the fields. The Society desires specially to express its thanks to the following: Rev. Prof. Campbell, Mr. A. J. McDonald, Portage; Mr. Archie Gouldie, Dwight; Rev. Dr. Abraham, Burlington; Presbyterian Review, Toronto; Rev. J. L. Small, B. A., Mr. Scott, Tarbert; Mr. R. Miller, Campania.

The Society would record the financial recognition given them by Principal Caven and Dr. McLaren.

WINTER WORK.

Every Sabbath morning a number of students go to teach in the gaol and Central Prison. The Sabbath School lesson is taken up, and tracts and religious literature are distributed.

The work carried on in the Old Woman's Home and the Convalescent Home is very encouraging. At the former a weekly, and at the latter a monthly, Sunday evening service is conducted.

A number of students go every Sabbath morning to the Sick Children's Hospital and Grace Hospital to teach the sick. Two of the City Missions are also in charge of the Society—Chester and Claremont. Besides these, two of the students are engaged in mission work among the Chinese in the city.

Malton, 15 miles out of the city, was supplied with services every Sabbath during the session, and with a missionary during the Christmas vacation.

Amount paid for mission work in 1897, \$2,757.82.

In bringing to a close this report of their work during the year, the members of the Society would lift their hearts in gratitude to God for His benefits. We would ever remember His great goodness, and, in humble reliance upon Him, would seek to make each year in the history of the Society a record of even greater work attempted and accomplished in His name and for His cause.

E. A. WICHER.

Recording Secretary.

GEORGE ARNOLD,

President.

 MANITOBA COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORT, 1897-98.

This Society, which already occupies a prominent and important place in the life and activity of the College, requires no apology for its existence. The aim of the Society has always been to support missionaries in fields which might not otherwise be supplied, and the accounts which reach us from many of these fields show how richly rewarded has been the energy of the Society, supported by the kind generosity of its friends in Winnipeg and throughout the Province.

During the past winter three fields have been supplied with Gospel ordinances,

ROSENFELD.

This field is situated at the junction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, south-west division, and the Great Northern Railway, and was supplied from the College. Services were held at three points, viz. :—Altona, Rosenfeld and Plum Coulee. Two Sabbath Schools and a weekly prayer meeting were conducted with the most gratifying results. Ours is the only Church in Rosenfeld conducting services in the English language. The contributions of the people were very liberal, only \$34.45 being needed from the funds of the Society to meet all expenses.

ARROWHEAD AND ILLECILLEWAET.

This is a new field extending 42 miles eastward from Revelstoke, B. C., 28 miles westward and 28 miles southward. The people are chiefly engaged in mining, rail-roading and farming. Services were held at five different points; in boarding cars, hotel and waiting rooms of railway stations. Mr. Miller did good work for the Society, and speaks of the great need for faithful missionary work in the west. The Society expended the sum of \$201 in connection with this field.

THE MEADOWS.

The Meadows mission field lies 25 miles north of Neepawa, in the neighbourhood of the Riding Mountains. Mr. Akitt supplies six stations. The settlement is comparatively new, and not yet in a position to contribute largely to the support of Gospel ordinances; but they are of the right kind—enterprising farmers from Ontario, and honest, industrious people from the Mother Country. Mr. Akitt has a ring of encouragement in his tone. This field has cost the Society \$132.10.

Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?

We take this opportunity to express our hearty thanks to all who have in any way contributed to the successful carrying on of the work of the Society, and, in sending out this report, we solicit a continuance of the liberality with which our appeals for funds have been met in the past.

THOMAS McAFEE,
President.

HUGH J. ROBERTSON,
Manitoba College, Treasurer.

Amount of subscriptions and collections, \$691.17.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following items of business were transacted at the several meetings of the Committee and Executive during the year, in addition to the making of grants and passing of claims:—

WORK AMONG FINLANDERS.

A petition from the Superior Presbytery, which had been before the Synod of the North-West, regarding the appointment of a missionary to the Finlanders at Fort William and Port Arthur, was considered. It was agreed to make a special grant of \$4 per Sabbath in the meantime.

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MISSIONS SUPPORTED BY BRITAIN.

The following resolution was adopted:—That it be an instruction on the part of the Home Mission Committee to all missionaries in charge of fields assigned to British Churches to prepare and send to the Secretary of British work, Rev. Charles W. Gordon, Winnipeg, before the end of February and end of August, reports descriptive of their work, and that the Conveners of the various Home Mission Committees be urged to use all diligence to have this done.

LEAFLET.

It was agreed to have prepared and issued a leaflet showing the progress of Home Mission work throughout the Dominion. The following were appointed a committee to attend to this:—Dr. Robertson, C. W. Gordon, Dr. Armstrong, A. Findlay, Prof. Ross, Alex. Henderson, Dr. Campbell, M. W. McLean and Dr. Cochrane. The leaflet was issued and sent to all the ministers of the Church and congregations.

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR MISSION WORK IN THE SYNOD OF
MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST, AND THE
SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That for the year beginning 1st April, 1898, a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, and a sum not exceeding \$18,000 to the Synod of British Columbia—these sums to cover the entire expenditure from the funds of the Committee, excepting the salary and expenses of Dr. Robertson, and the travelling expenses of missionaries to and from their fields of labor.

2. That these Synods, through their Home Mission Committees, be required to submit to this Committee, at its semi-annual meetings in March and October, a financial statement for the six months then ending; and accompanying this a report on the schedules prepared by this Committee, of the work done during the half-year in the respective mission fields, with the names of the missionaries, the amounts contributed by the people, and the appropriations made by the Synod's Committees to the several fields.

3. That these Synods, through their Home Mission Committees, be instructed to submit to this Committee, on or before the 25th of April annually, a financial statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ending 31st March, together with an annual report of the several fields, on the schedules furnished by this Committee.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE

The matter of sending a representative to Great Britain in the interests of the North-West and the Klondike, was considered at great length. On motion of Dr. Robertson, the Committee adopted the following resolution:—That in the opinion of this Committee it is advisable to send a deputy to Great Britain to address the Synods and General Assemblies there, and to advocate the claims of the Home Mission work in Western Canada and the Klondike during the winter season.

It was further moved by Mr. W. M. Maclean, seconded by Mr. J. A. McKeen, That Mr. C. W. Gordon be sent as representative of the Church in the interests of

the Home Mission work of the Church, especially in the North-West, British Columbia and the Klondike region. The motion was carried. All further details, in the event of Mr. Gordon's acceptance, were left in the hands of the sub-committee on appointments, namely: Drs. Cochrane, Robertson and Warden.

LEGACIES.

It was unanimously agreed that all bequests received upon behalf of Home Missions should be kept in a separate account, and the money not used until the amount reached \$30,000.

NURSES FOR KLONDIKE.

A deputation of ladies from the Toronto Presbyterian Churches waited upon the Committee in March, with reference to sending trained nurses to the Klondike. The deputation consisted of Mrs. MacLennan, Mrs. Mortimer Clark, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Hart and Miss Inglis. As a result of their interview the following resolution was unanimously adopted: That the Committee express their cordial sympathy with the object the ladies have in view, and agree to appoint a small sub-committee to confer and co-operate with the ladies in any action they may take towards securing Christian trained nurses for the Klondike.

The sub-committee was appointed as follows: Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Warden, Mr. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver, and the members of the Home Mission Committee

Subsequent meetings of the ladies and the Committee appointed to co-operate with them were held, and as a result the following circular has been sent to all the ministers of the Church in Ontario, asking them to forward the name of a suitable woman in each congregation who might be willing to undertake the work of collecting funds.

MISSIONARY NURSES FOR THE KLONDYKE.

Toronto, March 28th, 1898.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—Two of the Missionaries of our Church, now labouring in the Klondyke, have urged the importance of experienced nurses being sent out for the purpose of ministering to the sick and suffering. In a sub-Arctic climate, the need of skilled physicians and nurses is most imperative. With a view to help in meeting this urgent want, a meeting of the Presbyterian women of Toronto was held 16th March. They appointed a deputation of their number to wait upon the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, then in session. At this meeting a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing cordial sympathy with the movement, and a sub-committee was appointed to co-operate with the women in carrying it forward. On the following day the women were organized for the purpose of practically carrying out the work. It is not intended to establish a permanent organization, but merely to meet the present emergency, and render more efficient the work of the Missionaries of our Church by associating with them devoted Christian women who have had a special training as nurses. As the plan to be carried out will depend somewhat upon the financial support received, it was decided at the meeting to issue without delay a circular to every minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, asking for the co-operation of himself and Session, and especially requesting that he forward to our Secretary the name of an active woman in the congregation, whose services might be secured in soliciting contributions in the congregation for this special work. In accordance with this decision we address you this circular.

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Will you kindly favour us with the name and post-office address of a suitable woman willing to undertake the work in your congregation to whom a collecting-book or books may be sent ?

We desire to lay special emphasis on this point, that the nurses whom we will send out will be earnest, Christian women, devoted to the Master's service. We recognize the fact that every father and mother, whose son may be there laid aside by accident or disease, would wish that when far from home he were tended by one who would not only minister to his bodily ailment, but who would lovingly remind him of his mother's Saviour, and speak to him of the things pertaining to his eternal peace.

All contributions should be addressed to the Treasurer, Mrs. McCaughan, St. Andrew's Manse, Toronto, and should be specially designated, "Klondyke Missionary Nurse Fund." These will be acknowledged in the press.

It has been suggested that, as April and May are months when no special collection is taken for any of the Church Schemes, you might desire to have a congregational collection taken in your church for this work during one or other of these months. It is important that the nurses should be appointed and sent out with as little delay as possible.

A reply by return mail will be regarded as a special favour.

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH MACLENNAN,
President of Committee.

The office-bearers chosen to direct this movement are: President, Mrs. Elizabeth MacleNNan, 10 Murray Street, Toronto; Secretary, Miss Janet I. Inglis, 232 Jarvis Street, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. Sara A. McCaughan, St. Andrew's Church Manse, Toronto.

The selecting and sending out the nurses has been delayed until such time as our Missionaries in the Klondyke field have been heard from as to the localities where they should labour; and also, that contributions may be received from the churches in response to the circular issued. The number sent will depend upon the monies sent to the fund. These should be sent without delay to the Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah A. McCaughan, St. Andrew's Manse, Toronto.

MISSIONARIES FROM BRITAIN.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That hereafter this Committee will give appointments only to such licentiates and ministers from Britain as are certified or designated by the Colonial Committee of one of the British Churches."

BRITISH MONEY FOR AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS.

The Convener and Secretary were appointed a sub-committee to arrange as to the amount due the Augmentation Committee from the money received from Britain.

EXECUTIVE.

It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that the following constitute the Executive for the ensuing year: Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Warden, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Armstrong, Messrs. M. W. McLean, A. Gilray, A. A. Scott, A. Findlay, and R. Moodie, and Messrs. John Penman and Col. McCrae, and that Drs. Cochrane, Robertson and Warden be a sub-committee to arrange as to the travelling expenses of missionaries to the Northwest.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GREAT BRITAIN, 1897-98.

There have been received from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, £200; from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, £325; and the following amounts from congregations in England, Ireland and Scotland, a few of which arrived too late to be included in the financial statement for the present year.

Greenock—Sir Michael Street U.P. Church, B.C.....	£2	0	0
Kelso—First Church, U.P., B.C.....	0	15	0
Finnart U.P. Church, Greenock.....	3	0	0
Glasgow—Belhaven U.P. Church.....	49	0	0
Edinburgh—St. James' Place U.P. Church.....	20	0	0
Old Meldrum U.P. Church.....	0	12	6
Union Street U.P. Church, Greenock.....	2	18	9
Wellington U.P. Church, Glasgow.....	99	16	0
Paisley—St. James' U.P. Church., "St. James' Station".....	50	0	0
Aberdeen—St. Nicholas U.P. Church, Union Grove: Friends, £3; Juvenile Mission Band, £2.....	5	0	0
J. P.	2	0	0
Midmar U.P. Church, Scotland.....	4	0	0
Dr. J. Carment, Edinburgh, Scotland.....	10	0	0
Woodlands U.P. Church, Glasgow.....	4	10	0
Clark Memorial U.P. Church, Largs, Scotland.....	13	13	7
Balmont Street U.P. Church, Aberdeen, Scotland.....	3	13	8
First Derry Congregation, Ireland, per Miss McNeil.....	1	0	0
R. Smythe, J.P., Strabane, Ireland, per Rev. E. Clarke.....	1	0	0
Mr. Andrews, J.P., Strabane, Ireland, per Rev. E. Clarke.....	1	0	0
Rev. E. Clarke, Strabane, Ireland, per Rev. E. Clarke.....	1	0	0
W. H. Patterson, Strabane, Ireland, per Rev. E. Clarke.....	0	10	0
R. Hastings' Bible Class, Derry, Ireland.....	10	0	0
Great St. James Street Congregation, Derry, Ireland.....	40	0	0
Charles Esson, Dublin, Ireland.....	10	0	0
Gardenmore Congregation, Lorne, Ireland.....	5	0	0
Trinity Church, Cork, Ireland.....	50	0	0
Campbeltown U.P. Church, Scotland.....	5	0	0
Woodlands U.P. Church, Glasgow, Scotland.....	3	7	0
Broughton Street U.P. Church, Edinburgh, Scotland.....	100	0	0
Queen's Park U.P. Church, Glasgow, Scotland.....	8	1	8
Falkirk Free Church.....	2	13	4
Falkirk Free Church, Juvenile Contributions.....	0	18	0
Edinburgh, Free St. George's.....	192	16	6
Edinburgh, Mrs. George Brown.....	50	0	0
Edinburgh, Free St. Andrew's.....	50	0	0
Edinburgh, South Morningside Free Church.....	3	5	0
Edinburgh, Grange Free Church.....	50	0	0
Glasgow, Free St. George's.....	17	0	0
Glasgow, Pollockshields Free Church.....	50	0	0
Paisley, Sherwood Free Church.....	100	0	0
Ayr, St. Andrew's Free Church.....	2	5	6
Aberdeen, Queen's Cross Work Party for Aberdeen Presbyterian Mission	12	10	0
Bountriebush Presbyterian Free Church.....	0	10	0

Dalrymple Presbyterian Free Church.....	1	10	6
Forgandenny Presbyterian Free Church.....	1	8	3
Old Cumnock Presbyterian Free Church.....	1	0	0
Mrs. Milne, Stirling.....	1	0	0
A Friend.....	0	5	0
Aberdeen—Greyfriars Free Church.....	1	0	0
Rev. E. Maclean.....	10	0	0
S.	50	0	0
Glasgow—Free St. George's (Kelvin Street) Y.W.B.C.....	0	11	0
Mrs. Taylor, Thurso.....	0	10	0
Anonymous	0	2	6
A. G. M.....	1	0	0
C. Boog Watson, Esq.....	1	0	0
Mitchell Street U.P. Church, Beith, Scotland.....	1	14	4
Mayfield Free Church, Edinburgh, Scotland.....	50	0	0
New North Free Church, Edinburgh, Scotland.....	16	16	0
United Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Perth, Scotland.....	50	0	0
Belhaven U.P. Church, Glasgow, Scotland.....	50	0	0
St. James' U.P. Church, Paisley (for Stavely Station).....	50	0	0
Claremont U.P. Church, Glasgow, Scotland.....	41	12	6
Lynturk U.P. Church, Glasgow, Scotland.....	3	0	0
St. Andrew's U.P. Church, Greenock, Scotland.....	2	8	0
Inverary U.P. Church, Scotland.....	0	10	6
Collace Free Church, Scotland.....	1	10	0
Perth—St. Leonard's Free Church.....	13	15	6
“ Middle Free Church.....	8	0	0
“ West Free Church.....	5	4	0
Edinburgh—West St. Giles'.....	36	6	4
“ St. George's.....	50	0	0
“ St. Bernard's.....	25	7	8
“ Restalrig Sabbath School.....	0	15	0
Miss Henderson, Burnhead.....	1	0	0
Glasgow—Hillhead	41	1	0
“ High W. G.....	2	0	0
“ James Ker.....	1	10	0
“ James Paterson, Rockhill, Dennistoun.....	5	5	0
A. B.....	1	0	0
Kinellar	0	10	0
Aberdeen—Greyfriars	5	0	0
“ East	1	3	6
“ Holburn W. G.....	5	0	0
“ North	5	0	0
“ Rosemount	2	2	0
G. M. C.....	0	5	0
Old Machar.....	5	0	0
Dyce	0	10	0
Fintray	0	10	0
Misses Archbold, Wooller, Northumberland.....	0	10	0
Douglas Murrie, C.A., 31 Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh.....	1	0	0
Misses Murrie.....	0	10	0
Lothian Road U.P. Church, Edinburgh.....	16	13	8
Grange Free Church (last year, credited to another church)....	50	0	0

Woodlands U.P. Congregation, Glasgow.....	4	4	0
Gourock U.P. Church Bible Class.....	1	0	0
Grange Free Church, Edinburgh.....	50	0	0
Bristo U.P. Church, Edinburgh.....	27	0	0
Lord Overtoun.....	50	0	0
Kingston Presbyterian Church, Ireland.....	50	0	0
Colonial Committee, Presbyterian Church in Ireland.....	100	0	0
John Jackson, Esq., London, England.....	5	0	0
Glasgow—Westbourne Free Church.....	50	0	0
“ St. George’s (additional).....	25	0	0
Edinburgh—Free St. George’s (additional).....	5	0	0
“ Morningside Free Church.....	75	15	6
“ Barchay Free Church.....	50	0	0
The late Mrs. Jane MacDonald.....	10	0	0
Dundee—Free St. Paul’s.....	50	0	0
Paisley—Free St. George’s.....	8	0	0
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Scone Free Church.....	1	12	2
Kinfarms Free Church.....	1	10	0
Logiealmond Free Church.....	1	0	0
Presbytery of Perth (Church of Scotland).....	50	0	0
Athelstane Flord (Church of Scotland).....	5	0	0
Partick, Glasgow (Church of Scotland).....	5	0	0
Greenbank U.P. Church, Greenock, Scotland.....	2	2	3
Kirn U.P. Church, Scotland.....	2	0	0
Mrs. George Brown, Edinburgh (for Klondyke fund).....	68	7	0

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Committee have again to acknowledge the continued liberality of the churches in the Maritime Provinces, who have sent this year \$2,420.89 to the fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

HOME MISSION FUND, 1897 98.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897.....	\$	\$ 4,099 22
Presbytery of Quebec.....	1,884 90	1,061 72
“ Montreal.....	2,120 90	2,816 76
“ Glengarry.....		1,219 92
“ Ottawa.....	2,336 00	2,091 44
“ Lanark and Renfrew.....	2,196 50	2,693 98
“ Brockville.....	162 00	581 38
“ Kingston.....	3,346 70	1,265 63
“ Peterborough.....	370 00	1,432 23
“ Whitby.....		666 09
“ Lindsay.....	664 00	1,048 82
“ Toronto.....	299 00	6,500 31
Carried Forward.....	\$3,380.00	\$25,476 50

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Brought Forward	\$13,380 00	\$25,476 50
Presbytery of Orangeville	65 00	518 15
“ Barrie	4,216 90	1,481 51
“ Owen Sound	936 00	867 42
“ Saugeen	208 00	624 46
“ Guelph	158 00	1,860 47
“ Algoma	4,617 20	440 61
“ Hamilton	100 00	3,708 07
“ Paris	104 00	2,547 30
“ London	108 75	3,684 21
“ Chatham	548 50	727 51
“ Sarnia	146 00	948 06
“ Stratford		1,456 82
“ Huron		1,412 82
“ Maitland		946 72
“ Bruce	51 00	860 40
“ Superior	666 00	224 50
“ Winnipeg	2,876 00	2,501 69
“ Rock Lake	1,131 50	444 85
“ Glenboro'	233 00	204 75
“ Portage la Prairie	1,130 00	600 63
“ Brandon	532 00	423 10
“ Minnedosa	2,882 00	337 12
“ Melita	1,582 50	179 55
“ Regina	5,565 00	690 65
“ Calgary	3,573 50	241 85
“ Edmonton	4,244 00	136 20
“ Kamloops	4,916 95	306 50
“ Westminster	1,564 00	526 85
“ Victoria	1,550 00	199 00
Special payments, advance grants, etc.	938 91	
Travelling expenses, Missionaries to N. W. & B. C.	5,091 91	
Salary and expenses, Missionaries to Klondike	3,115 20	
Rev. Dr. Robertson, salary and expenses	2,432 30	
Rev. A. Findlay, salary and expenses	1,792 64	
Expenses Synodical H. M. Committee, B.C.	239 00	
Proportion expenses Committee on Y. P. Soc	135 00	
Printing, including Reports, Leaflets, Proportion Blue Book, etc	831 71	
Expenses in connection with British contributions	223 45	
Annuity to Mrs. McD	81 00	
Interest on advances	302 75	
Augmentation Com., proportion of British contributions	2,589 90	
Legal expenses and sundries	37 98	
Expenses of Committee, allowances, etc	1,605 80	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses	1,100 00	
Contributions from Maritime Provinces		2,420 89
Contribution from Farrington Church		345 35
Contributions from friends in Canada		4,917 70
Proceeds sale of Gauld Church, Griersville		70 00
Bequests		12,006 30
Interest		132 00
Contributions from British Churches		2,183 47
Contributions from congregations and friends in Britain		9,622 32
Grants returned		80 48
Balance on hand, 1st April, 1898	8,754 37	
	\$86,357 78	\$86,357 78

SUMMARY OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS FOR 1897-98.

Home Mission Fund	\$86,357 78	
Lumberman's Mission	325 00	
College Societies--		
Morrin College	350 00	
Montreal "	822 27	
Queen's "	1,405 36	
Knox "	2,757 82	
Manitoba "	691 17	
		\$92,709 40
Expended by Presbyteries or individual congregations in Home Mission work, in addition to the ordinary contributions of congregations (so far as reported to the Convener)—		
Presbytery of—		
Quebec	\$500 00	
Montreal—		
Crescent St. Church	\$1,000 00	
St. Paul's "	1,000 00	
Erskine "	450 00	
American "	100 00	
St. Matthew's "	100 00	
Montreal annex "	100 00	
Lot donated by Syndicate	600 00	
		3,350 00
Ottawa—		
Glebe Mission of St. Andrew's Church	1,000 00	
Lanark and Renfrew	100 00	
Kingston—		
Deseronto	275 00	
Toronto—		
Central Church	\$1,095 00	
St. Andrew's, King St.	3,048 00	
West Church	720 00	
Erskine "	467 00	
Knox "	190 00	
Bloor St. "	193 00	
Westminster "	100 00	
		\$5,813 00
Algoma	2,250 00	
Barrie	1,391 00	
Owen Sound	500 00	
Guelph	401 00	
Hamilton	800 00	
Paris—		
(Zion Church Missions)	1,924 00	
London—		
St. Andrew's Church, for Pottersburg North Mission and London West Mission \$852,		
First Church, per Chalmers' Church, \$300,		
and Knox Church, per Chalmers' Church,		
\$150	1,302 00	
Chatham	630 00	
		\$20,236 00
		\$112,945 40

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CONCLUSION.

The Financial Statement shows a balance in hand in favour of the Committee. This is not reached because of increased contributions from congregations (for in many cases they are less than last year), but due to three things: (1) The large amount received from the British churches, amounting to \$11,805.79; (2) bequests, which are this year exceptionally large, amounting to \$12,000; and (3) the special effort made for "The Klondyke Fund." But for these contributions the Committee, instead of reporting a balance, would have had a large deficit.

These sources of revenue cannot be expected to continue. In the case of bequests, they are exceedingly fluctuating, and as regards the British churches, they cannot be depended upon for an indefinite period. With some of the contributions sent this year there was the intimation given that they would not be continued longer, so that, with the great Klondyke mission field laid upon the Committee, it is evident that unless the congregations give during the ensuing year largely in advance of the present the missions now begun cannot be maintained, far less, aggressive work attempted.

The General Assembly should seriously face this situation, and say whether, in view of these facts, the Home Mission Committee are to recede or proceed: to relinquish what they have possessed, or enter other fields that seek and need the Gospel. The mere passing of resolutions will not provide the needed funds. Every minister of our Church, on the grounds of patriotism and Presbyterianism, should see to it that his congregation is doing its duty in helping to provide for the emigration that is flowing into the Northwest and the mining regions of British Columbia and the Klondyke.

In name of the Committee,

WM. COCHRANE,

Convener.

Brantford, June 8, 1898.

APPENDIX I.—MISSION STATIONS.

Report for the Year Ending 31st March, 1898.

[N.B.—The grants to Fields marked * are for Ordained Missionaries.]

PRESBYTERIES AND MISSION FIELDS.	Church Buildings.	Preaching Stations.	Average Sabbath Attendance.	Families connected with Mission Field.	Single persons not connected with the families.	Communicants.	Sabbaths supplied from 1 Oct., '97, to 31 Mar., '98.	Sabbaths supplied in year ending 31st March, '98.	Amount paid by Stations for supply, year ending 31st March, 1898, (including board).	Amount received from H.M. Com., year ending 31st March, 1898.	Amount per Sabbath expected from field for beginning 1 Apr., '98.	Grant per Sabbath promised by H.M. Com. for year beginning 1 Apr., '98.	REMARKS.
I.—Quebec:—													
1. Valcartier and Stoneham	2	3	110	63	4	140	26	52	178 00	268 00	6 00	4 00	
2. *Marlow, etc.	1	3	109	29	5	86	26	52	204 00	325 00	6 00	6 25	
3. *Metis	2	3	80	34	1	37	26	52	300 00	255 60	6 00	5 76	
4. Lake Megantic	1	3	125	30	7	41	26	52	312 00	150 00	6 00	3 00	
5. Massawippi Hillhurst North Coaticook ...	2	3	150	19	4	42	24	48	288 00	144 00	6 00	3 00	
6. Portneuf	2	3	36	12		35	26	50	300 00	150 00	6 00	3 00	For winter [months.
7. New Rockland	1	3	85	28	10	32	26	52	200 00	139 00	4 00	2 50	
8. *Chicoutimi	2	3	50	11	2	21	26	52	408 00	300 00	8 00	5 71	
9. Grand Mere	1	1	54	13	28	19	26	52	377 00	105 00	8 00	5 00	
Travelling expenses of missionaries.....										21 30			
Total	9	21	789	230	64	453	232	462	2567 00	1884 90	54 00	38 27	
II.—Montreal:—													
1. *Grenville	2	2	61	18	14	15	26	52	100 00	275 60	7 70	4 00	
2. *Lost River, etc.	2	2	80	45	5	54	26	48	202 00	238 50	4 70	7 70	
3. *Avoca & Harrington	3	3	140	58		82	26	51	304 00	343 20	6 00	6 73	
4. *Millie Isles, etc.	3	3	150	79	5	65	26	52	300 00	400 00	5 75	7 70	
5. *Joliette	1	3	65	32	3	30	26	52	200 00	275 60	2 65	5 30	
6. Laprairie	1	2	20	15	5	12	26	49	50 00	78 00	2 00	3 50	
7. Farnham	2	2	25	39	4	30	26	52	208 00	364 00	4 00	4 00	
8. Trout River & Burke	1	2	100	29		25	5	31	160 00	62 00	4 00	2 00	
9. Petite Cote	1	1	35	23			26	52	175 00				[Aug. List Transferred to United with [Cote des Neiges.
10. Laquerre, etc.	1	2	50	36	5	63	21	47	380 00		8 00		
11. Mount Royal Vale	1	1	30	12		6	26	52	80 00				
12. *De Salaberry, etc.	1	2	35	20	20	20	7	28	50 00	84 00	2 50	4 00	
13. *Maisonneuve	1	2	50	25	5	40	20	52	400 00		8 00		
14. Montreal Annex	1	1	40	6									
15. Montreal West	2	2					26	52					
Total	20	20	891	428	66	432	310	670	2627 00	2120 90	56 30	44 93	
III.—Glengarry:—													
1. East Lancaster	2	3	177	52		88	25	47	386 00		8 00		
IV.—Ottawa:—													
1. *Ariwin	1	3	70	50	1	99	26	52	272 00	300 00	7 70	5 77	
2. *Bearbrook & Navan	2	3	225	43	6	80	26	52	402 00	300 00	7 00	5 77	[Student
3. *Casselman, etc.	2	2	110	65	6	55	26	52	290 00	360 00	5 00	6 73	or \$5 for
4. *Chelsea & Cantley	2	2	150	53	5	60	20	46	400 00	300 00	5 00		[Ang List
5. *Desert	1	6	50	42		50	26	52	150 00	350 00	4 00	6 73	
6. *East Templeton	1	1	70	45		40	18	44	295 00	20 00	6 73	5 77	
7. Lochaber	1	1	45	12	6	15		23	164 00		4 00		[Montreal S.M.S.
8. *Onslow & Eardly	2	2	145	31	1	35	26	52	315 00	300 00	7 70	5 77	
9. *Plantaganet	3	3	60	40		45	26	52	318 00	167 00	6 73	5 77	
10. Portland	2	4	80	26	3	89	13	35	225 00	83 00	4 00	2 00	or \$3 in winter
11. Stittsville	1	1	120	30	5	55	26	52	183 00	156 00	3 00	3 00	
12. Gl'be Mission, Ottawa													
Total	16	28	1125	437	33	623	233	512	3012 00	2336 00	51 86	47 31	

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V.—Lanark & Renfrew :													
1. *Alice & Petawawa	2	3	130	40	86	20	52	300 00	300 00	5 77	5 77		
2. *Chalk River, etc.	2	3	70	50	5	67	26	50	353 00	275 00	7 10	5 77	
3. *Dalhousie and Brightside	4	4	200	90	18	206	26	52	500 00	163 00	12 00	2 41	
4. *Whitney, etc.	1	5	250	10	17	9	35	200 00	260 00	6 00	7 70		or \$5 for Student.
5. *Lake Temiscamingue	2	3	69	13	2	10	26	52	125 00	100 00	6 00	7 70	
6. Bathurst, etc.	2	2	125	41	80	26	52	400 00	151 00	4 50	3 80		
7. Stafford & Osceola	3	3	200	46	6	61	26	52	155 00	182 00	6 00	3 50	
8. Calabogie	1	3	110	55	4	58	26	52	250 00	182 00	3 50	3 50	
9. Gilmour's Mills, etc.	9					24				111 50			
10. Kilaue, etc.								180 00	155 00				Queen's S.M.S.
11. Rockliffe, etc.					6			22	35 00				Montreal S.M.S.
12. Rutherglen, etc.	1	3	34	25	4	22		22	88 00				Montreal S.M.S.
13. Kippewa, etc.	4	50	17	80	21		17	98 18	5 00				Knox S.M.S.
Travelling expenses.													
Total	18	42	1217	418	125	619	215	458	2704 18	296 50	50 87	40 15	
VI.—Brockville:—													
1. Morton, Lyndhurst, California, etc.	1	4	50	25	2	40	26	49	196 00	98 00	4 00	2 00	
2. Stone's Corners, N. Augusta & Fairfield	3	3	120	40		50	12	32	128 00	64 00	4 00	2 00	
Total	4	7	170	65	2	90	38	81	324 00	162 00	8 00	4 00	
VII.—Kingston:—													
1. *Sharbot Lake, etc.	3	3	100	45	6	50	26	52	235 75	270 00	5 75	6 00	
2. *Wilbur, etc.	1	3	95	29	6	32	11	38	119 75	76 00	4 00	2 00	
3. *Matawatchan, etc.	2	2	130	45		86	15	41	204 00	205 20	6 25	7 20	or \$3 for Student.
4. *Poland, etc.	1	6	150	70		112	26	52	300 00	100 00	6 00	7 70	
5. *Portsmouth, etc.	2	2	120	40	4	62	26	52	400 00	375 50	7 60	6 75	
6. *Wolfe Island	1	3	115	35	9	43	26	52	350 00	250 00	6 75	4 80	
7. *Ernestown, etc.	2	4	259	35	5	20	26	52	178 50	104 00	4 00	4 00	For Ord. Missionary
8. Demorestville, etc.	1	2	125	25	6	50	28	28	168 00	56 00	4 00	6 76	
9. *Consecon, etc.	2	2	90	32	13	46	26	52	290 00	351 52	7 00	6 76	
10. Sldney	1	1	60	16	3	49	6	30	114 00	60 00			Transferred to Roslin and Thurlow
11. Thanet, Tho Ridge	2	3	94	42	8	98	16	42	72 75	126 00	3 00	3 00	or \$6 for O.M. or \$5.76 for O.M.
12. *L'Amable, etc.	2	3	75	45	6	73	19	43	278 00	129 00	3 00	3 00	
13. *Carlow and Mayo	1	3	155	55	6	83	23	47	235 00	186 48	3 00	3 00	
14. Maynooth, etc.	1	2	50	14		30	3	28	50 00	84 00	3 00	3 00	
15. De-eronto, West End	1	2	65	70	15	31	26	52		104 00	6 00	2 00	
16. *Marmora, etc.	1	3	200	24	50	45	26	52	400 00	312 00	6 00	6 00	
17. Hay Bay (now with Ernestown)										92 00			
18. Ardcho, etc.		3	67	22		28	23	33	66 65	66 00	4 00	2 00	
Total	20	47	1650	645	137	938	352	746	3552 40	3346 70	79 35	67 21	
VIII.—Peterborough:—													
1. Harvey	1	3	140	30	3	68	36	52	112 0	208 00	4 00	4 00	
2. Apsley & Clydesdale	1	2	90	29		55	6	32	221 0	83 00	4 00	3 00	
3. Cardiff		6		160	8	54		23	64 00	79 00	3 00	3 00	
Total	2	11	230	219	11	177	42	107	397 00	370 00	11 00	10 00	

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IX.—Whitby:— No Mission Stations.

X.—Lindsay:—													
1. Minden, etc.	3	4	220	82	5	150	26	52	300 00	200 00	5 77	5 00	
2. Cobocok, etc.	2	5	206	40	..	85	26	52	300 00	300 00	5 77	5 77	
3. Sebright and Uphill	2	3	185	30	23	52	26	52	352 00	104 00	5 77	2 00	
Total	7	10	605	152	28	287	78	156	952 00	664 00	17 31	12 77	

XI.—Toronto:—													
1. Fairbank and Fisherville	2	2	200	26	6	100	26	52	442 00	156 00	8 00	3 00	
2. Malton	1	1	100	17	17	41	26	52	245 00	65 00	..	..
3. Swansea	1	1	25	10	..	15	26	52	100 00	..	2 00	..	
4. Chester	1	1	30	15	5	27	26	52	234 00	78 00	5 00	4 00	For Summer
Total	5	5	355	68	28	193	104	208	1021 00	299 00	15 00	7 00	

XII.—Orangeville:—													
1. Caledon East and St. Andrew's, Caledon.	2	2	100	55	10	90	26	52	500 00	..	10 00	..	
2. Tarbert and Gandler	1	2	14	70	25	105	26	52	500 00	65 00	10 00	..	
3. Corbetton, etc.	2	..	135	65	5	123	26	52	500 00	..	7 50	2 50	For Summer
4. Proton Station	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	5	2	375	190	40	318	78	156	1500 00	65 00	27 50	2 50	

XIII.—Barrie:—													
1. Ardrea, etc.	3	3	300	80	2	101	..	26	221 00	..	..	..	[from list.
2. Aspdin	1	2	71	12	1	22	26	..	64 15	..	..	..	Removed
3. Bala	2	3	70	36	..	69	24	51	73 00	96 00	4 17	4 00	S.M.S.
4. Haysville	3	3	150	72	19	83	26	52	201 00	182 00	6 00	4 00	
5. Byng Inlet	1	2	80	23	25	..	23	47	429 00	..	..	..
6. Berrisdale	1	4	205	44	8	65	..	19	118 05	12 50	..	..	Removed
7. Bethune	1	4	159	36	..	51	..	20	142 78	..	..	..	S.M.S.
8. Buck Lake, Doe Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Burk's Falls	1	3	185	60	28	113	26	52	410 00	350 00	..	..	Removed
10. Callender	2	3	135	49	27	31	26	52	369 00	300 00	8 65	5 77	[from list.
11. Carling, etc.	..	3	108	17	..	30	..	..	103 15	..	..	..	S.M.S.
12. Commanda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	S.M.S.
13. Conger	1	4	80	24	2	51	23	51	148 96	140 50	5 00	3 00	
14. Dorset	1	3	35	12	1	23	19	45	95 00	60 00	..	..	S.M.S.
15. Dunchurch	1	4	23	20	1	20	26	51	129 00	128 00	5 00	3 00	
16. Emsdale, etc.	3	3	165	59	18	69	26	52	400 00	300 00	7 70	5 77	
17. French River	..	2	80	27	4	4	22	46	300 00	44 00	8 50	2 00	For winter.
18. Franklin	2	4	81	33	9	38	21	46	205 00	52 50	..	..	S.M.S.
19. Kilworthy	1	2	140	65	12	33	25	50	236 60	75 00	5 50	3 00	
20. Loring	1	2	83	19	1	45	19	43	172 00	57 00	..	..	S.M.S.
21. Magnetawan	2	4	180	35	3	65	26	52	289 05	350 00	7 70	6 73	
22. Medoute	3	3	400	73	50	100	26	52	50 00	237 50	10 10	4 33	
23. Minesing, etc.	3	3	321	78	10	120	26	52	469 41	208 52	9 60	3 85	
24. Port Sydney	2	4	135	38	10	77	24	49	200 00	125 00	6 00	3 00	
25. Port Carling	..	1	65	17	..	7	..	17	140 02	..	6 00	4 00	
26. Powassen	2	2	65	17	9	71	25	51	103 00	..	..	..
27. Rosseau	3	3	136	28	1	55	22	48	267 00	118 00	..	..	3 00
28. South River	2	2	107	47	2	49	26	52	260 00	208 00	5 00	3 00	
29. Sprucedale	2	3	150	40	..	60	20	47	254 43	217 73	7 50	5 75	
30. Uffington	3	3	125	34	5	53	22	48	150 00	176 00	4 00	3 00	

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31. Washago	2	3	91	23	...	43	7	33	150 00	21 00	S.M.S.
32. Sundridge	2	4	187	54	...	95	26	26	180 50	75 00	6 00	3 50	
33. Yrevalle	2	2	225	46	...	106	26	52	344 00	217 50	7 69	5 75	
34. Windermere	2	3	130	24	...	36	...	22	132 00	44 00	6 00	4 00	[Removed from list.
35. Waubaushene	2	3	38	20	...	23	...	...	100 00	...	...	...	S.M.S.
36. Depot Harbour Travelling expenses.									42 80	110 15	...	...
Total	58	100	4513	1292	265	1829	514	1306	7512 75	4216 90	126 11	79 45	
XIV.—Owen Sound:—													
1. Lion's Head, etc.	3	4	384	88	...	109	26	52	445 00	312 00	8 45	6 00	
2. Indian Peninsula	2	4	300	75	18	88	26	52	311 00	130 00	6 00	2 00	\$3 for winter.
3. Johnston, etc.	3	4	300	77	5	129	26	52	520 00	156 00	10 00	3 00	
4. Crawford, etc.	2	2	350	56	...	123	26	52	370 00	286 00	7 00	5 00	\$2 for student.
5. Caven	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	26	...	52 00	...	...
Total	11	15	1334	296	23	449	117	234	1649 00	936 00	31 45	16 00	
XV.—Saugeen:—													
1. Cedarville & Esplin...	2	2	225	70	5	167	26	26	512 00	...	...	...
2. Mildmay & Ayton...	2	2	110	45	16	76	26	26	390 00	104 00	2 00	2 00	
3. Bethel & E. Norman- by	2	2	260	70	6	111	26	26	450 00	104 00	2 00	2 00	
Total	6	6	595	185	27	354	78	78	1352 00	208 00	4 00	4 00	
XVI.—Guelph:—													
1. Baden	1	1	40	22	12	35	26	52	499 20	108 00	8 00	2 00	
2. Hawkesville and Linwood .....									...	50 00	...	...
Total	1	1	40	22	12	35	26	52	499 20	158 00	8 00	2 00	
XVII.—Algoma:—													
1. Billings & Bidwell...	3	4	120	50	...	54	26	48	99 21	190 50	3 00	3 00	
2. Bruce Mines	3	3	110	46	6	39	26	52	200 00	350 00	7 70	6 73	[in Oct. next
3. Chelmsford	1	4	130	35	25	23	26	52	100 76	325 00	2 00	6 25	To be reduced
4. Cockburn Island	1	3	70	30	...	10	21	47	91 08	175 00	1 00	...	App'n with'd'n
5. Collin's Inlet	1	1	40	8	40	...	20	...	14 00	...	...	...	S.M.S.
6. Day Mills	3	4	175	43	...	81	26	52	320 00	350 00	6 73	6 73	
7. Echo Bay	1	4	75	35	...	50	...	...	...	...	6 00	4 00	
8. Gore Bay	2	4	190	55	3	102	26	52	200 00	350 00	7 70	6 73	
9. Goulais Bay	2	2	60	11	3	15	11	22	33 00	38 50	1 00	4 00	For 6 months
10. Hilton	2	4	87	45	3	48	25	51	103 84	85 00	...	...	S.M.S.
11. Iron Bridge	1	4	145	65	9	53	26	52	112 00	94 00	...	...	S.M.S.
12. Korah	3	3	90	32	12	54	23	49	90 00	121 00	3 00	3 00	
13. Little Current	1	2	120	38	6	79	26	52	363 00	350 00	6 73	6 73	
14. Little Rapids	1	4	169	57	10	55	26	52	275 78	190 00	4 00	2 00	
15. Manitowaning	3	4	200	42	2	84	26	52	300 00	350 00	7 70	6 73	
16. Massey	3	3	123	21	7	49	26	52	157 77	117 00	3 00	3 00	
17. Ophir	3	3	140	52	8	28	26	51	170 00	102 00	4 00	2 00	
18. Providence Bay	1	3	275	46	...	88	26	52	123 50	182 00	6 50	3 50	
19. Richard's Landing...	3	3	130	43	4	93	26	50	64 70	78 00	...	...	S.M.S.
20. Rock Lake	1	3	150	50	...	68	26	52	96 00	195 00	3 00	3 00	
21. Silver Water	1	3	120	45	...	32	23	48	137 60	141 00	3 00	3 00	
22. South Bay	2	4	150	40	8	48	21	42	123 00	82 50	...	...	S.M.S.
23. Spanish River	1	1	75	15	40	12	24	50	300 00	137 00	7 00	4 50	
24. Spragge	4	4	125	21	11	31	5	31	68 11	S.M.S.
25. Sturgeon Falls	2	2	90	15	2	27	25	48	131 00	180 00	S.M.S.

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23. Tarbut	1	1	180	55	12	83	26	52	303 00	350 00			On Aug. List S.M.S.	
27. Mills	1	3	130	21		20	13	21	13 87					
28. Warren	1	3	95	37	11	40	24	41	118 00	72 00	3 00	3 00		
29. Sudbury and Copper Cliff Travelling expenses of missionary	1	2	150	52	19	75	26	52	650 00				Self Support'g	
Total	38	92	3734	1105	241	1441	651	1285	4758 62	4617 20	86 00	77 90		
XVIII.—Hamilton:—														
1. Port Robinson	1	1	55	18		36	25	51	200 00	100 00	4 00	4 00		
XIX.—Paris:—														
1. Onondaga	1	1	100	15	9	45	20	52	260 00	104 00	260 00	2 00	Supported by [Zion Church	
2. Brantford, Balfour St. Mission	1	1												
3. Do. St. Aw's Mission	1	1												
Total	3	3	100	15	9	45	26	52	260 00	104 00	260 00	2 00		
XX.—London:—														
1. North Ekfrid	1	1	100	40		69	26	52	303 30	108 75	6 00	2 00		
XXI.—Chatham:—														
1. Puce and Renaud Line	2	3	200	52	3	87	26	52	500 00	200 00	9 61	3 85		
2. Harrow & Kingsville	1	2	105	49	7	84	26	52	256 00	188 00	10 00	3 85		
3. Morpeth, etc										58 00		2 00		
4. Bentpath, etc		2	70	39	6	42	18	44	102 00	102 50		3 00		
Total	3	7	375	140	16	213	70	148	858 00	548 50	19 61	12 70		
XXII.—Sarnia:—														
1. Sombra & Duthill	2	2	75	25	15	30	26	52		52 00	4 50	1 00		
2. Inwood, Marthaville, etc										94 00				
Total	2	2	75	25	15	30	26	52		146 00	4 50	1 00		
XXIII.—Stratford:— No Mission Stations.														
XXIV.—Huron:— No Mission Stations.														
XXV.—Mailand:— No Mission Stations.														
XXVI.—Bruce:—														
1. Salem	1	3	350	65	20	135	24	50	500 00	51 00	5 25	1 50		
Dobbinton														
Gillies Hill														

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XXIX.—
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XXVII.—Superior:—															
1.	Fort Francis	1	2	100	30	24	25	44	241 21	176 00	6 00	7 00			
2.	Rainy River	1	5	198	78	18	44	24	112 13	100 00	5 00	3 00			
3.	Ignace	1	10	210	44	55	55	26	52	185 00	182 00	5 00	3 50		
4.	West Fort William	2	3	110	50	50	37	26	52	270 00	208 00	6 00	3 00		
5.	Schreiber	2	16	200	90	23	26	52	518 00	.....	10 00	.....		
6.	Lake of the Woods														
	Mines		5	125	.....	.....	.....	25	103 00	.....	6 00	4 00		
7.	Mine Centre		4	71	4	.....	.....	19	61 40	.....	.....	.....
8.	Dryden									.....	6 50	2 50		
	Total	6	45	1014	296	123	183	103	268	1490 77	666 00	44 50	23 00		
XXVIII.—Winnipeg:—															
1.	Clear Springs	1	2	165	70	37	27	26	52	234 00	104 00	8 00	3 00		
2.	Little Britain	1	4	238	34	58	49	26	52	338 00	156 00	7 00	2 00		
3.	Gretna	1	1	62	32	10	.....	26	52	416 00	.....	.....	.....
4.	Meadow Lea	2	2	93	34	7	18	19	42	347 00	208 00	5 00	4 00	On Aug. List.	
5.	Whitemouth	1	2	133	34	7	18	19	42	184 70	188 00	5 00	4 00	On Aug. List.	
6.	Winnipeg Icelandic	1	1	20	3	12	16	26	52	102 00	364 00	2 00	7 00		
7.	Stony Mountain	1	2	90	21	30	26	52	225 00	56 00	6 50	2 50			
8.	Union Point	1	5	189	48	22	63	26	48	338 00	96 00	10 00	4 00		
9.	Starbuck, etc.	1	3	163	43	23	57	26	52	367 00	81 00	11 00	4 00		
10.	Seamo, etc.	1	4	86	16	1	30	23	48	196 00	240 00	4 00	5 00		
11.	Lundyville														
12.	Suthwyn	1	3	75	28	.....	53	26	52	433 00	.....	12 00	.....	
13.	Beausejour		4	97	24	5	19	26	52	129 00	234 00	5 00	4 00		
14.	Dog Lake, etc.														
15.	Stuartburn	1	3	101	53	8	26	3	23	.....	92 00	5 00	4 00	
16.	Rosenfeld		2	55	15	.....	26	46	265 00	60 00	8 00	1 00		
17.	L. Winnipeg Fisheries								4	28 00	.....	.....	.....
18.	Claudeboye	1	3	79	21	2	29	26	52	130 00	234 00	4 50	4 50		
19.	Headingley		2	.....	.....	.....	26	52	164 50	52 00	5 00	1 00		
20.	Selkirk, etc.		2	35	32	.....	8	23	49	294 00	.....	6 00	.....	
21.	Oakville		4	98	27	9	24	13	32	39 00	128 00	6 00	3 00		
22.	Sunnyside	1	3	113	48	21	41	26	52	182 00	52 00	7 00	2 00		
23.	Winnipeg, Beverley St.	1	1	60	25	10	25	26	26	130 00	52 00	5 00	.....	
24.	Blythefield														
25.	Immigration Missionary									192 00	.....	2 00	.....	
	Total	16	60	1819	574	275	515	471	968	4190 20	2876 00	111 00	50 00		
XXIX.—Rock Lake:—															
1.	Rosebank		2	135	18	.....	40	26	49	291 00	69 00	6 00	3 00	
2.	Swan Lake	3	4	165	35	5	59	26	47	312 00	141 00	7 00	3 00		
3.	La Riviere								26	52	552 00	104 00	.....	
4.	Glenora		3	170	43	7	44	26	44	330 00	114 00	9 00	1 00	On Aug. List.	
5.	Belmont	1	3	124	44	5	59	26	52	555 68	182 00	11 00	3 50	For Winter.	
6.	Cartwright		1	7	160	45	10	100	26	52	438 67	208 00	9 00	4 00	
7.	Bellafield	1	4	175	61	10	68	5	31	150 00	124 00	6 00	4 00	\$2 for 2nd 1/2 yr.	
8.	Riverside		6	260	44	.....	102	22	44	304 00	.....	10 00	.....	
9.	Ninga	1	4	157	59	8	82	26	51	386 00	114 50	7 42	2 00	{Oct. 1st.	
10.	Thornhill										75 00	.....	.....	Aug. List since
11.	Winkler										Free. has yet	
	Total	7	33	1326	349	45	554	209	447	3319 35	1131 50	65 12	20 50	{to report.	

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XXX.—Glenboro:—												
1. Ravenswood	1	2	200	30	2	75	26	52	520 00	12 00		
2. Nesbitt	2	4	160	40	12	53	26	52	624 00	12 00	3 38	
3. Indianford	1	3	75	91	11	55	13	52	275 00	208 00	5 28	4 00
4. Cypress River	1	3	75	42	12	40	25	51	460 00			
5. Elm Creek	1	1	35	6	1			13	50 00	1 00	1 00	
6. St. Luke's									25 00			
Total	5	12	645	199	38	223	114	220	1929 00	233 00	30 28	8 38
XXXI.—Portage la Prairie:—												
1. Sylvester	2	4	100	30	6	34	20	46	138 00	5 00	3 50	
2. Lakeside	2	4	140	45	10	66	26	52	587 00	104 00	10 00	2 00
3. Mekiwin	2	4	175	68	45	80	18	49	360 00	36 00	9 00	5 00
4. Arden	2	3	220	37	31	69	26	52	387 00	58 00	8 50	1 50
5. Meadows	2	6	150	40	10	75	28	52	110 00	208 00	4 90	4 00
6. Franklin	3	3	150	79	24	120	26	52	571 00	11 00		On Aug. '98
7. Dauphine	1	3	225	56	22	93	26	52	384 50	260 00	10 00	On Aug. '98
8. Ochre River	1	5	65	25	25	33	23	48	240 00	4 00	5 00	
9. Umatilla		6						24	50 00	4 00	5 00	
Gilbert Plains, N. }												
10. Glenlyon		5						21		4 60	5 00	
Gilbert Plains, S. }												
11. Swan River		3								3 00	6 00	
12. Pine Creek		3								4 50	5 00	
13. Austin								26				On Aug. '98
14. Rosedale								12	36 00			On Aug. '98
Total	11	49	1225	380	173	579	191	477	2019 50	1130 00	77 00	41 50
XXXII.—Brandon:—												
1. Breadalbane	1	3	200	78	45	87	26	52	540 00	52 00	13 00	1 00
2. Pipestone	1	4	220	69	6	72	26	52	600 00	104 00	15 50	2 00
3. Petrel	1	3	100	30	10	55	19	45	390 00	129 00	9 00	2 00
4. Tarbolton	1	4	160	41	6	72	22	47	412 00	10 00	3 00	
5. Parkissimo	1	3	100	25	5	55	28	48	280 00	10 00	4 00	
6. Hargreaves	1	3	125	27	22	50	1	25			5 00	
7. Griswold	1	3	200	46	16	87	26	52	600 00	156 00	11 51	2 00
Special grant									91 00			
Total	3	23	1105	316	110	478	145	321	2792 00	532 00	65 07	19 00
XXXIII.—Minnedosa:—												
1. Newdale	2	4	145	57	15	67	26	52	350 00	130 00	9 00	2 00
2. Strathclair	2	4	120	60	7	74	26	52	300 00	312 00	10 00	5 00
3. Shoal Lake	3	5	175	67	25	105	26	52	655 00	156 00	12 50	2 00
4. Beulah	1	3	180	18	3	49	26	52	340 00	104 00	7 00	2 00
5. Rossarth	2	3	120	53	11	64	26	52	441 00	182 00	10 00	4 00
6. Rossburn	1	5	165	54	20	60	26	52	145 00	104 00	6 00	2 00
7. Shellmouth	3	6	170	48	6	46	26	52	250 00	234 00	10 00	5 00
8. Dongola	3	6	140	81	9	44	24	50		202 00	2 50	2 50
9. Saltcoats	2	5	110	42		98	26	52	200 00	208 00	5 00	4 00
10. Dunleith	1	4	101	38		21			133 00		5 00	4 00
11. Yorkton	3	4	130	40	12	50	26	50		300 00	7 50	6 00
12. Basswood	2	4	250	47	10	57	26	52	35 00	104 00	9 00	5 00
13. Theodore	1	4	130	19	4	38	26	52	250 00	182 00	3 00	4 00
14. Upper Assiniboine		3	77	26	4						4 00	4 00
15. Hungarians		3	70	28		43	26	52		325 00		8 65
16. Roseneath (Odenah)							13	26		30 00	7 00	1 00
17. Crescent Lake								20		100 00		
Total	23	65	2007	678	126	316	349	718	3094 00	2882 00	107 50	61 15

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XXXV.—
1. Battl
2. Buffa
3. Broad
4. Earls
5. Colles
6. Fort C
7. Glen 2
8. Grenf
9. Kinist
10. Lansd
11. Longl
12. Saska
13. White
14. Wolse
15. Welw
16. Lumse
17. Rose
18. sintal
19. Abern
20. Balgor
21. Fairlie
22. Willou
23. Ohlen
24. Duck
25. Wapel
26. Qu'Ap
27. Ellisb
28. Cotton
29. Parkle
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1. Banff
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4. Crow's
5. Crow's
6. Davisb

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XXXIV.—Melita:—														
1.	Napinka	1	2	125	30	15	46	24	50	512 00	138 00	9 50	3 00	
2.	Waskada								26		78 00		3 50	
3.	Pierson		6	200	60	30	52	24	50	350 00	174 00	10 00	5 00	[Student
4.	Gainsboro		6	135	24		43	11	26	388 20	72 50	5 00	5 00	No grant for
5.	Cairnduff	1	5	120	35	26	35	20	46	388 00	184 00	7 50	5 00	\$1.50 for Stud't
6.	Oxbow	1	3	166	44	19	96	26	52	400 00	260 00	10 00	5 00	
7.	Alameda		3	100	31	14	40	26	52	300 00	182 00	7 00	2 00	
8.	Estevan		4	71	27	13	25	13	39	163 00	182 00	5 00	5 00	
9.	Carlyle	4	6	150	40	20	55	26	52	445 00	312 00	9 00	4 00	
10.	Cannington Manor												3 00	
11.	Whitewater												2 50	
	Total	8	35	1067	291	137	398	170	303	2646 20	1582 50	63 00	39 00	
XXXV.—Regina:—														
1.	Battleford	1	1	60	20	8	25	25	51	390 00	408 00	7 00	8 00	
2.	Buffalo Lake	1	5	140	44	14	38	26	51	400 00	255 00	8 50	4 00	
3.	Broadview	4	4	165	42	13	80	29	52	450 00	236 00	10 00	5 00	
4.	Earlswood	2	5	120	45	6	50	26	52	196 00	247 00	5 00	4 50	
5.	Colleston	1	4	165	30	13	33	26	50	198 00	237 00	5 00	4 00	
6.	Fort Qu'Appelle	1	3	200	38	9	30	26	50	296 00	48 00		5 00	
7.	Glen Adelaide	1	5	145	46	13	61	26	46	254 00	203 00		6 00	
8.	Grenfell	1	5	120	35	9	53	25	51	364 00	319 00	7 00	6 00	
9.	Kinistino	1	7	134	36	3	32	26	52	230 00	312 00	8 00	6 00	
10.	Lansdowne		4	130	45	12	43	26	52	312 00	156 00	6 00	2 00	
11.	Lougaketon	1	3	130	55	27	50	11	37	130 00	11 00	7 00	2 00	
12.	Saskatoon		4	105	27	6	28		26	104 00	130 00	4 00	5 00	
13.	Whitehead	1	4	175	70	10	78	13	39	490 00	221 00			On Aug. List.
14.	Rose Valley	2	3	170	56	28	122	13	39	375 00	234 00			On Aug. List.
15.	Welwyn	1	5	205	64	40	60		25	190 00	50 00	8 00	5 00	
16.	Lumsden	2	3	120	36	8	76	26	52	400 00	260 00			
17.	Rose Plain	2	4	92	41	10	38	13	35	117 00	153 00	6 00	3 00	
18.	Sintaluta	1	3	120	21	12	29	26	52	262 00	130 00	6 00	2 00	
19.	Abernethy	2	3	155	30	10	60	26	52	305 00	286 00	8 00	4 50	
20.	Balgonie		4	80	38	9	38	26	52	304 00	247 00	4 50	4 00	
21.	Fairlight		4	73	36	20	34	9	27	100 00	168 00	4 00	4 00	
22.	Willoughby		2	100	20	2	32	26	52	100 00	104 00	2 00	2 00	
23.	Ohlen	1	3	40	42	18	19	26	52	56 00	260 00	3 50	5 00	
24.	Buck Lake		2	23	10	4	16		22	110 00	110 00	5 00	5 00	
25.	Wapella	1	4	150	58	10	32	26	47	300 00	156 00	7 50	6 00	
26.	Qu'Appelle	1	3	150	40	12	54	26	52	418 00	299 00	9 00	4 50	
27.	Ellisboro	1	4	115	36	11	49	26	50	320 00	78 00	7 00	2 00	
28.	Cottonwood	1	3	90	49	10	50	26	51	300 00	153 00	7 00	2 00	
29.	Parklands		4	55	20	8	30	26	26	120 00	104 00	6 00	4 00	
30.	Green Dyke								20					
	Total	29	109	3527	1130	355	1310	603	1315	7591 00	5565 00	157 00	109 50	
XXXVI.—Calgary:—														
1.	Banff	2	3	65	30	25	16	26	50	245 00	300 00	7 00	8 00	
2.	Bow River		6	45	24	10	22	22	46	186 00	262 00	5 00	4 55	
3.	Cardston	1	4	50	*13	*12		26	52	65 00	435 00	2 00	17 25	
4.	Crow's Nest R.R., East				†	†								
5.	Crow's Nest R.R., West		20	250	10	2000		26	30	280 00		6 00		
6.	Davisburg	2	10	200	15	1000		4	30	30 00		3 00	3 00	
			3	40	30	25	38	26	52	322 00	416 00	6 00	4 50	Student.

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7. Foothills	1	4	45	28	28	32	26	46	175 00	286 00	5 50	4 00	On Aug. List.	
8. Gleichen	1	5	80	24	8	25	4	30	138 00	124 00	5 50	4 00		
9. Macleod	1	7	85	35	20	35	26	52	260 00	330 00	9 50	6 00		
10. Maple Creek	1	3	30	6	5	14	14	10 00	80 00	8 00	8 00			
11. Mountain View	2	3	90	40	16	45	26	52	387 00	494 00	8 00	8 00		
12. Okotoks	1	3	90	34	4	43	36	32	400 00	326 00	4 00	9 50		
13. Pincher Creek	1	5	55	20	10	39	5	30	115 00	150 00	8 00	5 00		
14. Swift Current	1	4	40	20	13	5	5	5	70 50	4 00	2 00	2 00		
15. Yarrow	1	4	40	20	13	5	5	5	70 50	4 00	2 00	2 00		
Total	12	80	1165	329	3176	305	253	510	2713 00	3573 50	73 50	75 75		
XXXVII.—Edmonton:—														
1. Fort Saskatchewan	3	5	94	52	18	59	20	52	320 00	507 00	6 50	8 50		
2. Innisfill	1	5	90	45	10	68	26	52	269 00	510 00	5 00	9 00		
3. Josephberg	2	2	65	27	10	63	26	52	115 00	429 00	3 00	7 70		
4. Lacombe	1	3	110	51	8	46	26	52	301 00	338 00	7 25	7 70		
5. Olds	1	5	150	34	6	43	26	52	195 00	546 00	5 00	9 00		
6. South Edmonton	2	3	125	54	19	60	26	52	326 00	408 00	7 00	7 70		
7. Beaver Lake	1	4	56	12	7	18	13	36	15 75	273 00	50	7 00		
8. Belmont (Stony Plain)	1	5	87	28	9	34	26	52	123 00	234 00	2 25	5 00		
9. Leduc	3	3	58	15	8	15	18	20	118 00	252 00	2 00	6 00		
10. Red Deer	2	3	100	35	50	27	20	44	216 48	234 00	5 00	5 00		
11. Wetaskiwin	2	3	100	25	13	24	26	47	63 00	329 00	2 00	7 00		
12. Scandinavian	1	7	100	26	5	17	26	26	8 50	184 00	50	8 00		
Total	11	48	1135	404	149	474	285	537	2061 73	4244 00	46 00	87 60		
XXXVIII.—Kamloops:														
1. Donald	2	5	70	25	12	15	25	44	366 40	75 00	10 00	4 00		
2. Nicola	1	5	90	21	7	15	26	52	450 00	350 00	8 65	5 77		
3. Grand Forks	1	2	130	25	40	15	26	52	303 00	424 00	7 70	7 70		
4. Revelstoke	1	1	40	28	12	28	26	51	468 00	312 00	.....	.....
5. Kaslo	1	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 00	.....	.....	.....
6. Upper Columbia	1	1	60	20	11	.....	11	37	194 00	240 70	5 00	6 00	
7. Okanagon	1	3	38	18	22	20	22	44	260 00	220 00	10 00	5 77		
8. Barkerville	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
9. Field	1	4	100	25	75	14	26	52	400 00	50 00	7 00	4 81		
10. Trail	1	1	100	16	7	22	26	52	500 00	350 00	10 00	5 77		
11. New Denver	1	3	92	27	75	25	26	51	373 70	103 00	6 00	3 85		
12. Slocan	1	1	180	40	150	32	24	49	664 00	50 00	11 00	6 00		
13. Sandon	1	3	92	.....	.....	18	24	44	300 00	273 00	10 00	9 00
14. Ainsworth	1	4	80	30	120	16	26	44	300 00	251 25	6 00	5 00		
15. Salmo	1	3	90	30	.....	.....	26	47	141 00	282 00	4 00	6 00
16. Lumby	1	1	20	6	10	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
17. Fairview	1	5	50	.....	.....	5	15	37	117 00	227 00	8 00	6 00
18. Midway	1	3	130	25	100	12	25	51	286 00	332 00	7 50	6 00		
19. Lillooet	1	5	15	27	17	15	26	26	156 00	156 00	5 00	6 00		
20. Illicillewaet	1	5	30	23	24	13	23	29	73 50	.....	5 00	6 00	
21. Fort Steele	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 70	7 70
22. Horse Fly	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
23. Shuswap	1	15	179	49	109	31	25	51	275 00	290 00	4 50	5 00		
24. Ashcroft	1	4	69	20	20	21	25	43	285 00	225 00	7 00	6 00		
25. Quesnelo	1	4	20	7	26	52	365 00	520 00	10 00	9 00		
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APPENDIX—MISSION STATIONS.—Continued.

PRESBYTERIES AND MISSION FIELDS.	Church Buildings.	Preaching Stations.	Average Sabbath Attendance.	Families connected with Mission Field.	Single persons not connected with the families.	Communicants.	Sabbaths supplied from 1 Oct., '87, to 31 Mar., '88.	Sabbaths supplied in year ending 31st March, '88.	Amount paid by Stations for supply, year ending 31st March, 1888, (including board).	Amount received from H.M. Com. year ending 31st March, 1888.	Amount per Sabbath expected from field for y'r beginning 1 Apr., '86.	Grant per Sabbath promised by H.M. Com. for y'r beginning 1 Apr., '86.	REMARKS.
XXXIX.—Westminster:													
1. Delta	3	130	43	13	37	26	52	500 00	235 00	10 00	5 00		
2. Surrey	6	200	50	18	46	26	52	316 00	325 00	7 70	5 77		
3. Langley	6	145	78	30	50	26	48	471 00	100 00	8 90	.....	
4. Mt. Lehman	5	140	30	57	42	26	52	370 00	200 00	6 15	3 85		
5. Port Haney	4	110	33	4	34	26	52	310 00	300 00	6 00	4 81		
6. Mission and Agassiz	5	100	28	47	25	24	50	336 00	246 00	6 15	3 85		
7. Central Park	1	35	20	8	10	24	50	50 00	98 00	1 00	1 93		
8. Texada Island .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00		
Total	10	30	860	282	177	244	178	2353 00	1564 00	45 90	31 21		
XI.—Victoria:—													
1. Cedar Hill and East Victoria	3	85	40	13	46	26	52	477 00	342 00	10 00	6 00		
2. Albern	2	115	38	28	41	26	52	318 00	312 00	7 00	6 00		
3. Sooke & Metchosin	3	50	20	5	18	26	49	153 00	226 10	5 00	3 85		
4. Northfield	3	120	110	200	18	26	49	180 00	206 70	8 00	3 85		
5. Pender Island	4	89	30	10	13	26	50	125 00	252 10	6 00	3 85		
6. Denman Island	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126 10	.....	3 85		Vacant during winter.
7. Englishman's River .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 85		
8. Gabriola Island and for exploration	85 00		
Total	7	18	450	238	254	136	130	1253 00	1550 00	36 00	31 25		

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APPENDIX.—SUMMARY OF MISSION STATIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	Mission Fields.	Church Buildings.	Preaching Stations.	Average Sabbath Attendance.	Families connected with Mission Field.	Single persons not connected with the families.	Communicants.	Sabbaths supplied from 1 Oct., '97, to 31 Mar., '98.	Sabbaths supplied in year ending 31 March, 1888.	Amount paid by Stations for supply, year ending 31 Mar., 1888 (including board).	Amount received from H. M. Com., year ending 31 March, 1888.	Amount per Sabbath expected from field for year beginning 1st April, 1888.	Grant per Sabbath from H. M. Com. for year beginning 1st April, 1888.
1. Quebec	9	9	21	789	239	64	478	232	462	\$2567 00	\$1884 90	\$54 00	\$38 27
2. Montreal	15	20	29	891	428	66	331	319	670	2627 00	2120 90	56 30	44 93
3. Glengarry	1	2	3	177	52	1	23	25	47	386 00	.....	8 00	.....
4. Ottawa	12	16	28	1125	437	33	623	233	512	3012 00	2336 00	51 86	47 31
5. Lanark & Renfrew	13	18	42	1247	448	125	649	215	458	2704 18	2190 50	50 87	40 15
6. Brockville	2	4	7	170	65	9	90	38	81	324 00	162 60	8 00	1 00
7. Kingston	18	20	47	1050	137	13	938	352	746	3532 40	3346 70	79 35	67 21
8. Peterborough	3	2	11	230	19	11	177	42	107	397 00	370 00	11 00	10 00
9. Whitby	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10. Lindsay	3	1	10	605	152	28	287	78	156	952 00	664 00	17 31	12 77
11. Toronto	4	5	5	355	68	28	183	104	208	1021 00	209 00	15 00	7 00
12. Orangeville	4	5	2	375	190	40	318	78	156	1500 00	65 00	27 50	2 50
13. Barrie	36	58	100	4513	1292	265	1829	514	1306	7512 75	4210 90	126 11	79 45
14. Owen Sound	5	11	15	1334	290	23	449	117	234	1649 00	936 00	31 45	16 00
15. Saugeen	3	6	6	595	185	27	354	78	78	1352 00	208 00	4 00	1 00
16. Guelph	2	1	1	40	22	12	35	26	52	499 20	158 00	8 00	2 00
17. Algoma	29	38	92	3734	1105	241	1441	651	1285	4758 62	4617 20	86 06	77 90
18. Hamilton	1	1	1	55	18	.....	36	25	51	260 00	100 00	4 00	4 00
19. Paris	3	3	3	100	15	9	45	26	52	260 00	104 00	260 00	2 00
20. London	1	1	1	100	40	.....	69	26	52	303 30	108 75	6 00	2 00
21. Chatham	4	3	7	375	149	16	213	70	148	858 00	548 50	19 61	12 70
22. Sarnia	2	2	2	75	25	15	30	26	52	.....	146 00	4 50	1 00
23. Stratford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24. Huron	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25. Maitland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26. Bruce	1	1	3	350	65	20	135	24	50	500 00	51 00	5 25	1 50
27. Superior	8	6	45	1014	296	123	183	103	208	1490 77	696 00	44 50	23 00
28. Winnipeg	25	16	60	1819	574	275	515	471	968	4190 20	2876 00	111 00	59 00
29. Rock Lake	11	7	33	1323	349	45	554	209	447	3919 35	1131 50	65 42	26 50
30. Glenboro	6	5	12	545	169	38	223	114	220	1929 00	233 00	30 28	8 38
31. Portage la Prairie	14	11	49	1225	380	173	570	191	477	2019 50	1130 00	77 00	41 50
32. Brandon	7	3	23	1105	316	110	478	145	321	2792 00	532 00	65 07	19 00
33. Minnedosa	17	23	65	2007	678	126	816	349	118	3094 00	2882 00	107 50	61 15
34. Melita	11	8	35	1067	291	137	398	170	393	2646 20	1582 50	63 00	39 00
35. Regina	30	29	108	3527	1130	351	1310	603	1315	7591 00	5505 00	157 00	109 50
36. Calgary	15	12	80	1165	329	3176	305	253	510	2713 00	3573 50	73 50	75 75
37. Edmonton	12	11	48	1135	404	149	474	285	537	2061 73	4244 00	46 00	87 60
38. Kamloops	25	18	78	1666	465	874	325	478	833	6264 60	4916 95	150 05	123 37
39. Westminster	8	10	30	860	282	177	244	178	356	2353 00	1564 00	45 90	31 21
40. Victoria	8	7	18	450	238	254	136	130	252	1253 00	1550 00	36 00	31 25
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REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE, EASTERN SECTION, 1897-98.

To the Venerable the General Assembly:

Your Committee on Home Missions for the Eastern Section of the Church are grateful to God for enabling them in conjunction with the Presbyteries to complete another year of successful work.

Month by month appointments of men desiring to be settled as pastors were made to the Presbyteries applying for preachers to be heard in their vacant charges. Our only regret in connection with this department of our work is that we could not secure constant employment for the men on our list, owing largely to the practice now far too prevalent of Presbyteries allowing their vacancies to arrange for the whole of their own supply instead of requiring them to accept at least one-half of it from the Presbytery and by men on the roll of the Committee.

The year began with ten names on the roll of probationers, to which twenty-one were added during the year, making thirty-one in all. Of these, three have removed from our bounds, five have been settled as pastors, sixteen have received appointments for some length of time as missionaries, and six are still on our roll. This number, although small, is large enough to meet all the calls of Presbyteries at present, since there are but few vacant charges.

The number of ordained missionaries employed during the whole or a part of the year and appointed to begin work in May, 1898, is unusually large, being forty-one in all. Catechists at work through the summer of 1897 were thirty-eight in number, and during the winter five, making a total of forty-three, who worked for about half of the year.

We invite attention to a few particulars in connection with the supply given by ordained missionaries and catechists within the several Presbyteries:—

Presbytery of Sydney.—Loulsburg, for the greater part of the year, took monthly supply with a view to calling a minister, but having failed to do so, it was placed, by the Presbytery, under the charge of the Rev. J. P. Falconer, late of Bedford. It is a most encouraging field, and, with some territory outside of the town, will shortly, it is believed, be a self-sustaining charge.

Cape North congregation was in charge of catechists, Mr. D. Buchanan, and Mr. R. P. Murray, the latter of whom had the Ingonish portion of the field, during the summer. The Home Mission Fund was drawn on for \$17.07. Rev. E. Thorpe labored there in the winter.

During the summer catechists were located as follows:—Pleasant Bay, which was transferred by last Synod to the Presbytery of Inverness, was occupied by Mr. A. F. Fisher. Though a small place they paid nearly the whole cost of the work, drawing only \$35 from the H. M. Fund. Little Bras D'or was supplied by Mr. A. H. Denoon, and, as usual, paid expenses in full. Little Lake Lomond was in charge of Mr. W. A. Morrison, and drew \$58.25 from the H. M. Fund. The small vacant congregation of Leltch's Creek was ministered to by Mr. D. McOdum, and did not cost the fund anything. Mr. J. C. McLeod assisted the Rev. D. Drummond in the large congregation of Boulardarie. He was paid in full. During the winter months the Presbytery, to some extent, served these places by their own members, and endeavored to hold services at least monthly.

Presbytery of Inverness.—East Lake Ainslie enjoyed the ministrations of Rev. Neil Currie, as ordained missionary, till the middle of November, when he was settled as pastor. The grant to this field was at the rate of \$200 per year. Port Hastings and River Inhabitants has Rev. L. H. MacLean as its missionary, whom it supports without cost to the fund. Middle River, a vacant congregation, has had a variety of supply, but has not made any demand on the fund. Two stations were occupied last summer by catechists. Lauchlin Beaton preached at Baddeck Forks, and was paid in full. Arichat and surrounding places, where the cause is weak, had Mr. L. A. Maclean, and received aid to the extent of \$122.26.

Presbytery of Pictou.—Mulgrave has, as ordained missionary, Rev. John Calder, and received at the rate of \$200 per year. Barney's River has Rev. J. R. McDonald, and obtained for one year \$100. Catechists labored during the summer as follows:—Country and Isaac's Harbor, Mr. Thomas Irving, whom it paid in full; Fifteen Mile Stream, Mr. Wm. Dakin, who received from the field more than half of his support, and from the fund, \$81.91; Carriboo River, Mr. D. G. Cock, who drew \$23 from the fund; Cape George, Mr. J. H. Hattie, at

a cost to the fund of \$121.44. Mr. L. A. Maclean labored at Country and Isaac's Harbors in winter. This Presbytery gave systematic supply to its mission stations through the winter.

Presbytery of Wallace.—Shemogue and Port Elgin had Rev. A. W. Herdman, as ordained missionary, till May, when Rev. A. L. Frazer was placed in charge. This field is growing, and will soon get on the list of congregations. Meanwhile it is helped by the fund \$250 a year. River Hebert and Macan was presided over by Rev. F. L. Jobb, who has lately been called and inducted as pastor. The supplement from the fund was at the rate of \$200. Rev. D. A. Frame was placed in charge of the vacant congregation of St. Matthew's, Wallace, as ordained missionary, in May. During the summer, the pastor of Knox Church, in the same place, passed to his rest through death, and his congregation has since been united with St. Matthew's—thus forming one self-supporting congregation, of which Mr. Frame is pastor. The following places had catechists last summer, and all paid their men in full:—New Annan, Mr. Arthur Ross; Tatamagouche Mountain, Mr. A. F. Robb; Westchester and Wentworth, Mr. W. R. Foote. The Presbytery arranged for systematic winter services, Mr. Hattie taking charge of Westchester, Wentworth and New Annan.

Presbytery of Truro.—This Presbytery placed Rev. W. W. McNairn in charge of Sheet Harbor in May, as ordained missionary. He was to receive at the rate of \$200 from the fund. But it was only required six months. At that time he was settled as pastor, and the congregation will only ask \$100 from the Augmentation Fund. Catechists were in charge of stations as follows:—Harmony, Mr. H. S. Davison, paid in full; North River, Mr. Gordon Dickie, received from fund \$108.41; Carriboo Mines, F. H. Mackintosh, received \$15.34; Five Islands, a part of Mr. Gray's charge, Mr. R. L. Coffin, received \$61.55; Parrsboro' Shore, under oversight of Rev. H. K. Maclean, Mr. A. J. McDonald, received \$111.43. This Presbytery endeavored to give some service through the winter to all the stations. Mr. D. M. Reid labored as catechist at Carriboo and Moose River Mines.

Presbytery of Halifax.—Lawrencetown and Cow Bay was placed, in May, under the care of Rev. Robert Murray. His appointment being for two years, the supplement of \$250 is paid out of the Augmentation Fund. Digby and Bay View was advanced to the dignity of a charge for an ordained missionary, and in May the Rev. Geo. F. Johnson commenced work. The H. M. Fund contributed \$300, and the congregation of St. James', Dartmouth, \$100. A handsome and convenient church was built at Digby. The prospects for the future are very bright.

Bay of Islands is under the faithful labors of Rev. W. C. Morrison. The H. M. Fund furnishes \$300 and the congregation of St. Andrew's, St. John's, \$200. A new church has been built in one of the stations. Harbor Grace has suffered severe loss by the death of its most prominent supporter, but under the care of the Rev. Geo. S. Milligan, keeps up its courage, and its contributions. It draws \$150 from the H. M. Fund. The vacant congregation of Gore and Kennetcook, which pays its own way, enjoyed the ministrations of Rev. John Mackintosh for most of the year.

On the following fields were the catechists named in connection with them:—Labrador had Wm. Forbes during the summer. The H. M. Fund gave \$200, and the Students' Missionary Association furnished the rest of the funds. The field and the Quebec Government aided in the support of a school. Mr. John Mont went, in September, to labor as a missionary teacher. Middleton and Melvern Square had Mr. A. D. Stirling. A very neat church was built at Middleton. The draft on the H. M. Fund was \$49.68. Mt. Uniacke had Mr. D. McRae. The laborer here has to exercise the strength of a giant, on account of the extent of the field, as well as the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove on other accounts. The work was a success. The H. M. Fund gave \$104.25. North Dartmouth and Montague was supplied by Mr. J. R. Douglas. This field improved on its record for giving, but drew from the fund \$130.50. This Presbytery arranged for regular supply of stations in winter.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.—Three ordained missionaries, Rev. D. O. McKay at Carleton and Chebogue, who gets \$300 from the fund; Rev. H. Crawford, at New Dublin and Conquerall, who received \$250; and Rev. J. H. Stewart, at Riversdale and the whole Upper LaHave, who draws \$300, labored in this Presbytery. The work hard, but progress is visible.

Presbytery of St. John.—Here we had an apostolic band of ordained missionaries, if we count by number, and we believe their zeal may be similarly characterized. Chief among them is Rev. James Ross, Superintendent, whose salary of \$1,200 is paid by the fund. He pays into the fund all that he gets at the many services which he conducts. By his careful and constant supervision, he has saved to the fund yearly more than his salary, not to speak of the direct missionary work which he is enabled to do. Rev. A. J. Lods labored at Edmuntston, largely among Frenchmen, for which the Board of French Evangelization gave him considerable support. He drew from the H. M. Fund \$50 for work among English people. Rev. H. G. Gratz, at Andover and a large section of surrounding country on the Upper St. John, gets \$400 from United Church, New Glasgow. Rev. A. W. Lewis has ministered to Waweig, Rolling Dam, and Tower Hill. His supplement is \$175. Rev. A. S. Morton began

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work in May at Fairville, which, during the previous winter, had received supply from probationers. The growth here is gratifying, and the \$250 now drawn will be reduced next year. Rev. C. D. McIntosh has Grand Bay, Welsford, Nerepis, and Jerusalem under his charge. It is a widely scattered field and gets help to the extent of \$300, one-half of it from St. John's Church, Moncton. Rev. Chas. W. Irwin took charge of St. Martin's till October. He received at the latter place, at the rate of \$250. Rev. Harvey Morton took charge of St. John, North and Rothesay, in May, and draws at the rate of \$300. This is a new field that promises well. Rev. Alexander D. Archibald's field is Salina and Campbell Settlement. The work is uphill, but faith will win. The supplement was \$150. Rev. A. H. Foster is our sole representative in Albert County. He has Riverside and many other places. His supplement is \$250, paid by St. Paul's, Fredericton. Rev. J. D. McKay supplied Dorchester till February. The little band of Presbyterians in that town and Rockland has raised the greater part of his salary—the H. M. Fund being drawn on for \$200 per year. Mr. McKay opened a station in Sackville, where a number of Presbyterians reside, and desire services. Rev. Edwin Smith took up Shediac and Scotch Settlement, in May. He received at the rate of \$200. The W. H. M. S. of this Presbytery, and also the W. F. M. S., gives respectively about \$400 and \$300 to aid in the supplement of several of the above fields.

The catechists, with their fields and drafts from the Home Mission Fund, were as follows: Mr. W. R. McKay, Fort Kent \$56; Mr. Roland Davidson, Three Brooks, etc., on the Tobique, \$91.33; Mr. Frank Baird, Grand Falls, \$123.15; Mr. J. G. Colquhoun, New Maryland, etc., \$81.72; Mr. D. J. McDonald, Chipman, \$39; Mr. Albert McLeod, Lynfield, etc., \$80.80; Mr. H. Sedgwick, Golden Grove, \$40.36; Mr. A. H. Campbell, Waterford, no bill. Mr. Campbell, completed his third summer in the same field. He has been the means of securing two new churches, free from debt, and has started a third, to be completed this summer.

The Presbytery had Mr. G. Squires and Mr. Wm. Conrad at work since October, and also Rev. John Valentine and Rev. Mr. Payson, who preached in stations of the Upper St. John during the winter. This, with Mr. Ross' services, afforded measureable supply to the stations vacated by the catechists at the opening of the College.

Presbytery of Miramichi.—Flatlands and Metapedia has continued under the care of Rev. J. A. Crawford. The field received \$300 from the H. M. Fund. Caraquet and New Brandon was put in charge of Rev. E. W. Johnson, who continued till the end of December. Douglastown pays Rev. D. Mackintosh in full. Catechists labored in the other mission fields as follows:—Boiestown and Doaktown, Mr. George A. Sutherland. He built two new churches, and only cost the fund \$24.55. Hardwicke and Esequimiac had Mr. A. L. McKay, and got \$66. Miscou Island was wrought by Mr. J. D. Noble, and cost the fund \$94.86. Kouchibouguac had, for the third summer, Mr. W. R. Robinson. It paid him in full. The Presbytery gave partial supply to these vacant stations in winter.

Presbytery of P. E. I.—This Presbytery has no field outside of the regularly organized congregations. It has some scattered vacant charges, and in one of them, Richmond Bay, Rev. Wm. McLeod labored till October. He was assisted by Mr. W. A. Ross. The field covered expenses. At another, West Cape and Campbellton, Rev. D. Maclean has been at work. The grant is \$200.

These details, if read sympathetically, are eloquent. They tell of men and women, hungry for the bread of life, fed by our agents, who unobtrusively moved out and in among them, and loved them with a brother's affection,—of noble sacrifices, quietly made for the cause of Christ and His Church,—of hearty, cheerful giving to the support of the Gospel in our own land by our better-off congregations. They show also that our Church in this old Eastern Section is progressing steadily, if slowly, and that to Home Mission work its growth is attributable.

About four thousand families are embraced in the fields in which our missionaries labor, that look to us for the preaching of the Gospel. They contribute to the support of the missionaries about sixteen thousand dollars, and give to the Schemes of the Church with increasing liberality. In proportion to their means, and the labor expended on them, their giving does not compare unfavorably with that of the average self-supporting congregation. They therefore appeal to the Church for aid in securing the means of grace, not as beggars, but as brethren on the same level of proportionate giving, and as members of one and the same great family in Christ. Surely the strong cannot refuse an appeal, at once so rational and touching.

The cost to the fund for the different branches of the work for the eleven months ended March 31st last, will be found in the subjoined tables. We direct attention also to the comparative statistics therein presented.

The debt on the first of May last year was \$1,597.69. At the end of March this year, when our accounts closed, we had a balance of \$12.67 on hand. This happy result is attributable mainly to a largely reduced expenditure, being only \$12,635.02 as against \$13,001.61 last year. This reduction has been caused by more liberal giving by the fields and by the employ-

ment of fewer probationers to supply vacancies. The receipts are not equal to those of the previous year, being only \$14,245.38 as against \$15,094.69, or a falling off of \$849.31. But the large amount of that year was due to a special appeal for the removal of the debt. The amount given for work in the N. W. exceeds that of the previous year, namely \$2,390.89. The income has met the expenditure and wiped out the debt and for this we are very thankful. We owe much to the Christian Endeavor Societies for coming so handsomely to our help again, in response to our wish expressed in last year's report. They stand credited with \$783.13 for the East and \$128.75 for the N. W. We must record our thanks also to the Women's Societies, Home and Foreign, in the Presbytery of St. John who together contributed \$347.28.

We will need for the year upon which we have entered, and which will end at the close of March, 1899, at least \$15,000 to care properly for our work at home, and continue our help on the same scale as now to the Northwest. But with such successes and encouragements as are behind us, and with such prospects of growth as the future presents to generous hearted liberality and faithful proclamation of the word of God, we can appeal with confidence to the love which our people bear to their brethren, and to their sense of obligation to the common Lord and Master of us all to furnish fully the means to do our duty as a Missionary Church—beginning at home.

FINANCES—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Expenditure.

	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.
Catechists	\$3,834 88	\$2,762 92	\$2,402 03
Ordained Missionaries	5,280 00	6,201 28	6,692 84
Supply vacant charges	1,364 26	1,002 39	608 31
Northwest.....	2,466 18	2,100 84	2,390 89
Expenses of all kinds	871 62	787 59	527 89
Synods gift to Mechanics' Settlement .....	.....	145 59	.....
Books for Labrador Mission .....	.....	.....	13 06
	<u>\$13,816 94</u>	<u>\$13,001 61</u>	<u>\$12,635 02</u>

Receipts.

	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.
From Congregations	\$10,638 85	\$10,973 39	\$11,040 15
“ Bequests	349 37	419 88	325 00
“ Donations	745 65	491 75	560 66
“ Repayments	284 38	505 15	147 02
“ Students Association	293 00	221 66	279 84
“ Interest	492 65	537 70	499 60
“ W.H.M.S., St. John Presbytery .....	.....	533 89	100 00
“ W.F.M.S., “ “ .....	.....	.....	247 28
“ C.E.S. ....	.....	1,264 68	911 88
“ Synods gift to Mechanics' Settlement ..	.....	146 59	.....
“ Rev. Jas. Ross, collections in St. John Presbytery .....	.....	.....	133 95
	<u>\$12,803 90</u>	<u>\$15,094 69</u>	<u>\$14,245 38</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McMILLAN, *Convener.*

P. M. MORRISON, *Secretary.*

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS EMPLOYED DURING
THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1897-98.

NAME.	Employed.		Under Appointment, Removed or Settled.
	From	To	
Rev. H. Crawford	May, 1897	April, 1898	Retired.
" J. Calder	" "	May, "	Mulgrave.
" W. C. Morrison	" "	" "	Bay of Islands.
" J. H. Stewart	" "	" "	Riversdale.
" J. Valentine	" "	" "	Grand Falls.
" Wm. McLeod	" "	Oct. 1897	Evangelist.
" A. W. K. Herdman	" "	Aug. "	Settled at Georgetown.
" J. B. McLean	Aug. "	Nov. "	Settled at Stewiacke.
" D. O. McKay	May "	May, 1898	Under appointment.
" A. S. Morton	" "	" "	Fairville.
" J. R. McDonald	" "	" "	Barney's River.
" A. W. Lewis	" "	" "	Waweig.
" N. Currie	" "	Nov., 1897	Settled at Lake Ainslie.
" G. S. Milligan	" "	May, 1898	Under appointment.
" H. G. Gratz	" "	" "	Andover.
" R. C. Quinn	" "	" "	Under appointment.
" J. Layton	" "	" "	Cove Head.
" A. J. McKichan	" "	" "	Under appointment.
" W. C. Irwin	" "	Nov., 1897	Removed.
" J. A. Crawford	" "	May, 1898	Metapedia.
" A. P. Logan	" "	Dec., 1897	Settled at Bedford.
" M. A. McKenzie	" "	May, 1898	Under appointment.
" D. McLean	" "	" "	West Cape.
" Wm. Hamilton	" "	May, 1898	Under appointment.
" W. A. Mason	" "	Sept., 1897	Settled at Kempt and Walton.
" Harvey Morton	" "	May, 1898	St. John, North.
" Alex. D. Archibald	" "	" "	Salina.
" A. H. Foster	" "	" "	Riverside.
" Edwin Smith	" "	" "	Shediac.
" C. D. Mackintosh	" "	" "	Grand Bay.
" D. A. Frame	" "	April, "	Settled at Wallace.
" A. L. Fraser	" "	May, "	Port Elgin.
" R. G. Strathie	" "	July, 1897	Settled at Newport.
" E. W. Johnson	" "	May, 1898	Removed.
" Geo. F. Johnson	" "	" "	Digby.
" John MacIntosh	" "	March, "	Settled at Hopewell.
" L. H. McLean	" "	May, "	Port Hastings.
" W. W. McNairn	" "	Nov., 1897	Settled at Sheet Harbor.
" A. Williamson	" "	Jan., 1898	Removed.
" R. Murray	" "	May, "	Lawrencetown.
" E. A. McCurdy	" "	" "	Under appointment.
" J. M. Allan	Aug. "	Nov. 1897	Removed.
" J. F. McCurdy	Dec. "	May, 1898	Under appointment.
" T. Corbett	Jan. 1893	" "	Under appointment.
" J. P. Falconer	Aug. 1897	" "	Harbor Grace.
" T. Irving	May, 1898	" "	Country Harbor.
" W. R. McKay	" "	" "	Gore, etc.
" J. R. Douglass	" "	" "	Annapolis.
" H. S. Davison	" "	" "	Bridgetown, etc.
" Roland Davidson	" "	" "	Carleton, etc.
" A. D. Stirling	" "	" "	Clyde.
" A. F. Robb	" "	" "	Boieatown.

NAME.	Employed.		Under Appointment, Removed or Settled.
	From	To	
Rev. Wm. Murdoch.....	May, 1898	.....	Richmond Bay.
“ L. R. Bouchard .....	“ “	.....	Edmudaton.
“ A. H. Campbell .....	“ “	.....	Waterford.

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS AVAILABLE FOR SUPPLY, MAY 1ST, 1898.

Rev. Wm. Hamilton,	Rev. T. Corbett,	Rev. J. F. McCurdy,
“ E. A. McCurdy,	“ A. J. McKichan,	“ G. S. Milligan.

ORDAINED MISSIONARIES LOCATED MAY 1ST, 1898.

Presbytery of Pictou.

Rev. T. Irving	Country Harbor.
“ J. Calder	Mulgrave.
“ J. R. McDonald	Barney's River.

Presbytery of Wallace.

Rev. A. L. Fraser.....	Shemogue and Port Elgin.
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Presbytery of Halifax.

Rev. W. C. Morrison.....	Bay of Islands.
“ J. P. Falconer.....	Harbor Grace.
“ G. F. Johnson.....	Digby.
“ W. R. McKay.....	Gore and Kennetcook.
“ J. R. Douglass.....	Annapolis.
“ H. S. Davison.....	Bridgetown and Middleton.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

Rev. Roland Davidson.....	Carleton and Chebogue.
“ A. D. Stirling	Clyde and Barrington.
“ J. H. Stewart	Riversdale.
“ Mr. Fraser.....	New Dublin.

Presbytery of St. John.

Rev. L. R. Bouchard.....	Edmunston and St. Agatha.
“ John Valentine.....	Grand Falls and Salmon River.
“ H. G. Gratz	Andover and Tilley.
“ C. D. Mackintosh.....	Grand Bay and Jerusalem.
“ A. W. Lewis.....	Waweig and Tower Hill.
“ A. S. Morton.....	Fairville and South Bay.
“ H. H. Morton.....	North End Mission, St. John.
“ A. D. Archibald.....	Salina and Campbell Settlement.
“ A. H. Campbell.....	Waterford and Mechanics' Sett.
“ A. H. Foster.....	Riverside and Alma.
“ Edwin Smith.....	Shediac.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

Rev. J. A. Crawford	Metapedia.
“ A. F. Robb	Boiestown.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Rev. D. McLean.....	West Cape.
“ J. Layton.....	Cove Head.
“ Wm. Murdoch.....	Richmond Bay.

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CATECHISTS EMPLOYED FROM MAY 1st, 1898.

Presbytery of Sydney.

STATION.	NAME.	COLLEGE.
Little Bras d'or	A. H. Denoon	Halifax.
Grand River	D. McOdrum	"
Leitch's Creek	Murdoch Buchanan	"
Boulardarie	J. C. McLeod	Dalhousie.
Little Lake Lomond	Norman McQueen	"
Neil's Harbor	Melville Grant	Halifax.

Presbytery of Inverness.

Pleasant Bay	D. J. McDonald	Dalhousie.
Arichat	A. J. McDonald	"
Baddeck Forks	J. H. Nicholson	"

Presbytery of Pictou.

Carriboo	D. G. Cock	Halifax.
Cape George	G. A. Grant	"
Fifteen Mile Stream	G. M. Ross	Dalhousie.

Presbytery of Truro.

Carriboo Mines	Wm. Dakin	Halifax.
North Salem	Wm. Forbes	"
North River	Gordon Dickie	"
Five Islands	A. M. McLeod	Dalhousie.
Harmony	F. Vance	"

Presbytery of Wallace.

Tatamagouche Mountain	R. L. Coffin	Halifax.
Parrsboro Shore	H. R. Read	"
New Annan	D. C. Ross	Dalhousie.
Westchester	J. H. Hattie	Halifax.

Presbytery of Halifax.

Mount Uniacke	O. M. Hill	Halifax.
North Dartmouth	Geo. Sutherland	"
Labrador	J. W. Mont	Dalhousie.
Kingsport and Hantsport	Jas. Ramsay	"

Presbytery of St. John.

Golden Grove	F. H. Mackintosh	Dalhousie.
Nashwaak, etc.	Frank Baird	Halifax.
Baillie	W. A. Cunningham	Dalhousie.
Fort Kent	W. A. Ross	"
Tobique	R. P. Murray	"
Morrison's Mills	W. H. Sedgwick	"
St. Martin's	Arthur Ross	Chicago.
Connors and Allegash	M. Rondeau	Montreal
Hampton	B. Glover	Halifax.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

New Brandon	A. L. McKay	Halifax.
Hardwicke	J. G. Colquhoun	Dalhousie.
Kouchibouguac	W. R. Robinson	"
Miscou	J. D. Noble	Dalhousie.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Dundas	C. C. McIntosh	Dalhousie.
Richmond Bay	G. E. Forbes	"

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF HOME MISSION AGENTS FOR FOUR YEARS.

	1894-5.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.
Ministers.....	22	29	42	31
Ordained Missionaries.....	25	17	32	41
Catechists.....	65	59	52	43
	<u>112</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>115</u>

STATISTICS.

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Missions.		No. of charges supplied by O.M. or Catechists.	No. of Families.	No. of Communicants.	Amount paid by Stations.	Amount paid H.M. Committee.
	No. of Stations.	No. of Stations.					
Sydney.....	3	6	3	272	246	\$1,199 43	\$ 75 32
Inverness.....	3	6	1	224	187	781 61	279 26
Pictou.....	6	11	.....	131	167	1,995 00	553 35
Wallace.....	4	16	2	258	525	1,709 82	467 10
Truro.....	3	8	2	296	339	1,004 17	258 30
Halifax.....	6	20	1	233	266	1,690 51	1,716 12
Lunenburg and Yarmouth.....	3	13	.....	81	176	912 00	835 00
St. John.....	18	59	1	774	879	5,786 43	2,609 26
Miramichi.....	6	22	.....	300	349	1,526 96	643 31
Prince Edward Island.....	.....	.....	1	67	143	167 50	.....
	<u>52</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2636</u>	<u>3277</u>	<u>\$16,773 43</u>	<u>\$7,437 02</u>
Rev. Jas. Ross, Superintendent of Missions in the St. John Presbytery, Salary and Travelling Expenses.....							1,298 09
Paid for work of previous year and short services not reported above.....							359 76
Total.....							*\$9,094 87

* This amount represents payments to Catechist and O. Missionaries only.

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INVERNESS PRESBYTERY.

NAMES OF STATIONS SUPPLIED.	No. of Sabbaths Supplied.		No. of Churches.		Average Sabbath attendance at each Station.		No. of Communicants at each station.		No. of Families connected with each Station.		No. of Families Visited.		Average attendance at Sabbath School at each St.		No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting.		Collections for Schemes.		Amount received from the Stations for Service.		Paid by Home Mission Committee.		NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.
	No.	Weeks	No.	Report.	No.	Report.	No.	Report.	No.	Report.	No.	Report.	No.	Report.	No.	Report.	£	¢	£	¢	£	¢	
East Lake Ainello.....	28	1	150	75	80	65	20	100	65	00	269	23	122	00									Rev. N. Currie.
Totals	28	1	150	75	80	65	20	100	65	00	269	23	122	00									

PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

Mulgrave	52	1	50	26	15	15	25	12	7	00	150	00	250	00									Rev. J. Calder.
Barney's River											600	00	100	00									Rev. J. R. McDonald
Totals.....	52	1	50	26	15	15	25	12	7	00	1050	00	350	00									

WALLACE PRESBYTERY.

Shemogue.....	45	1	175	130	47	100	30	30	105	00	389	42	291	50	Rev. A. L. Fraser.		
Port Elgin.....			175													25	20
Tidnish.....			50													20	11	18
Maccan.....	52	1	105	21	40	15	15	107	00	550	00	154	17	Rev. F. L. Jobb.			
River Hebert.....			175												25	18	36
Joggin's Mines.....			50												18	8	15
Southampton.....			50												18	8	15
Totals.....	97	1	490	243	105	209	180	155	212	00	939	42	355	67			

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

Point Pleasant.....	52	1	50	6	6	7	24	16	00	200	00	425	00	Rev. W. C. Morrison.	
Corner Brook.....			30	15	10	15	15								
Deer Lake.....			10	3	3	3	3								
Woods Island.....			15	1	5	5	5								
Mid Arm.....			20	2	2	2	2								
Shoal Point.....	47	1	55	13	10	10	12	29	33	275	00	366	00	Rev. G. F. Johnson.	
Digby.....			22	16	6	13	14								22
Bay View.....			122	16	6	13	14								22
Harbor Grace.....	52	1	130	46	28	28	25	82	07	650	00	150	00	Rev. G. S. Milligan.	
Totals			151	5	322	97	68								84	133	59	127	40	1125	00	941	00

LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH PRESBYTERY.

Chebogue.....	52	1	75	41	18	35	25	15	52	25	330	00	300	00	Rev. D. D. McKay.
Carleton.....			75	23	10	25	35	28							
East Dublin.....			200	50	40	60	60								
West Dublin.....			150	40	22	16	16								
Conquerall Mills.....	52	1	70	17	17	17	17	48	00	300	00	250	00	Rev. H. Crawford.	
Conquerall Bank.....			70	17	17	17									
Riversdale.....	48	1	75	19	19	19	19	52	00	2	00	285	00	Rev. J. H. Stewart	
Northfield.....			55	30	16	17	20								
New Germany.....			90	45	16	20	10								
Springfield.....			30	12	6	10	10								
Sweetland.....			150	4	4	10	10								
Upper Branch.....			50	4	2	4	5								
East Dalhousie.....			50	12	6	12	12								
Totals.....			152	10	1090	176	81								265	167	119	152	25	912	00	835	00

ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.—Continued.

TRURO PRESBYTERY.

NAMES OF STATIONS SUPPLIED.	No. of Sabbaths Supplied.	No. of Churches.	Average Sabbath attendance at each Station.	No. of Communicants at each Station.	No. of Families connected with each Station.	No. of Families Visited.	Average attendance at Sabbath School at each Station.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting.	Collections for Schemes.	Amount received from the Stations for Service.	Paid by Home Mission Committee.	NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.
Sheet Harbor	1	130	69	40	52	60	35		\$	\$	\$	Rev. W. W. McNairn.
Spry Bay	1	90	45	23	25	25	30					
Tangier	1	60	29	15	15	20	20		30 50	278 83	73 00	
Pleasant Harbor	1	45	12	8	10	27	20					
Lochaber	1	35	10	9	9	16	...					
Totals	29	360	165	95	111	148	85		30 50	278 83	73 00	

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY.

Waweig	1	75	48	35	40	30	45		178 00	500 00	168 75	Rev. A. W. Lewis
Rolling Dam	1	50	40	27	35	15	50					
Tower Hill	1	45	35	18	25	20	15					
Andover	1	90	19	20	22	30	15					
South Tilley	1	35	27	10	15	9	30		42 01	400 00	366 66	Rev. H. G. Gratz.
Red Rapids	1	30	2	4	9	15	20					
Three Brooks	1	40	26	15	16	7	16					
Fairville	1	120	69	53	70	70	50		83 00	667 20	229 16	Rev. A. S. Morton.
South Bay	1	25	7	14	16	16	...					
Salina	1	60	43	25	30	15	20					
Barnsville	1	40	15	8	12	8	12					
Saltsprings	1	70	14	9	13	...	20					
Campbell Settlement	1	45	8	8	8	9	15		88 00	487 11	135 60	Rev. A. D. Archibald.
Lakefield	1	...	11	12	14	...	...			
Valley Road	1	...	10	11	11	...	...			
St. Martin's	1	70	30	15	25	25	...					
Cross Roads	1	30	12	9	12		290 60	139 15		Rev. C. W. Irwin.
Black River	1	40	20	11	20	20	...					
Rothsay	1	12	6	7	7	10	...		18 01	500 00	273 04	Rev. H. H. Morton.
Portland	1	95	25	55	105	30	20					
Riverside	1	70	22	18	24	...	20					
Alma	1	70	7	8	12		89 00	375 00	181 50	Rev. A. H. Foster.
Hopewell Cape	1	90	4	4	14	...	...			
Point Wolfe	1	50	3	5	5	...	...			
Edmundston	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connors	1				50 00	Rev. A. J. Lods.
Grand Bay	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Welsford	No Report		388 20	9 55		Rev. C. D. McIntosh.
Jerusalem	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rockland	1	65	24	7	7	27	25		70 00	375 00	166 66	Rev. J. D. McKay.
Dorchester	1	65	15	15	15	...	...			
Sackville	1	75	39	20	30	40	45					
Shediac	1	75	39	20	30	40	45		103 41	500 00	170 07	Rev. E. Smith
Scotch Settlement	1	65	36	20	40	20	45					
Totals	456	1715	570	447	623	443	445		671 43	4443 27	2135 59	

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.

Flatlands	1	80	20	34	40	15	30		115 00	376 93	282 60	Rev. J. A. Crawford.
Metapedia	1	40	12	14	20	25	20					
Runnymede	1	40	13	12	25	20	20					
New Brandon	1	84	50	25	40	...	47					
Janoville	1	40	21	9	22	...	24		35 07	400 00	175 80	Rev. E. W. Johnson.
Canoble	1	30	14	6	14	...	36					
Caraget	1	20	20	10	15	...	10					
Totals	66	334	150	110	176	35	192		150 07	776 93	457 90	

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SUMMARY OF FIELDS SUPPLIED BY ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.

NAME OF PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Sabbaths Supplied		No. of Churches.		Total average Sabbath attendance.		No. of Communicants.		No. of Families.		No. of Families visited.		Total average attendance at Sabbath School.		No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting.		Collections for Schemes.		Amount received from Stations for service.		Paid by Home Mission Committee.	
Inverness.....	23	1	150	75	80	65	20	100									\$	65 00	\$	269 23	\$	122 00
Pictou.....	52	1	50	36	15	15	25	12										7 00		1050 00		350 00
Truro.....	29	3	360	165	95	111	148	85										30 50		278 83		73 00
Wallace.....	97	6	490	243	105	209	180	155										212 00		939 42		355 67
Halifax.....	151	5	322	97	68	84	133	59										127 40		1125 00		941 00
Lunenburg and Yarmouth.....	152	10	1090	176	81	265	167	119										152 25		912 00		895 00
St. John.....	456	17	1597	570	447	623	448	445										671 43		4443 27		2135 50
Miramichi.....	66	6	334	150	110	176	35	192										150 07		776 93		457 90
Totals.....	1031	49	4393	1502	1001	1548	1156	1167										1415 65		9794 68		5270 16
	Rev. Jas. Ross Superintendent of Missions, St. John																					
	Presbytery, Salary and Travelling Expenses.....																				1298 09	
	Rev. J. P. Falconer for Louisburg.....																				114 59	
	Rev. J. G. Lawson.....																				10 00	
	Total.....																				6692 84	

MISSION STATIONS.

SYDNEY PRESBYTERY.

NAMES OF STATIONS SUPPLIED.	No. of Sabbaths Supplied.	No. of Churches.	Average Sabbath attendance at each Station.	No. of Communion at each Station.	No. of Families visited with each Sabbath.	No. of Families visited.	Average Attendance at each Sabbath School.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting.	Collections for Foreign Missions.	Collections for Home Missions.	Collections for College Fund.	Collections for other Schemes.	Paid by the Stations for service.	Paid by H. M. Board.	NAMES OF LABORERS.
Leitch's Creek.....	25	1	175	101	73	73	54	38	15 00	8 00	5 00	12 00	243 00		D. McOrum
Great Bras D'or.....	1	1	450			96	25	100							
Boularderie.....	22	1	150			141	35	100					233 00		J. C. McLeod
Campbellton.....	1	1	300			35	75	100							
Little Lake.....	19	1	200	28	30	30	50	25	3 25	16 50			127 50	58 25	W.A. Morrison
Cape North.....	16	1	250	30	67	67	75	30							
Bay St. Lawrence.....	1	1	40	5	16	16	15	15	5 00	2 00	4 00	9 00	157 00		M. Buchanan
Little Bras D'or.....	1	1	100	26	14	27	30	30							
Boularderie.....	26	1	50	14	15	24	16	30	16 00	14 50	4 00	13 45	274 50		A. H. Denoon.
George's River.....	1	1	35	19	15	24	16	30							
Point Aconi.....	1	1	50	2	7	15									
Nell's Harbor.....	17	1	75	18	19	14	20	25	8 00	9 00	1 37		164 43	3 07	R. P. Murray
North Ingonish.....	1	1	60	1	8	11		30							
South Ingonish.....	1	1	35	2	8	12									
Ingonish.....	2	1													
Totals.....	127	11	2270	246	272	577	407	523	47 25	50 00	14 37	34 45	1199 43	75 32	

INVERNESS PRESBYTERY.

Lennox Ferry.....	26	1	15	9	7	14			4 00			5 00	132 38	122 26	L.A. McLean
Archat.....	1	1	46	7	5	30									
Cape La Ronde.....	1	1	22	7	4	30									
West Archat.....	1	1	300	62	82	82	20	85	3 00	12 20			227 00		L. Beaton
Forks Baddeck.....	21	1	100	27	46	46	70	43	3 00	5 00		2 50	153 00	35 00	A.F. Fisher
Pleasant Bay.....	20	1	100	27	46	46	70	43	3 00	5 00		2 50	153 00	35 00	A.F. Fisher
Totals.....	67	3	483	112	144	202	90	128	10 00	17 20		7 50	512 38	157 26	

PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

Cape George.....	25	1	44	37	20	20	27	18	3 14	5 65	3 55	2 00	105 31	121 44	J. H. Hattie.
Fifteen Mile Stream.....	25	1	34	17	9	9	19	18	5 00	5 00			171 54	81 91	Wm. Dakin.
Isaac's Harbor.....	1	1	120	14	10	10									
Country Harbor.....	27	1	75	22	12	12									
Forrest Hill.....	1	1	27	4	4	4	8		10 00						T. Irving.
Country Harbor, etc.....	20	1											209 65		L. A. Maclean
Carriboo River.....	13	1	85	25	19	26	15	55							
Lower ".....	1	1	75	10	13	23	15	40							
Three Brooks.....	1	1	100	6	19	29	7	55					134 00		D.G. Cock.
Carriboo Island.....	1	1	30	6	10	13									
Totals.....	110	4	590	141	116	146	91	186	8 14	20 65	3 55	2 00	945 00	293 35	

NAMES OF STATIONS SUPPLIED.

West Branch
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Harmony
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Carriboo Gold
Moose River

Totals.

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Totals

Labrador...
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Montague.
Melvern Sc
Middleton.
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Etter Sett
Old Mines.
Lewis Mills
Beaver Bar

Totals.

MISSION STATIONS.—Continued.

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY.

NAMES OF STATIONS SUPPLIED.	No. of Sabbaths Supplied.	No. of Churches.	No. of Families Visited.				Average attendance at Sabbath school at each Station.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting.	Collections for Foreign Missions.	Collections for Home Missions.	Collections for College Fund.	Collections for other Societies.	Paid by the Stations for Service.	Paid by H. M. Board.	NAMES OF LABORERS.
			Average Sabbath attendance at each Station.	No. of Communicants at each Station.	No. of Families connected with each Station.	No. of Families Visited.									
Riley Brook.....	20	1	35	2	6	6	20	1 50	2 00			110 02	91 33	R. Davidson	
Dow Flat.....			20	1	4	3	15								20
Blue Settlement.....			35	1	4	4	20								20
Long Island.....			40	1	5	3	15								20
Sisson Ridge.....			40	1	5	3	15								20
Three Brooks.....	26	1	50	17	14	14	6	16 00	5 00	4 00	9 00	200 00		A. H. Campbell	
Waterford.....			110	14	50	21	20								65
Mechanics Sett.....			85	34	27	33	33								25
Long Settlement.....			90	18	28	28	17								25
Markhamville.....			95	40	25	25	25								25
Waterford, etc.....	13	1	80	16	23	35	32	18 1 55				12 50	42 11	W. W. Conrad.	
Grand Falls.....			80	16	23	35	32								18
Salmon River.....			18	1	3	3	5								5
Ortonville.....			30	1	5	5	5								5
Now Maryland.....			47	29	16	38	20								34
Clarendon.....	20	1	42	25	14	22	23	49	3 84	1 72		109 09	81 72	J. G. Colquhoun	
Hanwell.....			35	7	8	15	15								15
Chilpmn.....	21	1	15	21	16	18	30	2 86				153 00	39 00	D. J. McDonald	
Lyndfield.....			100	18	13	22	45								35
De Wolf.....			175	6	8	16	30								30
Oak Hall.....			95	3	13	16	40								40
Brockway.....			60	26	26	25	25								25
Fort Kent.....	15	1	30	13	13	13	13	2 30		2 15		135 00	56 00	W. R. McKay.	
St. Francis.....			30	13	13	13	13								13
Lake Lomond.....			45	6	7	7	7								7
Upper Golden Grove	14	1	60	3	3	3	3	5 69		3 95		91 39	40 36	W. H. Sedgwick	
Lower ".....			60	3	3	3	3								3
Lyndfield, etc.....	28	1	19	19	19	19	19					114 90		G. G. Squires.	
Totals.....			201	151	507	309	327								410	477	298	13 13	10 06	10 10	9 00	1313 16	473 57

*Assistant to Rev. D. McD. Clarke.

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.

Hardwicke.....	27	1	50	12	14	10	22	35	8 50			195 50	66 00	A. L. MacKay.	
Escuminac.....			30	10	15	12	12								12
Boaktown.....			100	35	22	22	45								30
Bisfield.....			50	8	7	7	40								40
Pleasant Ridge.....			55	15	8	8	30								40
Bloomfield Ridge.....	26	1	100	10	10	10	60	50	8 50	4 85		212 39	24 55	G. A. Sutherland.	
Hayesville.....			50	5	8	8	8								8
Campbell.....			60	10	8	8	40								40
Boiestown.....			50	2	4	4	4								4
Kouchibougnac.....			27	1	200	72	62								62	69	102	10 00	2 68		270 00		W. R. Robinson
McLeod's Mills.....	43	8			5	5	55	115							
Miscou Harbor.....	43	10			16	35	10	18							
" Point.....	20	5			9	9	15	15							
Little Shippegan.....	19	7			6	6	17	17							
Cape Batran.....	18	1	15	1	1	1	1					72 14	94 86	J. D. Noble....	
Totals.....			98	9	885	199	190								203	383	462	18 50	11 18	4 85	750 03	185 41

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERY.

{ Lot 14..... }	18	1	100	66	31	35	40	11 00	9 00	2 00	5 00	167 50		W. A. Ross....
{ Lot 16..... }			175	27	36	43	65	75	25 00	20 00	4 50			
Totals.....	18	2	275	143	67	78	90	115	36 00	29 00	6 50	10 00	167 50	

Sydney...
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SUMMARY OF MISSION STATIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Sabbaths Supplied.	No. of Churches.	Total Average Sabbath Attendance.	No. of Communicants.	No. of Families.	No. of Families Visited.	Total Average Attendance at Sabbath School.	No. Attending Weekly Prayer Meeting.	Collections for Foreign Missions.	Collections for Home Missions.	Collections for College Fund.	Collections for other Schemes.	Total Amount received from Stations for Service.	Paid by H. M. Board.
									\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Sydney.....	127	11	2270	500	272	577	407	523	47 25	50 00	14 37	31 45	1189 43	75 32
Inverness.....	97	3	483	112	144	202	90	128	10 00	17 20	.....	7 50	512 38	157 26
Pictou.....	110	4	590	141	116	146	91	186	8 14	29 65	3 55	6 00	945 00	263 35
Wallace.....	.....	.....	975	282	153	275	145	165	60 75	36 82	14 38	6 60	770 40	111 43
Truro.....	96	4	720	174	201	248	185	295	70 50	16 50	9 00	6 00	725 31	185 30
Halifax.....	162	7	570	160	165	233	257	168	40 04	2 00	6 00	5 00	565 51	775 12
St. John.....	201	15	1597	369	327	410	477	298	43 13	10 06	10 10	9 00	1343 16	473 67
Miramichi.....	98	9	885	199	190	203	383	462	18 50	11 18	4 85	.....	750 03	185 41
Prince Edward Island.....	18	2	275	143	67	78	90	115	36 00	29 00	6 50	10 00	167 50	.....
Totals.....	974	59	8365	1775	1635	2372	2125	2310	334 40	193 41	68 75	80 55	6978 75	2166 86
Paid for work of previous year and for short services not here reported.....														235 17
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REPORT OF AUGMENTATION COMMITTEE. (WESTERN SECTION).

To the Venerable the General Assembly :

It was with a very hopeful outlook that your Committee entered on the labors of the year. Expressions of interest and sympathy encouraged the belief that brighter days were at hand, and that, whilst caution would be necessary, the time was near when an onward movement might be safely undertaken. That these hopes have not been realized is cause for regret to all who are so well informed, as to appreciate the pressing need for advance in various districts, where the work of our Church is being done.

There is a ray of brightness, however, in the fact that there is a considerable increase in contributions from a number of Presbyteries where the interest had languished for years; and if old friends who, perhaps, had become weary in bearing the burden alone, will but take heart again, it may be that all shall move on together to the good days which have been looked for so long.

FINANCES.

The financial statement shows the gross receipts for the year to have been \$24,497.26, an increase of \$1,539.33 over the previous year.

It is to be noted, however, that the sum of \$2,589.90, being "Proportion of British Grants," is an altogether extraordinary item, being the settlement between the Home and Augmentation Committees of a problematic account, extending over several years. Deducting this item, shows income \$21,907.26, a decrease of \$1,049.77. Casting out again the uncertain item of legacies, the income from actual contributions from congregations, etc., was only \$150 less than last year; and but for the almost unexplainable shortage from the reliable congregations of the past, a very substantial increase would have been the result.

The gross expenditure was \$23,379.90, an increase of \$1,397.86, which the scantiest justice to the claims of the work rendered imperative. The balance from last year of \$2,066.72 would have been reduced to \$534.18 had it not been for the item from "British Grants;" but, as it is, the year closes with a balance of \$3,002.18.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND.

From Sabbath schools the receipts have been \$575.07, and from Young People's Societies \$347.67, an increase over last year. The increase has been most marked in the Synod of Hamilton and London. The Committee are hopeful that much will eventually be accomplished by this Fund, which is designed specially to assist work in the very newest districts, and which encouraged the Committee to take up considerable work in British Columbia, which could not otherwise have been touched.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES.

As they become more acquainted with their position and duties, the Synodical Committees render increased assistance. Their intimate acquaintance with the field enables them to check undesirable cases from gaining a place on the list. They have also stimulated liberality in a good degree, and will accomplish more and more in this direction.

REMOVALS.

The removals from the list noted below, are not so many as could have been wished. Presbyteries explain that, by referring to the long depression, but now that the tide has turned more may be expected in this direction.

Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.—Avonmore; Bromley; North Augusta; Richmond.

Synod of Toronto and Kingston.—St. Pauls, Toronto; Hornby, etc.; Caledon East, etc.; Corbetton, etc.; Sundridge; Sudbury.

Synod of Hamilton and London.—St. Thomas, Alma St.; Glamis; Dresden, Wardsville and Newbury; Oil Springs and Oil City.

Synod of Manitoba and Northwest.—Wellwood; Rounthwaite; Moose Jaw.

Of these, Corbetton, Caledon, Sundridge and Augusta will be on H. M. list.

ADDITIONS.

The additions to the list are:

Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.—Laguerre and Port Lewis; Norwood.

Synod of Toronto and Kingston.—Eglington, Severn Bridge; Waubauskene.

Synod of Hamilton and London.—Centre Dawn, etc.; Black Creek, etc.; Marthaville, etc.; Tavistock.

Synod of Manitoba and Northwest.—Meadowlea; Gretna; Roland; Thornhill; La Riviere; Rosedale; Dauphin; Franklin; Whitewood; Wolseley; Lumsden.

Synod of British Columbia.—Fort McLeod; Kaslo; Revelstoke; Sapperton and West Church.

Besides these, the following applications have been referred for judgment to the respective Synodical Committees concerned:—Chelsea and Cantley; Mattawa; Burk's Falls; Powassan; Angus and New Lowell; Bethel and E. Normandy; Tarbutt.

Dalhousie and Brightside is referred, as a special case, to the judgment of the Assembly.

It is worthy of note that the grants promised to these fields last year by Home Mission Committee, contemplated an expenditure of over \$4,000, and that had continuous supply by Ordained Missionaries been given in every case, over \$5,000 would have been required.

THE OUTLOOK.

The significance of the above list of additions should be at once impressed on the Assembly and the whole Church. It means practically this:—That grants have been made which will entail an expenditure of probably \$27,000. Indeed, if any further additions are to be made in October, it is possible that \$28,000 or more may be required. It is to be remembered, however, that the true income last year was about \$22,000., and that the average income is about \$23,000. Here then comes the grave question.—“Why did the Committee place these congregations on the list, and so pledge the faith of the Church to an expenditure of \$4,000, or more, beyond the normal revenue of the Fund?” The Committee assure the Assembly that they feel all the gravity of the position, and that they have neither acted recklessly nor with the least desire to force the hand of the Church. But after long deliberation, they were face to face with the facts, that careful investigation showed that each of these cases was worthy of being helped, that they all could claim a place on the list on the same grounds and with as good reason as had secured that place to those that had grants already, and that it would be a hardship and a waste in many cases of work and means expended in the past, if they were rejected. It was further obvious that there was no principle on which there could be a selection made from those offered, and so the view prevailed, that nothing could be done except to place all these worthy and pressing cases on the list.

This has been done in the belief that the Assembly and the Church could not

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be unaware that the rapid and large expansion in our Home Mission work, in which we all rejoice, must naturally be followed by a time when such a large number of Missions, as is now offered, must in justice to them and to the progress of our work be assisted by the Augmentation Scheme.

During the depression it was doubtful if this could be done, but the tide having turned, it is much to be hoped that there may be such an addition to the revenues of this Fund as will justify the advance. At any rate, the crisis was reached, and the Committee, as they believed, could do no other.

They can only crave that the Assembly shall give most earnest consideration to the critical position which is thus revealed, and that there shall be such counsel given and action taken as may result, not in the embarrassment that might be feared, but in signal benefit to the Scheme and to the work it is set to do.

The Committee have some hesitation in making suggestions whilst thus craving counsel and help. There are these lines on which, however, there may be some light, and the Committee recommended accordingly :—

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Assembly should require that in all congregations in which the contributions are taken through Missionary Associations, schedules and such like methods, a Sabbath shall be set apart early in the year, and this year not later than September 18th, in which information shall be fully given to our people, and the desire of the Assembly emphasized that there shall be increased and hearty support given to this Scheme. That in congregations where a Sabbath day collection is relied upon, it be required that similar information be given on either the first or second Sabbath preceding that on which the collection is to be taken. That information such as may be the basis of the appeals thus to be made, be supplied to all Ministers and Sessions through a Pastoral letter to be sent by the Moderator of Assembly.

2. That Presbyteries be enjoined to make a thorough visitation of all assisted congregations within their bounds before October 1st. That, in view of the better financial conditions now prevailing, these congregations be urged onwards towards self-support, and that improved financial methods be suggested as a means toward that end.

3. That all Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies be stimulated to take interest in, and to contribute to, the Young People's Fund, so that it may become increasingly helpful to the outlying districts.

4. That the Assembly commend the Scheme anew to the sympathy and support of the wealthier members of the Church, desiring that their liberality may be shewn on its behalf, and assuring them of the great assistance that they may thereby render to the upbuilding of Christ's cause in our own land.

The Reports of Synodical Committees, with many interesting details of the work in various fields, are herewith presented :—

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The Synodical Committee, through Dr. Kellock, Convener, reports :—

The Augmentation Fund is essential, if not to the existence, at least to the efficient working of our weaker charges. Many of these being small and scattered congregations in sparsely settled districts and in the midst of Roman Catholic communities, can scarcely be expected to make any advancement in the way of self-support. None, surely, should appeal more strongly to the sympathies of our people than those struggling congregations who uphold the banner of a pure Gospel in the midst of prevailing superstition and error.

It is to be regretted that there has been a continuous decrease during some years in the contributions from this Synod. For 1894-5 the contributions were \$7,737. For 1895-6, \$6,695. For 1896-7, \$6,420. For 1897-8, \$6,370. Such a statement should stir us to renewed activity on behalf of a Scheme which has been a

great blessing to the Church at large and to the work within our bounds, so that by increased liberality it may become more fully and firmly established.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

1. Quebec.—The Mission of Sawyerville has been raised to the status of an Augmented Congregation. There are seven other congregations on the list, all of which except one, in which the pastor lately died, have been filled throughout the year. The fact is, that without the aid of the Fund these would have been chronically vacant or even blotted out. The Fund is of paramount importance.

2. Montreal.—Two Missions have been transferred to the list, viz.: Norwood with grant of \$125.00 and Laguerre with grant of \$150.00. Reduction of grant has been secured in St. Louis de Gonzague and in St. Hyacinthe. All charges have been filled throughout the year, but just at the close three vacancies have occurred and in one of these,—Montreal West—stated supply will be given for a year.

3. Glengarry.—There are three Augmented Charges (1) Summerstown which has just become vacant, and not much can be said of its prospect (2) Glen Sandfield and East Hawkesbury—which may be expected to improve a deal to ask for reduced grant. (3) Apple Hill and Gravel Hill—a comparatively new field giving promise of progress and reduction of claims in the near future.

4. Ottawa. Richmond and Fitzroy Harbour have passed from the list. Hull and East Gloucester increased their giving by \$50 in each case, through growth in liberality. L'Original, Aylmer and Hintonburg make no change; though financially Hintonburg is scarcely as strong. Bryson, etc., and Portage du Fort etc., have both been settled and make large claims this year. Chelsea asks for aid, but the request has not yet been granted.

5. Brockville. Matters are somewhat discouraging, as, by deaths and removals, several of the fields are weaker, and the pressure of reduced grants sorely felt. North Augusta has declined to a Mission; Dunbar is vacant; Merrickville is too weak to maintain ordinances satisfactorily, but has stood nobly by its pastor. In Westport, etc., and Athens, etc., good work is being done. Much need for organized planning and effort for help of Augmentation and other Schemes.

6. Lanark and Renfrew. The rearrangement of last year gives three congregations on the list. (1) Eganville maintains its ground well and will advance though not rapidly. (2) Douglas and Scotch Bush, a weak charge, and so situated that growth cannot be expected. By its formation, however, a strong charge was set up alongside, and much saving of funds effected. (3) Elmsley has been a most plucky and progressive charge, but removals have weakened it latterly, and it is with difficulty that the financial status has been maintained. Two other congregations are seeking a place on the list but have to await developments.

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

The Convener of Synodical Committee, Rev. Dr. Somerville, reports:—

That the only special point noted was:—"That Presbyteries be careful to observe the reductions of grant made from March 31st of this year, so that the congregations may be led to increase their contributions to salary to at least the amount required to meet the reduction from the Fund.

This point is well taken, and the carrying out of such a recommendation in all Presbyteries would immediately help the Fund.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

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charges in this Presbytery. Good work is being carried on in all. In most of them there is an increasing interest shown in missions, particularly the Augmentation Fund. There is some ground for believing the number on the Fund may be reduced in a few years. Every charge has been visited, and the reports presented to Presbytery encouraging.

2. Lindsay. During the past year the grant to Cambay and Oakwood has been reduced from \$200 to \$100. Both pastor and people complained bitterly, but they are cheerfully making the best of it. This congregation is showing a great deal of energy, and is deserving of the support of the Committee. No change of any kind from Sunderland and Vroomanton.

3. Toronto. At the beginning of the year we had thirteen under our care. Saint Paul's and Hornby, etc., have dropped off the list. Fern avenue and Dixie, etc., have become vacant, and the resignation of Queensville was tabled at last meeting of Presbytery. The friends in Laskay are willing to have their grant reduced from \$125 to \$100 per annum. The grant to the Church of the Covenant, in the belief of the office bearers, will not be required when they get into their new building, which will probably be in the early fall. Eglinton has just been put on the list.

The members of the Committee are pleased with the outlook. Every aid-receiving congregation has been visited, and Presbyterial deputations have been sent to some of them. The congregations are made to feel that they will not be carried by the Fund beyond the point when they are able to stand alone.

4. Barrie. In April last year there were five charges receiving aid from the Fund. One of these has been reduced to the status of a Mission Station, and one has become vacant. Two charges were transferred from the Home Mission list to that of the Augmentation Committee in October. Application was made at the meeting of the Committee on 29th March last for new grants, viz., for Bracebridge, etc., Burk's Falls, etc., Angus and New Lowell, and Powassan, the consideration of which was deferred by the Committee. Owing to the growth in the Home Mission field, the prospect is that there will be an increase of applications in the future rather than a decrease.

5. Orangeville. There are three augmented charges. Laurel and Black's Corner's received \$200 in 1895. The grant is now \$150. Waldemar, etc., receives \$100, and hopes to be self-sustaining in a short time. Maxwell, McIntyre and Feverham is now vacant, but will require at least \$150 upon settlement. Caledon East, etc., is reduced to a Mission Station. Corbetton, Riverview, etc., is rearranged into two mission fields.

6. Algoma. As suggested by the Committee in October last, the congregation of Thessalon has agreed to raise the sum of \$50 more for stipend during the year commencing April 1, 1898.

With regard to Sudbury, which a year ago was in receipt of three dollars per week, the Presbytery has arranged a union with the neighboring Mission Station at Copper Cliff, whereby neither of these congregations are in receipt of aid from either Home Mission Fund or Augmentation. A change has taken place at Webbwood, they receiving an additional \$50 since October last on account of the losses which that congregation has met with in the removal of a number of their best supporters.

7. Guelph. Hawksville and Linwood has been placed on the list. The Presbytery has somewhat increased its contribution to the Fund.

8. Saugeen. Moorefield and Drayton continue to receive aid from the Augmentation Fund. The people at present are doing all that can reasonably be expected. A comfortable manse was built for the minister. In a very few years we believe this congregation will be self-supporting.

Bethel and East Normanby have been united into an augmented charge. This is a promising field, and good results are expected. The Augmentation Scheme is of estimable value to our weak congregations.

9. Owen Sound. Every congregation reports having taken a collection for the Fund. Two augmented congregations are now vacant, viz., Knox, Sydenham and Holland Centres, Hepworth, Shallow Lake and Cruickshanks; and in consequence the grants for ensuing year have been reduced by Presbytery. Markdale and Berkley is a needy field; the people are not able to do more just now. No part of the County of Grey suffered more than that section two years ago. Mr. Hunter is the best man ever in that charge, and the grant should be continued.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Convener of the Synodical Committee reports:—

“That increasing care is taken in visiting fields asking help. That Presbyteries acknowledge the vital importance of the Augmentation Fund, and that but for its timely assistance, many congregations would have dwindled into Missions or have died outright.”

The suggestions made “that much may be done in the interests of the Fund and of the progress of congregations on its list, by the introduction of improved financial methods.”

Advance is noted in the contributions from this Synod, and what with the advance in actual contributions and the careful consideration of grants asked, a very helpful surplus has been given to the Fund.

“The Synod rejoices in this increased liberality; and in view of the rapidly growing demands in the Western part of the Dominion, instructs its Augmentation Committee to take steps to reach \$7,000, the amount the Synod agreed to aim at last year.”

SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

1. Hamilton. There are eight congregations on the Fund. An attempt was made to rearrange the field so as to relieve the Fund of Hagersville, but this could not be done. There are a number of weak congregations in the Niagara Peninsula which will require assistance for some time to come. The Presbytery recognizes the vital importance of this Fund.

2. Paris. Two augmented charges, both settled. The grant to Delhi and Windham Centre has been reduced by \$25, although they have during the year erected a new church at one of the stations. Excellent work is being done in both augmented charges, and the prospects are bright.

3. London. There are at present five congregations on the Fund. In case of settlement a sixth will be added. One has been removed as self-sustaining; an attempt is being made to rearrange the field, and lessen the number of grants, and a committee has the matter in charge.

4. Chatham. During the year Dresden has been removed from the Fund, and the grant to Blytheswood, etc., reduced by \$50. North Dawn and Dawn Centre have become settled and are again on the Fund. There are therefore two congregations on the list.

5. Sarnia. There are three receiving help. Two are going off the Fund, Napier and Brook; and Oil Spring and Oil City. Two new charges have been taken on the Fund from the Home Mission, so that the assistance which is required is fully up to last year.

6. Stratford. Application has been made for a grant for Tavistock.

7. Huron. Three augmented charges. These are doing all that can be expected of them. The grants same as last year.

8. Maitland. Three augmented charges. All have been faithfully visited. Walton and Pine River have not increased in strength nor, owing to their situation, are they likely to do so. North Kinloss, etc., has made some advance,

and thus has lightened the demands on the Fund. Were it not for the help received, these congregations would be quite disheartened.

9. Bruce. During the year the Presbytery has been able to make such an arrangement of the field as to constitute Glamis into a self-sustaining congregation, so that now the only augmented charge in the Presbytery is that of North and West Brant. This congregation, owing to removals, has been growing weaker, and the Presbytery are asking the Committee for an increased grant of \$50.

WESTERN CANADA.

Dr. Robertson, reporting concerning the whole Western field, says:—

The Augmentation Work is, in the West, only the Senior Department of Home Mission Work. Already there are seventy self-supporting charges in the two Synods, and all but an insignificant number are the children of the Augmentation Fund. Were its services better understood it would receive more generous help. People are anxious to have missions become congregations, and they will contribute more generously towards the support of the man of their choice, than when appointed by the Committee or Presbytery. And, once a congregation, strenuous efforts are made even in adverse circumstances to prevent loss of standing. When settled, Ministers seem to do more satisfactory work, and suitable men are more easily secured. The advantages of the Scheme are manifold.

Presbyteries are careful to visit congregations with the view of increasing liberality and diminishing demands on the Fund; and the high average per communicant and the number of congregations becoming self-supporting prove their diligence to be rewarded. In a new country where churches and manses require to be built, where many people are beginning life and where building materials and labor are high, undue pressure to increase contributions for salary must be avoided, if harm is not to be done. The high average of contributions for salary and all purposes seems to prove that people appreciate the ordinances of religion.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Dr. Robertson says:—In this Synod in April 1897, there were 17 augmented congregations of which 9 were vacant. Of these four were removed from the list because self-supporting, and 11 missions were organized into congregations and made augmented charges during the year. At date there are 24 charges on the list of which six are vacant.

Had the revenue of the Augmentation Committee admitted, about 20 more missions were prepared to go on the list.

The average grant in the Synod is about \$180, and the average contribution per communicant for the support of the pastor \$8.11.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

1. Superior. No augmented charges.
2. Winnipeg. Seven charges,—one vacant.
 - (1.) Selkirk.—Growth slow, chiefly through forces hostile to true religion. Grant reduced from \$250 to \$150.
 - (2.) Douglas.—Considerable advance in families and communicants and this will speedily affect contributions. Grant continues the same as last year. Pastor not long settled.
 - (3.) Morris.—Likely to be vacant again. Growth tardy and rather disappointing. Frequent changes injurious.
 - (4.) Greenwood.—Increased in everything but contributions. In these it has gone back. The cut made in grant will likely spur to greater liberality.
 - (5.) Dominion City.—Called a pastor and settlement promises well.
 - (6.) Meadow Lea.—Put on the list this spring. It has called the Missionary who labored there last year and the settlement is happy and prospects good.
 - (7.)

Gretna.—Is a town in the midst of a Mennonite settlement. Congregation composed of representatives of several denominations. Promise \$600 towards pastor and a settlement most desirable, but owing to the state of the Fund application for grant was laid over.

3. Rock Lake. Five charges, one vacant.

(1). Crystal City.—Increased slightly in strength, but grant continues the same. Church and manse debt hampers. (2). Killarney.—Happily settled and grappling with a fine stone church. Increase in families and communicants. (3). Roland.—Placed on the list last autumn and called a pastor. Should seasons continue favorable will not be long on list. (4). Thornhill.—An old district, although the mission did not attain to the standing of a congregation till last autumn. It has called recently. (5). La Riviere.—Placed on the list this Spring. Grant \$150. It promises to make a thrifty charge.

4. Glenboro. Three charges, one vacant.

(1). Hilton.—Holding its own but not growing. Faithful service rendered but settlement not progressive. (2). St. Lukes.—Called during the year and the charge promising. Time is needed for organization. (3). Treherne.—Placed on the list, although for a time, owing to adjustment of stations and saving of Home Mission Funds, supplement is to be paid out of Home Mission money. Congregation promises soon to become self-sustaining.

5. Portage La Prairie. Had no augmented charges last year, but three this year. Two vacant.

(1). Rosedale.—Is a country charge with fifty families; has a settled pastor and gratifying progress made. (2). Franklin.—Was on the list once before, but owing to reverses was placed on the Home Mission list. Has recovered strength and is calling a pastor. (3). Dauphin.—A few years since was a distant mission. A railway built last season caused centres of trade to spring up, the chief of which in that district is Dauphin. The congregation promises well, has a manse but no church.

6. Brandon. One charge.

(2). Elkhorn.—Has increased its communicants and contributions, and its grant is reduced to \$50. Soon self-supporting. (2). Douglas.—Contributes the total salary of the unmarried minister. Rounthwaite and Wellwood become self-supporting.

7. Minnedosa. Two charges.

(1). Birtle.—Became vacant during the year. Grant continues unchanged. (2). Shanks.—Is about calling and will make a good charge.

8. Melita. One charge; settled. Melita now settled and increasing in communicants, but its obligation for church and manse depress contributions for support of minister.

9. Regina. Three charges; all settled. Moose Jaw.—Was the only congregation on the list last year. It became self-sustaining. Three missions were organized as congregations and placed on the list. (1). Wolseley.—Called a pastor and is a promising charge with fifty-six families. One of its stations finishing a fine stone church; has a manse. (2). Whitewood.—Built a comfortable brick church. In a short time will require no help. Has a comfortable manse. (3). Lumsden.—Not numerically strong, but people generous and aggressive. A fine brick church erected last summer. Preparations under way to build a manse.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Convener of the Synodical Committee sends a report which is in many respects encouraging. The details show that a large proportion of the congregations and even of the Mission Stations have contributed to the Augmentation

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Fund, and the Synod enjoins: "That in every Presbytery a Committee shall be appointed who shall endeavor to secure contributions from each regularly supplied congregation within the bounds." The judgment expressed by the Presbytery of Kamloops is endorsed by the Synod. "That the recent introduction of the Augmentation Scheme has given a wonderful impetus to Church work in those congregations where they have been enabled by the help of the Fund to call a minister of their own, and have him regularly settled down there, and has stimulated other mission congregations as well."

In line with this, the Synod enjoins that "Presbyteries hold occasional conferences on the subject of Augmentation interests, and that an endeavor be made to have some of our best equipped Home Mission fields transferred to the Augmentation list, as a forward step in their development."

1. Edmonton. No augmented charges.

2. Calgary. One mission, vacant. Fort McLeod placed on the list this spring. Has not yet called. Pincher Creek asks the same privilege. Building of Crow's Nest Pass railway helped both, but growth slow.

3. Kamloops. Four charges, one vacant.

Spallumcheen. Situated in the Kamloops, growing slowly, grant reduced \$50.

Vernon. Getting gradually consolidated. Will be soon self-supporting. Church and manse debt a burden, being reduced.

Kaslo. Growing steadily, debt nearly wiped out, settled and likely to become self-supporting.

Revelstoke. Just added to list with good prospects.

4. Westminster. Two congregations, both settled. Chilliwack, recovering slowly from the high water four years since. Klondike excitement drew many away. Sapperton, put on the list short time since, settled. People generous but heavy debts, legacy from the boom impeding progress.

5. Victoria. Two congregations, one vacant. (1) St. Paul's, Victoria. Business depression for years and collapse of a bridge retarded growth of congregation, debt being removed from church, grant slightly reduced. (2) St. George's Union. Vacant, suffered through depression of coal market. San Francisco principal market, competition from Australia decreased demand, and lower prices. Improvement expected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AUGMENTATION FUND, 1897-98.

	DR.	CR.
Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1897.....		\$2,066 72
Presbytery of Quebec.....	\$1,275 75	643 63
“ Montreal.....	1,958 34	2,071 37
“ Glengarry.....	507 50	429 40
“ Ottawa.....	1,436 00	1,007 60
“ Brockville.....	686 50	498 40
“ Lanark and Renfrew.....	550 00	1,621 13
“ Kingston.....	1,347 50	696 70
“ Peterborough.....	1,025 00	758 40
“ Whitby.....		323 20
“ Lindsay.....	300 00	238 69
“ Toronto.....	2,227 96	3,672 56
“ Orangeville.....	412 50	179 18
“ Barrie.....	998 10	490 87
“ Owen Sound.....	529 50	286 29
“ Saugeen.....	237 50	202 40
“ Guelph.....	75 00	551 15
“ Algona.....	603 00	151 87
“ Hamilton.....	1,502 50	1,338 51
“ Paris.....	300 00	618 45
“ London.....	876 96	1,430 53
“ Chatham.....	308 00	380 64
“ Sarnia.....	275 00	341 46
“ Stratford.....		379 29
“ Huron.....	575 00	496 78
“ Maitland.....	300 00	310 18
“ Bruce.....	150 00	166 35
“ Superior.....		68 50
“ Winnipeg.....	858 35	606 13
“ Rock Lake.....	292 00	146 82
“ Glenboro.....	269 60	79 45
“ Portage la Prairie.....	154 00	210 40
“ Brandon.....	200 00	155 55
“ Minnedosa.....	192 50	157 00
“ Melita.....	205 00	44 10
“ Regina.....	62 50	94 32
“ Calgary.....		41 50
“ Edmonton.....		38 00
“ Kamloops.....	553 67	89 00
“ Westminster.....	312 50	182 25
“ Victoria.....	400 00	82 00
Donations.....		527 31
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Proportion of British Grants		\$2,589 90
Printing, including proportion of blue book	\$218 84	
Expenses of Committee, allowances, deputations, etc..	806 30	
Proportion expenses Committee Y. P. Societies.....	10 00	
Interest on advances.....	138 08	
Advanced London & Hamilton Syn. Committee.....	30 85	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses....	400 00	
Balance on hand 1st April, 1898.....	3,002 18	
	<u>\$26,563 98</u>	<u>\$26,563 98</u>

In concluding this Report, which discloses grave difficulties in carrying on the work, it should not be forgotten that the results hitherto have been such as may cause much gratitude to the Great Head of the Church. He has owned and blessed our efforts in the past. He has made crooked things straight for us at many stages in the way. He has given us a prosperous year, so far as the work itself is concerned, and blessed the laborers in many fields.

So let us in thankfulness wait upon Him, and He will direct us in the forward path.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. CAMPBELL,
Convener.

RENFREW, 25th May, 1898.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath to the Treasurer, for the time being, of the Committee on the Augmentation of Stipends of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in trust for the said Committee, the sum of.....
to be paid out of my personal estate, without any deduction whatever; and I direct that the receipt for the said sum of the Treasurer of the above named Committee shall constitute and be sufficient discharge therefor.*

APPENDIX—AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS—WESTERN SECTION.

Report for the year ending March 31st, 1898.

PRESBYTERIES AND CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	Families.	Single persons apart from families.	Communicants.	Stipend provided by Congregation for year beginning 1st Oct., 1897.	Is there a house or rented house?	Rate per Communicant towards salary.	Arrears of Stipend at 30th Sept., 1897.	Received from Aug- mentation Fund for year ending 31st March, 1898.	Current grant from Augmentation Fund.	Contributions for Church Schemes for the year 1897.	Contributions to Aug- mentation Fund for the year 1897.	REMARKS.
I.—QUEBEC :—													
1. Lewis	K. MacLennan	20	6	31	\$400 00	1	\$14 50	.....	\$200 00	\$200 00	\$55 00	\$5 00	
2. Three Rivers	J. E. MacLeod	28	3	54	650 00	1	13 00	.....	143 75	125 00	138 00	27 00	
3. St. Sylvester and Leeds	D. McColl	60	119	119	450 00	1	4 20	20 00	225 00	225 00	90 00	42 00	If Cong. give \$500.
4. Winlow	J. M. MacLennan	60	.....	64	550 00	1	4 72	.....	150 00	150 00	53 00	20 00	
5. Danville	A. Stevenson	40	5	57	550 00	1	10 55	.....	200 00	200 00	30 00	27 00	
6. Upper & Lower Windsor	C. A. Tanner	72	10	104	575 00	1	6 00	.....	125 00	125 00	60 00	13 00	
7. St. Luke's	A. F. McQueen	65	.....	77	660 00	1	9 00	.....	75 00	75 00	54 00	4 00	
8. Sawyerville	F. W. Gilmour	36	.....	65	500 00	.....	7 60	.....	137 00	200 00	.....	.....
	Total	381	24	571	\$4335 00	7	\$8 02	\$20 00	\$1275 75	\$1300 00	\$500 00	\$138 00	
II.—MONTREAL :—													
1. Montreal, St. Mark's	J. Nichols	85	20	180	\$1000 00	.....	\$5 56	.....	\$150 00	\$100 00	\$60 00	\$20 00	
2. " Westminister	M. Stewart Oxley	46	45	135	700 00	.....	5 19	.....	200 00	150 00	80 00	15 00	
3. St. Hyacinthe	M. F. Boudreau	35	6	35	250 00	1	8 56	.....	250 00	225 00	.....	6 00	
4. Beech Ridge	John McDougall	33	3	66	500 00	1	8 50	250 00	250 00	250 00	67 00	.....
5. St. Louis de Gonzague	S. F. McCusker	31	.....	84	500 00	1	6 54	.....	250 00	200 00	784 00	30 00	
6. New Glasgow	Paul S. Vernier	30	7	60	250 00	1	5 00	.....	250 00	250 00	33 00	20 00	
7. Rockburn and Gore	Jas. H. Beatt	78	8	130	675 00	1	5 00	.....	112 50	250 00	155 00	5 00	
8. Laguerre and Port Lewis	D. Stewart	35	.....	65	400 00	1	6 15	.....	.....	150 00	.....	10 00	
9. Norwood	W. T. Morison	30	1	33	600 00	.....	18 18	.....	20 84	125 00	.....	.....
10. Montreal West													
11. St. Lambert													
	Vacant	47	8	61	600 00	.....	9 83	.....	175 00	.....	.....	15 00	
	Vacant	31	6	55	500 00	.....	9 09	.....	300 00	.....	114 00	30 00	
	Total	481	104	904	\$5975 00	6	\$7 79	\$250	\$1938 34	\$1523 00	\$1257 00	\$151 00	

9. Norwood.....	30	1	33	600 00	18 18	20 84	125 00	
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10. Montreal West.....	47	8	61	600 00	9 83	175 00	15 00
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Total	481	104	904	\$3975 00	6 \$7 79 \$2550	\$1958 34 \$1525 00	\$151 00

III.—GLENBARRY :—

1. Summertown	42	4	84	\$450 00	1	\$77 25	\$225 00	\$53 55	\$10 45
2. Apple Hill & Gravel Hill	70	2	60	530 00	7 57		200 00	200 00	133 00
3. Glensandfield & E. Hawk- esbury	51		114	675 00	1	6 36	62 50	75 00	26 00
4. Avonmore							20 00		
Total	163	6	258	\$1655 00	2	\$6 80 \$77 25	\$507 50	\$520 00	\$212 53

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IV.—OTTAWA :—

1.—L'Original	34		48	\$600 00	1	\$13 58	\$150 00	\$150 00	\$102 00	\$20 00
Jas. Bennett										
2. Hull	46	8	80	600 00		7 50	300 00	250 00	77 00	20 00
M. H. Scott										
3. E. Gloucester	63	6	110	500 00	1	5 00	246 00	200 00	26 00	10 00
D. D. Millar										
4. Hintonburg	69	8	94	600 00		6 40	200 00	200 00	64 00	15 00
Robt. Eadie										
5. Aylmer	30	5	60	400 00	1	7 50	250 00	250 00	117 00	10 00
J. McNicol										
6. Bryson, etc.	70	6	110	485 00	1	4 86	230 00	250 00		
Wm. Black										
7. Portage du Fort, etc	40		50		1		35 00	200 00	7 00	
W. G. Back										
8. Chelsea and Cantley	53		60	450 00	1	8 33				
A. Logan										
9. Richmond	75		130	700 00	1	5 00	25 00			
Vacant										
Total	480	33	762	\$4335 00	7	\$6 14	\$1436 00	\$1500 00	\$393 00	\$75 00

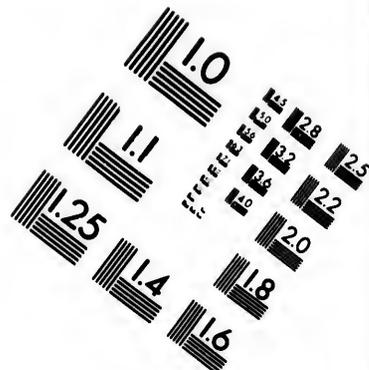
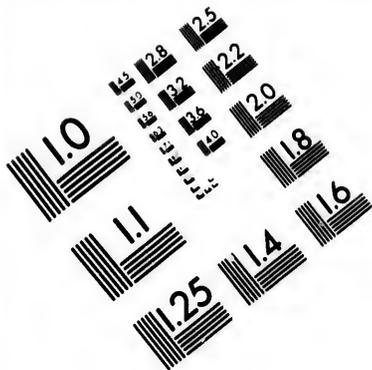
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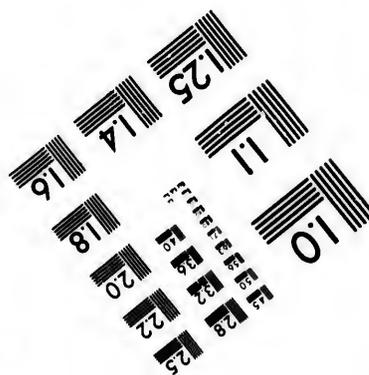
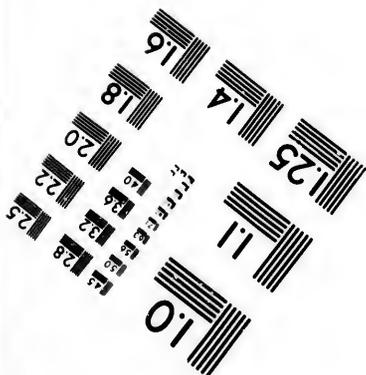
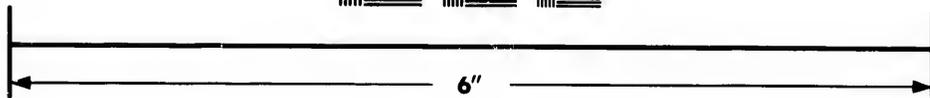
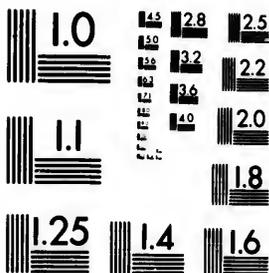
1. Elmsley	45		118	\$625 00	1	\$5 72	\$125 00	\$125 00	\$179 00	\$21 00
R. C. H. Sinclair										
2. Eganville	43	10	70	575 00	1	8 92	175 00	175 00	196 00	29 00
Jas. Ratray										
3. Douglas & Scotch Bush	41	12	80	450 00	1	6 25	250 00	250 00	200 00	28 00
A. McKenzie										
4. Mattawa	5		27	600 00	1	22 00	239 00			
E. McNab										
5. Dalnousie & Brightside			205	625 00	1	3 30		125 00	85 00	
Vacant										
Total	255	22	500	\$2875 00	5	\$6 02	\$550 00	\$675 00	\$660 00	\$78 00

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APPENDIX—AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS—Continued.

PRESBYTERIES AND CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	Families.	Single persons apart from families.	Communicants.	Stipend promised by Congregation for year beginning Oct., 1897.	Is there a Manse or Rented House?	Rate per Communicant towards salary.	Arrears of Stipend at 30th Sept., 1897.	Received from Augmentation Fund for year ending 31st March, 1898.	Current grant from Augmentation Fund.	Contributions for Church Schemes for the year 1897.	Contributions to Augmentation Fund for the year 1897.	REMARKS.
VI.—BROOKVILLE :—													
1. Merrickville, etc.	E. Aston	33	14	68	\$550 00	1	\$8 00		\$200 00	\$200 00	\$52 00	\$ 9 00	
2. Westport, etc.	A. C. Bryant	50	12	141	630 00	1	4 60		100 00	100 00	65 00	26 00	
3. Athens, etc.	J. J. Cameron	67	13	120	525 00	RH	4 75		175 00	175 00	103 00	58 00	
4. Dunbar, etc.	Vacant	48	8	112	537 00	1	5 24		187 50		142 00	23 00	
5. N. Augusta, etc.	Vacant	33	1	48	525 00	1	12 00		24 00		42 00	6 00	
	Total	231	48	489	\$2787 00	5	\$6 66		\$686 50	\$475 00	\$404 00	\$123 00	
VII.—KINGSTON :—													
1. Amherst Island	J. Cumberland	48	1	70	\$600 00	1	\$8 57	50 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$74 00	\$15 00	
2. Trenton	W. T. Wilkins	40	8	54	600 00	1	13 00		150 00	150 00	52 00	15 00	
3. Glenvale, etc.	D. Fleming	40		79	625 00	1	8 50		150 00	125 00	75 00	35 00	
4. Tweed & Fuller	D. M. Martin	54	4	91	500 00	RH	5 00		200 00	200 00	22 00	5 00	
5. Kingston, Zion Church	J. D. Boyd	62	23	92	650 00		6 77		200 00	200 00	25 00	8 00	
6. Newburgh	A. Gandier	33	10	88	530 00	1	6 59	133 00	(235 00)	200 00	154 00	20 00	
7. Tanworth, etc.	R. F. Ballantyne	44	3	142	500 00	1	3 53		200 00		20 00	10 00	
8. Pitsburg	Vacant	37		61	500 00	1	8 50		200 00		7 00	7 00	
9. Roslin and Thurlow	Vacant	45		92	550 00	1	6 52		112 50		60 00	14 00	
	Total	403	49	769	\$3655 00	8	\$7 09	183 00	\$1347 50	\$975 00	\$489 00	\$129 00	

VIII.—PETERBOROUGH:—

1. Havelo-k.....	50	4	95	\$500 00	1	\$5 26	\$250 00	\$250 00	\$16 20	\$9 00
2. Springville, etc.....	46	6	76	600 00	.....	7 68	125 00	100 00	64 50	11 50
3. Bobcaygeon, etc.....	65	9	132	550 00	1	4 72	200 00	200 00	69 00	17 00
4. Janetville, etc.....	64	15	121	550 00	.....	4 54	250 00	250 00	53 00	20 00
5. Warsaw, etc.....	45	1	72	450 00	1	6 25	200 00	200 00	.....	.....
Total.....	270	35	496	\$2650 00	3	\$5 64	\$1025 00	\$1000 00	\$202 70	\$57 50

IX.—WHITBY:—

No Augmented Congregations.										
X.—LINDSAY:—										
1. Cambray and Oakwood.....	50	.....	100	\$600 00	.....	\$6 00	\$150 00	\$100 00	\$ 65 00	\$15 00
2. Sunderland & Vroomantou.....	59	.....	128	600 00	1	5 08	150 00	150 00	157 00	19 00
Total.....	109	.....	228	\$1200 00	1	\$5 39	\$300 00	\$250 00	\$222 00	\$34 00

XI.—TORONTO:—

1. Toronto, Ch. of Covenant.....	70	4	120	\$700 00	.....	\$5 84	\$125 00	\$150 00	\$172 00	\$20 00
2. "Dovercourt.....	137	40	192	750 00	.....	4 00	250 00	150 00	160 00	10 00
3. "St. Mark's.....	74	36	213	800 00	.....	3 75	200 00	200 00	219 00	20 00
4. "St. Paul's.....	76	55	106	575 00	.....	5 42	175 00	200 00	21 88	2 00
5. Mt. Albert.....	60	.....	104	650 00	1	6 73	100 00	100 00	60 00	12 00
6. Sutton.....	50	3	140	615 00	1	4 39	112 50	100 00	57 00	14 00
7. Laskay.....	90	6	145	650 00	1	4 48	50 00	.....	18 00	10 00
8. Hornby, etc.....	35	5	66	500 00	.....	7 57	176 96	.....	47 00	8 00
9. Dixie and Fort Credit.....	33	30	71	500 00	.....	7 04	250 00	250 00	25 00	10 00
10. Mimico.....	86	1	104	550 00	1	5 76	212 50	200 00	38 00	12 00
11. Queensville.....	52	.....	85	600 00	.....	7 64	100 00	200 00	.....	.....
12. Eglinton.....	35	10	79	600 00	.....	7 59	176 00	.....	31 65	6 00
13. Toronto, Fern Av.....	818	190	1435	\$7400 00	4	\$5 36	\$2127 96	\$1250 00	\$849 53	\$124 00
Total.....

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XII.—ORANGEVILLE :—													
1. Knox Church, Caledon.	J. A. McConnell	66	30	140	\$600 00	1	\$4 30		\$100 00	\$ 70 00	\$50 00		
2. Vanatter and Waldemar.	J. R. Bell	69	15	160	600 00	1	4 10		162 50	150 00	89 00	16 00	
3. Laurel & Black's Corners.	Vacant.								100 00				
4. Maxwell, Feverham and McIntyre.									25 00				
5. Caledon East, etc.									25 00				
6. Corbetton, etc.													
	Total	135	45	300	\$1200 00	2	\$4 33		\$412 50	\$220 00	\$189 00	\$16 00	
XIII.—BARRIE :—													
1. Penetanguishene, etc.	W. R. Johnston	65		105	\$600 00		\$5 71		\$200 00	\$200 00	\$59 00	\$ 5 00	
2. Airie, Black Bank, etc.	W. Gallagher	55	5	90	550 00	RH	6 66		200 00	200 00	65 00	20 00	
3. Banks, Gibraltar, etc.	J. Lindsay	74	2	115	550 00		4 78		150 00	150 00	26 85	9 00	[Ang. Com.
4. Severn Bridge, etc.		80	2	129	481 00		3 73		96 10		5 00		Ref. to Synod's
5. Waubesahe, etc.		42	10	90	500 00		5 55		78 00				\$3 per S. till settl'd.
6. Sundridge.									125 00				Trans. to H. M. list.
7. Bark's Falls.	Jas. Carswell	35	30	110	500 00		4 54				46 00	17 00	Ref. to S. Aug. Com.
8. Powassen, Knox Church.	Vacant	47	9	71	500 00		7 04				25 35	13 25	" " "
9. Angus and New Lowell.	J. Leishman	71		95	650 00	1	7 37						" " "
10. Bracebridge and Monk.	Vacant	52	7	84	500 00	1	6 55		149 00		65 00	11 00	" " "
	Total	541	65	889	\$4831 00	3	\$5 60		\$998 10	\$550 00	\$292 30	\$75 25	

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XVIII.—HAMILTON:—													
1. Locke Street, Hamilton, and Barton	T. G. Thomson	41	131	\$732 00			\$ 5 58		\$200 00	\$200 00	\$46 00	\$12 00	
2. Fort Colborne	Wm. Morrin	38	50	550 00			11 00		137 50	100 00	86 00	25 00	
3. Port Dalhousie	S. C. Graeb	35	20	530 00	1		7 14		200 00	200 00	88 00	10 00	Ref. to Synod's [Ang. Com.
4. Hagersville	C. H. Lowry	48	88	600 00	1		6 25		200 00	150 00	32 00	6 00	
5. Smithville and Muir's	A. McD. Haig	47	23	530 00	1		6 66		150 00	200 00	99 00	12 00	
6. Lynedoch and Silverhill	A. Barclay	37	5	550 00	1		5 60		200 00	200 00	28 00	7 00	
7. Merriton	J. L. Robertson	24	8	650 00			8 66		125 00	150 00	83 00	15 00	
8. Haynes Ave., St. Catharines	W. H. Geddes	52	13	750 00			7 35		100 00	50 00	22 00	22 00	
9. Fort Erie and Bridgeburg	F. D. Roxborough	35	6	600 00			9 52		190 00	200 00	\$484 00	\$109 00	
	Total	337	84	\$5532 00	3		\$7 29		\$1502 50	\$1250 00			
XIX.—PARIS:—													
1. Mt. Pleasant & Burford	P. W. Anderson	53	20	\$650 00	1		\$5 10		\$100 00	\$100 00	\$46 03	\$13 34	
2. Delhi & Windham Centre	E. C. Currie	60	13	600 00			4 32		200 00	175 00	8 00	4 00	
	Total	113	33	\$1250 00	1		\$4 86		\$300 00	\$275 00	\$54 03	\$17 34	

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XXIV.—HURON:—													
1. Grand Bend & Corbett...	S. A. Carriere	41	27	120	\$450 00	\$3 75	\$250 00	\$250 00	\$50 00	\$13 00	
2. Leaburn & Union Ch....	Jas. Hamilton	46	104	600 00	6 00	150 00	150 00	113 00	21 00	
3. Bayfield & Bethany.....	Wm. Graham	47	112	600 00	4 91	175 00	150 00	73 00	23 00	
	Total	134	27	336	\$1650 00	\$4 88	\$575 00	\$550 00	\$236 00	\$57 00	
XXV.—MAITLAND:—													
1. Pine River.....	John McFarlane.....	45	126	\$475 00	1	\$4 17	\$125 00	\$150 00	
2. Walton.....	D. Forrest	41	140	600 00	1	4 64	75 00	75 00	
3. Kinlough & Riversdale...	John Maxwell.....	70	116	550 00	1	5 17	100 00	100 00	
	Total	156	382	\$1625 00	3	\$4 64	\$300 00	\$325 00	
XXVI.—BRUCE:—													
1. North Braut & West Benduck.....	Daniel Duff	42	3	107	\$615 00	1	\$5 74	\$42	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$92 00	\$11 00	Removed from list.
2. Glamis.....	Isaac McDonald.....	60	123	600 00	1	4 90	50 00	71 00	12 00	
	Total	102	3	230	\$1215 00	1	\$5 71	\$42	\$150 00	\$100 00	\$163 00	\$23 00	

XXVII.—SUPERIOR :— No Augmented Congregations.

XXVIII.—WINNEPEG :—

1. Selkirk	38	15	26	\$700 00	1	\$19 74		\$150 00				
2. Millbrook	65	7	112	600 00	1	5 80		200 00				
3. Victoria & Dundas	105	24	158	600 00	1	4 11		188 00				
4. Morris	31	3	63	600 00	1	10 31		213 50				
5. Dominion City	54	13	97	600 00		6 19		106 85				
6. Meadow Lea	48		67	575 00		8 58		200 00				Action delayed.
7. Gretas	37		38	600 00		15 79						
Total	378	62	561	\$4275 00	4	\$7 97		\$858 35	\$1100 00			

XXIX.—ROCK LAKE :—

1. Crystal City	39	12	94	\$700 00	1	\$7 98		\$150 00	\$150 00	\$82 00	\$15 00	
2. Killarney	57	20	114	750 00	1	7 02		29 34	100 00	54 05	8 00	
3. Roland	74		71	725 00		9 80		60 66	75 00			
4. Thornhill	40	20	71	700 00		9 86		52 00	175 00			
5. La Riviere	48		59	700 00		11 86						
Total	258	52	409	\$3575 00	2	\$8 74		\$292 00	\$500 00	\$136 05	\$23 00	\$2 per Sabbath [till settled].

XXX.—GLENBORO :—

1. Hilton	48	10	70	\$700 00	1	\$10 71	\$150	\$150 00	\$150 00	\$50 00	\$23 00	
2. St. Luke's	40	16	62	600 00		9 68		119 60	200 00			
3. Treherne	44		70	700 00	1	10 71						
Total	132	26	202	\$2000 00	2	\$10 40	\$150	\$269 60	\$350 00	\$50 00	\$23 00	

XXXI.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE :

1. Rosedale	37		74	\$600 00		\$8 11		\$154 00	\$200 00			[till settled].
2. Dauphin	56		93	650 00	1	7 52						\$4 per Sabbath
3. Franklin	79		120	600 00		5 00						\$3 per Sabbath [till settled].
Total	172		287	\$1850 00	1	\$7 31		\$154 00	\$200 00			

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XXXII.—BRANDON :—													
1. Elkhorn	Jas. Hood.	33	25	70	\$750 00	\$10 71	100 00	\$100 00	\$50 00
2. Douglas	C. Mason.	45	10	82	600 00	9 75	25 00	25 00	\$75 00	Removed from list
3. Wellwood	T. C. Courte.	50	..	72	600 00	8 33	25 00	25 00	Removed from list
4. Rounthwaite	T. K. Shearer	36	..	97	900 00	9 27	30 00	30 00
	Total	164	35	321	\$3050 00	\$9 50	100 00	\$200 00	\$50 00	\$75 00
XXXIII.—MINNEDOSA :—													
1. Birdie	Robert Frew	38	20	60	\$750 00	\$12 50	\$88 50	\$148 00	\$25 00	[till settled.
2. Shanks	Vacant	42	15	65	510 00	1	8 61	104 00	50 00	15 00	\$1 per Sabbath
	Total	80	35	125	\$1260 00	1	\$10 48	\$192 50	\$198 00	\$40 00	[till settled.
XXXIV.—MELITA :—													
1. Melita	W. McK. Omand	60	30	100	\$600 00	1	\$6 50	\$205 00	\$250 00	\$30 00	\$3 00
XXXV.—REGINA :—													
1. Whitewood	J. W. Muirhead	70	..	78	\$600 00	1	\$8 33	\$62 50	\$250 00
2. Wolsley	J. G. McKechnie	56	..	122	600 00	1	5 32	250 00
3. Lumsden	W. P. Adam	36	..	76	550 00	7 24	200 00
	Total	162	..	276	\$1750 00	2	\$6 59	\$62 50	\$700 00

Total	162	276	\$1750 00	2	\$6 59	\$62 50	\$700 00
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XXXVI.—CALGARY :—

1. Fort McLeod.....	42	30	45	\$550 00	\$15 33					\$5 per Sabl h [till settled]
Vacant, , , , , , , , , , ,										

XXXVII.—EDMONTON :— No Augmented Congregations.

XXXVIII.—KAMLOOPS :—

1. Vernon	40	15	74	\$750 00	1 \$11 00	\$166 00	\$200 00	\$40 00	\$10 00
2. Spallumcheen.....	34	12	40	650 00	1 18 00	300 00	250 00		
3. Kaslo.....	60	15	15	600 00	1 43 33	87 67	250 00		
4. Revelstoke.....	25	12	28	700 00	25 00			63 00	10 00 \$3 per Sabbath [till settled]
Total.....	159	54	157	\$2700 00	3 \$19 42	\$553 67	\$700 00	\$103 00	\$20 00

XXXIX.—WESTMINSTER :—

1. Chilliwack	38	13	60	\$675 00	1 \$12 00	\$200 00	\$200 00	\$25 00	\$8 00
2. Sapperton & West Ch., New Westminster.....	55	16	108	625 00	5 80	112 50	225 00	22 00	3 00
Total.....	93	29	168	\$1300 00	1 \$8 03	\$312 50	\$425 00	\$47 00	\$11 00

XL.—VICTORIA :—

1. Victoria, St. Paul's	56	13	73	\$675 00	\$9 25	\$325 00	\$300 00	\$25 00	\$15 00
2. St. George's, Union.....						75 00	100 00		
Total	56	13	73	\$675 00	\$9 25	\$400 00	\$400 00	\$25 00	\$15 00

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18 Hamilton.....	9	357	84	790	5532 00	3	7 29	1502 50	1250 00	484 00
19 Paris.....	2	113	33	267	1250 00	1	4 86	300 00	275 00	54 03
20 London.....	7	382	42	617	4300 00	5	7 37	876 96	650 00	501 00
21 Chatham.....	3	167	17	318	1750 00	2	5 81	308 00	300 00	160 75
22 Sarnia.....	5	311	39	540	3175 00	4	6 25	275 00	400 00	188 00
23 Stratford.....	1	42	.....	92	550 00	.....	5 97	.....	150 00	.....
24 Huron.....	3	134	27	336	1650 00	.....	4 88	575 00	550 00	236 00
25 Maitland.....	3	156	.....	382	1625 00	3	4 64	300 00	325 00	.....
26 Bruce.....	2	102	3	230	1215 00	2	5 71	150 00	100 00	163 00
27 Superior.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28 Winnipeg.....	5	378	62	561	4275 00	4	7 97	858 35	1100 00	.....
29 Rock Lake.....	4	258	52	409	3575 00	2	8 74	292 00	500 00	136 05
30 Glenboro.....	3	132	20	202	2000 00	2	10 40	269 60	350 00	50 00
31 Portage la Prairie.....	3	172	.....	287	1850 00	1	7 31	154 00	200 00	.....
32 Brandon.....	4	164	35	321	3050 00	.....	9 50	200 00	50 00	75 00
33 Minnedosa.....	2	80	35	125	1260 00	1	10 48	192 50	.....	198 00
34 Melita.....	1	60	30	100	600 00	1	6 50	205 00	250 00	30 00
35 Regina.....	1	162	.....	276	1750 00	2	6 59	62 50	700 00	.....
36 Calgary.....	1	42	30	45	550 00	1	15 33	.....	.....	.....
37 Edmonton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38 Kamloops.....	3	159	54	157	2700 00	3	19 42	553 67	700 00	103 00
39 Westminster.....	2	93	29	168	1300 00	1	8 03	312 50	425 00	47 00
40 Victoria.....	2	56	13	73	675 00	.....	9 25	400 00	400 00	25 00
Total.....	154	8244	1284	14743	\$93383 00	97	\$6 66	\$21957 73	\$19865 00	\$2597 46

REPORT OF THE AUGMENTATION COMMITTEE, (EASTERN SECTION), 1897-98.

To the Venerable the General Assembly :—

Your Committee on the Augmentation Fund, in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, beg to submit their annual report as follows :—

The receipts for the fund were in all \$9,483.42, of which \$9,371.17 came from congregations to whom definite amounts had been allocated by their Presbyteries. The Synod asked for \$10,500 and allocated the same to the several Presbyteries, as in the following table, which also shows what each Presbytery raised and how far its congregations met the demands which were made on them.

PRESBYTERIES.	Amount allotted by Synod.	Amount realized by Presbyteries.	No. of Congregations realizing allotments in full.	No. of Congregations making partial payments.	No. of Congregations making no payments.
Sydney	\$574 00	\$555 00	15	3	1
Inverness	360 00	258 50	6	4	2
Pictou	1,490 00	1,455 48	13	12	2
Wallace	492 00	465 55	8	4	3
Truro	1,014 00	1,191 74	10	12	3
Halifax	2,333 00	1,866 60	16	11	2
Lunenburg and Yarmouth.....	438 00	384 00	5	4	2
St. John	1,622 00	1,358 10	14	11	6
Miramichi	777 00	670 92	14	4	1
P. E. Island.....	1,400 00	1,165 28	15	17	2
	\$10,500 00	\$9,371 17	116	82	24
Bequests		50 00			
Interest		50 00			
Donations		12 25			
Total Receipts.....		\$9,483 42			

The Presbytery of Truro was the only one that fulfilled the expectations of the Synod. The total number of congregations that came up to the amounts placed on them by their Presbyteries is smaller than last year, and the number of non-contributors is larger but some allowance must be made for the fact that the account closed its year one month earlier than formerly.

The Committee found that the grants made could not be paid in full out of the receipts, and, to prevent trenching on the \$3,500.00 reserved to meet mid-year payments, were obliged to withhold seven per cent from each minister in an augmented charge. This is cause for deep regret. It is hoped that it may not have to be repeated in future years. But to avoid the repetition, there must be constant effort on the part of Presbyteries to get congregations that seek aid from the fund to increase in self-help year by year, as well as a more generous

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treatment of the fund by a number of congregations that do not put forth any special effort to contribute the amounts which their Presbyteries consider they should, according to their means, be ready to do. In the matter of self-support, there are evidences of progress. In the Presbytery of St. John Calvin Church, St. John, has found itself able to dispense with further aid. Twenty-eight congregations since the fund was started have thus developed into self-supporting charges. In the Presbytery of Wallace the way opened up last year for the union of two augmented charges, Knox and St. Matthew's in the town of Wallace, into one vigorous self-sustaining congregation, at a saving of \$200.00 per annum to the fund. A number of congregations have also reduced the amount of their applications, and increased by \$534.00 their promise of stipends, so that, on the whole, the Committee find much to encourage in the working of this Scheme.

Of the sixty-one congregations to whom the Committee promised help, not one was vacant during the whole of the year, and only nine for a part of it; and in most of these cases, the period of vacancy did not exceed six months. This is a very gratifying feature of the Scheme. It tends to permanency of supply, and gives congregations an opportunity of developing on other lines of usefulness to the body of Christ.

The amount drawn from the fund in grants was \$9,157.90, as against \$9,068.88 the year before. The amount from year to year cannot vary much, because the new congregations formed from Home Mission stations will quite equal in number and need those that have outgrown the want of assistance, and have gone off the fund. If we desire the development of our Home Mission fields into self-reliant charges, we must carefully foster this Scheme, and the Committee find that when ministers are loyal to it their congregations are hearty and liberal in support of the fund.

In addition to the grants reported last year the Committee in the autumn made the following:—

	<i>Presbytery of Truro.</i>	
Sheet Harbor.....	.....	\$200 00
	<i>Presbytery of Halifax.</i>	
Kempt and Walton.....	.....	\$250 00
North West Arm, etc.....	.....	200 00
Elmsdale.....	.....	50 00
	<i>Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.</i>	
Clyde and Barrington.....	.....	\$200 00
	<i>Presbytery of St. John.</i>	
Florenceville.....	.....	\$250 00
	<i>Presbytery of Miramichi.</i>	
Tabusentac and Burnt Church.....	.....	\$200 00
Loggieville.....	.....	100 00
	<i>Pyesbytery of P. E. Island.</i>	
Georgetown.....	.....	\$50 00

The applications for grants this year before the Committee at its April meeting numbered fifty-seven. Grants to the amount of \$8,405.00 were made to forty-nine. The remainder, for sufficient reasons, were deferred till the autumn, when the Committee, by permission of Assembly, will deal with them. These and new applications will require at least \$1,800.00; so that we cannot hope to get along on less than the ten thousand five hundred that, for the last two years, were sought from the Church.

The sanction of Assembly is asked for a few grants, noted in the schedules appended, where the petitioners do not qualify. The Committee weighed each case on its own record, and concluded to vote the money.

The Committee go forward in the assurance that the great principles of the Scheme are sound, and that the people of our Church will grow to appreciate them so warmly, as to leave nothing lacking in the joy with which your future Committees shall submit their annual reports.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN SMITH, *Convener.*
P. M. MORRISON, *Secretary.*

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APPENDIX TO REPORT OF AUGMENTATION COMMITTEE, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
(EASTERN SECTION).

APPLICATIONS FOR AID FROM AUGMENTATION SCHEME.

PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	No. of Families.	No. of Communi- cants.	Stipend promised by Congregation for year begin- ning 1st April, 1898.	Is there a Manse or Rented House?	Rate per Communi- cant.	Amount of increase in stipend over preceding year.	Arrears of Stipend (if any) for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.	Grant from the Augmentation Fund for the year beginning April 1st, 1898.	Did the Congrega- tion take a collec- tion within the year for each of the Schemes of the Church?	Amount Contributed to Augmentation Fund for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1897.	Amount Contributed to all the other Schemes for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1897.	Has the Congrega- tion been visited since last applica- tion was made.
Englishtown and South Gut Gabardus.....	M. N. McLeod.....	108	78	\$530 00	M	\$6 79	.....	.....	\$158 10	Yes	\$36 00	\$98 00	Yes
Saint Peters.....	D. Sutherland.....	70	80	425 00	M	5 31	.....	.....	167 40	Yes	25 00	55 00	Yes
Cape North.....	J. A. Greenlees.....	35	47	500 00	M	11 73	\$25 00	.....	240 25	Yes	25 00	58 00	Yes
*Louisburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	213	265	\$1455 00	2	.....	\$25 00	.....	\$534 75	.....	\$80 00	\$211 00	.....

*Deferred.

PRESBYTERY OF INVERNESS.

Mabou and Port Hood.....	E. S. Bayne.....	60	121	\$600 00	M	\$5 00	.....	.....	\$139 50	Yes	\$36 00	\$218 00	Yes
Margaree and Cheti Camp.....	A. M. Thompson.....	70	58	550 00	RH	8 55	.....	\$100 00	186 00	Yes	24 00	40 00	Yes
Lake Ainslie.....	N. Currie.....	80	75	500 00	M	6 66	\$40 00	50 00	69 72	.....	24 00	20 00	.....
*Strathlorne.....	D. McDonald.....	132	173	650 00	M	4 00	25 00	.....	116 25	Yes	35 00	160 00	Yes
Totals.....	.....	312	427	\$2300 00	4	.....	\$65 00	\$150 00	\$511 47	.....	\$119 00	\$438 00	.....

*Special.

PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

Earlton and Falls.....	P. K. McRae.....	87	98	\$450 00	M	\$4 58	.....	.....	\$232 50	.....	\$55 00	\$75 00	.....
.....	J. H. Kirk.....	55	96	400 00	M	3 88	\$50 00	.....	179 00	Yes	35 00	50 00	.....
.....	A. D. McIntosh.....	90	178	650 00	M	.....	.....	.....	131 50	Yes	45 00	311 00	Yes

PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

Earlton and Falls.....	87	98	\$450 00	M	\$4 58	\$232 50	\$250 00	Yes.	\$35 00	\$75 30
London.....	55	96	400 00	M	4 68	179 00	300 00	Yes.	35 00	50 00
†St. Mathews, Pugwash.....	90	178	650 00	M	3 93	50 00	100 00	Yes.	15 00	314 00
Knox, Wallace.....	76	100	550 00	M	6 00	34 00	200 00	Yes.	41 00	292 00
St. James, Oxford.....	60	110	550 00	M	5 15	46 50	200 00	Yes.	22 00	86 00
Maccan and River Hebert.....	368	582	\$2600 00	5	\$100 00	\$317 50	\$1050 00		\$178 00	\$817 00
Totals.....										†Special.

*Another \$100 to which he was entitled was paid, but, through an oversight, was not charged until the accounts closed.

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

Newby Quoddy.....	83	170	\$600 00	M	\$3 23	\$232 50	\$250 00	Yes.	\$20 00	\$182 00
*Sheet Harbor.....	99	165	650 00	M	4 00	114 00	100 00	No.	25 00	111 00
Lower Musquodobit.....	77	159	600 00	M	4 09	139 50	150 00	Yes.	25 00	52 00
Totals.....	259	491	\$1750 00	3	\$114 00	\$472 00	\$500 00		\$70 00	\$345 00

*Special.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

Zion Church, Ferrona.....	75	173	\$600 00	M	\$3 46	\$100 00	\$200 00	Yes.	\$22 00	\$106 00
Little Harbor.....	78	180	600 00	M	3 33	183 00	150 00	Yes.	15 00	46 00
Fishers' Grant.....	82	185	500 00	M	2 57	125 00	250 00	Yes.	20 00	
West River, St. Mary's.....	235	538	\$1700 00	2	\$100 00	\$510 59	\$800 00		\$72 00	\$152 00
Totals.....										

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

Noel.....	90	201	\$665 00	M	\$3 56	\$63 00	\$85 00	Yes.	\$31 00	\$203 00
Elmdale & Nine Mile River.....	70	150	700 00	M	5 00	22 15	50 00	Yes.	20 00	85 00
*Lawrencetown & Cow Bay.....	66	189	490 00	M	2 88	233 10	260 00	Yes.	25 00	43 00
†Musquodobit Harbor.....	70	126	650 00	M	5 00	67 50	170 00	Yes.	25 00	70 00
Bedford and Waverly.....	40	55	500 00	M	12 50	59 51	250 00	Yes.	30 00	140 00
Coburg Road.....	59	113	500 00	M	4 87	187 50	250 00	Yes.	25 00	123 00
St. Orreix and Eglershouse.....	39	112	500 00	M		66 96	250 00	Yes.	30 00	
Waterville and Lakeville.....						104 15				
*Kempt and Walton.....						131 00				
Bridgetown and Annapolis.....						232 39				
*North West Arm & Itockingham.....						170 44				
Totals.....	431	916	\$3085 00	5	\$15 10	\$1860 86	\$1315 00		\$176 00	\$664 00

*Deferred. †Special.

*Special.	312	427	\$2300 00	4	\$65 00	\$160 00	\$311 47	\$650 00	\$119 00	\$438 00
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PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

CONGREGATIONS.		MINISTERS.		No. of Families.	No. of Communi- cants.	Stipend provided by Congregation for year begin- ning 1st April.	Is there a Manse or Rented House?	Rate per Communi- cant.	Amount of increase in Stipend over preceding year.	Arrears of Stipend (if any) for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.	Amt. received from the Augmenta- tion Fund for the March, 1898.	Grant from the Augmentation Fund for the year beginning April 1st, 1898.	Did the Congrega- tion take a collec- tion within the year for each of the Schemes of the Church?	Amt. contributed to Augmentation Fund for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1897.	Amt. contributed to all the other Schemes for the Year ended Dec. 31st, 1897.	Has the Congrega- tion been visited since last appli- cation was made.
Mahone Bay	John W. Crawford	92	133	\$600 00	M	\$1 28				\$139 61	\$150 00	Yes.	\$55 00	\$140 00	Yes.	
Shelburne	J. R. Wallace	96	132	500 00	M	3 91				186 00	200 00	Yes.	35 00		Yes.	
Clyde and Barrington	A. Williamson	26	33	240 00	M	7 27				186 00	200 00	Yes.	35 00	50 00	Yes.	
Flookeport	D. McKinnon	216	318	\$1390 00	2					\$603 50	\$550 00		\$125 00	\$190 00		
Totals																

*Deferred. †Special.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

Buctouche	R. G. Vans	28	100	\$450 00	M	\$5 00				\$237 67	\$300 00	Yes.	\$34 00	\$51 00	Yes.	
Springfield, etc	J. A. Maclean	37	122	500 00	M	4 51				232 50	250 00	Yes.	32 00	70 00	Yes.	
Pisarico	Andrew Boyd	60	50	520 00	M	9 50				213 90	200 00	Yes.	36 00	45 00	Yes.	
St. George, etc.	A. D. Fraser	50	109	600 00	M	6 00				201 50	200 00	Yes.	30 00	75 00	Yes.	
Woodstock	James Whiteside	33	73	650 00	M	9 33	\$50 00			139 50	100 00	Yes.	36 00	139 00	Yes.	
Glassville	J. K. Bearisco	47	83	650 00	M	8 23	50 00			139 50	100 00	Yes.	34 00	67 00	Yes.	
Greenfield	O. Fyfe	40	91	490 00	M	5 31				228 44	250 00	Yes.	34 00	43 00	Yes.	
Kilcaridine	London Pringle	70	140	515 00	M	4 03	15 00			161 37	235 00	Yes.	34 00	40 00	Yes.	
Salvin Church, St. John	W. W. Rainnie									116 25						
South Richmond	Wm. Corbett									118 25						
Hampdon	D. Fraser									100 00						
Totals		413	766	\$4335 00	7			\$115 00		\$1888 88	\$1635 00			\$260 00	\$530 00	

*Deferred.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

New Carlisle	J. M. Sutherland	82	167	\$575 00	M	\$3 21				\$139 50	\$150 00	Yes.	\$33 00	\$74 00	Yes.	
Escumnac	Joseph Barker	60	124	450 00	RH	4 00				232 50	250 00	Yes.	27 00	63 00	Yes.	
Red Bank	J. P. Murray	78	162	400 00	M	2 77				133 00	100 00	Yes.	28 00	59 00	Yes.	
Harcourt	J. K. McClure	94	133	100 00	M	4 81				139 50	150 00	Yes.	30 00	65 00	Yes.	
Black River	Geo. Ferguson	30	86	400 00	M	5 23				232 50	150 00	Yes.	21 00	69 00	Yes.	
Tubusnac	W. T. Bruce	138	140	525 00	M	4 09				124 00	1100 00	Yes.	40 00	95 00	Yes.	
Logteville	W. C. Calder															
Totals		504	812	\$2948 00	6					\$1100 50	\$900 00			\$182 00	\$465 00	

*Deferred. †To end Sept. 30th, 1898.

Totals.....	501	812	\$2948 00	6	124 00	1100 00	\$182 00	\$165 00
*Deferred.					\$1100 50	\$900 00		

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Georgetown.....	52	55	\$500 00	M	\$11 82		\$27 09	\$50 00	Yes.	\$30 00	\$39 00
Murray Har., North.....	78	168	600 00	M	3 86		123 67	100 00	Yes.	30 00	47 00
†Caledonia.....	110	144	500 00	M	3 80		93 00	100 00	Yes.	30 00	33 00
Woodville.....	93	133	670 00	M	3 73		74 40	80 00	Yes.	30 00	58 00
Tignish.....	73	185	600 00	M	3 53		139 50	150 00	Yes.	30 00	171 00
Murray Har., South.....	100	129	625 00	M	5 23		69 75	75 00	Yes.	30 00	32 00
Cavendish, etc.....	75	143	600 00	M	4 50	\$256 00	93 00	100 00	Yes.	40 00	154 00
†Tryon and Bonshaw.....							175 00				
Totals.....	581	1017	\$4195 00	7		\$256 00	\$907 85	\$655 00		\$220 00	\$334 00

*Deferred. †Special.

**SUMMARY OF CONGREGATIONS RECEIVING AID FROM AUGMENTATION FUND,
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1897-98.**

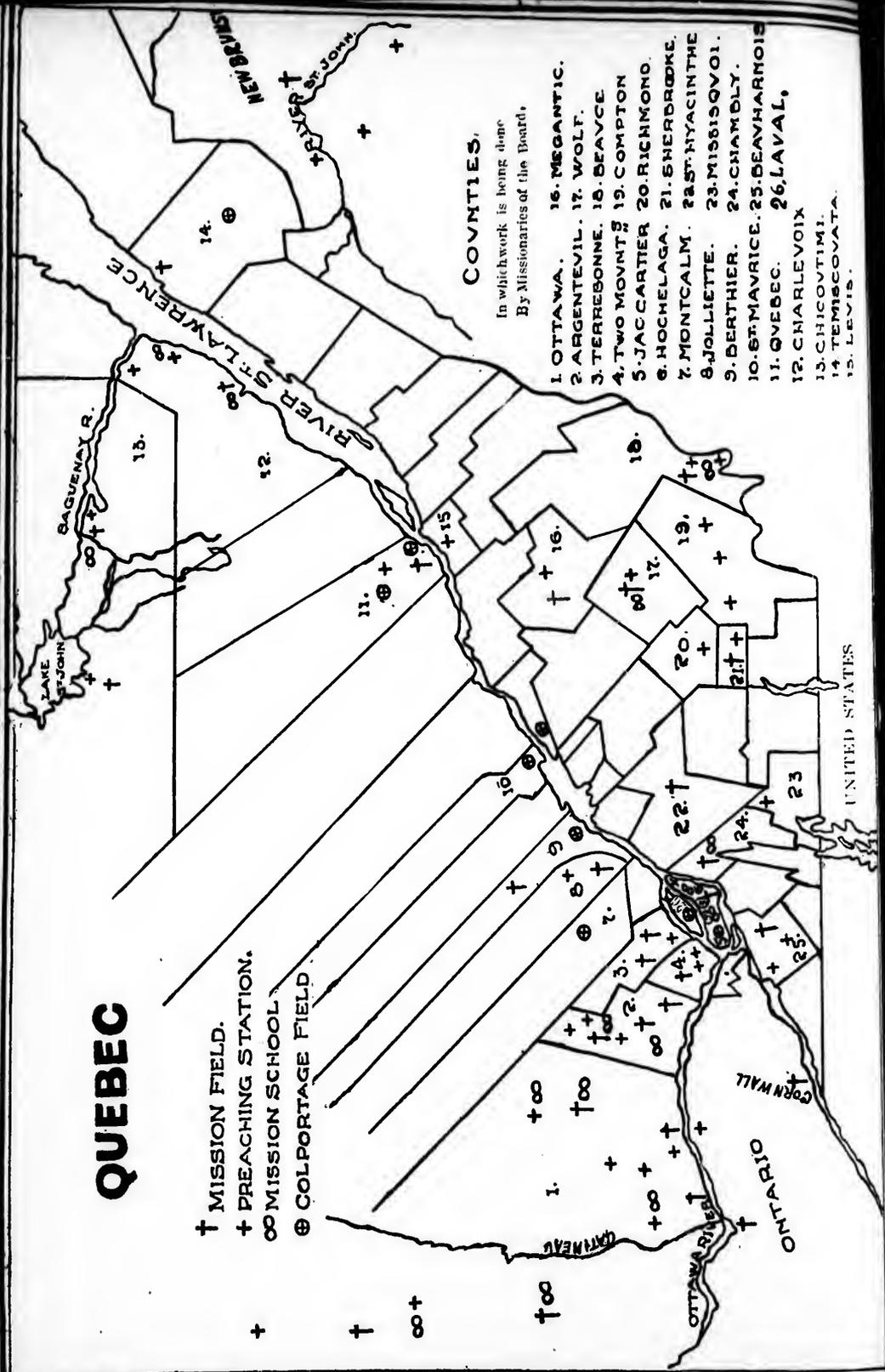
PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Families.	No. of Communi- cants.	Stipend promised by Congregation for year begin- ning 1st April, 1898.	No. of Manses and Rented Houses.	Amount of increase in Stipend over preceding year.	Arrears of Stipend for year ended Dec. 31st, 1897.	Amount received from the Augmen- tation Fund for 31st March, 1898.	Grant from the Augmentation Fund for the year beginning April 1st, 1898.	Amt. contributed to the Augmen- tation Fund for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1897.	Amt. contributed to all the other Schemes for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1897.
Sydney	213	205	\$1455 00	2	\$25 00	.....	\$534 75	\$550 00	\$80 00	\$211 00
Inverness	342	427	2300 00	4	65 00	\$150 00	511 47	650 00	119 00	438 00
Pictou	235	538	1700 00	2	100 00	.....	540 59	600 00	72 00	132 00
Wallace	368	582	2600 00	5	100 00	.....	817 50	1050 00	178 00	817 00
Truro	259	494	1750 00	3	114 00	.....	472 00	500 00	70 00	345 00
Halifax	434	946	3985 00	5	15 00	.....	1880 86	1315 00	176 00	664 00
Lunenburg and Yarmouth ..	216	318	1390 00	2	.....	.....	603 50	550 00	125 00	190 00
St. John	413	766	4335 00	7	115 00	.....	1888 88	1635 00	260 00	530 00
Miramichi	504	812	2984 00	9	.....	.....	1100 50	900 00	182 00	465 00
Prince Edward Island	581	1017	4195 00	7	.....	256 00	807 85	655 00	220 00	534 00
Totals	3565	6105	\$26694 00	43	\$534 00	\$406 00	\$9157 90	\$8405 00	\$1482 00	\$4346 00

* Total paid to Augmentation Fields for year ended March 31st, 1898.

† This sum represents the grants made to forty-nine congregations. The deferred applications will call for at least \$1,800.00 more.

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- † MISSION FIELD.
- † PREACHING STATION.
- ∞ MISSION SCHOOL.
- ⊕ COLPORTAGE FIELD.



COUNTIES,

In which work is being done
By Missionaries of the Board,

1. OTTAWA.
2. ARGENTEVIL.
3. TERREBONNE.
4. TWO MOUNTS.
5. JACCARTER.
6. HOCHELAGA.
7. MONTCALM.
8. JOLLIETTE.
9. BERTHIER.
10. ST. MAURICE.
11. QUEBEC.
12. CHARLEVOIX.
13. CHICOUTIMI.
14. TEMISCOVATA.
15. LEVIS.
16. MEGANTIC.
17. WOLF.
18. BEAUCÉ.
19. COMPTON.
20. RICHMOND.
21. SHERBROOKE.
22. ST. HYACINTHE.
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

To the Venerable the General Assembly :—

The Board thankfully acknowledges the hand of God in the good degree of success which has attended the work entrusted to its care during the past year.

The following is a brief survey of what has been accomplished. A reference to the prefixed outline map, will enable members of Assembly to observe the various counties in which our Mission Fields, Preaching Stations and Schools are placed in the Province of Quebec, and also the location of some of the Fields in Ontario and New Brunswick.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Grand Bend, etc.—The Rev S. A. Carriere reports that the French Mission which forms part of his charge “continues to prosper very encouragingly in all respects,” both as to attendance at church services and Sabbath school, and adds that “at our last communion we had again the pleasure of receiving four French candidates, all formerly belonging to the Church of Rome. They are now among our most regular and interested attendants at religious services.”

PRESBYTERY OF ALGOMA.

Chelmsford, etc.—Rev. E. D. Pelletier is missionary, and supported conjointly by the H.M.C. and B.F.E. His field lies along the C.P.R. from Chelmsford westwards for about 225 miles, and embraces outlying lumber and mining camps. The following extract from the Presbytery's Report indicates the character of the French side of his work :—“Chelmsford continues to be the most important point for French work in this field. We have in this township over 300 French families, and this number is largely increasing every year from emigration from Quebec Province. The two adjoining townships of Rayside and Dowling are fast settling with the same class of people, and will soon all be taken up. They largely control school and municipal affairs. None are very bigoted. I have free access in all the families. Of course many do not like me, but among the principal families where I am now well known I feel that I am perfectly welcomed.

“I hold cottage meetings in different places in the township regularly. At these meetings we read the Bible, and talk and pray, and invite discussion with those present. Thus we prepare the way for the truth in the minds of some. Two new converts came forward at our last communion. I have distributed Bibles and other literature, and I hope to continue along this line during the winter, not only in the homes but in the lumber camps and railway, among a large floating population which we always have in winter in this district.”

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.

Penetanguishene, etc.—Mr. G. W. Thom labored as colporteur within the bounds during the summer. Mr. Thom reports that “the people in these parts are fairly liberal, yet they show no intention of abandoning the Holy Roman Catholic Church. The priest tells the people that there is no evil in our books but ‘it is better not to read them.’ The awful prevailing ignorance is shown by the way they compare ‘good’ and ‘bad’ books. They often tell me about a certain man who travelled these roads two years ago with a red covered book that was bad ; then last year another came with a book about the same size but

11. QUEBEC.
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15. LEVIS.



not with a red cover, and it was 'good' for the priest had said so. As I had no red covers with me I was all right." The Rev. W. R. Johnston, of Penetanguishene, in writing of this work says, "I think Mr. Thom was somewhat disheartened with the work, yet the effects of such work do not always immediately appear visible on the surface. Just this morning I was told of a storekeeper in the neighborhood of——who had come over to Protestantism through the influence of the colporteurs here, who is living consistently and exerting an influence for good. Here in Penetanguishene is a Protestant French family, the father of which is unable to talk English to any extent, and consequently labors under a disadvantage."

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

Cornwall, etc.—The Rev. J. E. Charles, B.A., is missionary within the bounds, with headquarters at Cornwall. The mission property is valued at \$4,000, and excepting \$500 still due, has been provided by friends and congregations in the Presbytery, within the past two years. The Board gratefully acknowledges this intelligent and practical interest in their work shown by Presbytery. The congregation is fully organized. In caring for this, in visiting the many widely scattered groups of French Protestants, and extending the work as opportunity offers, the energy and activity of the missionary are taxed to the utmost. The progress made is the result of work faithfully done.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

St. Mark's Church, Ottawa and Hull.—The Rev. E. F. Seylaz, pastor, has been much encouraged in his work. He reports a deepening of interest in spiritual things, and a larger and more regular attendance at Sabbath services, both of Protestants and Roman Catholics. He has been able to visit many of the latter in their homes, and to help them break the bonds of error and superstition, although only a few of them as yet have openly taken a stand for the truth.

Hull.—Mr. John Demole has been appointed as colporteur for six months.

Masham.—Rev. P. E. St. Germain is a faithful and persistent worker in a field where Romish influences were very strong, and prejudices very bitter, and especially against himself, because of his once having been a friar. Latterly he has been well received by Roman Catholics who expressed a preference for his church and its teachings. He is much encouraged in his work among the Protestants, and especially the young.

Masham School.—Mlle. A. B. Molleur has done excellent work in the school, and also in the homes of the pupils.

L'Ange Gardien and Perkin's Mills.—These two stations are about fourteen miles apart. The missionary preaches in French at the former, and in French and English at the latter place every Sabbath. Here the Gospel has won many from the ranks of Romanism, at least fifty within the past two years. Roman Catholics were attending our missionary's services in large numbers and earnestly seeking truth. Zealous agents of another church taking advantage last summer of an opportunity, entered the field which had hitherto been exclusively worked by our missionaries, won over a few to their doctrine of a particular rite, thus dividing the people, and causing acrimonious grievous scandal to enquiring and bewildered Roman Catholics. One of the greatest stumbling blocks to sincere Roman Catholics is a divided Protestantism. The exaltation of denominational peculiarities at the expense of common funda-

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The Rev. P. E. Beauchamp having resigned last October, the Rev. J. B. Sincennes was taken from Monte Bello to supply the field for a time, and labored so acceptably that he has since been appointed to the field. Steps have been taken to build a church at Perkins, and upwards of \$400 subscribed.

Namur.—The Rev. J. E. Côté preaches every Sabbath at Namur and Grand Lac, and occasionally at Lac aux Sables. Mr. Cote has gained the confidence of the Roman Catholics, many of whom he counts among his personal friends. Where a few year ago there was open hostility there is now good feeling. There are frequent accessions from Romanism. Mr. Cote says; "When I compare my church of to-day with what it was when I came here about nine years ago, I cannot refrain from thanksgiving to God for progress made."

Namur School.—A neat and comfortable schoolhouse was built last year. Mrs. C. F. Cruchon was teacher, and did good work as teacher and missionary. It is hoped that this school will be self-supporting in another year.

Grand Lac School.—Mlle. Clara Lamert, a former Pointe aux Trembles pupil, proved herself to be an efficient teacher here for two summers. Five families boarded her as their contribution.

Monte Bello, etc.—The Rev. J. B. Sincennes did faithful and efficient work in this large and rough field until taken away to supply L'Ange Gardien. He held regular services at Monte Bello, Papineauville, North Nation Mills, Gore, Ripon, Portage and St. Andre. From these centres, connected with which there are seventeen French Protestant families, the work was carried on. There are also five or six Protestant English families that enjoy the missionary's presence. Mr. C. Lapointe is in the field for the summer.

Desert.—The Rev. N. McLaren is supported conjointly by the H.M.C., and Board of French Evangelization, and the Lumberman's Mission. Mr. McLaren has only one regular French Station in his extensive field, but has daily opportunities which he does not fail to seize for preaching the Gospel in French.

Mr. McLaren organized a School at Six Portages which was taught by Miss L. Groulx, and supported almost wholly by the people.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

St. John's, Montreal.—The pastor, Rev. C. E. Amaron, D.D., reports a good attendance at all the services, and that many Roman Catholics are usually present, to several of whose homes he has access. Both S.S. and Y.P.S.C.E., have been encouraging.

This congregation enjoys autonomy in the management of its affairs, while aided financially by the Board. It is involved unfortunately in financial and legal difficulties, largely due to an insolvent contractor and incapable architect in connection with their church building. It expects relief from some of these very soon through the courts, and assistance from sympathetic friends and congregations to help remove the others. Until their debt is provided for in some way, neither pastor nor people can give their undivided time and energies to the great work of evangelization lying to their hands.

The School in connection with St. John's has been taught by Mme. Chabassol. While efficient as teacher her services have been specially valuable in the homes of the pupils.

Lacroix Church.—The Rev. R. P. Duclos, pastor, reports steady progress renewed earnestness and zeal, and consequently more new faces at the meetings

and the conversion of a number of families from Romanism. "All these," he says, "with one exception, are doing well, and give evidence of deep seated convictions—one man, formerly a drunkard, gives sure signs of a change of heart." The Sabbath School is prosperous. Mr. Duclos emphasizes the need for Sabbath School leaflets and other literature for our French schools. In common with nearly all of the French Congregations there have been severe losses by removals.

The School is in charge of Mr. J. H. Watier, who continues to do excellent work.

Dufferin St. Mission.—Work in this quarter of the city was begun and carried on for a number of years by the Students' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, and handed over to the Presbytery two years ago. The good work of the Students has not been permitted to suffer. Situated as the mission is in a poor quarter of the city, there has been much fluctuation on the part of the people.

The Rev. S. Rondeau, B.A., the efficient missionary will be succeeded by the Rev. I. J. P. Bruneau, whose place he takes at Quebec.

The School has been under the excellent management of Mlle. Perside Bourgoin, daughter of the worthy principal of the Pointe aux Tremble's School.

St. Henri.—The Rev. E. Brandt, one of the staff at Pointe aux Trembles, did good work in this field during the summer, visiting among the people and gathering them into the Sunday evening service. Mr. J. E. Ménacon a graduating student of Presbyterian College successfully carried on the work for the balance of the year.

The School was in charge of Mr. A. Delporte. The attendance was small and fluctuating. Mr. Delporte had access to many of the people, and taught an evening class in his own home, with an average attendance of five young men. The good results of this work have become apparent. Mr. C. F. Cruchon has been appointed as missionary and teacher for six months.

St. Charles St. Mission.—This mission is situated in the midst of a working community who are easily accessible to the missionary, but hard to move on account of religious indifference.

Services were conducted every Sabbath by the missionaries in charge of the St. Henri Mission, with an attendance varying from ten to twenty-five.

The School has been in charge of Mlle. Clara Gatignol, whose energy and devotion have been crowned with success. Her pupils form a French class in the Sabbath School, connected with the English Mission carried on by St. Paul's Church, Montreal, in the same building. Both Miss Gatignol and her pupils have received much kindness from St. Paul's workers. Miss Gatignol and her pupils, a majority of them from Roman Catholic homes, successfully carried through a bazaar. Some of the articles were provided by the parents of the pupils and a few friends, but most of them made by teacher and scholars. They realized \$29, which went for school furniture and equipments.

The Rev. C. A. Doudiet has been appointed to this mission for the ensuing year. He will be supported conjointly by St. Paul's Church and the Board of French Evangelization, and do both English and French work. This is believed to be in the interest of economy and also of the Kingdom of God.

St. Hyacinthe.—The Rev. M. F. Bondreau, pastor, preaches in both French and English. Both sides of the work are encouraging and progressive.

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The Protestant influence is felt and respected in the city and community. "Recently," says Mr. Bondreau, "about fifteen families living from three to five miles from here have become more or less accessible. We have placed about a dozen of New Testaments among them. Some of them have met me at night by appointment, and although they have never attended our Church, two of them are learning our French hymns."

In addition to the Protestant taxes, about \$600, and Government grants, and school fees, the Protestant community raise by voluntary contributions \$300 for the support of their school. But for this, the congregation would be about self-sustaining.

Chambly Canton, etc.—Mr. Antoine Boy continues to labor as catechist and teacher in this district. He holds the services as well as school in part of his own house. Under these conditions progress must be slow, but there is progress, and Mr. Boy can point to some who have been brought into the enjoyment of Gospel light and liberty, as well as to a spirit of earnest inquiry on the part of many. He has collected upwards of \$300 towards a Mission building.

New Glasgow, etc.—The Rev. P. S. Vernier has prosecuted the work here with great vigor and energy, preaching regularly every Sabbath at New Glasgow in English, and Ste. Sophie and St. Hippolyte in French, and occasionally at other points, conducting two and three meetings every week. He recently gained an entrance into St. Jerome, and hopes to establish regular services there. He reports that he did not miss a single appointment during the year. Although the English population is gradually decreasing, there has been on the whole financial increase.

Belle Rivere, etc.—The Rev. M. Ménard has labored faithfully and with good results in this large field. These good results are not always susceptible of arithmetical measurements. They are none the less real and to be seen in the respect and good standing which evangelical truth and its representatives have won for themselves in the community.

Lachute.—The Rev. I. Mathieu has diligently sought to bring the Gospel home to the Roman Catholic population of this place, and has had the joy of seeing a number accept Jesus as the only Saviour for sinners.

Grenville, etc.—When the Rev. L. R. Giroux began work in this field, both the French settlement and English people of the Mountain Church were in a state of discord and division, due largely to outside influences. Mr. Giroux succeeded by firmness and kindness in removing this state of things and uniting and consolidating the work of our church, and winning for himself a high place in esteem of Protestants and Roman Catholics and leading some of the latter into the enjoyment of Gospel light and salvation.

By request of the people, and sanction of the Montreal Presbytery, the congregation of Grenville village has been disjoined from Chatham and Pt. Fortune and united with this field. The Rev. A. J. Lods has been appointed missionary. This arrangement will give unity to the work and save the mission funds if it can be successfully carried out by one man.

The School was most successful under Mlle. V. Giroux, who left in the fall to teach in the Pointe-aux-Trembles' School. Since then Mlle. C. Lamert has carried on the work satisfactorily.

Arundel and Desalaberry.—Mr. A. G. Rondeau did earnest and faithful work, preaching in French at Arundel and in English at Desalaberry last summer, and won the esteem of all classes in the community. The Rev. P. E. Beauchamp who supplied for part of the winter has been appointed to the field to be supported jointly by H. M. C. and French Board.

The School at Arundel was taught by Mlle. A. Doyle, a pupil of Pointe aux Trembles, during the summer very successfully.

Joliette, etc.—The Rev. L. R. Bouchard was missionary here, and preached to the French and English congregation in the town, and at St. Elizabeth and St. Gabriel de Brandon, outlying places. Ours is the only Protestant church at Joliette and is loyally supported by all classes of Protestants. Mr. Bouchard reports a growing spirit of inquiry among the people, and also many interesting interviews and conversation with prominent individuals on religious matters.

The event of greatest importance and significance was the recent death of the veteran missionary, the Rev. Joseph Vessot. Mr. Vessot spent upwards of 55 years of his life in the active work of French Evangelization. He endured untold hardships as a good soldier of Christ, and latterly was unwearying in his praises to God for having permitted him to see such marvellous changes wrought by the power of His Gospel. In the very place where frequent attempts had been made on his life in the past he died respected and honored of all, and was followed to the tomb by hundreds of Roman Catholics of all classes.

The Rev. L. R. Giroux has been appointed to this field.

St. Gabriel de Brandon.—This field was worked in connection with Joliette.

Italian Mission.—The Italian services are held in St. John's Church (French) at 4.15 every Sabbath afternoon. The Rev. C. H. Buffa having returned to Italy last fall, Mr. Valentino di Genova carried on the work during the winter, and has since been appointed missionary. Born a Roman Catholic he is a fruit of the mission, and received his education at Pointe aux Trembles and the Presbyterian College, Montreal, from which he graduated this spring. He is able to preach in French, English and Italian. He has proven himself to be a devoted and successful missionary in French fields, so that there is every reason to look for good results from his labors amongst his fellow-countrymen in Montreal.

Pointe-aux-Trembles.—See Report of the Principal elsewhere.

Lachine.—Mr. L. Bonnenfant, colporteur, did excellent work in the town and district, and on the canal.

Ste Jerome, etc., Terrebonne County.—Mr. H. Joliat, student colporteur, met with much encouragement and distributed many copies of the Scriptures.

Laval, L'Assomption, Berthier, St. Maurice and Nicolet Counties.—Messrs. J. E. Coulin and J. Demole, student colporteurs, visited thousands of homes in these countries and distributed much literature and a good number of copies of the Scriptures. The kind receptions accorded them indicates a marked change in the people within the past few years.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Quebec City.—The Rev. I. P. Bruneau continued to labor earnestly and faithfully. In his report for last month, he says: "The place seems to be awakening. The most notable fact is the reception of four new members, three coming from the Roman Catholic Church were baptized at their own request, and the fourth a young man who has attended our church for a long time. There are more who are going to join us soon. The work is progressive, although slow." The Board would encourage the practice of baptizing adult converts as meeting their conscientious scruples and indicating the importance of this holy ordinance.

Biblewoman.—Mlle. M. C. Ratti has labored with much zeal among the

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people in their homes, particularly in the St. Sauveur quarter. She has done much for both body and soul of the poor and won the confidence of many tried friends.

La Jenne Lorette.—Mr. Stanislas Triagei, who by right of birth is Chief, still labors among his own people, the Huron Indians, in and around Lorette, and has been the means of making known the Gospel to many of them. He attributes his own conversion to the reading, in his boyhood, of a French Bible given to his grandfather by King George III. on the occasion of his receiving a deputation of Huron Chiefs. It is desirable that this interesting book should come into possession of the mission.

St. Sophie.—Mr. E. Curdy, student, did effective service in this field during the summer. He was looked upon as a "dangerous" man by the parish priest and publicly denounced. One result was that two young married women asked the priest for a New Testament and permission to read it. He granted the request, but sorely rued having done so, for before many weeks both women asked to be considered no longer members of his church. The Missionary taught a night school for part of the summer which was attended by six pupils, men and women, in order to learn to read.

Mr. Curdy has been appointed to the field for the coming summer, having completed his theological studies.

One-half of the missionary's salary in this field has been paid for a number of years by the Kinnear's Mills congregation, of which the Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, B.D., is pastor.

Ditchfield, etc.—Mr. M. W. Byron held services regularly in French on the 1st. and 3rd. Ranges, and in English at Spider Lake. For three summers Mr. Byron has done good work in this field.

The School is now self-supporting.

Sherbrooke.—Mr. Jean Rey worked from Sherbrooke as a centre, visiting Brampton and Lennoxville and other places where there are a few Protestant families. Unfortunately, Mr. Rey was laid aside by sickness for part of the summer, so that the results of his work were not so satisfactory as they would otherwise have been.

North Ham, etc.—This field embraces the counties of Wolfe and Compton. The Rev. T. Charbonnel worked with great energy in keeping up services regularly at eight places, besides occasional services at other points. The frequent removals of families from these small stations is always a sore trial to the missionary, but his faith sustains him. The debt remaining on the little church at North Ham is about \$90. North Ham has been made a separate field and placed for six months under the care of Mr. Jean Rey, who will also teach the school.

Port au Persil, etc.—In this field as in some others in the Lake St. John and Saguenay districts and elsewhere, many are to be met with bearing the English, Scotch and Dutch names of their Protestant fathers and grandfathers, but knowing nothing of their language or religion. They are the irresponsible and involuntary victims of Protestant neglect, and every year finds some of them returning to the church of their fathers through the efforts of our missionaries.

Mr. C. Lapointe, student, labored here faithfully last summer, holding services regularly at Port au Persil, Rivière Noire, Rivière aux Canards and L'Anse Ste. Catheriné.

The School at Rivière aux Canards was taught by Mlle. Nancy Dumesrul, and Port au Persil by Mlle. Lilly McLaren.

Chicoutimi.—This outpost of Evangelical Christianity is well manned by the Rev. J. L. Campbell, M.A. He is both missionary and teacher. The small Protestant population is both French and English. The School to which the Board makes a grant has reached the status of a Model School, of which Mr. Campbell is principal, and Mrs. Campbell, also a qualified teacher, assistant. Both Mr. and Mrs. Campbell speak French. Mr. Campbell says "the obstacle to receiving French and Roman Catholic children in the school has been removed. The manager has come to me himself asking if I would receive some boys, and now we have six boys, four of whom have come this year (1898). These new boys are about 16 years of age and wish to secure an English, business education. So now we are free to prosecute evangelical work among the people, and find the people more ready to receive us and listen to truth."

THE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The Board gratefully recognizes the good work of this Society in the field of French evangelization. The fields occupied last year were Lake St. John, etc. and Cacouna, etc., in the Presbytery of Quebec.

The following is taken from the Society's Report: "During the past summer ten missionaries labored under our Society, two of these were French students who had to meet the difficulties peculiar to the work among their own countrymen. This work alone cost us four hundred and twenty-four dollars, for it was almost entirely among Roman Catholics, and so, little help was obtained from the fields."

Lake St. John, etc.—Mr. J. E. Ménancon: "For many years before I was sent there as a missionary, this large district of the Lake St. John had been left entirely unsupplied, and much was lost to Protestantism through this neglect.

"The small Protestant community settled there, finding themselves deserted by their church and surrounded on all sides by Roman Catholics, naturally drifted toward the Romish Church. During the last two years I have been so fortunate as to bring back six of these people to the Protestant faith.

"I was the first Presbyterian to preach at Lake Edward, and at Chambord. One woman I visited had not seen a missionary for fifty-four years. Three stations were supplied—Lake Edward, Deguen and Chambord, and Grand Brulé.

"At the first of these there are fourteen Protestants, at the second thirteen, and at the third eight. The distance between Lake Deguen and Grand Brulé is 127 miles.

"Many of the people read the Bible and declare they are not Roman Catholics; but they hesitate yet to become Protestants. They are, however, anxious to be taught, and they are thinking, too.

"One young girl said to me 'Why do the priests forbid us to read the Bible? I am anxious to read it, for I want to know the truth. I believe one must be born again before one can see the kingdom of God.' She showed her earnestness by attending all our services.

"Seven new members joined the church last summer, six of whom took the communion for the first time."

Cacouna.—Mr. Louis Abram: "I gave out during the summer ten Bibles, twenty-four New Testaments and fifty tracts. The people read them eagerly and came to me at all hours to have me explain them.

"It is pitiful to note their ignorance and superstition, and to learn the false views of Protestantism taught them by their priests.

"Two men were impressed by what I taught them and refused to go to confession, at this the wife of one of them went to the priest in great distress asking him to speak to her husband. He did so, and at the same time charged him to come and confess. The man replied that confession was not a divine institution and he preferred to follow the Bible rather than the commands of the church. He went on too, to contrast the doctrine of the Bible with the penance and fear preached by the curé.

"The other man who refused confession invited me to his house and there I talked to him and his wife a whole afternoon. They were both very grateful and the woman invited me back, despite the suggestion of a neighbor who thought I ought to be driven off with a broom.

"I succeed best when I can find the men alone, where they cannot be overheard. Then they talk freely and are bitter in their complaints against the priests, but in public they are silent. Some who dared not come to me visited the lonely house of one of their number who had become a Protestant. The day breaks for they rejoice secretly in the Scriptures and the time is not far off when they will confess Christ openly.

"Four children from this district have gone to Pointe aux Trembles school and others would have gone had they not been prevented.

"I visited St. Cyprien where I had been two years before and was pleased to find that since then the people had been reading the Gospel and discussing it. They questioned me eagerly about many things and said they wished to build a church. One agreed to saw the timber as his share in the work. Though they don't attend the Roman Catholic Church they are unwilling to break openly with it."

Mr. Abram for part of the summer taught an evening school with an attendance of six scholars.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

Bonaventure County.—Mr. A. Delporte was appointed to labor in this county. He met with much encouragement but had to give up the work after a few weeks on account of sickness.

The Rev. E. Brandt has been appointed to the field for the coming summer.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

Edmunston, etc., N.B.—Faithful work was done in this district by the Rev. A. J. Lods. Edmunston, Connors, Grand Isle and St. Agathe were regularly supplied, and other points occasionally. Mr. Lods' sphere of influence has been gradually widening, although progress to some appears to be slow. Speaking of this work, the Rev. Jas. Ross, the Presbytery's Superintendent of H. M., says: "Results are small. We have no right to expect anything more as yet, no right to say that the work is to be done in a few years. It is in no way different in Canada from India or China. The truth percolates slowly. If you have prejudices, inquire into the work, the circumstances, the needs, the difficulties, discouragements, results, and have your prejudices removed. One soul is of priceless value and it is not one soul that has been led out of darkness but thousands."

St. Agathe.—This field is about twelve miles from Edmunston and is in the State of Maine. About three years ago the people invited Mr. Lods to visit

them. Since then a movement of great interest and promise has been going on. Many people are studying the Scriptures and welcome the missionary, and five leading families have severed all connection with the Church of Rome, and two young women from one of these have attended the Pointe aux Trembles school. Mr. Ag. H. Tanner, student, occupied the field during the summer months. The whole district has been redistributed. The Rev. L. R. Bouchard has been appointed to Edmunston and St. Agathe, and Mr. A. G. Rondeau to Connors, St. Francis, etc.

FIELD REPORTS.

The following extracts from recent reports of colporteurs will serve to indicate something of the methods and nature of their work:—

THE COLPORTEUR'S CHEQUERED EXPERIENCE.

"The first house at S—R—that I entered, the father of the family, a little dry wrinkled man, took the Bible in his hand, opened it and read a few lines, and then brusquely closing it, burst into a passion and was most abusive of me and all such people who "walk the roads selling bad books." I picked up the despised book and said a few kind words to the angry man and went on my way with a sad heart at the sight of the awful ignorance in which the people have been kept by their clergy. However, in the next house I was very politely received, and had the pleasure of reading some portions of the Gospel. I soon noticed a sort of silent invitation on the part of the people. They seemed to be getting tired of oppression, and to have a desire for knowledge. But how slow this movement towards progress is in these homes, remote from the centres, and where the people follow the same old ruts. I found a cordial hospitality, but as soon as the conversation turned on religion I was simply shown the door, or innocently asked if the Mass was contained in the New Testament. I have been altogether surprised to meet Roman Catholics, who, after conversing with them, declared that they did not believe in such or such a doctrine of their church, and when asked how they could practice what they did not believe in, they replied, 'Ah! you see we must do as others do,' and then become absolutely unwilling to say another word, such is their fear of their neighbor's opinion, and perhaps of suffering earthly loss.

"I entered a house at St. R., and asked the father of the home if he did not want to procure a copy of God's Word. He could not read but the mother took the book, and examining it exclaimed, 'Ah! it's the Bible you're selling. The priest forbids us to read it, and he has advised us to put you out as a bad man.' Then your priest does not know the teaching of the good Lord, who says, 'Do good to your enemies, bless those who curse you.' She was surprised, and the husband answered, 'that's the truth.' After some conversation I again asked if they would not buy this Bible which the priest despised. The man and woman looked at each other, and said, 'it will be when you pass this way again.' I left and had hardly gone two acres from the house when one of the boys overtook me and bought the book. What a joy it was to see that God had put into their hearts the desire to read His word.

"After reading a few chapters in the home of a man bitterly opposed to Protestants, he found them so beautiful that they bought a Bible. The mother said, 'we can't read, but our niece comes to see us often and we will have her read for us.'"

THE GOSPEL AND THE POOR.

"I lent a New Testament to M.C.—a poor working man who is very anxious to know the truth. I had many conversations with him, and read some chapters

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of the New Testament, and it was in this way that he came to desire God's Word for he cannot read himself, although his children can, and I am hopeful for this reason that they will all soon come to a knowledge of Jesus Christ the Saviour. He invited us to come to St. R on Ascension Day, and that he would gather a number of young men to hear us. We did so and he kept his word, and we spent the whole afternoon in an interesting and sometimes warm discussion of the truth with these people."

PATIENTLY SEEKING THE TRUTH.

"I have had a good month because of opportunities to speak with Roman Catholics. One man, from St. A.—stayed a whole week in the city in order to learn about the Bible, and on leaving bought one to bring home to his father. I never saw any one so earnest as he was. He came three nights to my house and remained until two o'clock studying the Bible. He and his sister to whom I gave the Gospel last spring, have read together until four o'clock in the morning at times."

COMING AND GOING.

"The work has been going on very favorably. This month alone six new Roman Catholic pupils came to my school, and after a few days five of them left, but will come back again. I have always noticed that when once they come even if they do withdraw, they are almost sure to come back again. This is because when they first start they are persecuted, and their courage often fails, and besides the priests visit the homes and exert all their power to prevent them coming. Last month we had sixteen Roman Catholics, and this month seventeen, notwithstanding all adverse influences of the priests."

THE SEED NOT LOST.

"Mme. L.—apparently the most bigoted and bitter Roman Catholic of the neighborhood, sent her son Joseph to our evening school two years ago. He came for scarcely three months. I gave him a Gospel and made use of it as a reading book. Then they left the neighborhood and went to the States, and came back in the spring, when I found them again, and was pleased to find both mother and son manifesting a strong desire to learn in order to know for herself the Bible. She declares that the portion (a Gospel) which her son read to her in the States in her hours of ennui brought back to her, words which she had heard twelve years before, and that she has made up her mind to have no other guide than the word of God."

THE CHURCH IN THE HOUSE.

"I have held some little meetings in Roman Catholic families accompanied by two members of our church. The names are——. Several of them in this way have come to attend the church services regularly, and I am persuaded that other will come to join these in the search for truth as it is in Jesus Christ."

THEY SPAKE OFTEN THE ONE TO THE OTHER.

"I have had one of the best months I have ever had here. I have placed a few copies of the Word of God, and had a great many conversations with Roman Catholics. I visited a sick lady and was thus permitted to speak of Christ, and to show her the assurance of eternal life. She was so surprised to hear the teaching of God's Word concerning this doctrine, that she promised to read the Bible. I had five earnest conversations with Roman Catholics, lasting from five to eight hours each. I was called twice to meet the Priest, but as usual, he did not come, but the people saw that I was ready to meet him on any ground at all,

and so I had an opportunity there and then to teach them the Word of God, and to distribute tracts which were gladly received. I was allowed to speak to many in the shops and on the streets, and was twice invited to go and speak to Romanists. May God bless the seed scattered in faith."

BAD TEACHING.

"I have met many intelligent people who are strong enemies of the Gospel, not really because of their own personal feelings, but because they trust to the false arguments of their spiritual leaders."

THE GOSPEL AMONG THE SAILORS.

"I have been well received on the boats nearly everywhere. Only in eight cases this month I was not welcomed, and that is not many seeing I visited 112 barges and boats. I had good meetings with the men. Some of them bought Bibles, and I gave tracts to the others. I read many passages of Scripture and have short prayers with them, often staying with them till they sail away. May God bless them and keep them by His grace until they learn more and more the truth and the only salvation in Jesus."

GATHERED AFTER MANY DAYS.

"Now that I am so well know I do a great deal of visiting among the people and it is very pleasant work. I discovered a very old Scotchwoman who left Scotland fifty-four years ago, and forty years ago became the wife of a Roman Catholic at St. H——, and for thirty-two years went to the Roman Catholic Church. Now very old she remembers the old training, and is glad to hear me sing the Psalms and repeat the Shorter Catechism. She says she wants 'to die a true Christian and a decent Presbyterian.'"

NUMBERS REACHED—RACE PREJUDICES.

"Among the 598 Roman Catholic families and individuals to whom I offered the Gospel this month, I had the opportunity of reading parts of the Scriptures to 212, and of speaking of the love of God as recorded in His Word to 350 of them.

"At C. St. P., I met with a poor Roman Catholic family, who though very poor, were very glad to have me read and pray with them, and to accept a copy of St. John's Gospel and some tracts which I gave them. I also spent about two hours with another family who were very much interested but afraid to buy a copy of the Scriptures, but said they would ask their neighbor, Mr. P., who had bought one to read it to them.

"The new priest of this place is playing an old game against us, arousing the old prejudices, or what is left of them among the people. He tells them that to accept the Bible is to become English and to leave behind them all that is so dear to their religion, family, country, etc. This may succeed for a time, but the Word of God will triumph over all its foes. This year has been a good one in extending the knowledge of God, and many have the Gospel to read for themselves in spite of the opposition of priests and others."

POINT AUX TREMBLES MISSION SCHOOLS.

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT.

We have just closed another session's campaign of hard work, constant care and anxiety, intermingled with days of peace, of hope and of joy.

In the midst of our busy life, time is passing away very rapidly and the end of our term always takes us by surprise.

The task of the missionary teacher is by no means a sinecure, the limit of his work is the limit of his strength, but he is sustained by the conviction that his work is noble, great and everlasting. When we consider the results and the great blessings of the Lord, we forget all the rest and we always feel that His bounties have greatly surpassed our trials.

Arrived at the summit of the snowy mount the enthusiastic explorer in presence of the majestic scenery stretched before him, forgets his fatigue, his troubles and the perils of his ascension.

Seen at a distance, hardships which seemed useless, difficulties and gaps which obstructed our way are vanishing gradually, while the ripening fruit of patient labor become more and more apparent and gratifying.

It is easy to understand that over one hundred and fifty young people, ranging from twelve to twenty-four years of age, gathered under the same roof from homes so different, with antagonistic views and principles, sitting sometimes the younger ones side by side with the older ones at the same desk and learning their A.B.C. together, must naturally give to their teachers watching over them day and night, in sickness as in health, a task which could never be accomplished properly and successfully without the constant and special help of the Lord.

We received for the past session two hundred and fifty-two applications for admission. One hundred and fifty-six were accepted. One hundred and two were boys and fifty-four girls. Seventy-seven were children of Roman Catholic parents, while the others belonged to converted families. The studies have been carried on with great ambition and energy by most of the pupils, and especially by the more advanced ones. Many of them desire to continue their course towards liberal professions, and no less than fifteen of them have missionary work in view. I am glad to say that it would be hard to find a better lot of young people than those who formed our most advanced class. All those who were in their last year were not only members of the church, but active Christians, whose influence has been a blessing to the school and a great help to the teachers.

What a power there is in the example of a few scores of young men and women who have been born again and are full of the desire of bringing their companions to Jesus !

During the session twenty-nine of our young people have given their hearts to the Saviour and have been admitted into the fellowship of the church. It is chiefly in the conversion of those young people that we are rejoicing, because it answers the main object of the work of the school. Nearly all those young people were born and baptized in the Church of Rome and were firmly attached to it when they came to Pointe aux Trembles for the first time. Others have also received deep impressions, and we have reason to think that they too have accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, although they have not yet the courage to confess Him openly. Their timidity should not surprise us when we see in Protestant communities such a large number of young men so reticent about confessing Christ

before their brethren, while our pupils will have to do so among the most bitter enemies of the Bible : among ignorant people who will not understand their reasons for such a bold step, among fanatics, who, being unable to take away their lives, will take away their honor, their reputation and their meagre resources for living. How few people know what it costs, even to a poor Roman Catholic, to become a true Protestant ! When we Protestants have given our mite towards the advancement of the Kingdom of God we consider we have made a costly sacrifice, but what of those who have to sacrifice all their family ties, all their friendly relations, all their peace, all the comforts of their surroundings to follow the Saviour. Sometimes the work accomplished in our most timid scholars is revealed in a most unexpected manner.

A missionary who had been reared in our school was preaching last summer to a large number of Roman Catholics when some of them, excited by the priests, attacked him violently. Our friend was trying to retreat honorably when a tall fellow, advancing through the crowd, came straight to him and said : " Never fear, go on, nobody will touch you, I am also a scholar of Pointe aux Trembles." That man belonged to the police force of the city, and had recognized in the speaker a long-forgotten school friend.

Among those who found the Saviour during the past session was a young man just arrived from France. He had been under good training and proved our most advanced scholar. His open manners, his frankness and good humor soon made him a favorite among his companions. Before coming to Canada he had heard an evangelist preach the Gospel and he had listened to him with great attention and interest.

We never had a more intelligent pupil in our Bible Class and the errors of Rome were rapidly uprooted from his mind. When he came face to face with Jesus, with his Saviour who had saved him by grace through His love, he could not restrain his joy. He prayed and spoke in our prayer and temperance meetings and through the whole session he manifested by his exemplary conduct that he was really born again.

We had great hopes for him but God's views were not ours. A few weeks ago our young friend fell ill. One morning as we entered his room he said to us : " I feel very happy this morning."—" How can you be so happy," said the doctor, " when you are so sick ?" " It is because I go to my Heavenly Father." A week later his journey was ended, the poor wanderer was at home for ever.

To us remained the painful duty of informing his unfortunate father and mother of their irreparable loss.

Our pupils become very much attached to the school even those who were most lonesome at the beginning. For many it is the place where they were born again, where their eyes have been opened, where they have been freed from the bondage of Rome and the undue fear of men. Nothing is dearer to them than their school. A few days ago as they were leaving in a crowded car they began to sing a parting song but gradually voice after voice dropped out and tears were seen in many eyes. " Why do you cry, said a stranger struck by the scene, to a young boy standing by him, " Are you not going home ?" " Yes," was the answer, " but we leave a better one."

Three of our young men left us a few days ago to go and work as colporteurs during the summer, and a young girl as a teacher. One of these young pioneers came to us five years ago under rather peculiar circumstances. One of our missionaries was crossing the fields when he met a young man who was plowing for his uncle with whom he was living, having lost his parents. They began to

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talk about the work of the season, but religion soon became the topic of their conversation. The interest of the young farmer was aroused, he wanted to know more about those things pertaining to the salvation of his soul, he was thirsting for education. When he heard about our school he expressed his desire to be admitted but the distance was great, he had never been much beyond his village steeple, his resources were very scanty and above all his friends would do everything to stop him. Suddenly the rude voice of his uncle called him back to his duty. The plough continued its furrow through the stony land while the words of the missionary were overturning the uncultured mind of the young ploughman. The two new friends though living very near each other had seldom an opportunity of exchanging a few words after that day. October came, our school was re-opening, it was the moment for making a decision. One night the young man placed his small baggage in a bag, jumped through the window, ran away towards the railway station and reached Pointe aux Trembles, after an interesting adventure. He has proved an intelligent, energetic and hard working young man. Through the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit, he has become a Christian and he desires to devote his life to the evangelization of his countrymen. May God's speed be with our young friend and his companions.

I think we have to be thankful for the staff of teachers we had this year. Miss Haddow continues to superintend the girls' school with her usual tact and devotion aided by three former pupils, graduates of the Normal School, Misses. A. Betrix, Emma Bourzoin and Victorine Giroux, who have manifested a great enthusiasm in their work. In the Boy's School, Mr. Brandt has been my right hand, while Mr. Abram, who suspended his studies last fall in order to oblige us has worked with his usual good humor, patience and missionary spirit.

It is with a satisfaction full of thankfulness towards God and our friends that we have heard lately that we have closed again our season without debts. We seize this opportunity of expressing our hearty thankfulness to all our friends and benefactors, to all the S.Ss., and Y.P.S.C.E., for their generous support, their constant interest and their warm sympathy towards our institution.

May the good seed sown here by our missionaries be more and more fruitful until the whole field be covered with sheaves ready for the Master's storehouse.

J. J. BOURGOIN,

Principal.

POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES.

POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following is a complete list of the scholarships received or promised.

From Congregations and Sabbath Schools.

Acton, Ont., Knox Ch. and S. Sch.	Georgetown, Que.
Almonte, Ont., St. Andrew's.	Glace Bay, N.S.
Almonte, Ont., St. John's.	Goderich, Ont., Knox (one half).
Amherst, N.S., St. Stephen's.	Great Village, N.S.
Appleton, Ont., St. Andrew's.	Guelph, Ont., Knox.
Avonbank, Ont.	Guelph, Ont., St. Andrew's.
Ayr, Ont., Knox.	Halifax, N.S., Fort Massey.
Ayr, Ont., Stanley Street.	" Chalmers.
Barrie, Ont.	" St. Andrew's.
Barton, Ont., S. S. and C. E. Soc.	" Park Street.
Belleville, Ont., John Street.	" St. Matthew's.
Bowmanville, Ont., St. Paul's (one half).	Hamilton, Ont., St. Paul's.
Brampton, Ont.	" Erskine.
Brantford, Zion.	" Knox.
Brantford, First Ch.	" Central.
Brockville, Ont., First Ch.	Hespeler, Ont.
Brockville, Ont., St. John's (one half).	Hillsboro' and Mahou Village, N.S.
Brookline, Mass., Bethamy.	Killean, Ont.
Brussels, Ont., Melville.	Kingston, Ont., Cooke's.
Caledonia, Ont.	Kirkwall, Ont., S.S & B. Cl. (one half).
Campbellford, Ont.	Lachine, Que., St. Andrew's.
Campbelltown, N.B. (one half).	Lakefield, Ont.
Cardinal, Ont., Y.P.S.C.E.	Lindsay, Ont., St. Andrew's.
Carleton Place, Zion, Juv. Miss. Band.	Little Harbour, N.S., Sabbath Schools.
Carluke, Ont., St. Paul's.	London, Ont., St. Andrew's.
Charlottetown, P.E.I., Zion.	" First Ch.
Charlottetown, P.E.I., Class No. 13.	Lyn, Ont.
Chatham, Que., and Grenville and a friend.	Mayfield, Ont.
Cobourg, Ont.	Montreal, Que., Knox.
Columbus, Ont.	" St. Gabriel.
Cornwall, Ont., Knox.	" Erskine.
Dalhousie, N.B. (one half).	" Calvin.
Dartmouth, N.S., St. James' (one half).	" St. Matthew's (two).
Drummond Hill, Ont.	" Crescent Street.
Dundas, Ont., Happy Ws. Miss. Band.	" Nazareth St. (half).
Elmsdale, Hants, N.S., Y.P.S.C.E.	" Chalmers.
Elora, Ont., Knox S.S. & B. Cs. (half).	" American Presby. Ch.
English River, Que.	Motherwell, Ont.
Exeter, Ont., Caven (one half).	New Glasgow, N.S., James.
Farrington, Ont. (two).	" United Ch. (two).
Fergus, Ont., Melville.	New Westminster, B.C., St. Andrew's.
Fergus, Ont., St. Andrew's.	Norval, Ont., S. S. and B. C.
Flamboro', West, Atkin's Corners and Lynder S. Schools & Aw. Johnston.	Norwood, Ont. (one half).
Galt, Ont., Knox.	Ormstown, Que., Village.
Galt, Ont., Central.	Ormstown, Que., Upper and Lower.
	Oshawa, Ont.
	Ottawa, Ont., Knox.

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 Paris, Ont., Dumfries Street.
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 Peterborough, Ont., St. Paul's.
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 Petrolia, Ont., Y. P. S. C. E.
 Pictou, N.S., Prince St.
 Port Elgin, Ont.
 Portage la Prairie, Man., Y. P. S. C. E.
 Port Hope, Ont., First.
 " Mill Street.
 Quebec, Que., Chalmers.
 Renfrew, Ont., St. Andrew's.
 Sarnia, Ont.
 Seaforth, Ont., First.
 " Y. M. B. Class (one
 half).
 Sherbrooke, Que, St. And's (one half).
 Shubenacadie, N.S., Y. P. S. C. E.
 Stewiacke, Lower, N.S., Y.P.S.C.E.
 Strabane, Ont., (one half).
 Stratford, Ont., Knox.
 " St. Andrew's (one
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 Streetsville, Ont., (one half).
 Sydney, N.S., S, Matthew's.
 St. Catharines; Ont., Hayes Ave.
 St. John, N.B., St. John's Y.P.S.C.E.
 St. Lambert, Que., St. Cuthbert's.
 St. Stephen, N.B., St. Stephen's.
 Thamesford, Ont.
 Thorold, Ont.
 Toronto, Ont., Erskine.
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 " Central.
 " Knox (two).
 " Knox Bible Class.
 " Knox Happy Gleaners.
 " St. John's (one half).
 " St. James' Square.
 " St. Mark's.
 " Westminster.
 " Cooke's (two).
 " Bloor St.
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 " St. Andrew's.
 Valleyfield, Que.
 Vankleek Hill, Ont. (two).
 Westminster, Ont., S. and N.
 Westmount, Que., Melville.
 Williamstown, Ont., St. Andrew's.
 " Hephzibah (one
 half).
 Winchester West, Ont.
 Windsor, Ont., St. Andrew's.
 Windsor, N.S., C. E. Society.
 Winnipeg, Man., Knox.
 " St. Andrew's.
 Woodstock, Ont., Knox.
 Woodville, Ont. (one half).
- Miscellaneous.*
- Beauharnois, Que., Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
 Kilgour (two).
 Brantford, Ont., Ignatius Cockshutt
 (ten).
 Brule and Middleton, N. S. W. F. M.
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 Carluke, Ont., Mrs. A. S. Morton.
 Charlottetown, P.E.I., Arch. Kennedy.
 English River, Que., Wm. Lang.
 Galt, Ont., Knox Ch., W.H.M.Society.
 " " Mrs. Arthur
 Burnett.
 Georgetown and English River, Que.,
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 Lachine, Que., T. A. Dawes.
 Montreal, Que., Mrs. Redpath.
 " C. W. Davis.
 " Erskine Ch. Ladies' Aid.
 New Glasgow, N.S., United Church,
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 New Glasgow, N.S., J. W. Carmichael
 and P. A. MacGregor.
 Ottawa, Ont., A Friend.
 Paris, Ont., Miss Margaret Curtis.
 " Mrs. J. F. Boulton (one
 half).
 Philadelphia, John H. Converse.
 Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Alanson Trask.
 Toronto, Ont., Wm. Mortimer Clark.
 Williamson, Ont., Miss E. Johnson.
 Youngstown, Ohio, John C. Wick.

MISSIONARY INFORMATION.

During the year it was deemed wise to abstain from issuing circulars and special appeals, but at the same time to distribute throughout the Church, historical and other information fitted to deepen the interest of the people in this great mission. It is believed that this is the best method of calling forth the Christian liberality of the Church.

Three pamphlets of this nature were published during the year. Two of them had a large circulation through the columns of the *Presbyterian Record*. The first, entitled French Evangelization, was prepared by the Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., Chairman of the Board; the second, The French Problem, by the Rev. S. Rondeau, B.A., a graduate of Presbyterian College, Montreal, and a son of a convert of the mission, and a missionary himself; the third, A Concise History of French-Canadian Protestantism, by the Rev. Professor John Campbell, LL.D.

It is the purpose of the Board to issue from time to time similar publications, and otherwise to make use of the press.

Missionaries are now sometimes employed in collecting funds, but it would be a matter for thankfulness if others would relieve them of this service. It is accordingly proposed to send out from time to time some of the missionaries to give information regarding the progress and wants of the fields. Great care will be exercised in selecting men specially adapted for this purpose.

It is to be noted with thankfulness that our missionaries are being treated with kindness by the people. Their influence for good is daily on the increase. This is due to their Christian character and wisdom, the appreciation of the truth by those among whom they labor, and the growth of a liberal spirit throughout the Province. This spirit has undoubtedly manifested itself, regarding which we are not called upon to report, beyond affirming that we know it to be largely the outcome of evangelical efforts.

FINANCES.

While the Board has been enabled to end the year free from debt in the Ordinary Fund, it regrets that the actual revenue of the year is fully \$1,000 less than the expenditure, and were it not for the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, there would have been a deficit of upwards of \$1,000. The congregational contributions are \$700.00 less than those of the preceding year, which shows the necessity of increased liberality throughout the Church on behalf of this important Scheme. It will be observed from the accompanying financial statement, that \$2,326.00 were obtained from Britain. Of this amount, \$1,448.03 were collected by the Rev. W. M. Roger. From the Presbyterian Church of Ireland a grant was received of £75, and from the Free Church of Scotland, of £25. The cordial thanks of the Board are tendered these Churches, as well as to Mr. Ignatius Cockshutt, of Brantford, for his annual contribution of \$500.00 for the Pointe aux Trembles Schools. The sum of \$1,000 was received from Mrs. T. Kirkpatrick, Thedford, in memory of her late husband, the annual interest of which is to be used on behalf of Colportage work. Grateful thanks are tendered Mrs. Kirkpatrick for her generous gift.

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STATISTICS.

The number of Mission Fields is thirty-eight, in which there are ninety-four Preaching Stations, occupied by twenty-eight ordained missionaries, sixteen colporteurs, evangelists and students, and twenty-one missionary teachers, a total staff of sixty-five.

The average Sabbath attendance is 2,430 ; the total number of families 810 ; church members 1,101 ; members added during the year 146 ; attendance at Sabbath School 1,043 ; number of copies of Scriptures distributed 1,408, and of tracts and other religious papers 24,652. The total contributions from the fields for salaries and other expenses \$5,799.00 ; amount paid as school fees \$1,400.00 ; making a total of \$7,199.00. There are twenty-three mission day schools, and three night schools, with an attendance of 665 scholars, of whom 325 belong to Roman Catholic homes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. MACVICAR, D.D., LL.D., *Chairman.*
S. J. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

MONTREAL, May 20th, 1898.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath to the Treasurer, for the time being, of the BOARD OF FRENCH EVANGELIZATION of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in trust for the said Board, the sum of.....
to be paid out of my personal estate, without any deduction whatever ; and I direct that the receipt for the said sum of the Treasurer of the above-named BOARD OF FRENCH EVANGELIZATION shall constitute and be sufficient discharge therefor.*

BOARD OF FRENCH EVANGELIZATION
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
IN ACCOUNT WITH REV. R. H. WARDEN, D.D., TREASURER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1898.

I.—ORDINARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance on hand, May 1st, 1897.....		\$1,328 41
Congregational Contributions	\$13,187 88	
Sabbath School "	757 50	
C. E. Societies, etc., "	302 80	
Donations	852 05	
Bequests	1,586 12	
Interest, Robert Allan Fund	128 00	
Interest, J. G. Ross Fund	500 00	
Contributions from Britain	2,326 29	
Transferred from Library Reserve Fund.....	300 00	
Interest, Pointe aux Trembles Reserve Fund	277 50	
Proceeds of sales of Bibles	43 38	
	20,261 52	
		\$21,589 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Salaries paid Missionaries, etc.....	\$18,600 70	
Quebec Presbytery, special	50 00	
Salary British Agency	370 98	
Interest on Mortgage, St. John's Church	240 00	
Interest on Advances	75 00	
Rent, Telephone, etc., Montreal Office	101 59	
Expenses of Meetings of Board and Executive	223 55	
Rev. P. M. Morrison, D.D., Halifax, expenses.....	200 00	
Printing, including Annual Reports, Leaflets, etc.....	424 10	
Calvin Church, Montreal, rent of hall	75 00	
Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, on acc't Coligny College deficit.	450 00	
French Literature, including freight and duty	168 31	
Proportion of Expense Committee on Y. P. Societies	10 00	
Proportion of Agent's Salary and General Expenses.....	350 00	
Balance on hand, April 1st, 1898	250 70	
	\$21,589 93	

II.—P. PEBBLES FUND.

By Balance on hand as at May 1st, 1897.....	\$504 63
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III.—J. G. ROSS FUND.

By Balance on hand as at May 1st, 1897.....	\$25,000 00
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IV.—ROBERT ALLAN FUND.

By Balance as at May 1st, 1897	<u>\$1,600 00</u>
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V.—T. KIRKPATRICK FUND.

By Contributions, Mrs. T. Kirkpatrick	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
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VI.—LIBRARY RESERVE FUND.

By Balance on hand, as at May 1st, 1897	\$300 00
To Transferred to Ordinary French Evangelization Fund	<u>300 00</u>

VII.—COLIGNY COLLEGE, OTTAWA, BUILDING FUND.

To Balance at Dr., as at May 1st, 1897	<u>\$25,000 00</u>
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VIII.—POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS—RESERVE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance on hand, May 1st, 1897	\$7,000 00	
Contributions	25 00	
Interest	277 50	
	<u>7,302 50</u>	\$7,302 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Interest to Ordinary Fund	\$277 50	
Balance on hand, April 1st, 1898	7,025 00	
	<u>7,302 50</u>	\$7,302 50

IX.—POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS—ORDINARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance on hand, May 1st, 1897		\$471 74
Congregational Contributions	\$915 20	
Sabbath School	4,760 48	
C. E. Societies, etc.,	988 97	
Donations	1,899 75	
Tuition Fees	968 60	
	<u>9,533 00</u>	\$9,533 00

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DISBURSEMENTS.

To Salaries paid Teachers, etc.	\$2,403 83	
Butchers' acc., \$1,043.25 ; Bakers' acc., \$588.01	1,631 26	
Grocers' acc., \$2,305.90 ; Hardware, \$170.83	2,476 73	
Repairs, etc.	1,018 52	
Dry Goods, \$104.16 ; Stationery, \$125.27	229 43	
Fuel, \$956.46 ; Insurance, \$154 00	1,110 46	
Printing, etc.	124 50	
Proportion of General Expenses	300 00	
Balance on hand, 1st April, 1898	710 01	
	<u>10,004 74</u>	\$10,004 74

BALANCE SHEET.

	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Ordinary Fund		\$ 250 70
P. Peebles, Quebec, Fund		504 63
Robert Allan, Courtwright, Fund		1,600 00
T. Kirkpatrick, Fund		1,000 00
Coligny College, Ottawas, Building Fund	\$25,000 00	
Pointe aux Trembles Schools, Reserve Fund		7,025 00
Pointe aux Trembles Schools, Ordinary Fund		710 01
J. G. Ross, Quebec, Fund		25,000 00
Lambton Loan and Investment Co.	1,600 00	
Balance	9,490 34	
	<u>\$36,090 34</u>	<u>\$36,090 34</u>

TORONTO, April 7th, 1898.

I have audited the Books of Account of the Rev. Dr. Warden, Treasurer of the French Evangelization Fund, for the year ending, March 31st, 1898, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify them to be correct. I also verify the foregoing balance sheet as being in accordance with the books of account.

ANDREW JEFFREY, *Auditor.*

TORONTO, May 17th, 1898.

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REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE,
1897-98.

I.—MISSION TO THE NEW HEBRIDES.

Island.	Missionary.	Date of Appointm't.	No. of Native Helpers.
Efate	Rev. J. W. McKenzie	1872	18
Erromanga	" H. A. Robertson	1872	36
Santo	" Joseph Annand, D.D.	1873	

II.—MISSION TO TRINIDAD.

Station.	Missionary.	Canadian Teacher.	Native Assistants.		
Tunapuna	Rev. J. Morton, D.D.	Miss A. Black-	Chaharjha Lala, John Lutchman,		
St. Joseph	" Paul Bhukhan.	adder	Geoffrey Subarn, Henry Hau-		
Caroni	" A. Gayadeon ..		man, Ajodhya, R. Mahopot,		
			John Talaram, J. Prithuoc Lala,		
			Fanny Subarn, Hannah Battoo,		
			Deborah Talaran.		
San Fernand ..	Colleagues { Rev. K. J. Grant, D.D. Rev. S. A. Fraser	Miss A. J. Archi-	Edward Tulsee, Arthur Girdharri,		
				bald	S. Kanhai Lal, Andrew Harn-
					arayan, Telik Singh, D. Ched-
Diamond	Lal Behari, Assis't .		dami, F. R. Chedi, Philip		
Princetown ...	Rev. D. Ujagar Sing		Lochan, T. Kanhai, Kalipha,		
	Rev. W. L. Macrae.	Miss C. Sinclair ..	D. Ramesar, Sitaram.		
			C. C. Soodeen, Mehendibeg and		
			wife, Thomas Padarath, Charles		
			Sewcharan, James Gangana-		
			rain, John Khrisnanand, Nath-		
			an Gopi, Philip Kasi, Andrew		
			Mulchand, John Modi, J. R.		
			Ganesh, H. Kamji Lal, Edward		
			Ramnarayan, S. B. Ramratan,		
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Couva	Rev. A. W. Thomp-	Miss Lucy Fisher.	Jeremiah Bhola, Andrew Butan,		
	son		John Jokhu, Henry Ramrattan,		
			Aquilo Rupchand, George Jag-		
			annath, Benjamin Prohee,		
			Simon Sewbarath Lal, Francis		
			Walter, William Juttlah, Emma		
			Juttlah, Mrs. George Gore,		
			Miss Adolphus, Jas. Jugdeo.		

DEMERARA.

Better Hope Estates	Rev. J. B. Cropper.		Rameshwar Maharaj and two others.
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COLLEGE STAFF.

Presbyterian College, Trinidad, at San Fernando, Dr. Morton, Principal; Dr. Grant and Rev. Lal Bihari, Associate Professors.

III.—KOREA.

Under appointment.—Rev. R. Grierson, B.A., M.D.; Rev. W. R. Foote, B.A.; Rev. D. A. Macrae, B.A.

IV.—MISSION TO THE INDIANS IN THE NORTHWEST.

<i>Mission.</i>	<i>Staff.</i>	<i>P.O. Address.</i>
Mistawasis	Rev. W. S. Moore, B.A., Missionary	Mistawasis, Saak.
"	Miss Kate Gillespie, Teacher	"
Makoce Waste, Prince Albert	Miss Lucy M. Baker, Teacher Miss M. McIlwaine, Assistant	Prince Albert, Sask.
Regina	Rev. A. J. McLeod, B.A., Principal	Regina, Assa.
"	H. Stewart, Assistant Principal	"
"	Miss H. Cumming, Matron	"
"	Mrs. Moffat, Sewing and Music Teacher	"
"	Miss Nicoll & Miss Dunsmore, Sch'ol T'ch'rs	"
File Hills	Mr. Alex. Skene, Teacher	Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa.
"	Mrs. Skene, Matron	"
Round Lake	Rev. Hugh McKay, Missionary	Whitewood, Assa.
"	Mrs. McKay, Matron	"
"	Mr. Jacob Bear, Asst. Missionary	"
"	Mr. D. A. McKay, Teacher	"
Crowstand	Rev. N. Gilmour, Missionary	Cote, Assa.
"	Miss E. Carson, Matron	"
"	Miss Josephine Petch, Teacher	"
"	Miss J. Gilmour, Asst. Matron	"
Birtle	Mr. W. J. Small, B.A., Teacher	Birtle, Man.
"	Miss Annie McLaren, Matron	"
"	Miss M. McLeod, Asst. Matron	"
Bird Tail	Rev. John McArthur, Missionary	Beulah, Man.
Okanase	Mr. R. C. McPherson, Mission'y & Teach'r	Elphinstone, Man.
"	Mrs. McPherson, Teacher	"
Rolling River	Mr. W. J. Wright, Missionary	Minnedosa, Man.
Portage la Prairie	Miss Annie Fraser, Matron	Portage la Prairie, Man.
"	Miss Sara Laidlaw, Teacher	"
"	Mr. Harry Laidlaw, Teacher	"
Pipestone	Mr. John Thunder, Missionary	Pipestone, Man.
Hurricane Hills	Rev. Ewen McKenzie, Missionary	Wolseley, Assa.
Lizard Point	Mr. John Black, Missionary	Rosburn, Man.
Moose Mountain	Mr. F. T. Dodds, Missionary	Cannington Manor, Assa.
Lakesend	Occasional services	Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa.

V.—MISSION TO JAPAN.

FORMOSA.

<i>Station.</i>	<i>Arrived.</i>
Tamsui	Rev. G. L. MacKay, D.D. December, 1871
(N. Formosa)	Rev. W. Gauld November, 1892
	Rev. Tan He } Ordained Native Preachers.
	Rev. Giam Chheng Hoa }
	With 60 unordained native preachers.

VI.—MISSION TO CHINA.

HONAN.

Station.		Arrived.
Chu Wang	Mr. Wm. McClure, B.A., M.D.	4th October, 1888
"	Rev. Murdoch McKenzie	8th November, 1889
"	Miss Margaret I. McIntosh	19th November, 1889
"	Miss Jeanie I. Dow, M.B.	9th November, 1895
"	Rev. W. Harvey Grant, B.A.	19th October, 1892
"	Mr. Percy C. Leslie, M.D.	7th November, 1897
Hsin Chen	Mr. Wm. Malcolm, M.D.	15th October, 1892
"	Rev. J. A. Slimmon	March, 1895
"	Rev. R. A. Mitchell, B.A.	20th September, 1895
Chang Te Fu	Rev. Jonathan Goforth	2nd March, 1888
"	Rev. James Menzies, M.D.	9th November, 1895
"	Miss Mina A. Pyke	10th October, 1896
"	Rev. D. MacGillivray, M.A., B.D.	1st December, 1888
"	Rev. John Griffith, B.A.	7th November, 1897
"	Miss Margaret Sterling Wallace, M.D.	

VII.—MISSION TO CENTRAL INDIA.

Station.		Arrived.
Indore	Rev. J. Wilkie, M.A.	December, 1879
"	Rev. A. P. Ledingham, B.A.	November, 1895
"	Miss Marion Oliver, M.D.	January, 1886
"	Miss J. V. Sinclair	January, 1889
"	*Miss Margaret McKellar, M.D.	October, 1890
"	Miss Janet White	November, 1893
"	Miss Jessie Grier	" 1893
"	Miss Bella Ptolemy	" 1895
"	Miss Rachael Chase, B.A.	" 1895
"	Miss Harriet Thomson	
Mhow	*Rev. N. H. Russell, B.A.	December, 1890
"	Rev. J. Fraser Smith, M.D.	December, 1896
"	Miss Jean M. Leyden	" 1896
"	Miss Catharine Calder	November, 1892
Neemuch	Rev. W. A. Wilson, M.A.	December, 1884
"	Miss A. Turnbull, M.D.	November, 1892
"	Miss Jessie Duncan	" 1892
"	Miss Catharine Campbell	December, 1894
Rutlam	Rev. J. F. Campbell	" 1876
Ujjain	Mr. C. R. Woods, M.D.	" 1893
"	Miss M. Jamieson	November, 1889
"	Miss Jessie Weir	December, 1896
Dhar	Rev. F. H. Russell, B.A.	November, 1893
"	*Miss Margaret O'Hara, M.D.	December, 1891
"	*Miss Mary Charlotte Dougan	November, 1893
Jhabua	Rev. J. Buchanan, B.A., M.D.	December, 1888

VIII.—MISSION TO CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Station.		Arrived.
Victoria	Rev. A. B. Winchester	December, 1891
Vancouver	Mr. C. A. Colman	September, 1893
Union Mines	Mr. L. W. Hall	1895

IX.—MISSION TO INDIANS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Station.		Arrived.
Alberni	Miss Bella Isola Johnston	May, 1893
Ucluelet	Miss E. May Armstrong	August, 1895
Ahousaht	Mr. J. W. Russell	May, 1895
Dodger's Cove (Ohiats)	Mr. M. Swartout	February, 1894

X.—MISSION TO THE CHINESE IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO.

<i>Station.</i>	<i>Arrived.</i>
Montreal.....	Rev. J. C. Thomson, M.D..... November, 1894

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE EITHER RETIRED OR HAVE BEEN CALLED AWAY BY DEATH.

NEW HEBRIDES.

	<i>Designated.</i>	<i>Retired.</i>	<i>Died.</i>
Rev. John Geddie, D.D.....	1846	....	1872
do George N. Gordon.....	1855	....	1861
do J. W. Matheson.....	1857	....	1862
do S. F. Johnston.....	1859	....	1861
do Donald Morrison.....	1863	....	1869
do James D. Gordon.....	1863	....	1872
do William McCullagh.....	1863	1866	....
do James McNair.....	1866	....	1870
do John Goodwill.....	1869	1874	....
do James D. Murray.....	1872	1876	....

TRINIDAD.

Rev. Thomas Christie.....	1873	1883	....
do J. W. McLeod.....	1880	....	1886
do J. K. Wright.....	1883	1888	....
do F. J. Coffin.....	1889	1894	....

Missionary Teachers.

Mr. John A. McDonald.....	1875	1877	....
do A. Campbell.....	1880	1881	....
Miss Semple.....	1883	1889	....
do Copeland.....	1884	1889	....
do Hilton.....	1884	1886	....
do Minnie Archibald.....	1886	....	1887
do Graham.....	1889	1891	....
do Kirkpatrick.....	1891	1896

* Home on furlough.

DEMERARA.

Rev. J. Gibson.....	1884	1888
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INDIA.

Rev. Geo. Stevenson.....	1857	1858
Miss Fairweather.....	1873	1880
Miss Rodger.....	1873	1891
Miss Forrester (now Mrs. Fraser Campbell).....	1876	....	....
Rev. J. M. Douglas.....	1876	1882	....
Miss M. McGregor.....	1877	1888	....
Rev. Joseph Builder, B.A.....	1883	....	1888
Rev. R. C. Murray, B.A.....	1885	....	1887
Rev. G. McKelvie, M.A.....	1888	1891	....
Miss Amy Harris.....	1889	....	1892
Miss Elizabeth Beatty, M.D....	1884	1892
Miss E. B. Scott.....	1888	1890
Miss M. Mackay (now Mrs. Bu- chanan).....	1888

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INDIA—Continued.

Miss Elizabeth McWilliams.....	1891	1893
Miss W. Grant Fraser.....	1890	1896
Mr. J. J. Thompson, M.D.....	1895	1897	....
Miss I. Ross.....	1883	1898	....
Rev. V. J. Jamieson.....	....	....	....

HONAN.

Rev. John McDougall.....	1889	1893	....
Rev. J. H. MacVicar, B.A.....	1889	1895	....
Miss Jennie Graham.....	1889	1890	....
Miss Harriet R. Sutherland....	1888	1889	....
Miss Lucinda Graham, M.D....	1892	....	1894
Rev. Kenneth McLennan, B.A..	1894	1897	....

FORMOSA.

Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D.....	1874	1877	....
Rev. K. F. Junor.....	1878	1882	....
Rev. John Jamieson.....	1883	....	1891

SALARIES OF MISSIONARIES AND NATIVE HELPERS.

NOTE.—The provision which the Church makes for her Missionaries is fixed upon the principle of giving only what is necessary for comfort and health, so that their salaries vary in different countries, according to the expenses of living. The salary of the Missionary begins when he reaches his field of labor, and ceases when he leaves it.

FORMOSA.

1. Male Missionary (married)... \$1,400 and \$40 per child per annum.
2. " " (unmarried).. 1,000 per annum.
3. Pastors (native) 20 per month. (Mexican).
4. Preachers..... from \$5 to \$11 per month. (Mexican).
5. Students, for preaching..... \$4 per month. (Mexican).
6. Bible Women \$3 per month. (Mexican).

HONAN.

1. Male Missionary (married).. \$1,200 per annum, and \$40 per child per annum.
2. " " (unmarried) 500 to 800 per annum.
3. Unmarried women..... 500 per annum.
4. Helpers..... 62.50 per annum.

CENTRAL INDIA.

1. Male Missionary (married)... \$1,200 and \$100 per child, and \$140 hill expenses per annum.
2. Male Missionary (unmarried). 800 and \$90 hill expenses per annum.
3. Unmarried women 730 per annum.
4. Vernacular native teacher (heathen). \$ 22 to \$ 34 per annum.
5. " " (Christian) 50 to 100 "
6. " catechist, Bible reader..... 50 to 100 "
7. University undergraduate able to teach English 150 to 250 "
8. " graduates " " .. 260 to 420 "
9. Graduate of Agra Medical College..... 170 "
10. Women teachers, lower grade..... 20 to 25 "
11. Bible women, " 20 to 25 "
12. Women teachers, higher grade..... 28 to 32 "
13. Bible women, " 28 to 32 "
14. Head Mistresses... \$ 32 to \$ 80 according to qualification and grade of school.
15. Medical Assistants..... \$120 to 200 per annum.
16. Medical Matrons 100 to 120 "
17. Diplomaed Midwives..... 100 to 120 "
18. Nurses in training 20 to 32 "
19. Dispensers, Dressers and Compounders 20 to 32 "
20. Servants..... 16 to 24 "

CHINESE, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

1. Ordained Missionary.....\$1,600 per annum and free house.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Salary determined by Western Division of the Committee when the appointment made.

N.B.--Married Missionaries to Formosa, Honan, and Central India get an outfit allowance of \$250 and travelling expenses to the field. Single Missionaries receive \$150 for outfit allowance besides travelling expenses. Medical Missionaries may receive an allowance for books, medicines, instruments, etc., which are the property of the Mission. Missionaries to Manitoba and the Northwest receive travelling expenses. Male Missionaries on furlough receive at the rate of \$750 per annum if married and \$500 if single. Lady Missionaries on furlough receive \$300 per annum.

TRINIDAD.

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| 1. Ordained Missionary..... | \$1,460.00 | per annum. |
| 2. Lady Teachers | 400.00 | " |
| 3. Native Ministers..... | 486.66 | " |
| 4. Catechists | 120.00 to \$300 | " |
| 5. Bible Women, \$24 to \$96 per annum, according to the time she can give and her ability. | | |
| 6. Native Teacher, \$192 to \$216 per annum (salary fixed by Government and bonus on yearly examination). | | |
| 7. Pupil teachers and seamstresses | \$24 to \$60 per annum. | |

NEW HEBRIDES.

1. Missionary, \$973.33 per and \$48 for each child at home, or \$96 when away from home at school.
2. Native Teachers, etc.....\$30 per annum.

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I.—NEW HEBRIDES.

1. There are now twenty-four missionaries and four associates on the roll of the New Hebrides Synod. "The John G. Paton Mission Fund" purposes sending out another missionary very shortly. The Mission Synod has asked the Melanesian Mission, which at present has no missionary on the three northern islands, Aurora, Oba and Pentecost, to give them over to their charge. If this request be complied with the Synod will then have the whole group under its care. Of the twenty-four missionaries, eleven labor under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. The remaining thirteen represent seven other Presbyterian Churches. Three of them are supported by our church. "The John G. Paton Mission Fund" at present supports two missionaries and two lay assistants; it undertakes the salary of the assistant at the Native Teachers' Training Institution and maintains sixty native teachers, all at an annual cost of \$7,000.

The reports read at last year's meeting of the Synod indicated that great progress had been made during the previous year. A decisive step in advance was taken by the Synod itself in the ordination of Epeteneto of Aneityum as the first native pastor.

TEACHERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE.

Dr. Annand reports:—School was taught regularly fifty weeks out of the fifty-two. Twenty-three hours every day were spent in class work, and seventeen hours a week in manual labors.

The prominence given to the study of the Bible is indicated by the fact that more than two hours every day are devoted to this one subject, while arithmetic, geography, writing, dictation, spelling, singing, etc., combined occupy very little more time than the Bible study.

The progress made has varied with the individuals. Some of the lads have done very well indeed, others but fairly well, while a few have made very slow progress. However, upon the whole the advancement made has been encouraging.

The results of their manual labors are more visible to the visitor than their progress in knowledge. Several lime cottages were erected, also a large yam house or store, and a bake house with a brick oven. We have also completed a weather board house 30x12 feet with board floor and bunks to accommodate twenty single lads. This latter building is named "The Mamie Millar Dormitory," after a dear young disciple who on her death bed requested that all her little savings should be given to us to expend in our Lord's work.

Of course in the erection of all these buildings Mr. Lang has had a full share of the labor to bear.

A little more land has been cleared and other necessary work done.

Once at least every week the boat had to go to market, which for more than half the year was about six miles distant. Providentially we were well supplied with food all the year. Cultivating yams, taro and bananas took up considerable time. Some coffee was also planted as well as coconuts and bread fruit for the more distant future.

The health of our large family has been fairly good.

Evangelistic work has been carried on by the more advanced students. A number of inland villages have been visited, and the gospel preached to the people. The shore villages and Araki (a small island three miles off with 103 people) are regularly visited. The seed has been sown and we may expect fruit in due time.

The general conduct of the students has improved. We have had less worry with them than we had previously with a smaller number. However, there is yet room for improvement.

Dr. Annand and his wife came to Australia in the autumn for a much needed change and rest of a few months.

On December 29th, he wrote from Melbourne:—Since our arrival in Sydney, on the 9th Oct., we have been busy with social and public duties. We remained in New South Wales for two months as we had business to attend to there which detained us. Besides for a time the weather was too cold for us to enjoy life further south. Now, however, we have more than island summer heat to endure even in Melbourne. Before leaving Sydney we sent away food supplies to our family as follows:—Two tons of rice, 800 lbs. of navy biscuits, 336 lbs. sugar and 20 lbs. tea. Also seventy-two shirts and

seventy-two pairs of trousers to clothe them. We have now to get a ton of rice every month for them. Besides this we have to provide about six tons of yams or taro every month to supply our ninety-five eaters. There are sixty-five pupils at the institution and twenty of them are married and some of these have a child each. By last steamer we sent down to Tangoa a lad who was rescued from a New Guinea war party when he was only three or four years old, and was brought to New South Wales. He was adopted by a couple of Christians and sent to school for ten years. He is now a fair scholar and desires to join our mission, so we have taken him into the institution. We hope to use him by and by as a junior tutor and helper.

By our last letter from the islands we have good news—that our lads are doing well—that all is moving on encouragingly. The hard times experienced here by the churches makes the work of collecting money for missions a difficult task. Though I have addressed a good many meetings since we landed in Australia we have not got a single penny for the Training Institution. At the present moment it, the Institution, is indebted to us about £70 sterling. However we shall doubtless receive funds from the Lord's people to carry on the work. Would it be any use to ask for a little more aid from the Maritime Synod to help make ends meet? The Committee made a small grant.

Since coming to Melbourne our headquarters have been with Mrs. Geddie, Hoddle Street, East Melbourne. She is still wonderfully strong and well and does a good deal of work among the poor women of this neighborhood. Her daughter Ella lives with her and she also is a splendid worker. We sail this afternoon for Demedin, New Zealand, via Hobart. We expect to spend a couple of months in New Zealand, returning to Sydney in March to make ready for going to the islands in April. Our health has greatly improved since we reached Australia. We now enjoy the pleasures of visiting new scenes and seeing old friends.

From Auckland, New Zealand, 12th March, 1898. He wrote:—Our tour through this colony is now at an end. We have spent nine weeks here very pleasantly and profitably. The climate of this country is much more bracing in the summer than that of Australia, consequently we have benefitted more by our visit here than we could have hoped to in New South Wales or Victoria, where the heat this summer has been exceedingly great. We have seen much of New Zealand and have also met with much kindness from Christian friends here.

On Monday evening we sail, D. V., for Sydney and on the 31st we leave the latter city for the islands. The arrangements made for our return to the group are very satisfactory showing that the company is willing to do the best possible for us. We are to be landed on Aneitym by the Fiji steamer to meet the other steamer bringing the missionaries from their stations to the Synod meeting. This will enable us to be present at Synod without any extra travelling or delay.

The work at the Training Institution has been going steadily on during our absence. One young man had to be expelled for bad conduct but otherwise all has been going on well so far as I know.

Rev. H. A. Robertson reports:—It is now twenty-five years and nine months since Mrs. Robertson and I took possession of Erromanga in the name of the King of Kings. Our prayer the night the first "Dayspring" left us here—the day of our settlement—was "Erromanga for Christ!" That prayer has been answered and to God be all the glory. Surely it is no small honor to succeed such men, in their work here, as John Williams, James Harris, James McNair, and the brothers, Gordon; and our Church, too, has been honoured, for the Gordons, McNairs, as well as the present missionary and his wife, were all sent out and supported by the *Canadian Church*. Again, your three missionaries now in the New Hebrides have been twenty-five years each in the field, making a record, say for one laborer of seventy-five years, and if we add Dr. Macdonald's, who joined the mission when we did, we have four men, bringing up the record to 100 years for one man. And four of your mission families, namely, the Geddies, MacKenzies, Annands and Robertsons toiled for a quarter of a century in this mission, or equal to 100 years' work of a missionary and his wife.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Elizabeth Bay, which is eight or ten miles north of Dillon's Bay, in the mouth of July, '97, and for the first time at that district, and at the north end of the island, also for the first time there, in January, '98. About 300 people assembled on the former occasion and perhaps 600 in January. We had fine meetings at both times, and at Elizabeth Bay the high chief, an old man and for long a warm friend of the mission, was baptized and joined us in remembering Christ's death. Two new elders were ordained at the Sacrament

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in January, and at the close of the evening service I got £16 stg. towards the Erromangan Teachers' Fund.

Abundant food was provided for those who gathered from a distance, and sleeping houses were put up for them and an immensely big church to accommodate us all. All this had given three teachers and three chiefs, and their people, a large amount of work for months previously. We were greatly pleased and encouraged with all we saw and heard during those meetings, and much good will result therefrom.

Mrs. Robertson and I went to Port Narevin, our east station, 8th December last, and returned to Dillon's Bay 11th Feb. and have therefore only been three weeks home. I visited the Cook's Bay district and all Potinia Bay district and we had many visits from the teachers and people of the S. E. and north end of the island while we were at Port Narevin.

I have taught right on, one a week, a candidate's class on Friday; a Bible class on Wednesday afternoon; a Bible class on Sunday and a daily morning class, five days a week for servants; and Nellie, our second daughter, a class for children up to October, '97, when I appointed a young native couple to that work at Dillon's Bay. I have just arranged with a suitable young man and his wife to begin a class for children at Port Narevin, at once, and I begin a night class for training teachers next week. We are to meet Tuesday evenings. The usual morning week-day schools have been carried on by the teachers. All the Sunday services and Sunday schools have been most regularly conducted.

During the year, or since May, 1897, I have received on the island towards the Teachers' Fund up to the present time (March 5, 1898) in sterling money, the sum of £44, and of this £4. 3s. 9d. was marriage fees! I do not make a charge, but state our needs and say that if any man, young or old, whom I marry, is *able and willing* to give ten shillings, more or less, for the Teachers' Fund, it will be gratefully received and applied to that worthy object, which they should *all* regard as a sacred duty to maintain. A few, chiefly young fellows, who get *beautiful young brides* (?), respond gracefully, and sometimes an old man who gets a young wife; and a short time ago the bridegroom gave 5s. and the bride came smiling up, after the ceremony, with 5s. too. She seemed pleased with her bargain. Others of the *men* seem doubtful about it until they get better acquainted with their wives (many of them have never exchanged words with their life companion until the day of their marriage, but most of them have their full share of words *after* marriage).

Over the whole island our teachers and the better classes among their people prepared, in all, 4,000 lbs. of arrowroot last year, of a superior quality. This is *1,000 lbs. more* than we ever made in any one year, and I promised the people if they would put forth a special effort last year, and make a large quantity I would apply a proportion of the proceeds, less expenses, to "The Erromangan Teachers' Fund," and I intend to apply one-fourth, or proceeds of 1,000 lbs., to that object. We have refunded to the B. & F. Bible Society the cost of printing and binding 2,000 copies of the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. The Society very generously made a reduction of £28, and Mr. Barnett forwarded out to me quite lately their receipt in full for the balance against us. We are now going to begin to bank something with the Society towards paying for printing the entire N. T. when it is ready.

The Christian natives have rethatched during the year four buildings at the Port Narevin and two at Dillon's Bay, connected with the mission premises, and they kept the district schoolhouse in repair, and have cleaned the mountain road connecting the east and west stations, and have travelled with me when I have been visiting the outlying districts and have always gone cheerfully to visit districts whenever I have asked them to do so, or have carried our letters, etc., between the two central stations.

Three of our best teachers died during the year, of whom two were old and tried elders, and one of these was a young teacher and helper with James D. Gordon over twenty-eight years ago.

STATISTICS.

Missionary.....	1 only
Teachers.....	36 only, at present
Elders.....	22
Church members.....	about 300
Population.....	say, 1,500
Marriages.....	11
Contributions.....	4,000 lbs. arrowroot and cash, £44

In drawing up my report for another year I would commence by expressing gratitude to God for all the tokens of His favor we have enjoyed. Not for years has my own health been better, and although there was some sickness in my family it was not of long continuance. Word was sent to us that our youngest child at school in Sydney was ill, so Mrs. MacKenzie went to see her and remained with her a few months to take care of her. Under medical treatment she soon recovered.

The most prominent feature of the work has been the great amount of manual labor performed. This was on account of our moving here—Fila—and making this our head station. Outbuildings had to be erected, a larger piece of ground taken in, cleared of bush and fenced, and the Mission house had to be enlarged. This last piece of work involved more labor and expense than we at first anticipated, as I found that one end of the house was quite rotter, having been destroyed by white ants and by exposure to the weather.

The Fila natives who in years gone by, were, as well as the people of Mele, very hostile, were so pleased that we had come to stay among them, gave us a piece of land and fenced it in without payment. In addition to the work done here we erected a new church at Mele. Two of the brethren, Mr. Michelsen and Dr. Annand, during their stay with us waiting for the Sydney steamer, rendered valuable assistance at this building. The frame is of colonial wood, the sides are wattled and plastered, and the roof is covered with corrugated iron. The timber and the iron cost about £40 and of this sum the natives themselves contributed about £30, the balance being paid out of the proceeds of arrowroot. In addition to their contributions of money the Mele people rendered all the assistance they could, gratis, of course. They helped at the framing and erection of the church, burnt several kilns of coral for lime, and then wattled and plastered it.

Early in the year several lads spoke to me about going to the native Teachers' Training Institution. Not being well satisfied with their conduct I did not give them much encouragement at first. Seeing, however, that they seemed in earnest about it, I took them on trial for three or four months, teaching them English. Five were afterwards sent to the institution, and later on a married couple.

Four couples were sent out from our station as teachers and one couple as servants.

Every third Sunday I conducted an English service for the settlers. At first we held it in a boat builder's shop, but latterly in the house of the English Company's manager. Other Sundays I held services here, and at Erakor and Pango alternately, as a rule. Occasionally I gave a Sunday to Eratap. The other villages I visit on week days. Daily morning school was held for adults and later on for children at all the villages during four days of the week, conducted by myself at the head station, and by teachers at the outstations. On Wednesday mornings we had our weekly prayer-meeting instead of Wednesday evenings as formerly. The reason of the change, which we found to work admirably, was, that frequently natives lounged about in the village all day waiting for the prayer meeting, thinking that if they went away to their plantations, which in many cases were a long way off, they might be late, and indeed such was often the case. Many of our people, indeed the majority, live on small islands, and cross to the mainland, that is, to Efate, in canoes.

On Thursday we held our catechumen's class, and on Friday I gave a sermon to the teachers of the nearer villages for Sunday.

During part of the year Mrs. MacKenzie taught a class in English, and had a weekly sewing class. Besides she taught two little girls, children of one of the settlers, which took up a good deal of her time.

The Sunday collections kept up fairly well so that we were able to pay all our native teachers. The number of our native teachers you will notice is small. The reason of this is that in some parts of our district where the villages were small and scattered, we managed to get a number of them to move to one centre. In this way we have not employed a third as many as would otherwise have been required. Besides we had a number of the more advanced assisting the teachers in the schools, giving their services gratis.

As usual our people prepared a quantity of arrowroot as a contribution to the mission. Over 2,000 lbs. were put up in calico bags of five pounds and ten pounds, made by the women, packed in strong casks, and sent away to be sold. I may here mention that our natives labor under a great disadvantage in preparing arrowroot. Not having sufficient water near their villages, they are obliged to take the arrow-

root away in canoes to a running stream, at such a distance that they cannot return home at night, so they have to erect temporary huts to sleep in.

There are still two or three heathen in our district. One of these was formerly a man of considerable influence, but for several years he has been under the influence of some French settlers to whom he has sold large tracts of lands, thus robbing the rest of the natives of their planting grounds. Intoxicating liquors were a large part of the payment he received. For this we can get no redress.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed twice, and on both occasions we had additions to the membership of the church.

STATISTICS.

Souls within the mission.....	800
Communicants.....	196
Schools.....	14
Teachers and assistants.....	18
Contributed in cash and arrowroot, £152. 2s. 4d., which were expended on the mission paying teachers, providing a boat, improving premises and assisting the poor.	

The majority of the churches supporting the mission decided emphatically against the rebuilding of a mission steamer, and the church at Victoria by a small majority in her General Assembly agreed "that the present maritime service should be given a fair trial," and requested the J. G. Paton Committee to arrange for retaining in their hands any money for a new mission ship but to apply the interest of the fund to help maintain the maritime service as provided for by the Dayspring Board. Accordingly the service for 1898 is performed by the steamers of the Australian New Hebrides Co., and is highly satisfactory.

NEW HEBRIDES EXPENDITURE.

Rev. J. Annand, D.D., Santo:—

Salary.....	\$973 34	
Students.....	58 40	
Advance.....	6 50	
		\$1,038 24

Rev. H. A. Robertson, Erromunga:—

Salary.....	\$973 34	
Children's allowance.....	146 00	
Teachers.....	486 67	
		1,606 01

Rev. J. W. McKenzie, Efate:—

Salary.....	\$973 34	
Children's allowance.....	243 33	
Advance.....	104 00	
		1,320 67

Rates to W. & O. Fund.....	45 50	
Ambryne Hospital.....	29 20	
Mrs. Geddie's Annuity.....	730 00	
Steamer Subsidy.....	1,216 66	
Salary of Dr. Cosh, Agent at Sydney.....	87 60	
Park Street in lieu of Mission Goods.....	13 00	
Stellarton W. F. M. S. for Training Institute.....	71 00	
Exchange and Postage.....	29 68	

Total..... \$6,192 56

II.—TRINIDAD.

GENERAL SURVEY BY MR. THOMPSON, SECRETARY MISSION COUNCIL.

This year, we had pleasure in welcoming to Trinidad, Mrs. MacRae, who joined the staff for the first time; Miss Fisher, who returned from furlough; and Mr. Harold Clark, who arrived in August to take charge of the Training School.

At the annual examination in April, four students "passed" and took charge of schools. During the year, seven new schoolhouses and seven teachers' houses were built, and four schoolhouses were enlarged.

In addition to this, "Oriental Hall" was purchased and fitted up for the San Fernando school. It has been a heavy undertaking, but had become advisable, as the school had outgrown its old quarters, and its numbers and noise invaded both the Manse and College premises.

Through the severe depression in sugar, this Mission received from sugar proprietors somewhat less than in 1896. This arose from no decrease of interest in our work, but was solely due to adverse circumstances. We accept the result with regret, which is chiefly for our friends in their anxious struggle, and, in sincerely thanking them all for good will and help in the past, express the hope that brighter days are in the near future.

We acknowledge with much pleasure a donation of £100 stg. from Mr. George Cadbury, and £100 stg. from Mr. Richard Cadbury; also £10 stg. from a friend.

These donations enabled us to provide a new schoolhouse at Maraccas, and otherwise maintain and extend our work.

The following are the statistics for the year:—

Canadian Missionaries.....	5
Ordained natives.....	4
Catechists.....	50
Bible women.....	10
Baptisms—adults.....	167
" children.....	213
" total.....	380
Marriages.....	88
Canadian lady teachers.....	4
Schools.....	56
Boys on Roll (average quarterly).....	3,077
Girls " " ".....	1,323
Total " " ".....	4,400
Average daily attendance.....	2,500
Total enrolled for the year.....	6,097
Communicants.....	621
Sabbath schools.....	67
On Roll.....	3,042
Daily average.....	1,904
Contributed by proprietors.....	\$1,726.00
Contributed by native church.....	3,750.00
Average per communicant.....	6.04

Comparing the above statistics with those of the previous year nearly every item shows substantial increase.

This is gratifying, as it shews that, in spite of hard times, there is no backward tendency.

Thanks are hereby tendered to proprietors of Estates and their representatives, and to all other friends of our Mission for their courtesy and aid.

REV. DR. MORTON REPORTS :

The health of all your agents in this (Tunapuna) District has been for the most part satisfactory.

The two ordained ministers, Revs. Paul Bhukhan and Andrew Gayadeen have proved faithful and diligent, thus giving much satisfaction. The latter spent nearly a month in visiting every station in St. Lucia and helping on the work there. The field was new to him but the people everywhere received him with respect and enjoyed his ministrations.

Some few changes have been made among the catechists and teachers, in the interest of discipline and efficiency, and two new teachers were received from the Training School, having passed the necessary examination.

Miss Blackadder has completed her twenty-first year as a teacher in Trinidad. Over fifteen years she has taught in my district, working in harmony with all our proposals and arrangements for the advancement of the work, a friend as well as a fellow-worker.

Two new schoolhouses have been built ; one at Maraccas, in which I was greatly aided by the generous donation of £100 from George Cadbury, Esq. ; and another at Woodbrook ; towards which members of Grey Friars' congregation, Port of Spain, contributed \$227.71. I hope shortly to get assistance from Government to both these schools.

Tacarigua, Tunapuna and Caroni schoolhouses have been enlarged. Towards the former object Miss Blackadder collected \$311 85 ; and from Oct. 1st the government agreed to an increase of \$14.00 rental per month, on the three buildings.

I also purchased a piece of land with a temporary building at Guaico, a station on the extension of the Arima Railway, four miles from Sangre Grande, of which district it forms a part. The local catechist conducts a school part of the day at this place ; but, for the present, it is not counted as one of our schools. This Railway extension was opened in August to a point two miles beyond Guaico, which prepares the way for further extension of our work into the interior.

In close touch with the work of catechists and teachers, is that of our female agents, "Women's Work for Women," is too narrow a groove for Trinidad. The girls become women so quickly they must be taken hold of early. As intimated in my last year's report the Girl's Home was closed for a time "to give Mrs. Morton some relief from the confinement, and allow a new set of girls to come forward." It has therefore been in recess during 1897. Mrs. Morton continued her Bible Class for advanced children in school and took up also the service and singing. It was a partial change but not even a partial decrease in work. The number of girls in average attendance has doubled, and a very special interest has been awakened in the sewing, singing and Bible Class, with excellent results from a missionary point of view.

Three paid Bible women have been on our list of workers for the year, all of whom have done well. Fanny Subaran did special work in a back street of Tunapuna, teaching a Hindi class of boys and girls ; and Deborah Talaram, in Port of Spain, had special charge of work in the House of Refuge.

Twenty-two places in this district had service every Sabbath and eight others less regularly. My work has been to conduct, on an average, more than three services on Sabbath and others during the week ; to superintend the work of the native agents and teachers ; to look after finance and buildings ; and to give advice and medicine to the sick. This last is a means of usefulness which I would like to extend, especially in some of the outlying and unhealthy districts. It cannot be doubted that it is a very effective means of alleviating human distress and a valuable aid to mission work.

Looking back over the past thirty years one can see how the whole problem of the East Indian in Trinidad has developed and extended ; from 25,000 on Sugar Estates, to, say 85,000, scattered over the whole Island, and coming to the front in many ways.

An average yearly increase of 2,000 immigrants from India, and the return of about 600 to India, has made the problem of mission work in Trinidad unique.

Several of our reliable Christians leave yearly for India, carrying with them certificates and introductions. That fact has its own significance. On the other hand the influx of fresh immigrants, and the steady movement of the people out into new settlements, gives our mission an ever-enlarging sphere of action.

There is no finality in the problem before us. Even should sugar fail, and Indian Immigration cease, a very wide and inviting field would remain in which, as never before, industrial and social problems would confront our mission, in connection with the religious life of the people.

Over the work of the past there are no regrets, except for our want of faith and zeal. As to the future, the call is clearer and the field wider, before a young man, than it was in 1867. Novelty may have worn off; but the elements of interest and hopefulness, the encouragement to labor, and the prospect of enlarging success, never were so great. One cannot enjoy two working lives, but a second, were it possible, would be gladly given to this mission.

The following are the statistics for this District in 1897 :

Canadian Missionary	1
Ordained Natives	2
Catechists	9
Bible Women	3
Baptism, adults	39
" children	67
" total	106
Marriages	24
Canadian Lady Teacher	1
Schools	14
Boys on Roll	835
Girls on Roll	328
Total	1,163
Daily average attendance	777
Total enrolled for year	1,506
Communicants	107
Contributed by native church	\$705.00
Average per communicant	6.59

REV. DR. GRANT SAYS :

As my work in 1897 has been more particularly within the town, and in the neighborhood of San Fernando, I will confine myself, in my report, to the centre, leaving the extensive outlying districts to be reported by Mr. Fraser and Babu Lal Bihari, who will also give all statistics.

At the outset, however, I would offer the general remark, that in no year of my connection with the Mission have we had fuller deliberation or more anxious thought than in the year just closed. The depression in the sugar market, threatening ruin to the planter, naturally, led to a curtailment of income from a source that had supplied liberally and regularly; and the general exit of East Indians from plantations to Crown lands, imposed on us the duty to provide, if possible, ways and means to follow them with schools and the Gospel.

Again and again we met to plan, and the young members of the Mission Council performed many a long journey, spending day after day in the saddle, reconnoitering the several Mission fields, with a view to the selection of the best centres. Anxious concern in planning, and untiring zeal in executing, are visible features in the year's work.

SAN FERNANDO CONGREGATION.

This congregation consists of the people of the East, with the exception of the Mission families and a few others. On Sabbath morning the service is conducted in the Hindustani language, and in the evening in English.

Financially, the English speaking congregation is much stronger than the Hindi speaking. Jointly they contributed through the year, for the support of their pastor, Sunday school work, Bible Society, and current expenses, about \$1,180, or at the average rate per communicant of nearly ten dollars. To sustain the interest (even where there is the ability), which finds expression in generous giving, requires, just as at home, diligent and acceptable service.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

This most helpful agency has stood the test of years, and the interest has never flagged. Perhaps at no time with us has there been such a pervading concern for the prosperity of the school as at present.

Instead of the usual Christmas treat given by the teachers, it was resolved in July to award prizes to all who would give, at the end of the year, the titles, golden texts, and Catechism, for six months—the prize to consist of our new Book of Praise. A copy of the edition sold at thirty cents, was to be given to all who gave the three subjects for six months, without an error, and the cheapest edition to those giving simply the titles and golden texts.

Two of the nearer country schools joined the central school; and thirty-six of the larger prize, and fifty-one of the smaller, were won and distributed.

Some of the teachers, in witnessing the success, united to provide six prizes on the work of the year, three for boys and three for girls. The successful competitor for first prize to give the whole year's work, not only without an error, but without hesitancy, and with distinct enunciation. The result showed that three girls were bracketed for a first prize, although questioned over and over.

At our service on New Year's morning we introduced the new Book of Praise. The prizes awarded gave us many copies to begin with and from this new departure we anticipate a deepened interest in our eighteen Sabbath schools. The Children's day comes round quarterly and I would not dispense with it.

THE C. E. SOCIETY.

This organization, numbering about fifty, is conducted with regularity and evident interest, and I believe is doing good.

THE PRAYER MEETING.

This is conducted in the Church every Wednesday evening, Mr. Clark who joined us in August, has rendered valuable help, not only in this but in every part of our work. In the vicinity similar meetings are conducted, two being in Hindustani, and one of the latter is wholly in the hands of Indian women.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

This school, formerly taught by Mr. Pasea, now a student of Dalhousie, is at present in the hands of Mr. Harold Clark; but as a separate report will be furnished of it I will here simply state that I give daily an hour and upwards, to instruction in it. Besides religious instruction, school management, English literature, and Hindi, fall to me.

THE COLLEGE.

When the classes are in session, I give two days weekly to the several subjects entrusted to me.

THE PRACTISING SCHOOL.

Here the students of the Training School spend an hour daily for the practical work of teaching. It is our elementary school, the first school we opened ten weeks after our arrival.

In its earlier history, force, sometimes physical, had to be applied persistently to overcome the vis inertia, but the object was attained and the advance onward and upward has been steady. Under many disadvantages in way of accommodation, excellent work was done by successive teachers from home, supported and aided by teachers here.

The inconvenience experienced, has now been met in the recent purchase and fitting up of Oriental Hall. Since entering these premises in August, the average has increased, and we hope in the near future to report a daily attendance of two hundred.

Miss Archibald took over this school from Miss Kirkpatrick, in a high state of efficiency, and she has fully sustained its character. Our eldest daughter has a class of advanced girls, in which Madras, Central India, and China are represented, and at a recent examination these young people acquitted themselves most creditably.

Mrs. Grant felt that the deep and intelligent interest shown by the women of the

congregation was one of her very pleasant experiences in the mission field. "All had a mind to work."

In the work generally, the willingness to aid, calls for our sincerest gratitude. I would gladly specify, and yet after making out a long list of names, the omissions would certainly do an injustice to some, and hence I forbear. The Master whom they serve so willingly knows them all, and none will fail of his reward. The financial return shows that the Hon. W. S. Robertson and some others still continue their donation. We receive courtesy and encouragement from those in authority on Estates. Of ladies, Mrs. Lubbock and Miss Abel deserve special notice. In the retirement of the Rev. Mr. McCurdy and family our Mission was deprived of valued friends, but we have been favored with visits by others. Mr. Carson, of Pictou, was with us at the opening of the year; a little later the Rev. Wm. Grant and son Melville came and tarried for a short time; and yet later, Mr. Whittier arrived and has been constrained to abide at the capital.

Good will, gratitude to God, joy of heart, and prospects made bright by the promise of God and past experience, possess me as I bid farewell to the Old year and welcome the New.

Rev. W. L. Macrae reports:—Two facts have been pressed upon our attention during the year.

1. That thoroughness in missionary work requires time as well as toil.

The gourd that sprung up in a night withered in a night. Those who embrace Christianity without much grounding in the truth, or without much struggle with conviction, are not usually the most satisfactory. This indeed, is true of tribes and nations as well as of individuals. The most abiding results are not so much associated with rapid ingathering, as with continuous and well-directed toil.

2. That after ingathering there follows the equally important and more laborious work of upbuilding. As vegetable growth in the tropics is rapid, every plant requires constant care and attention, else a total failure in fruitage, through drought, or the ever growing grass and weeds, will be the inevitable result. Spiritual growth, though not correspondingly rapid, is in even greater danger of being blighted by surrounding influences. Hence the necessity of constant care and attention, in teaching and fostering after baptism; else one is left, as in the case of an unpruned grape vine, with but barren sticks.

This two-fold phase of the work, ingathering and upbuilding, has received the earnest attention of your missionary and all his helpers. Through regular Sabbath services, Sabbath schools, night classes, and house to house visiting, an earnest endeavor was made to bring home the truth to the hearts of all classes.

M. Soodeen, as in former years, has labored most faithfully in this connection.

The usual catechist class was regularly held on Friday afternoons. In this class we have gone over, very carefully, the whole of the life of Christ, making each week's study the subject of discourse for the following Sabbath. In turn each one prepared and wrote his address, which was read and corrected on the following week. In this way, we succeeded in having the subject matter fresh and varied.

During the latter part of the year, we lost two of our catechists. George Carson, (Baktawar), one of our most faithful and trusted helpers, returned to India, and this week a kind message has been received from him, mailed at Cape Town, where his ship had called on her way.

With him there are six other Christian people returning home, who no doubt will tell to their friends how great things the Lord has done for them. This may be called the reflex influence of our Mission on the millions of India.

Henry Jarawan was one of the earliest converts connected with this Mission and labored as a catechist under Rev. Mr. Christie. He died early in December.

We have also lost by death an old and valued friend, in the person of Mr. Darling, who manifested a very deep interest in the work of this Mission from its inception. We miss his kindly and gentlemanly presence going out and in among us, and we shall miss his liberal gifts. Our Mission buildings bear many marks of his chaste good taste; while we owe to his liberality the large plot of land on which the manse stands.

Continuous rain and consequent bad roads, during a long wet season, rendered our long rides in the country, visiting schools, &c., laborious and taxing, and hence we have had to struggle at times with the enervating influences of the climate to retain sufficient strength for each day's toil. In the month of October, the school at Tabaquite was transferred from the San Fernando field to this district, which makes the number of our schools fifteen, with an enrollment of 1,519, and 545 in daily attendance.

Miss Sinclair has completed her third year's work with encouraging results. Besides her school, she takes an active part in Temperance, Sabbath school, and Christian Endeavor work.

Our teacher's class has met regularly on Saturdays.

Nineteen Sabbath schools show an aggregate roll of 784 with a daily average of 401. The majority of these children attend our day schools and are there taught the International S. S. lessons with the daily readings. It is therefore gratifying, on Sabbath, to have manifested a fairly clear grasp of these choice selections of Scripture.

Three Bible women were employed during the year. Each one had a particular district for visiting during the week, and all attended the regular meeting in the church, which was held on Wednesday afternoon, and attended by from fourteen to twenty-four women.

The following are the statistics of this field :

Catechists	15
Bible women	3
Baptisms, adults	35
" children	28
" total	63
Marriages	21
Schools	15
Boys on roll	732
Girls "	314
Total "	1046
Average daily attendance	545
Total enrolled for year	1519
Communicants	119
Sabbath schools	19
On Roll	784
Daily average	401
Contributions by proprietors	\$ 97 00
" native church	695 00
Average per communicant	5 83

Rev. A. W. Thompson, writes :—Assisted by a staff of ten catechists, regular Sabbath services were maintained in every part of the field ; and special services as occasion offered.

The Bible women have carried on their work in a very satisfactory manner, and this feature of our mission has lost none of its interest or promise.

School work presents nothing new or unusual. The Training School is gradually giving us a better class of teachers ; and, as a consequence, a higher grade of work is being done.

In March, Miss Fisher returned from her well-deserved furlough and resumed her duties at Exchange School. The influence of her control and management soon manifested itself in many ways. The whole tone and life of the school improved, and at the annual examination in November, the award was " very good."

Sabbath school received a good share of attention and made substantial progress. The attendance has largely increased, and the children have been more regular and attentive. They are learning to give of their own earnings for the support of the Gospel, and have cheered us much by their attainments in this direction. Their thanks offering on Children's Day amounted to nearly thirty dollars.

Our aim has been to make them, before all else, sincere, earnest, intelligent Christians, but at the same time, useful church members—not numerical units.

Our obligations to Miss Arbuckle have not lessened. We claim her as one of our own. She has a class of bright boys and girls who are very much attached to her. In this and many other ways she has given proof of her deep interest in her work.

We have had our fair share of "hard times." Early in the year retrenchment became necessary. Old friends who for many years have stood by us were compelled through stress of circumstances, to withdraw their aid in part. This caused a deficit of one hundred pounds sterling.

Then, too, work for which the estimate made no provision, had to be undertaken and new problems of necessary extension forced themselves upon us.

As a first step in the way of retrenchment we closed all unassisted schools, except one. For this one we secured government aid from the first of May, and this relieved the Mission to the extent of three-fourths of its upkeep.

Our next step was to rearrange some of the school districts.

A new and more central site on Milton Estate, accessible to a larger district, was chosen; and the old building, no longer serviceable, was sold "for what it would bring." We had no funds for a new one.

Meantime Indian Trail school had been closed, and as the district was a small one and not likely to grow, we decided to move the building to the new site on Milton Estate.

On taking it down it was found that wood ants had got into the sills, posts, and some of the boards and had made such headway, that in a very little time, if left undisturbed, the whole building would have collapsed. This meant extensive repairs, and a larger school meant a larger building. Both of these problems were faced.

At Chandernagar, our second buildings were no longer of any use, for all the people of the village had left the place. So we removed them to Colonial Village, and endeavored to make the new situation serve the wants of Colonial Village, Chaseville, and that portion of Chandernagar settlement still occupied by East Indians.

These undertakings involved an outlay of \$600.00. For this, the estimate provided nothing. We had to look to retrenchment for this amount. Those who have had such experiences know what it means.

A gift of £100 stg. from Mr. Richard Cadbury to Dr. Morton, was allotted to Couva, and in this way the loss through proprietors was met.

The close of the year has brought up other problems of extension of work. They must be faced, and the sooner the better.

Greater regularity in attendance at the Sabbath services and weekly prayer-meetings, larger contributions, a kindlier interest in one another, testify that our work has not been in vain. It is God that giveth the increase. To him be the praise!

The following table gives the statistics for the year:

Canadian Missionaries	1
Catechists	10
Bible women.....	4
Baptism—adults.....	31
" child.en.....	33
" total.....	64
Marriages	5
Canadian Lady Teachers.....	1
Schools	9
Boys on Roll average quality.....	528
Girls " ".....	215
Total " ".....	743
Average daily attendance	397
Total enrolled for the year.....	963
Communicants	90
Sabbath Schools.....	15
Number on Roll.....	796
Daily average.....	418
Contributed by proprietors.....	\$535 00
Donations.....	486 40
Contributed by native church.....	612 85
Average per communicant.....	6 81

Rev. S. A. Fraser, reports:—I wish it were possible to give to the Church at home, in the few short paragraphs we are expected to write in an annual report, a correct idea of the work done, and results accomplished during the year; but we must be content to report that steady progress has been made in all branches of Christian work, and to point out a few particulars.

A new school which we opened last year in Tabaquite, and Rusillac school, were taken on the list of Government assisted schools from the first of January; that is, they were brought under Government rules and regulations as to school records, returns, examinations, etc., none of which interfere with our giving religious instruction at an

hour set down on the time table ; and the Government pays three-fourths of the salaries of the teaching staff and of the rent for our buildings.

Tabaquite School and district being four miles nearer Princetown than San Fernando, was transferred by the Mission Council to Princetown field, the first of October, and the district of Mayo to San Fernando.

We erected a new schoolhouse at Union Village and secured Government aid from the first of August.

For the past few years the schoolhouse in San Fernando was altogether inadequate for the number of children attending. This year we bought at a reasonable figure, and repaired the large and commodious stone and concrete building adjoining our Mission premises known as Oriental Hall. This building is sufficiently large to accommodate over 300 children.

Since moving into the new building the last of August, the attendance has steadily increased.

We removed the old school building to a village about three and a half miles from San Fernando, which has suddenly sprung up on one of the old abandoned estates, called Esperanco, from which the village takes its name. There are about 600 souls in this village only one of whom is a Christian. Our school here is doing good work with an average attendance of about forty. We hope to get it on the list of Government assisted schools during the year.

Our schools have all done good work, many of them obtaining the highest mark of efficiency in the Government examination, and notwithstanding the prevalence of sickness among the children, the daily average attendance has increased nearly one hundred and the total number enrolled, three hundred and forty-two over last year.

By means of the Training School, our schools are gradually being supplied with teachers from among our own Christian young men who are duly qualified for their important work. The religious instruction given in our day schools and Sabbath schools is bearing fruit among the young, and I feel confident will bear fruit yet more abundantly in the near future.

This year I baptized a number of bright school boys in the third and fourth Standards, and scores of others are eagerly seeking to know the Christian religion, many of them in the face of punishment and persecution.

One bright boy was severely beaten for mentioning the name of Jesus in the presence of his father, and was forcibly made to bow down daily and worship idols which he knew to be only dumb sticks and stones.

Night schools have been carried on as usual in jungles and on Estates, by catechists, teachers and others, and the demand for literature is on the increase even among the Hindoos, although many are afraid to learn to read lest they should become Christians.

While exhorting some people in the hospital to learn to read that they might be able to weigh the different religious books for themselves and see which were true, a high caste man, just coming in, cried out to the others, "Look out, if you learn to read your eyes will be opened, and you will become Christians." We used his statement to good advantage.

Sewing is taught in several of our schools, but even with what clothing we received from the good ladies at home this year, the demand exceeded the supply. Dr. Grant will report on the work of the central church and the Sabbath schools.

There has been very little change in our staff of regular catechists during the past year. Six of those returned as catechists give only a portion of their time to the work, for which they receive a small allowance. It is the duty of our catechists to visit, teach, and look after all the Christians in their district, and in many places to assist the teacher gathering the children into school, to give religious instruction in the schools, to teach night schools, to visit hospitals, to preach and sing the Gospel from door to door on the Estates, and to preach on Sabbaths in the various stations assigned to them.

On Saturdays they come to San Fernando to receive Bible teaching, which is generally given by Rev. Lal. Behari ; to get instruction for the next week's work ; to report the number of meetings they held during the past week ; the number of people present, those interested, secret enquirers, open enquirers, and applicants for baptism, etc., all of which information is carefully recorded, and is useful to the missionary for reference when he visits that district. Our catechists generally have been faithful, and some of them have done good work.

The work of the missionary is too varied to describe in a few paragraphs of an annual report. He is kept busy, managing eighteen schools,—all of which have to be

frequently visited, paying a staff of sixty teachers and catechists every month, government correspondence regarding the assisted schools, making building contracts, superintending and paying carpenters and carters, looking after building material, bookkeeping enough for a merchant, reports, returns, and estimates, giving medicine to the sick, writing certificates, wills, agreements, and settling quarrels and disputes, etc.

It is a matter of regret that we must do so much secular work, yet all seems to be necessary in carrying on our work of teaching and evangelizing.

On Sabbaths I leave for the country at seven in the morning and return at six or seven in the evening, accompanied generally by the faithful Rev. Lal. Behari. Occasionally I exchange with Rev. Dr. Grant who takes the Hindi service, Sabbath School and Bible Class, and the English service in the central church.

We frequently spend the whole day evangelizing on the Estates and in the jungles, leaving the catechists to preach in the churches and schoolhouses where the hearers are principally Christians. We sometimes have as many as nine and ten meetings in the open air, with an attendance varying from twenty to one hundred heathens. These meetings last from half an hour to an hour, according to the reception we get.

At the close of our meetings we encourage them to ask questions and tell us what their hope of salvation is based upon.

Sometimes we have very interesting and profitable discussions. Generally speaking the people are very attentive, and invite us to come again soon. At the close of the day we return home, wearied, but thankful for the privilege of preaching the Gospel to the heathen and trusting that to some it may bring salvation.

The good seed has been sown in many hearts, during the past year, and under the blessing of God has borne fruit, which may be partially seen in the appended statistics: and there are quite a number, some of them very influential Hindoos, who are convinced of the truth of Christianity, but will not profess their faith, because of the rules of caste, and fear of persecution and financial loss. Oh, for the Spirit of God to quicken.

The following are the statistics for San Fernando District:

Canadian missionaries.....	2
Ordained natives.....	2
Catechists.....	16
Bible women.....	
Baptisms—adults.....	62
“ children.....	85
“ total.....	147
Marriages.....	28
Canadian lady teacher.....	1
Schools.....	18
Boys on Roll.....	983
Girls on Roll.....	466
Total.....	1,448
Average daily attendance.....	781
Total enrolled for whole year.....	2,109
Communicants.....	305
Sabbath Schools.....	20
Number on Roll.....	970
Daily average.....	757
Contributed by proprietors.....	\$ 365.00
Contributed by native church.....	1740.90
Average per communicant.....	5.70

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, TRINIDAD.

Dr. Morton reports:—This year it was considered best to call up only one class of students and bring them into residence every alternate week. This enabled us to group together the students who most urgently needed training, to bring them forward more quickly, and to shorten our terms. There were thirteen students in the class.

As a text-book I took the Shorter Catechism in Hindu, translated by our missionary, Rev. A. W. Wilson, of Neemuch. The students were required to commit the answers to memory; and a select number of direct proof texts were given out and

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written by them on the wide margin of their books. To some, this course was a condensation and review of previous work, of which the ever-increasing wonder was, that so few words, easily committed to memory, implied so much. It seemed altogether appropriate to the 250th anniversary of the Catechism to introduce it in Hindi in our College course and it was a pleasure to receive so excellent a translation from the hands of a Canadian brother.

Part of my time was given to the study of texts as a preparation for sermons. For this purpose, only texts on practical and important subjects were chosen, and it was intended that the preparation should be utilized in their work, as well as form a guide to them in dealing with other texts.

We also gave some time to consecutive reading and study of the Scriptures, with special references to the writer, his age, circumstances, and object in writing. Thus I occupied Monday and Tuesday in the College week. Dr. Grant and Rev. Lal Bihari took the work of the other three days.

In memorizing, some of the students took a very high place. The conduct of all was good, and the work of the college harmonious and satisfactory.

The Canadian lady teachers in the four districts of Trinidad, to whom reference is made in the foregoing reports, have sent full and interesting accounts of their labors; but want of space compels the omission of these. They are all imbued with the missionary spirit and make their day school work, as well as their Sabbath day instruction, a means of leading their pupils to a saving acquaintance with the truth. The Committee and the whole Church value their work very highly.

DEMERARA.

Rev. J. B. Cropper, our missionary in this field, reports:—Work has been prosecuted along the old familiar lines and with a recurrence of the customary incidents, leaving, now joy, now disappointment. But weighing all in the scales of result the year's work has not been in vain.

A clear distinction is preserved between the East Indian Mission proper and the work among the other branches of the community in the Better Hope Congregation. Dealing with the latter first, —the Sabbath services, and the Sabbath school meetings and the midweek prayer meetings have been held without interruption, and it is reported that there is improvement in the attendance at services both Sabbath and midweek. The same however, cannot be said of the Sabbath school meetings. This, I fear, is in large measure due to the fact that the scholars have not been indulged in "treats."

The spiritual life of the congregation is poor. But in this respect we are not singular for it is the condition of the whole church, all the branches throughout the colony.

The work among the East Indian immigrants is hopeful.

The regular Sabbath worship has been uninterruptedly conducted, and there continues a gratifying improvement in the attendance. The addition of a Bible woman to the staff has proved a benefit. The daily house to house work of the Catechists has been faithfully performed. Work was begun at Helena Settlement, seventeen miles from Better Hope, in May, and has under much difficulty been continued. It is very important to the future of the Mission that settlements such as Helena should be occupied at an early stage; and every effort must be made to maintain the work at Helena. The Sabbath school work is weak through lack of agents; but religious instruction is given in the day school. The attendance at this has more than doubled during the year.

Relations with the Church of Scotland and its ministers continue harmonious. Mr. Alex. Crum Ewing's liberality in the support of the work has been supplemented by letters of kindly encouragement to the missionary; and the courtesy and kindness shown by the local authorities of the estate must also receive mention.

The statistics of the Indian branch of the work show:

Catechists	3
Bible woman	1
Baptisms	15
Marriages	3
Communicants	24
Sabbath schools	2
Day schools	1
" on roll	157
" average daily attendance	67
Sabbath collections	\$18 88

TRINIDAD EXPENDITURE.

<i>For Tunapuna :</i>	
Missionaries.....	\$1,112 66
Catechists.....	1,022 21
Schools.....	939 74
Insurance.....	186 69
Incidentals.....	24 33
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	\$3,865 63
<i>For San Fernando :</i>	
Missionaries.....	\$2,190 00
Catechists.....	2,067 03
Schools.....	182 49
Insurance.....	147 11
Incidentals.....	92 48
Buildings.....	865 55
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	\$5,544 66
<i>For Princetown :</i>	
Missionaries.....	\$1,420 85
Catechists.....	2,125 50
Schools.....	123 24
Insurance.....	114 56
Incidentals.....	45 68
Buildings.....	121 66
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	\$3,951 49
<i>For Couva :</i>	
Missionary.....	\$ 947 12
Catechists.....	1,812 83
Schools.....	295 44
Insurance.....	138 75
Incidentals.....	48 56
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	\$3,242 70
<i>For Demerara :</i>	
Missionary.....	\$1,445 11
Catechists.....	486 66
Buildings.....	121 67
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	\$2,153 44
For St. Lucia.....	1,030 62
For Trinidad College.....	604 26
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Total.....	<u>\$20,342 80</u>

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III.—KOREA.

At the request of the Committee, the last General Assembly referred to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces the whole question of opening a Mission in the Kingdom of Korea, and empowered said Synod to accept or reject, as it might determine wise, the proposal to do so which had then, for several months, been agitating the minds of many in the eastern section of the Church. The Synod met in the town of Moncton last October, and, after a full discussion of the question in all its bearings, by a large majority adopted the following resolution :

“Believing that the time has come for another forward movement by our Church in Foreign Mission work, and that for many reasons this movement should be in the direction of Korea ;

“The Synod resolve to establish a Mission in that land, and instruct the Committee to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry out this decision.”

The Committee obeyed the instructions thus given, and after some months appointed Robert Grierson, M.D., who has completed a theological curriculum, and W. R. Foote and D. Macrae, both also ready for license, as the first missionaries of our Church to Korea.

We thus commence with a staff of three. The W.F.M.S., eastern section, in addition to their gifts to the other fields which are yearly increasing, promise the salary of one, and the Students Missionary Association of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, that of Mr. Macrae. Both of these offers are very noble, and call for the thanks of the Committee and the Church. The bequest of the late Rev. W. J. McKenzie amounting to two thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars and about four hundred dollars specially contributed for Mr. Macrae's work, are available for mission buildings. Largely increased giving, however, must be looked for, if this undertaking is to be efficiently carried on. The Committee hope that the hearts and purses of our people will be so opened, that no lack of funds will hamper the work when our missionaries have undertaken their labors in the new field.

IV.—INDIAN MISSIONS IN MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

It is three years since any new Missions were opened among the Northwest Indians. A year ago we were able to report that all our Missions were manned ; but this year we regret to be obliged to say to the Assembly that, on account of the less amount of funds placed at the disposal of the Committee, we have been unable to carry on work at Lakesend by a resident missionary, as in former years. For the same reason, also, it was found impossible to erect several buildings which were urgently needed and for which plans had been made. In other respects, however, there are encouraging features to report. Several of the missionaries find clear evidence of a deepening spiritual life, and on two or three of the reserves there have been cases of the conversion, the devout Christian life and the helpful attitude of men who, in former years, had been notoriously opposed to the Christian faith. Instances of this kind among adults give evidence that the evangelistic side of the Missionaries' work is by no means neglected, although it is nearly always the department in which the fewest encouraging features are evident. A very great deal of the work is being done among children in the schools, and in this field there is abundant encouragement all along the line, both in the matter of attendance, progress in study and in civilized habits, and, in the case of older pupils, numerous instances of acceptance of Christ as a personal Saviour.

REGINA.

The Regina school has an enrollment of 137, and an average attendance for the last quarter of 113. The annual graduating exercises of the school were held on Thursday,

April the 28th, and the large attendance of the friends of the school showed that it was an occasion of deep public interest. The graduating class numbered thirty-five in all—twenty-three boys and twelve girls. For the most part the girls on leaving school go out to service. Some of the boys return to the reserves and take up farming; but many of them find situations away from the reserves. Some have already secured places with farmers at wages ranging upwards from \$15 a month. One of the class is to receive steady employment with Commissioner Herchmer of the Mounted Police. Three of the graduating boys are competent carpenters, who have worked in the carpenter shop connected with the school from twelve to twenty months. The little fortnightly newspaper *Progress*, the mechanical work of which is done by the boys, continues to be published and to do good service in the cause of Indian education.

Religious exercises are held morning and evening on Sabbath, with Sabbath School at three p.m. There is a Wednesday evening prayer meeting during the winter months. This prayer meeting is conducted sometimes by one of the pupils and sometimes by a teacher. Many of the young people take part in it by engaging in prayer, reading Scripture verses or saying a few words about the topic, which is announced in the early part of the week.

Mr. McLeod expresses indebtedness to a number of friends of the school, gentlemen from Regina and elsewhere, who have on many of the winter evenings given helpful addresses to the pupils.

Mr. McLeod's report closes with the words: "To a large extent we feel that the reason the school exists at all is for the formation of character; and while doing the utmost in our power for the boys and girls, we fully and humbly realize that it is only the grace of God that can give them true stability and beauty of character; and this is the end to which we continually point as the goal of prime importance."

There are now in the school fifty-seven Indian communicants. The number of deaths among communicants on the reserve and in the school has been five during the year.

The school sustained a heavy loss during the early part of last summer in the death of Mr. D. C. Munro, the senior teacher whose enthusiasm in teaching, and whose eagerness to help the Indians will long be remembered by all who knew anything of his work.

MAKOCE WASTE, PRINCE ALBERT.

Miss Annie Cameron, whose self-denying and enthusiastic services for the last five years have been invaluable to the Sioux school at Prince Albert, was obliged to resign her position on account of the death of her father and consequent domestic changes which required her presence at home. Her place as assistant to our veteran missionary, Miss Baker, has been taken by Miss McIlwaine, whose interest in the work of Indian Missions was clearly proven at the Crowstand.

The work of our Church among the Indians was begun at Prince Albert thirty-two years ago; but Mistawasis and other neighboring Missions are now reaping the harvest from those days of labor among the Crees, and a new foundation is now being laid among the Sioux refugees who have but lately come to that part of the country. The work is slow, but the confidence of the Indians is being gradually won and there is a decided change for the better within the last two or three years.

MISTAWASIS.

Our oldest Mission has had a year of trial. Charges of misconduct were laid against the Indian Agent and Farm Instructor, and as a result one was dismissed and the other is being removed from Mistawasis. The agitation connected with these proceedings was of a very disturbing character, and these representatives of the Government have done everything within their power to damage our mission and school. Serious as these difficulties have been, however, Mr. Moore reports that in spiritual matters, the past year has been the most fruitful in the history of the Mission. A great awakening has taken place and the presence of the Holy Spirit has been felt. Since the New Year there have been nine conversions and many more have come to the Missionary asking about the way of salvation. The average attendance at the morning service is sixty. There is in the summer also an afternoon service, with an average attendance of thirty. The number of treaty Indians who are communicants is thirty-two; and in addition there are twenty others whose names are also on the communion roll, among whom are a number who have Indian blood in their veins, and all of whom are entirely dependent upon the Mission for religious services.

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The school has been in the charge of Miss Kate Gillespie since last mid-summer, and its condition is much improved. There is an enrollment of twenty-eight, with an average attendance of fifteen during the past quarter, which, it should be remembered, is, on account of the severity of the winter weather, the most trying quarter of the year. Three children from the school have during the past twelve months been transferred to the Regina Industrial School.

LAKESEND.

Since the resignation of the Rev. George Arthur, now a year ago, this Mission, important as it is, has been supplied only occasionally. The Rev. A. J. McLeod and the Rev. Hugh McKay have visited the reserves and held services; but the burden of the work has fallen upon Mr. Jacob Bear, the Indian assistant at Round Lake, who spent a considerable part of his time during the past year on the Lakesend Reserve and whose services have been highly appreciated. If the General Assembly approves of the granting of sufficient money for the re-opening of this Mission and school, it is hoped that the scattered threads of our past work may yet be gathered together again.

FILE HILLS.

Mr. Skene reports that during the past year the work in the school-room has moved forward in a very satisfactory manner. A marked improvement in the children is noted. During the past summer four of the Indian boys worked with farmers for from four to seven and a half months, and it is pleasant to be able to say that those boys gave such satisfaction to their employers that three of them have been asked to return to their old places during the coming summer at an increase of wages. The conduct of the children in the school has been very satisfactory, occasional neglect of duty and carelessness being the principal misdemeanours. They show in proportion to their years a notable interest in the precepts and practices of Christianity, and in the course of the year, eight of them who were sufficiently advanced in years to understand the meaning of the step, have been baptised. On the reserve, however, the attitude of the Indians is marked by the same indifference and selfishness as in former years. Mr. Jacob Bear paid two visits to the reserve during the year and held services for several days on each occasion; but the hope here, even more than in most other places, is in the children.

ROUND LAKE.

The Rev. Hugh McKay continues to cover a wide region in the Qu'Appelle valley. His reception varies widely on different reserves. At Sheasheeps, in the extreme West, the Indians continue to be bitterly opposed to the civilization of the white man, and especially to the school. They will not gather together for a religious service, and all that can be done is to visit them in their homes; and even admission to these is sometimes denied. On other reserves, however, a cordial welcome is given, a considerable number of the people are Christians and all the children of school age are at school. Mr. McKay in his report details several cases of a very touching character, which show how the grace of God has supported native Christians in sickness, in trial and on death-beds. Mr. McKay has provided two small houses near to the Mission, where the old and feeble are cared for, and where they receive help during the winter under his supervision.

The school, which was carried on very satisfactorily until last October by Mr. R. G. McKay, a nephew of the Missionary, is now under the care of Mr. D. A. McKay, brother of the former teacher. The number of pupils on the roll is thirty-five and the average attendance for the past quarter thirty-four. The number of Indian communicants on the roll is twenty-four. There were four additions during the year.

Of the services rendered by Mr. Jacob Bear, the native Missionary, most of whose time during the past year has been spent at Lakesend and File Hills, Mr. McKay reports as follows:—"Mr. Bear has a power which no white Missionary has with these people, and perhaps there is no money spent to better purpose than that given to him and his wife. Mr. Bear has been doing mission work for the church during the past fourteen years. In some of his trips his wife goes with him. She is a dear Christian woman, of a mild, gentle disposition. She is able to read the Bible in English and Cree and is well acquainted with most of the Indian women at all of the places visited by her husband, since they both used to be out upon the plains and meet with these Indians in the days of long ago when buffalo were plentiful."

HURRICANE HILLS.

At the beginning of July, 1897, the place of Mr. Gilmour at Hurricane Hills was taken by the Rev. Ewen McKenzie, and good work has been done, although the Indians are in an unsettled condition, on account of several changes in the Indian Agency, and for other reasons. The attendance at the services, which are held in a room attached to the mission house, is good, and although none of the Indians have made a profession of faith in Christ, the missionary and his wife see signs in their surroundings that the good seed is falling into soil which God has prepared for it. Mrs. McKenzie heartily seconds her husband's work by visiting and helping the women of the Reserve.

THE CROWSTAND.

The Rev. C. W. Whyte resigned his position at the end of June, and since then the position of Missionary and principal of the school has been filled by the Rev. N. Gilmour, who had given service in former days at Birtle and the Hurricane Hills.

Miss Josephine Petch, of Crosshill, Ontario, fills the position of teacher, left vacant by the transfer of Miss Gillespie to Mistawasis, and Miss J. Gilmour is now Assistant Matron in the place of Miss McIlwaine, transferred to Prince Albert. The Church is about to lose the services of Miss Carson, who has given valuable service as Matron for the past six years. Her resignation goes into effect in the month of June.

Mr. Gilmour reports that Sabbath services are held at two places on the Reserves, in addition to the school. The number of Indian Communicants is eighteen. The number of pupils on the school roll is thirty-seven and the average attendance for the past quarter was thirty-four. The conduct of the school children has been excellent. A number of the children attend the Sunday morning service in the Church, and also attend the Sunday School in the afternoon. A meeting for Bible study is held on Monday evening, and on Wednesday evening there is a Christian Endeavor meeting which is attended by the larger children.

BIRTLE.

The Birtle school has forty-eight pupils on the roll and for the past quarter has had an average attendance of forty-four. The work of the school has gone on satisfactorily during the year and there is a great demand for the larger girls and boys to accept situations in the town and neighborhood—a greater demand, indeed than can be supplied. Four of the young people in the school are members of the Church in full communion. The substantial stone building which was erected some five years ago is now quite inadequate to accommodate the increased attendance, and it will be necessary during the coming summer to erect an additional building to relieve the pressure on the premises now in use. It is to be hoped that the General Assembly will place at the disposal of the Committee, funds for this purpose in accordance with the request in the estimates.

BIRD TAIL.

Rev. John McArthur reports that during the past year there has been a more general interest in religious work than formerly, and that there is good evidence of the deepening and strengthening of the Christian life of the Indians. There are twenty-three communicants on the roll. There have been five additions during the year—seven adult baptisms and eight infant baptisms. Among the adults who receive the ordinance of baptism were some who in former days were leaders among the heathen and did much to destroy the faith which now they profess. The prayer meetings and the meetings held by the Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which are conducted by the Indians themselves, continue to be a great blessing and do much to help them to grasp the true meaning of life and the source of the only genuine happiness.

The Committee planned to build a new Church on this Reserve last year, but although the need is urgent, it was found impossible on account of lack of money to go on with the erection. The building must not be postponed longer. The Indians themselves have promised to do all the teaming of materials necessary for the new building. The men have promised in addition to provide enough money to put in the floor, and the women undertake to provide all, or nearly all of the seating of the Church.

LIZARD POINT.

The Committee was unfortunately unable to build during last summer the house which had been planned for, and which was to serve both as a residence for the native Missionary, Mr. John Black, and as a place in which the services might be held; but it is hoped that nothing will hinder the erection of a suitable building during the coming summer. Services are held twice on Sabbath and once during the week in the houses of the Indians. The average attendance is twenty. There is also a singing class for the benefit of the young people, which is attended by an average of ten. There is but one Indian communicant on the Reserve outside of the mission family, but the attitude of the people as a whole is increasingly friendly and the majority admit the superiority of Christianity over their own faith.

OKANASE.

This Mission was called upon last October to mourn the death of the Rev. George Flett, the founder, not only of this mission, but of several others under our care. Mr. Flett had reached the ripe age of eighty-one years and had taken part with the Rev. James Nisbet in the establishment of the Prince Albert Mission in 1866. On account of old age and its attendant infirmities, he retired from the charge of the Okanase Mission two years ago, but continued a comparatively active man until within three days of his death. His energy, his familiarity with the Indians and their ways, and his knowledge of Scripture truth had made him an invaluable helper to our work in its earlier days.

The Mission is now in charge of Mr. R. C. McPherson and Mrs. McPherson. Mr. McPherson both acts as Missionary and as teacher of the day school, and reports that the past has been a year of good work, marked by several very encouraging features. The weekly prayer meetings which are held in the homes of the Indians by rotation, are conducted in a way which is evoking considerable interest among the people. All who can read the Cree language read the portion of Scripture which forms the lesson for the evening. Afterwards Mr. McPherson explains it and points out the practical lessons to be learned from it. Then follow several of the men of the Reserve with a few remarks. Three men especially showed considerable readiness to help in this way, and these three were accustomed to lead in prayer. The mission house which had been erected for Mr. Flett had become too dilapidated for comfortable habitation and was replaced during the past year by a new and more conveniently situated building, at a cost of \$1,100.

ROLLING RIVER.

Services are held in the house of an Indian every Sabbath morning and in the Mission house every Sabbath afternoon. The average attendance at the morning service is fifteen and in the afternoon six. Several families in the course of the year have accepted the Christian faith and are giving encouraging evidence of their appreciation of the truth and their loyalty to it.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

The school has an enrollment of thirty-six and an average attendance during the past quarter of thirty-two. The increased attendance since the erection of the new building two years ago has made the work too heavy for the extremely small staff which has hitherto had it in charge, and last autumn the hands of Miss Fraser and Miss Laidlaw were strengthened by the appointment of Mr. Harry Laidlaw to assist in the work of the schoolroom.

On the Reserve there is decided improvement to report in the manner in which the Indians live. Their thrift and foresight are apparent in more comfortable homes and better cultivated gardens. Still more evidence is seen in their religious condition. There are now seven Indian communicants, five of whom have been received during the year. A new plan has been adopted in the way of appointing councillors among the Indians, who have a considerable share of responsibility in promoting good order and decency, and since their appointment there has been a notable diminution in the drinking habits, which, on account of the proximity of the Indian village to the town, it had been very difficult to control.

PIPESTONE.

The work on this reserve is under the care of an Indian Missionary, Mr. John Thunder, and the Committee is deeply indebted to the Rev. A. N. McQuarrie of the neighboring village of Pipestone, who has, often at considerable inconvenience to himself, performed many services for the Missionary and people of the Reserve. The Missionary, who is ably seconded in Christian work by his wife, reports several features of encouragement in his work; but there have been trials of various kinds to encounter. The opposition of the heathen element on the reserve has, during the past year, been very virulent, and recently the mission home has been bereft of a little daughter, who returned from a few months of training at the Birtle school only to die.

MOOSE MOUNTAIN.

Mr. F. T. and Mrs. Dodds have now been over one year at Moose Mountain, and, although a beginning of work had been made before they went, it is still a day of small things on the Reserve under their charge. The Indians are all heathen, but their opposition to Christianity is disappearing with a gratifying degree of rapidity, and, whereas, a year ago, only a few of them would allow the Missionary to speak to them about Christianity or conduct worship in their houses, the number who now refuse to give consent has been reduced to one. It is not possible yet, however, to attract them to a public service, but a beginning is being made among the children and young people in the form of classes for singing and writing held in the mission house, and in the form of a sewing class for the women, conducted by Mrs. Dodds.

After the meeting of the General Assembly in Winnipeg last June, several members of the General Assembly visited some of the Indian Missions of the West and not only greatly encouraged the workers, but received information and impressions which it is hoped have been put to practical use in their congregations since that time. Especial mention, however, must be made of the visits paid by Mrs. Jeffrey, the Secretary, who has charge of Indian work under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. Jeffrey visited the majority of our Missions at her own expense, and those visits were of the most helpful character, for Mrs. Jeffrey has already such an intelligent interest in all the departments of Indian mission work, and not only her attitude, but that of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, has been so sympathetic, both towards the Indians and towards the Missionaries, in their trials and deprivations, that her visits gave a new impetus and a new encouragement to the work on every Reserve she visited.

SUMMARY.

Exclusive of the Indian missions in British Columbia, which are reported elsewhere, the Presbyterian Church has sixteen missions among the Indians, one of which, however, (Lakesend) has only had occasional services during the past year, conducted by Missionaries from other Reserves. The communicants number 234. Twenty-two have been added during the year, but this increase has been more than counterbalanced by the extraordinarily high death rate. There have been twenty-four deaths of communicants or more than ten per cent. of the whole number. There were thirty-three baptisms of adults and fifty of infants. The number of industrial and boarding schools is six, and these have 308 pupils enrolled, an increase in all except the Regina school. The average attendance for the past quarter was 274. There are three day schools with an enrollment of sixty-six and an average attendance of thirty-six.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ANDREW B. BAIRD, *Joint Convener.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
TREASURER OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST INDIAN WORK.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1898.

Receipts.

1897, July 7—	By Cash, Rev. D. Warden..	\$4,400	00	
Nov. 1—	“ “	4,300	00	
1898, Jan. 10—	“ “	3,100	00	
Mar. 31—	“ “	5,268	73	
Total				\$17,068 73

Expenditure.

Salaries	\$11,688	15
Buildings	2,920	75
Maintenance	346	87
Interpreting	824	18
Furnishing	109	87
Insurance	245	35
Taxes	54	70
Travelling Expenses of Missionaries	111	30
Equipment for Mission Field	331	25
Real Estate	240	00
Convener's Expenses	196	31
Total	\$17,068 73	

DISTRIBUTED TO MISSION FIELDS AS FOLLOWS :

Beulah :

Rev. John McArthur	\$400	00
Interpreting	50	00
	\$450 00	

Birtle :

W. W. J. Small	\$612	50
Miss Annie McLaren	450	00
Miss Matilda McLeod	175	00
Insurance	8	00
	\$1,245 50	

Crowstand :

Rev. C. W. Whyte	\$225	00
Rev. Neil Gilmour	562	50
Teachers	283	00
Miss Carsen, Martrou and assistants	603	50
Travelling Expenses of Teachers	20	60
Maintenance	234	60
Furnishing	65	57
Building	52	50
Insurance	58	00
Equipment	331	25
Interpreting	70	25
Assistants	124	00
	\$2,630 77	

Hurricane Hills :

Rev. E. McKenzie	\$450	00
Mr. Neil Gilmour	150	00
Interpreting	155	50
Maintenance	3	50
Travelling Expenses, Mr. McKenzie	17	30
	\$782 30	

Lakesend :

Rev. Geo. Arthur	\$150 00	
Building	27 84	
Maintenance	6 10	
Interpreting	21 50	
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File Hills :

Mr. Alex. S. Kene	\$700 00	
Assistance	180 00	
Insurance	20 10	
	<hr/>	\$900 10

Lizard Point :

Mr. John Black	\$420 00	
Building	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$430 00

Mistawasis :

Rev. W. S. Moore	\$1,000 00	
Teachers	110 15	
Building	20 37	
Insurance	24 75	
Travelling Expenses of Teachers	20 10	
	<hr/>	\$1,175 37

Moose Mountain :

Mr. F. T. Dodds	\$600 00	
Building	570 40	
Furnishing	37 75	
Maintenance	23 67	
Interpreting	141 50	
Insurance	3 00	
Travelling Expenses	17 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,394 07

O'Kanase :

W. R. C. McPherson	\$300 00	
Building	1,135 40	
Interpreting	108 00	
Insurance	48 50	
Taxes	54 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,646 60

Pipestone :

Mr. John Thunder	\$420 00	
Building	96 05	
Furnishing	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$518 55

Prune Albert, "Makoce Waste:"

Miss Lucy M. Baker	\$375 00	
Teachers	217 50	
Building	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$692 50

Portage la Prairie :

Miss Annie Fraser	\$324 25	
Miss Sarah Laidlaw	324 25	
Teacher	69 00	
Building Lots	240 00	
Building	908 19	
Furnishing	4 05	
Maintenance	73 00	
Interpreting	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,978 74

Round Lake:

Rev. Hugh McKay	\$1,200 00	
Teachers	337 50	
Assistant Missionary	360 00	
Insurance	56 00	
Travelling Expenses	35 55	
		<u>\$1,989 05</u>

Rolling River:

W. W. J. Wright	\$600 00	
Interpretir g	206 43	
Insurance	27 00	
		<u>\$833 43</u>
Convener's Expenses		196 31
		<u>\$17,068 73</u>

WINNIPEG,
April 23rd, 1898.

Certified correct.
J. M. MATTHEW,
Auditor.

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V.—MISSION TO JAPAN.

FORMOSA.

The year 1897 in North Formosa has been one of trouble, anxiety and danger. Armed bandits scoured the country wreaking vengeance on solitary Japanese—plundering natives and seizing individuals, only to be liberated with large sums of money. Especially in *Kap-tsu-lan* the poor *Pe-po-hoan* Christians were hunted like partridges—men, women and children spent days and nights during fierce storms under Pandanus hedges. Since the Japanese enlisted a few as militia, the hatred of the outlawed bandits knows no bounds.

One preacher writes: "The *Pe-po-hoan* have to hide like rats."

At one village a man fifty-eight years of age was sitting in his hut after dark. Robbers appeared, he shouted for help, whereupon a gun was rammed into his mouth and his head blown off!

As anticipated when in Canada, Japanese Buddhist Priests have poured into our field. The following are their methods:

1. Natives are threatened to be reported as rebels if they don't become members.
2. Natives are assured of safety from officials and soldiers by enrolling their names.
3. Natives are reminded that they are Buddhist anyhow, so don't need to change much!

4. A picture of an idol on paper is stamped and given as a pledge of security. Some natives frame and hang it in a conspicuous place in the house.

The past year has been characterized by "Rumors of wars." At one time Germany, at another Russia and still another, France, is to fight the hated Japanese. Do not wonder that the poor Formosans have been like vessels tossed on troubled seas. The Japanese, under the upright administration of Governor General Nogi, became more friendly towards Formosans. Christians especially, have nobly exerted themselves on behalf of the natives.

It is not all sunshine yet; but we thankfully recognize progress and improvement.

The new Governor, Kodoma, will soon occupy the place of his predecessor. Time will reveal his administrative ability.

At several places on account of rebels it was impossible to maintain laborers, even if there had been men to spare. Therefore we mark fifty-six stations only for the past year.

Several preachers left their vocation during the year. This bare statement alone would be very unjust to them and the Lord's work here. In every case there were family troubles which westerners at a distance cannot well understand. Besides, there is a subject which has engaged attention for twenty long years. That is, the support of a preacher's wife and little children should disease or death lay him aside. An ordinary preacher gets \$8 per month (about \$4 gold at present). At death his wife and children must leave the chapel—leave it as nearly on the list of beggars as possible.

There is provision made in Canada for aged and infirm ministers and also for widows. Now the men referred to above had their families in view and sought other business that they might better their condition. But mark well. They not only continue as living Christians; but labor zealously for Christ's cause and contribute out of their earnings. We never cease discussing with the native church about devising some means of relief for the widows and orphans of preachers. French, then Japanese troubles have kept the people in such a state of anxiety that this important matter has not yet been settled. We make no apology for the preachers; but state that they have our sympathy for the above, and many other reasons.

Three preachers died of consumption whilst "in harness." One of them contracted the disease whilst exposing himself to rain and storm to help the captain and crew of an American ship wrecked on the *Kap-tsu-lan* coast. He passed away triumphantly rejoicing in the Lord Jesus and exhorting all around his deathbed to follow Jesus. He was a model laborer.

Twice a week the hospital enjoyed the useful services of Dr. A. N. Wilkinson, from London, England. Apart from that assistance Dr. McKay carried on the work without interruption when here.

There were no Chinese soldiers to swell the lists, and no crowds from long distances, because robbers harrassed travellers; 1166 new and 5245 old patients were

treated during the year from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st. Japanese medical men confirm the usual statements about the prevalence of malarial fevers.

Though Dr. McKay visited, more than once, every station on the west side of North Formosa, the greater part of the year was occupied in Oxford College. There were four times as many students as in 1896. Two had been Confucian Teachers and one was a Taoist Priest. The progress made right up to Christmas was very satisfactory. All the teaching is intended to prepare evangelists to preach Christ and Him crucified. Oxford College was built for this express purpose and *for no other*.

The church here and the church in Canada should know once and for all that a deaf ear is turned to all talk by young Japanese about English, bookkeeping and a western education, because our work should never be to give a *secular* education to help heathen men in business and use the cents and dollars given by Christians to spread the Gospel of Jesus amongst the perishing millions. The most distant station feels the beat of the pulse in Oxford College.

The Girl's School had ten in attendance for half the year; but the greatest benefit to the mission was the training of a number of women and wives of preachers at the same time. Some of the Bible women are doing glorious work for the Kingdom of Jesus.

Rev. Wm. Gauld and Rev. Giam Chheng Hoa visited, on Sabbaths, the stations on the western side of North Formosa. Jap Sun also preached in chapels around Tamsui. Rev. Tan He labored as usual, doing faithful and honest work. Dr. McKay says "Whatever I accomplished personally, was by the continual assistance of Koa Kau."

After prayerful conferences with preachers, elders, deacons and people in Tek-chham, Bang-kah, Toa-tui-tia, Pat-li-hun, Sek-khan, Sin-tiam and other places, they bestirred themselves and fruits are already visible. Believers are more numerous, more devoted and more hearty than in 1896. Dr. McKay writes, "The other day I saw Christians of twenty-five years' standing, shed tears of joy as they shouted praises to the eternal God for His loving kindness—yes, praise Him—

"For His parting promise dear
Of His presence, always near;
For the blest assurance made
Of His intercessory aid."

STATISTICS.

State of the Mission during 1897.

In 1896, male members	861	
" female "	574	
" children	578	
Total	2013	
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1. In 1897, Male baptisms	136	
" Female "	87	
" Children baptisms	63	
	286	
2. Received after suspension	4	
3. Returned to Formosa	35	
	2338	
4. Deaths	63	
Expelled	9	
Suspended	16	
	88	
Total remaining	2250	
Male	972	
Female	651	
Children	627	
Total for 1897	2250	

1. Native Pastors	2	6. Students	24
2. " Elders	50	7. Schools	5
3. " Deacons	56	8. Bible Women	24
4. Chapels	56	9. Girls in School	10
5. Preachers	50	10. Boys in School	125
Contributions from Native Church		\$1,974 00	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TREASURER OF FORMOSA MISSION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1897.

I. GENERAL WORK.

Receipts.

Receipts from Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto	\$14,000 00	
Paid by Dr. Warden in Toronto on account of Mission	509 84	
H. B. M. Consul, H. A. C. Bonar, Esq.	10 49	
Interest	37 37	
Sale of Chinese literature	38 02	
		<u>\$14,595 72</u>

Expenditure.

Balance at Dr., 31st January, 1897	\$3,988 36	
Salary of Rev. G. L. Mackay, D.D.	1,520 00	
" Rev. W. Gauld	1,493 33	
" Dr. A. N. Wilkinson	211 68	
" Native pastors and preachers	3,185 65	
" Bible women	570 59	
" Teachers	191 03	
Couriers	66 05	
College and Girls' School Coolies	152 91	
Travelling Expenses, Pastors and Preachers, Native and Foreign	531 66	
Repairing Chapels	188 67	
Rent of Chapels	124 56	
Chinese Literature for Mission	125 60	
Food for Students and Native Christians	59 20	
Repairing Mission Property, Tamsui	378 34	
Insurance of Mission Houses	14 58	
Stamps, Stationery, Telegrams, etc	11 66	
Balance on hand, 31st December, 1897	1,781 87	
		<u>\$14,595 72</u>

2. MACKAY HOSPITAL.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, 1st January, 1897	\$119 38	
Local Subscriptions	193 11	
		<u>\$312 49</u>

Expenditure.

Hospital Assistant and Coolie	\$100 29	
Medicines bought in China	73 22	
Sundries for Dispensary	17 12	
Assistance for poor patient	1 01	
Collecting Subscriptions, etc	5 17	
Balance on hand, 31st December, 1897	115 68	
		<u>\$312 49</u>

TAMSUI, 31st January, 1898.

VI.—CHINA.

HONAN.

CH'U-WANG STATION. (*Prefecture of Chang-te*).

Station Work:—The physicians being absent from the station during the hot season only a few cases of the simpler forms of diseases were treated in the summer months; those who came heard the Gospel. During the remaining eight months of the year patients have come in great numbers and have heard the Gospel daily in the chapel and hospital. Christian literature has been bought more freely than in previous years, and we note with special pleasure that those who come, hear with greater readiness and attention the Gospel message, many inquiring "whether these things were so." Several from among the patients have had their names recorded on the Mission Roll as catechumens, many others have returned to their homes, having an intelligent grasp of the Truth, though without making any profession of faith in Christ. Thus the good seed of the Word is being sown far and wide by means of these sick who have come from so many different places, both distant and near at hand. The attitude of the natives has, in general, been steadily growing more friendly.

The services of the Lord's Day were regularly conducted in Chinese in the forenoon and afternoon by the missionaries in charge, and by the natives themselves in the evening; the weekly prayer meeting was also taken charge of by the natives; Chinese morning prayers, both for men and for women, were conducted daily by the missionaries throughout the year. The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were observed twice during the year, two being baptized, namely one adult and one infant. Sixteen persons—eight men and eight women—were, after careful examination, accepted as catechumens; the names of thirteen being recorded at Ch'u-Wang while the names of the three others were sent for recording to Hsin-Chen and Chang-te-fu; among those recorded the Lord has been pleased to give us several women from the town of Ch'u-Wang itself. The first Christian marriage performed here took place in December, the bridegroom being one of our own converts.

Station Class:—A class for the instruction of Church members and catechumens was held February 8-16; thirty-seven men attended. These were divided into three classes taught by Messrs. McClure, MacLennan, Grant and three of the native Christian teachers.

Class I. was instructed in Mark's Gospel and the errors of Roman Catholicism.

Class II. studied Dr. Griffith John's Catechism.

Class III. studied the "Chen Tao Wen Ta" Catechism.

The interest manifested and the progress made in the acquirement of Christian knowledge was satisfactory; four of these men accompanied the missionaries to the Hsun-hsien fair, which occurred immediately after the close of the station class, where they preached the Gospel fearlessly and with power.

Helpers:—We have again this year to record our indebtedness to our friends the American Presbyterian missionaries in Shantung for sending us two very efficient native helpers in the persons of Mr. Li and Mr. Ma. These men arrived here in March and remained in our employment till the end of November. They were kept continually busy talking to the patients in the hospital and chapel and preaching in outside towns and villages; they were well received by the natives generally.

Field Work:—During the early months of the year the patients coming here for treatment were so numerous that the missionaries and helpers were kept fully occupied preaching to them at the station and but little touring was done. During the absence of the physicians, patients being few, both helpers were constantly at work touring and preaching in the surrounding country, each of them spending in all about 125 days in this work; the foreigners spent about forty days altogether in itinerating. Mr. Grant with a band of native converts spent fourteen days preaching and selling Christian literature at the Hsun-hsien fair: there they met with even a more hearty reception from the crowds which thronged thither than in previous years.

Land and Building:—We have been enabled this year to buy in Ch'u-Wang, near to our present rented premises, four and a half English acres of unoccupied land suitable for building purposes. Our Heavenly Father has thus provided for us a place for a permanent home where we purpose erecting, as soon as possible, buildings which will be more healthy than these we now occupy. During the year four buildings, aggregating

eighteen "chien" (one chien equal to eight feet), have been erected for woman's dispensary, chapel and hospital wards, and these are now being used for this work.

Health:—The summer season being drier than usual, disease was less prevalent generally; the health of the missionaries at this station has for the most part been good during the year. Mrs. MacLennan, however, suffered so severely from chronic illness that the physicians in charge deemed it advisable that she should return to a more healthful climate; accordingly she with her husband returned to Canada in May.

Withdrawal from the Staff:—It is with heartfelt sorrow that we refer to the withdrawal of our brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. K. MacLennan, from our midst by reason of the severe illness of the latter which forbade prolonged residence here. Such dispensations of Divine providence we cannot understand, but we know that He who orders it so will also prepare avenues of usefulness for His servants in another sphere.

Arrival of Missionaries:—With joy and gratitude to God we hailed the arrival on December 10th of Mr. MacKenzie, returned from furlough, and Messrs. Griffith and Leslie, new missionaries. Thus the gaps in our staff are being filled up and our hands strengthened for the fight which must be fought here against the powers of darkness. Our thanks are due to the home Church under God for these additions to our number.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The report for this year covers only eight months, the missionaries having been absent during the summer.

Station Work:—Sabbath services included morning public worship, a Sabbath afternoon Bible class, free to all, but attended regularly by ten women, and a Sabbath school for girls. Morning prayers with the women in employ in the compound have been conducted throughout the year by the missionaries in rotation.

For the women of Ch'u-Wang a Bible class was taught daily from January to May. At the end of May five of these women were recorded as catechumens, and when study was resumed in October it took the form of a training class held twice weekly; its main object being the education of these in the elementary principles of the Christian faith. The first fruit of this class was gathered into the membership of the Church in October, when Mrs. Chang was baptized and received.

Twenty-four visits were made in the town, all in response to invitations.

Village Work:—Fourteen visits were paid to villages, eight of these new.

Station Class:—In December, four women from Hsin Ts'un and Tou Kung came in for two weeks' study. The course of instruction consisted of selected lessons from the Life of Christ, the Ten Commandments, Chen Tao Wen Ta Catechism and a few hymns, the degree of progress depending upon the intelligence of the pupil. Attention was also given to the study of the Chinese character. At the close three were received on probation, the fourth being already on the list.

Medical and Hospital Work:—As in former years evangelistic work has been carried on constantly among both in-patients and out-patients. There is no certain indication that this teaching has resulted in the conversion of a single soul to God, but that it has not all been forgotten is evidenced by the fact that frequently there are those who at the time of their coming can repeat a hymn or a form of prayer taught them by some neighbor who had previously been treated here.

The woman's waiting room and dispensary opened on November 15th, and from this date until December 25th, treatments numbered:—

Surgical operations.....	7
Other new patients.....	115
After treatments.....	345
	Total
	467
Out-visits in the town.....	2

Thankful acknowledgements are due and are gladly made to Dr. McClure for management of all building operations and for much assistance at other times.

MEDICAL WORK. (*Ch'u-wang*).

The same encouragement has accompanied this part of the work this year that characterized it last year. There seems the same confidence on the part of the people in Western medicine and surgery; people came from all directions and many from long distances to seek healing for their bodily diseases. The greatest number treated on any

one day was 242. During the busy season it was difficult indeed with our limited accommodation and assistance to overtake the work. We are thankful that with the acquisition of land and through the gifts of God's people there is a hope that we may have better equipment for this work than hitherto.

During the summer a woman's dispensary, chapel and wards were built, and in November Dr. Dow took over this part of the work, prior to the division of the work. Dr. Dow had helped in the dispensing to the women patients daily and had done most of the operations on the women patients as well as giving much assistance at other operations. Owing to the hospital and dispensary having been closed for over four months during the summer the total number of treatments this year is considerably below that of last year. The closing of the hospital also had the effect of diminishing the number of patients during the autumn.

Reference to the list of operations performed this year shows that cataracts still form the most important and gratifying part of the work; the list this year is also remarkable for the number of hare-lip cases treated.

Cases treated—New	3,186
“ “ Old	13,107
	16,293

Total

HSIN-TS'UN. (*Out-station*).

The work here has not been free from reverses during the year. One of our Church members and one of our catechumens have again become slaves of the opium habit which they broke off at Ch'u-wang some four years ago; we still hope that they may be given power to overcome the craving. There are, however, compensating encouragements. Sabbath services have been regularly held in the house of one of our Church members by the faithful few who represent the Church of Christ in this village. Several who hitherto have shown little interest are coming out more boldly upon the Lord's side, and several others, from neighboring villages, attend Sabbath services frequently. One young man walks in regularly five miles to service, another three miles, so that the number of interested persons varies little from that of last year.

TOU-KUNG. (*Out-station*).

At this town the work continues to grow, and the little band of believers increases steadily; the worshippers now number ten; five of these being added during the year. Sabbath services are held regularly by the converts there, and several others are showing interest, and the prospects are promising. This town has been visited frequently by our missionaries.

HUI-LUNG. (*Out-station*).

Here we have one Church member and several catechumens. Services are held regularly here every Sabbath; several women in and near the town show interest and are studying Christian books. The missionaries and native helpers have visited this town frequently, and prospects seem increasingly promising.

HSIN-CHEN STATION. (*Prefecture of Wei-hui*).

Members:—Mr. James A. Slimmon, Mr. R. A. Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. William Malcolm.

Station Work:—At Hsin-chen the work has been carried on without intermission throughout the year, and the prospects on the whole are much brighter than they were the previous year. We still have to contend with the ill-feeling of some of our townspeople, but the number of our friends is increasing, and some are being brought under the saving power of the Gospel. One old woman has been recorded as a catechumen, and another family, although not yet recorded, have cast out their idols and are turning to the only living and true God. During the year seven names have been added to the list of catechumens and one man was admitted to the Church by baptism. The joy which we have in these additions is diminished by the fact that one Church member has been suspended from Church fellowship for misbehaviour and the names of three men taken off the roll of catechumens.

An assistant native preacher has been furnished us by the Methodist New Connexion Mission, and we find him a great help. He labors under the disadvantage of being almost deaf and partially blind, but he is a zealous worker ready to preach all day long and well versed in native superstitions, having been a member of several secret

societies. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed twice during the year. A marriage ceremony was performed between a Church member and a heathen woman. During the stay of Mrs. Malcolm some work was done among the women of the town. Miss Pyke of Chang-te-fu, also helped in this work for six weeks, conducting family prayers with some neighbors and talking with visitors.

Field Work:—Outside work has been prosecuted as usual, fifty-two days having been spent touring mostly in the southwest district, which is a very promising field. Mr. Mitchell and helper Wang spent fourteen days at the Hsuan-hsien fair and brought back a good report. Twelve visits were paid to our out-stations, at some of which many and evident signs of progress are visible. The sale of books has been larger than formerly. No organized station class was held this year, but different catechumens have received instructions at different times.

Medical Work:—The medical work, (although hindered by the absence of Dr. Malcolm since August), has been very encouraging; 11,600 treatments have been given since last report. One encouraging feature has been that a large percentage of the cases have been natives of Hsin-chen or immediate neighborhood. The Hsin-hsiang-hsien district has furnished most of the other cases, and all of the important ones; some of these have shown a decided interest in the Gospel, and one has asked to be recorded. When helper Tu visited the home of this man he found a company of five or six ready to join in family worship.

CHANG-TE STATION. (*Prefectural City*).

Members:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Goforth, Dr. and Mrs. J. Menzies, Miss M. A. Pyke, Mr. D. MacGillivray.

Attitude of the People:—During this, the second year of our residence in this city, we have met with the usual hatred from the enemies of the Truth. There seemed many who were anxious to get rid of us. In the suburbs and surrounding villages during the early part of the year, many thought to do away with us by making dough effigies of the foreigners and casting them to the crows; some of the foolish people went to one of the temples and prayed the gods to destroy us. The wheat promised to be an excellent crop last May, but rust struck it, and the farmers' hopes were blighted. The necromancers took advantage of this and went about the country telling the people that we had caused the rust; this excited the farmers, and they fixed a day to come and tear down our buildings, but a timely proclamation checked them. Many other absurd and wicked stories were circulated about us, such as child-stealing, the salting down and eating of children, witchcraft, etc. Some of the enemies even went so far as to hire an old woman to go around the villages, pretending to poison the wells; when remonstrated with by the people she would say that we had hired her to do it, and that the object was to have all who drank the water covered with sores. It is said that the old woman who did this usually resides in the court of the Buddhist temple inside the city.

The above, however, is only what we might expect from those who know not God, and though some of the people have raged and others have imagined vain things yet on the whole we believe that they are becoming more friendly. Some of the chief gentry have paid us friendly visits; among them was a "Chin Shih," who some years ago strove to keep us out of the city. We hear of the family of an ex-official where the idols have been cast away; we hear of some of the gentry, including several B.A.'s and M.A.'s, who are convinced that the Bible is the Word of God, and that all men should obey Him. But the fear of man is a snare, they as yet love the praise of men more than the praise of God. We distributed several copies of the *Review of the Times* among the scholars, who seemed to prize it very much. The students throughout the prefecture have been up for examinations; they came in crowds to see us, partly attracted by the new house. We let in from ten to forty at a time; they were greatly pleased that we took them through the house and showed them everything of interest. Their behaviour was excellent, and when the crush was not too great we used the astronomical charts, etc., to lead them up to the Creator of all, and to Christ the Saviour of men. As a rule they showed great interest; several of them, who had heard the Gospel when we were touring in different parts of the field, came and asked that we tell them more of the Way of Salvation; of these two bought New Testaments.

Station Work:—The chapel has been open all day and every day throughout the year; the people continue to come, and though not in such numbers as last year yet they

seem more desirous to hear the Gospel. Perhaps on no day, except a stormy one, would there be less than thirty or forty in the course of the day, and often there have been fully that many in the room at one time. The interest, especially during the last two months, have been the most inspiring since we opened the chapel; most of the time there have been one or more of those interested staying here studying more of the Gospel. Their stay varied from a few days to a few weeks at a time; these all had to pay their own expenses.

In December we held a station class for men; it lasted eighteen days, and altogether fifty attended; some for the whole, others for part of the time. Most of them bought the New Testament and several bought the Old; many of them seemed to be enthused with the thought that they should seek to save others, thus we hope that enquirers shall be greatly increased. In this district all our enquirers, possessing any considerable influence, have left the Romanists and have returned to us; they now see their mistake and will be more firmly established in the Truth. Besides, two men not formerly connected with us have left the Romanists and united with us; one was a teacher in their employ, the other is a man of considerable promise.

Field Work:—There are now fully twenty towns and villages in this district, in each of which one or more are openly confessing the one true God and Saviour. In one of these villages, three "li" distant, there are about twenty who believe, and they have patiently borne a good deal of persecution; in another village of three hundred families, twenty-five "li" to the southeast, about thirty persons are interested. The work there began last winter, starting through the conversion of a gambler and opium sot. A friend of his, a convert from a neighboring village, persuaded him to come here, paying all expenses and watching him night and day while he was breaking off opium. The man had the reputation of being the worst in the village, but when he returned home the change was so marked that others were convinced. Among these was the head man of the village, who is well-to-do, besides being reputed the best man there; for some months he was rather timid, but finally he had his name recorded as a catechumen and boldly announced the fact to his neighbors. He then persuaded seven men, heads of families, to accompany him into the city and see us; afterwards he took them to an eating-house and entertained them to dinner. A few days later he brought a wagon-load of women to hear and see; since then his fellow-villagers have been constantly coming to hear the Gospel. At present, in his family of twenty-eight members, there is not one who opposes Christianity; he has turned one of his houses into a preaching place, and daily teaches all his neighbors who are willing to go to him; the interest is spreading to surrounding villages. During the year twelve adults have been baptized and thirty-nine have been recorded as catechumens.

Boys' School.—There has been little difficulty in securing pupils for the school, and the Presbytery's limit of ten was reached some months ago; the boys ranging in ages from eleven to nineteen. Two or three boys were found, after a month's trial, to be undesirable as pupils, and were sent home; those at present in the school are all well-behaved and as a rule work hard. The school being in a crowded compound, has been somewhat against progress, as more visitors than the Trustees and School Inspector have made frequent visits. Another drawback has been the lack of a competent teacher; Wang Mei, who has been in charge of the school, is not far enough advanced to teach the senior boys, and his work with the younger boys has been much interrupted; so far we have been unable to secure a good teacher. As there is only a limited fund to draw upon for school work, and there is no grant from the Committee for the same, the expenses of the school have been met by private contributions. The boys receive for food sixty cash each per day, and their stationery and barber's bills are paid. Kitchen and school furniture, to the amount of twenty tiao, four hundred and thirteen cash (20,413), was provided, and this was deducted from the school fund. For the nine boys we have on the pay-roll for the year, the sum of 142,376 cash was required, which sum was received from private contributions, and one boy and the teacher were supported by Mr. Goforth.

WOMAN'S WORK.

In presenting this the second year's report of Woman's Work at this station we would raise a note of praise and prayer; praise for the many blessings given to us and the evident tokens of the Holy Spirit working in our midst, prayer because of our great need of native workers; the more the work grows the more keenly is the need felt. We have as yet none whom we can recognize as Bible women. Mrs. Wang, the helper's wife has given what time she could. During the first five months of the

year she did good service in visiting many homes in the city and near villages until in May the sickness of a daughter called her home for five months; upon her return the outside visiting was resumed, but not at all as we feel it should be had we more workers. Two Woman's Station classes have been held, the first in February for ten days, the second in October for twelve days; eight attending the former and thirteen the latter. It was decidedly encouraging to note the progress made between the two classes; the perseverance and earnestness was almost all that could be desired. Towards the close of the class seven women asked to have their names recorded as catechumens, and after satisfactory examination were recorded. An exception to the rule "of one year's probation" was made in the case of an aged woman of eighty-one years, who was baptized the day following her profession of faith. During the year thirteen women have been recorded as catechumens; most of these are suffering more or less persecution for their Master's sake. One woman, who for many years has been a devout seeker after holiness, says she now knows for the first time what peace is. Though bitterly opposed by her son and his family with whom she lives, she is bravely bearing persecution for the faith which is now precious to her. Her son has beaten her and threatened her life, but we trust God will keep her faithful. In a village three "li" (one mile) to the east of us a good work is going on, one of our Church members, Yang Chin-fu, has been most faithful in teaching the women of his family. Two years ago none in the village knew anything of the Gospel, nor could any of the women read; now at evening worship quite a little company of believers gather. Yang Chin-fu's mother, wife, daughter and two sisters-in-law are all Christians; the wife and daughter are now both able to take their turn in reading at worship; the daughter has nearly finished reading the New Testament.

In July a woman living 110 "li" to the west came to be treated by the doctor; she remained about two weeks, and while here was convinced of the truth of the Gospel. Immediately upon her return home she destroyed all her household gods; three days later she was taken very ill, and when visited by a native helper she urged him to plead with her sons, lest she should die and there be none to lead them to the Truth. Not long after she was called, we believe, to the Heavenly Home; the natives of course attributing her death to the anger of the gods; a nephew of hers is now a hopeful enquirer. During the first year of our residence here the number of visitors was very large; this year only on special occasions have we had large crowds. Though women from all classes continue to visit us in small numbers not a few of the official class have come to see us, the last visitor being the first wife of the district magistrate.

The Sabbath services have been regularly attended by a little band of eight or ten Christian women; these coming with their children for the morning services and remaining all day for their class in the afternoon. In October several little girls who had been attending with the women, were formed into a class by themselves, thus forming what we hope will be the nucleus of a girls' Sunday School. These girls come also on Wednesday for further instruction.

Our opportunities for work are increasing so much faster than our ability to undertake the work that we can no longer pray as in the past for more opportunities—but more workers—especially native women fitted and clearly called of God; this is, as we have said before, our present great need.

MEDICAL WORK. (*Chang-te-fu*).

Several hundred patients came for treatment during the summer, but the dispensary was not opened till the middle of August. The drugs and instruments ordered from England for Chang-te-fu Station not yet having arrived, supplies were procured from Ch'u-wang. Without instruments operating could not be done, but quite a number were sent away and told to return later when the instruments should have arrived. The total number of treatments up to November 30th was 6,726, the largest number in one day being 123. Among the cases treated were six cases of opium poisoning, three knife wounds, one gun shot wound, one broken arm. About twenty-five per cent. of the patients were women and children; these, as a rule, did not hear the Gospel, but the male patients, while waiting for treatment, all had the Gospel presented to them. Besides bringing several hundreds within the sound of the Gospel who otherwise would not have heard it, the medical work has done a good deal toward disarming the prejudice of the people against the foreigners. Several persons, both men and women, belonging to the families of the officials, received treatment. The medical work done last year and this year in Ch'u-wang has made it much easier for Chang-te-fu.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
TREASURER OF HONAN MISSION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, 1st Jan., 1897	\$ 4,779 80	
Remittances from Rev. Dr. Warden, less exchange	14,877 49	
Accounts for Mission paid by Dr. Warden, in Toronto	1,972 58	
Medicine, Books, etc., sold	74 62	
Interest	131 51	
Rebate of freight	3 82	
		\$21,839 82

Chu Wang Station— Expenditure.

Salaries of Missionaries	\$3,221 65	
" Teachers of Language	12 21	
" Medical assistance	43 96	
Medical supplies	274 68	
Purchase of land	117 30	
Touring	31 10	
Repairs and other expenses	72 17	
Woman's Work—Teachers of Language	20 18	
Medical supplies	66 72	
Hospital Buildings erected	260 66	
		\$4,120 63

Hsin-Chen Station—

Salaries of Missionaries	\$2,333 32	
" Teachers of Language	62 28	
" Medical assistance	94 05	
Medical supplies	149 15	
Repairs	49 50	
Touring	43 10	
Gatekeeper	24 09	
Rent and other expenses	32 29	
		\$2,787 78

Chang Te Fu Station—

Salaries of Missionaries	\$2,946 65	
" Teachers of Language	35 52	
Touring	24 94	
Gatekeeper and Watchman	31 76	
Medical supplies	273 79	
Medical assistance	4 57	
Chapel and other expenses	41 74	
Building Rev. J. Goforth's house	1,144 86	
Woman's Work—Teachers of Language	35 51	
Rev. J. Goforth, on account W.F.M.S.	197 14	
		\$4,736 48

General—

Rent at Pangchuwang (1894-5)	\$200 00	
Courier service	48 09	
Stationery for Treasurers, etc.	17 17	
Agency at Tientsin	200 00	
Native helpers	28 75	
Chinese books	8 15	
Rev. K. MacLennan, travelling expenses	548 76	
Sundry drafts, orders, etc	141 38	
		\$1,192 30
Balance on hand, 30th Nov., 1897		9,002 63
		\$21,839 82

Audited and found correct.

ROBT. A. MITCHELL.
PERCY C. LESLIE.

VII.—CENTRAL INDIA.

It is possible to give only a few notes regarding the work of the male missionaries in India, owing to delay in the receipt of their reports.

INDORE.

At this, the oldest station in the Mission, Rev. J. Wilkie and Rev. A. P. Ledingham are the missionaries. The usual methods are adopted for the development of congregational life. Thirteen adults and fourteen children were baptized during the year. There are 113 communicants, 108 baptized adherents, and 200 unbaptized adherents in connection with the Church at Indore.

Mr. Ledingham spent some time visiting surrounding villages, having visited 45 in all, and some of these several times.

In the College all departments are taught, from the primary classes to the university degree. In the College Department proper 25 students were enrolled, of whom ten went up for the B.A. examination, six for F.A., seven for matriculation and six for entrance to the high school examination. All these students are under daily Bible instruction.

Normal classes are conducted with such results as have won the hearty appreciation of the Government Inspector of Schools.

RUTLAM.

In this station work has been carried on on the usual lines, and with encouragement, for Dr. Campbell baptized twenty-three on their own profession of faith and three on the faith of their parents.

There are now 33 communicants, 59 baptized adherents, and 52 unbaptized adherents. The serious illness of Mrs. Campbell for a time as well as the desperate efforts made to rescue as many as possible of the famine children necessarily interfered with other departments of work. The boys' school was merged into that of the orphanage. The dispensary was also sunk into the orphanage, which became a hospital requiring the constant care of attendants.

NEEMUCH.

Mr. Wilson feels encouraged in this city. Two teachers baptized last year are faithful. One of them, with two Hindi boys for a choir, conducts regular Sabbath services in a village about three miles from the town in which he teaches.

Much attention is given to the training of a native ministry. The classes were conducted last year in Neemuch and were taught by Mr. Wilson and Dr. Campbell.

In district work about three months were employed, spending about ten days in each village. Interested persons were invited to come to Neemuch during the hot season for a period of study. The Mohammedans kept aloof, thus manifesting their increased hostility to British and Christian influence. The missionary heard the British Government more freely criticised than ever before during his stay in India. Mr. Wilson's school work is mainly primary, although a higher middle school was conducted during a part of the year. The stringency as to funds necessitated the closing of these latter schools for a time, greatly to the missionary's regret.

MHOW.

Dr. J. Frazer Smith has had entire charge of this mission during the absence of Mr. N. H. Russell on furlough. Dr. Smith is general treasurer of the mission, and also holds the chaplaincy, both of which entail so much labour as to make it impossible for him to accomplish so much native work as he desires. He holds strongly the view that whilst he would not decrease the amount of school work done, yet that there should be three times as much evangelistic work as is now done. Dr. Smith has taken an active interest in the rescue of famine children, and hopes to develop workers out of them that will both support themselves and be of service to the mission.

Dr. Smith has been ably assisted by Mr. Drew in both evangelistic and school work, especially the Sunday Schools. The primary schools were well attended, and good progress has been made. The high school attendance is good as formerly, and good work done.

Dr. Smith has been especially encouraged in connection with the chaplaincy services, at which a number of men professed conversion.

UJJAIN.

This station suffered much through affliction. Mr. Jamieson was seriously ill, and faithfully attended by Dr. J. J. Thompson. Dr. Thompson then broke down in health, and had to come home and abandon the work. Mr. Jamieson again took a relapse and was ordered home by the physicians. Dr. Woods is now in charge and seeking as best he can to carry on medical, evangelistic and educational work—an impossible task. Ujjain is one of the holy cities of India, and as such is one of the most filthy and exposed to outbreaks of plague or cholera. Such an outbreak was averted this year by the action of the State Government in prohibiting a great gathering, which is held every twelfth year. Notwithstanding the Government prohibition, about 15,000 pilgrims assembled in adjacent cities with the intention of bathing in the sin-cleansing waters, at the full moon, in defiance of authority. Permission was given them to bathe at the sacred ghat and to visit the great shrine under police supervision, after which they were required to depart.

Dr. Woods conducts Sabbath services in the hospital, besides a Christian Endeavour Society and Prayer Meeting on week evenings. On Friday evening he instructs the native Christians in the Sabbath School lesson.

There are five different languages spoken in Ujjain, and there ought to be a teacher in each. There are two schools in different parts of the city, and in them instruction is in Hindi. The Gospel is regularly taught in each of these schools by Christian teachers.

DHAR.

Rev. F. H. Russell is the missionary in this station, and a better acquaintance with the field after two years residence, gives him a deeper sense of the overwhelming need. Opposition is bitter from some quarters, but from others there is encouragement. There are 29 communicants in the station, and they give good attendance and contribute liberally according to their means towards current church expenses. They purchased a site for a preaching hall, and feel disappointed in having to wait so long for a suitable building. Villages within walking distance of Dhar are regularly visited. In the cold season the missionary and helpers itinerate, overtaking as many of the thousands of villages as they may be able. The head men of these villages are usually cordial, and frequently asked the missionary to estab-

lish regular work. There are ten or twelve of these towns that should be taken up as centres, and from which the surrounding villages could be influenced.

There are four primary schools taught by Christian teachers, with an average attendance in all of 82 pupils. Mr. Russell has taken an interest in the orphan in common with the other missionaries. A society has been formed in Winnipeg for the purpose of assisting in this work. They undertake to support twelve orphans for ten years and to provide the necessary building—the Government having provided land for that purpose.

BHEELS.

Dr. Buchanan has entered upon the work amongst the Bheels. His first work is the erection of buildings. In doing so he must find labourers, and in order to get labourers he must win confidence. It would be easy enough, he discovered, to get Hindu or Mohammedan contractors to do the work, but that would, he felt, be missing the opportunity of coming into personal contact with the people, and thus using the work of erection as a missionary agency. In order to do this fully, all associated with him foremen or instructors must be Christian. But as such could not be had, he became himself master-mason, brickmaker, carpenter, etc. Little by little confidence is won, these tried, down-trodden people become willing workers. Let it be the prayer of the Church that a great harvest of souls may be the result of self-denying trustful labour. The great harvest gathered in India in the past have been from the lowest strata of society. The Bheels are amongst the lowest, and the last may be first.

WORK OF LADY MISSIONARIES INDOOR

Hospital—Miss M. Oliver, M.D. and Miss Thomson are in charge of this important section of the work. Christ used the healing of the body in order to find access to the soul. It is found effectual still. Many who find a blessing bring it home to their friends.

The Hospital Dispensary is open two hours a week for patients of the Eurasian or Parsi class, who do not care to associate in the waiting room, with such as fill it at other times and who are willing to pay a small fee.

In order to qualify workers for their work, every morning a meeting is held for the study of the Word of God. The waiting room of the Hospital is used every Sabbath morning for a Sabbath School, composed largely of women advanced in life.

Girl's Boarding School—Miss Sinclair is in charge of this school which has at present 29 boarders, besides 4 day pupils of the Parsi class.

One of the homeless girls taken into the school some years ago is now a successful teacher and one who out of her small income pays a tithe to the Master who has redeemed her.

The most trying ordeal, impossible for us to appreciate at this distance, was the care of diseased and dying orphan children. In spite of the most loving care 20 died, but they have the joy of 28 living, rescued, healthy girls, who give promise of being useful Christian disciples. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me." These children were for a time kept in a separate building, but now are received into the Boarding School. It is needless to say that on Sabbath and week-day every effort is put forth to instruct in the Word of Life.

Mang Women's Class—It will be remembered that an interesting movement took place amongst the Mangs in Indore. Of that section of the population 34 women meet, and under Miss White's instruction are making satisfactory progress in sewing

and knitting, and in Scripture knowledge. The simplicity of their faith and the heartiness of their worship is touching and inspiring to their teacher.

Day Schools—A School was opened last September in the Camp Bazaar, which has a regular attendance of 29. Miss Grier is in charge of a Hindi School with an average attendance of 40, and another school in a wealthy part of the city, which has an attendance of 20, in spite of opposition. Miss Ptolemy has charge of a Marathi school in which the average attendance is 88. Miss Ptolemy also teaches "Methods of Teaching" in the Normal Training Classes, which will be invaluable to a work in which teaching plays so prominent a part. Miss Chase taught English in the College Classes, besides Zenana work, and the study of the Urdu language in which she passed an unusually successful examination.

Sabbath School Work—Whilst every day in the week has its Bible teaching, yet the Sabbath is signalized by Bible teaching alone, and all the school children and so many others as can be induced to attend, are taught to recognize the Lord's Day as different from other days.

Zenana—All who find it possible to do so engage in this interesting department of work. Miss White and her Bible woman had access to 32 homes in which 85 women were reached. Miss Grier and Miss Chase also visit a number of homes, as frequently as other engagements make it possible.

Village Work—All the ladies would delight in such work if time and strength permitted, and a considerable amount of it is done.

MHOW.

Miss Calder and Miss Leyden are the lady missionaries in this field. Miss Fraser and Miss Ross, who were formerly employed there, have now retired. Miss Leyden had to give her time chiefly to the study of the language, thus leaving the burden largely on Miss Calder.

There are 7 day schools largely attended, and Sabbath Schools as well. Miss Leyden has been able to render considerable assistance, especially in the Sabbath School. She will soon be able to undertake her full share of work. Miss Calder taught a class of women on two afternoons a week. She has had many invitations to visit homes, which it was not possible for her to do.

NEEM CH.

Medical Work—Miss Turnbull, M. B., took charge of three dispensaries, and indeed a fourth became necessary owing to the arrival of 34 famine children. In these dispensaries 4,576 patients were treated, necessitating 27,671 treatments. In that number are included a considerable number of treatments in homes, to which Miss Turnbull was invited. Miss Duncan and a Bible-woman assisted Miss Turnbull, so that the Gospel message was allied with medical aid.

Day Schools—Miss Duncan has charge of 4 schools and Miss Campbell of 2, all which are prosperous, the chief hindrance being the want of competent teachers. Sabbath Schools are conducted in each of the schools.

Village Work—This department of work is practically boundless. Miss Duncan and her Bible-woman Rebecca, visited 115 villages and told the old old story to thousands, who heard them gladly. Miss Turnbull extends her medical skill to many of these villages, and thus they co-operate in their Christ-like mission.

Zenana Work—Both Miss Duncan and Miss Campbell engage in such visitation, finding access into many homes, and often finding encouragement.

RUTLAM.

There is no single lady missionary at this station, but Mrs. Campbell has charge of two schools. Mrs. Campbell's serious illness, as well as the arrival of the famine children, interrupted the usual work.

UJJAIN.

Day Schools—Miss Jamieson has two high-caste schools in which good work has been done, but the opening of a similar school by the state, with special inducements offered, has drawn away some of the pupils. Another school is conducted amongst the Mangs, and notwithstanding many hindrances, there is much to encourage. They readily yield to kind treatment, and understand in a measure Christian truth. Miss Jamieson has also in her care 8 blind children in which she takes much interest, teaching them reading, writing and mental arithmetic, and some simple industrial work. Three of these asked for baptism. Miss Weir, who is associated with Miss Jamieson, gave most of her time to the study of the language, but was helpful in many ways. Together they regularly visited seven wards of the city, and taught classes for young non-Christian women, and Christian women and children, at which latter the women gave reports of their work. Sabbath Schools received usual attention.

DHAR.

Miss M. O'Hara, M.D., conducted two dispensaries. One of these was opened in June in the presence of a large number of officials and citizens of Dhar, and is, as Miss O'Hara says, "a practical expression of the interest of friends in India in their work." In this and the city dispensary 5,634 patients were treated.

Day Schools—Miss Dougan until compelled to return home through sickness, took charge of two schools. Sabbath Schools were conducted in these schools, and in the dispensary as well.

Village Work—Miss O'Hara accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Russell into the villages. They had with them two catechists, and held many Gospel meetings, distributing medicines as occasion arose. On such occasions many, many painful cases are witnessed, and the hearts of the missionaries are wrung with anguish at the awfulness of the need and their own feebleness. What are these few amongst so many! The cry goes up "How long?"

"Ye are the Lord's remembrancers, give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest until He establish and make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
TREASURER OF CENTRAL INDIA MISSION.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY, 1898.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, 1st March, 1897.....	\$ 1,073 57	
Received from Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto	40,393 33	
Paid by Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto, accounts Missionaries.....	2,327 75	
Government Grant, Indore College.....	752 94	
Fees, Indore College.....	322 82	
Chaplaincy Receipts.....	1,071 82	
Donations.....	220 12	
Lost money refunded.....	295 00	
Fees and Sales of Medicine.....	708 25	
Interest.....	58 14	
Debtor balances last year	35 63	
Balances still unpaid	789 11	
Over drawn in Bank.....	141 92	
		\$48,790 40
Less Famine Fund.	\$1,320 34	
" Special sums.....	162 26	
		1,482 60
		\$47,307 80

Expenditure.

Evangelistic Work	\$5,497 81	
Educational "	8,550 96	
Medical "	3,515 16	
Miscellaneous "	419 02	
Travelling Expenses, Missionaries to Canada ...	2,196 61	
Treasurer's Expenses and Bank charges	276 00	
Additional amount, Mr. Wilkie's Bungalow.....	156 86	
Ladies' Verandah, etc., Indore	286 20	
Servants' House on New Compound	174 00	
Bheel Building	156 86	
Salaries of Missionaries.....	23,168 61	
Amounts due from last year.....	2,909 71	
		\$47,307 80

VIII.—MISSION TO THE CHINESE, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

REV. A. B. WINCHESTER.

The following is but an abstract of an interesting report from Mr. Winchester, which, it is to be regretted, cannot for want of space be printed in full. As noted in last year's report, work amongst Chinese suffers much from the hostility of Europeans, as well as from the opposition of their own countrymen. The missionary needs much patience and faith.

STAFF.

Rev. A. B. Winchester and Mrs. Winchester, Victoria.
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Colman, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hall, Union.
Mr. Ng Man Hing, with Mr. Winchester.
Mr. Lo Cheung, Westminster.
Our three European missionaries suffered from sickness during the year.

SCHOOLS.

Whether this department of work leads in real value or not, it is that which the Christian public can most easily see, and seem most to appreciate. They have been kept open nightly throughout the year, statutory holidays excepted.

- (1). *Victoria*.—Average attendance, 22 per night.
- (2). *Vancouver*.—The attendance larger than last year, but the attendance of teachers smaller, being one teacher to seven pupils.
- (3). *Westminster*.—Closed during the canning season. During months when the school was open, attendance about 20 and attention good.
- (4). *Union*.—Attendance somewhat less than last year.

At three or four other points some effort is put forth by earnest Christians in behalf of the Chinese, but there are scores of places with from 10 to 500, under the shadow of the churches, where nothing is done. It is stated that there are about 5,000 Chinese in the interior of British Columbia, with no one to care for their souls.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

These are conducted with usual variety of method. Mr. Hall says that at Union the prayer meeting has been a source of joy and strength, that it is a rare occurrence for a member to be absent from the prayer meeting.

SABBATH SERVICES.

They are conducted regularly, and Mr. Winchester adds, "We think we see in those who attend a deeper interest on the part of Christians, and more reverent and thoughtful attention on the part of others."

ITINERARY.

The missionaries seek as far as possible to scatter the seed by many waters.

Canneries.—Mr. Winchester writes, "Mr. Colman and myself accompanied by Rev. Dugald Currie went to Steveston on the 17th July, 1897. We arrived on Saturday evening and had no where to lay our heads. Brother Missionaries of the Methodist church, who had taken possession of their new mission house, placed a room at our disposal, but of course the room was just as the carpenters had left it. We went down to the store and purchased straw mattresses, chairs, a few cooking utensils and food.

Camp life was established by throwing our straw sacks on the floor and preparing supper. We would have been badly off indeed without this accommodation, and we deem it dutiful in this report to express our gratitude to our Methodist brethren for their kindness. We had all things in common and the fellowship must have been like so that which obtained in the primitive Christian church.

The opportunities for service at the canneries are many and of varied values. In no previous year did we feel so much encouraged, yet we know of no fruit from our labors, at least in the form of Chinese converts to Christ; some white men, however, seemed to be brought from darkness into light. Although our work was first to the Chinese, wherever we could do so we preached to whites as well. I find by the record, of the first Sabbath for instance, that we preached six times in Chinese and twice in English. At some of the English services in the street as many as 200 or 300 men would stand and listen with close attention for over an hour to a Gospel address or addresses.

All the canneries were visited save two or three. Those more accessible and more important, in point of numbers, were visited a great many times. Addresses were given in boarding houses and on the streets or the river bank, and wherever opportunity offered. This is no holiday work—it taxes one's powers of endurance to the utmost, but we have "peace and joy in believing" that the abundant scattering of the vitalizing seeds of Truth will be followed with "fruit unto holiness, and the end, everlasting life." Our hope is that we may be able to get a small cabin for a shelter for our heads during the coming season and that we may prosecute this work with increased vigor and faith.

Lepers.—On Darcy Island a number of lepers are in quarantine. They are visited occasionally by our missionaries, and would be more frequently but for difficulty of access. The health officer makes a quarterly visit, but it is usually on the Lord's Day. In September last a visit was paid in a row boat, which, owing to fog and tide, proved an arduous task. The poor lepers appreciate the visits and express the hope that they will soon be repeated.

Other Points.—Mr. Winchester, who superintends the whole work, frequently visits points already occupied, and other missionaries pay such visits as often as may be deemed desirable. They contemplate a more extended tour during the coming year in order that at least the 5,000 Chinese in the interior may not be able to go back to China, after a residence of years in Christian Canada, and say that they never once heard of the religion or truth of Jesus.

Conference.—In September last, the Presbyterian Chinese Christians in B.C. assembled in Victoria for four days for the discussion of spiritual and practical topics. All the brethren testified to the spiritual uplift there received. At that Conference, at which 23 Chinese were present, \$220 annually were subscribed for the support of Lo Cheung, who is now employed in Westminster, and Ma Seung, who is now in the Canton Presbyterian College, with the view of assisting in the work in British Columbia. Both these brethren left good situations unhesitatingly to work for Jesus, without salary, bare living expenses only being paid.

Voluntary Helpers.—To the Y.P.S.C.E. in connection with different churches who supply teachers, and to other volunteers, the thanks of the Church are due. It is much to be regretted, however, that frequently classes meet without a single teacher being present besides the Missionary and Chinese assistant. In all these missions more hearty cooperation is needed on the part of those who profess to have taken up the cross of Christ.

Temptations.—Some of the Chinese are growing in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, and manifest true Christian fortitude. One, who had a steady and profitable position was ordered by a member of our own Church to go to work on the Sabbath day, at the risk of losing his situation. He unhesitatingly refused, and it is a pleasure to say that he was not dismissed. Another Chinese, however, yielded to similar temptation and suffered spiritual injury, but has seen his danger and is recovering himself. Such instances of faith and constancy under trial give hope to the missionaries. Many are intellectually satisfied, and some are trusting the Saviour who are yet afraid publicly to testify before men.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1898.

Receipts.

Received from the Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto . . .	\$3,810 00	
Pulpit supply	90 75	
Anonymous subscriptions	15 00	
Miss Watson, Victoria West	5 00	
From special fund	7 90	
A. B. W.	5 65	
		\$3,934 30

Expenditure.

Salaries	\$3,280 00	
Rent of buildings	495 00	
Travelling expenses	94 35	
Light, \$20.25 ; Fuel, \$9.50 ; Incidentals \$5.20 . .	34 95	
Itinerant work	30 00	
		\$3,934 30

IX—INDIANS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ALBERNI.

In the two bands—Sheshahts and Opitsheshahts—there are about 225 in all.

This has been a year of blessing. Harry, an Indian boy, (an ex-pupil), has been appointed out-door assistant. The Indians begin to feel that the responsibility rests not altogether with the boy, and have come to the conclusion that the Church must love them since so much is annually spent on their education and care. They are trying to assist. One of their number, Jackson, by name, assisted with wood cutting, and has now constituted himself usher at Sabbath services and is so much in earnest that the others call him a Christian.

A number of the chief men called upon Miss Johnston a short time ago and thanked her for being strong-hearted enough (Nashook Cle-muxty) to keep their children in school against their will, and they are proud of the progress their children are making.

There are fourteen girls and thirteen boys in the school. One girl recently died, who was at home with friends during her last sickness, but refused their heathenish treatments, because she said God would be angry with her if she did.

The children are more easily managed since the Compulsory Education Act was enforced. There were in the two bands, thirteen births and eleven deaths during the year, three of the latter being very old people.

Eleven of the girls were baptized on profession of faith, ten on the 12th July when Messrs. Hamilton Cassels and Andrew Jeffrey were present and took part in the service. The other baptism was on the 14th November.

The Sabbath school meets in the morning, and Harry explains the lesson in the Indian language so that the old as well as the young can understand.

The Home Missionary, the Rev. E. G. Taylor, gives fortnightly service in the evening, and on alternate Sabbaths there is a Bible Class and Praise Service.

The children are making satisfactory progress in both the home and day school. Girls of twelve years take their turn at house-keeping and are good bread-makers.

The Indians have made persistent and successful efforts to keep strong drink out of the village during the last two years.

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INDIANS OF BARCLAY SOUND.

Tribes.	No.	Winter Villages.	Location.	Summer Villages.	Location.
U-clul-ahts.	179	Ucluelet.	N. W. point of Barclay Sd.	Scattered.	12-15 miles dist. from Ucluelet.
To-quahts.	21	Toquah.	At entrance Ucluelet harbor.	Mah-a-ko-ah.	9 miles n.e. from Ucluelet.
O-hi-ahts.	200	Dodgers Cove.	17 mls. e. from Ucluelet.	Noo-muck-a- mis.	8 miles n. from Dodgers Cove.
How-chuck-les- ahts.	40	Various.	12 miles n. from Dodgers Cove.	How-chuck- lees.	3 miles w. of winter locat'n.
*Shesh-ahts.	160	Various islands.	Between Ucluelet & Dodgers C'Ve.	Alberni.	35-40 miles to n. of islands.
*O-pitch-es-ahts.	65	Various islands.	Between Ucluelet & Dodgers C'Ve.	Alberni.	35-40 miles to n. of islands.

* The children of these two tribes which are in the "Home" at Alberni and a few of the adult generally remain at Alberni all the year.

Staff—Mr. and Mrs. M. Swartout—Ucluelet and Dodgers Cove—part of the year at each.
Miss E. M. Armstrong, Ucluelet, B.C.

Converts—Baptised 1, not counting the children of the Alberni Indians in the "Home."
Inquirers 7, counting only those who seem to be in earnest.

Day Schools, Ucluelet—Taught by Miss Armstrong, under Government regulations.
No. enrolled, 34. Average attendance for first half year 18, for second half year 10.

Dodgers Cove—Only a private school--much interrupted owing to frequent absence of missionary.

Services—Preaching in native language by missionary and by Septice, an Indian convert.
Prayer meetings at different points Sabbath evenings and once or twice on week nights.

Sabbath school work and services in Chinook by Miss Armstrong and Mrs. Swartout.

Medical Work—Dispensing medicines—nursing sick—preparing and giving food to serious cases—all which form an important and onerous part of duties of all missionaries in this field.

Difficulties—Indians more scattered this year than usual; exceptionally stormy weather, causing tedious and dangerous travelling for the missionary and reducing the average attendance at school for the second half year.

An effort to restrain the Indians at Ucluelet from destroying a good house upon the death of the owner resulting in an outburst of superstition and consequent opposition

Christianity which took the form of drinking, gambling

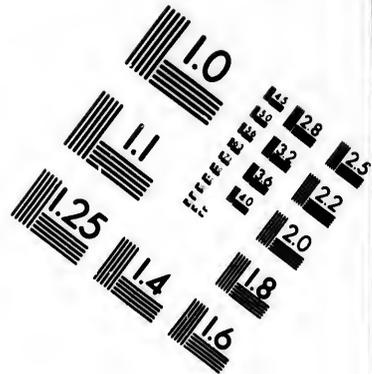
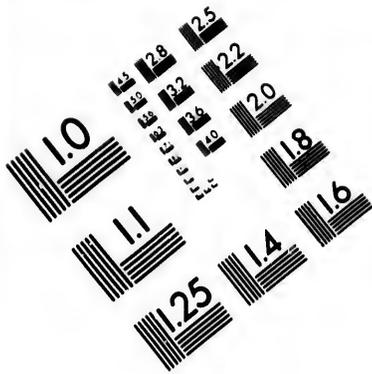
1. *Encouragements*—The faithfulness of the native convert who, though in poor health and circumstances, preached to his people on land and sea, conducted prayer meetings, and lived alone in a reputedly "haunted house," has done much to give light to his benighted people, and break down their superstitious follies.

2. The determination on the part of a former leader among gamblers and whiskey-drinkers to lead a different life; the faithfulness of another young man to his professed Christian principles, despite the great temptations of the past winter; the apparently sincere repentance of others who had fallen, all give encouragement to the work at Ucluelet.

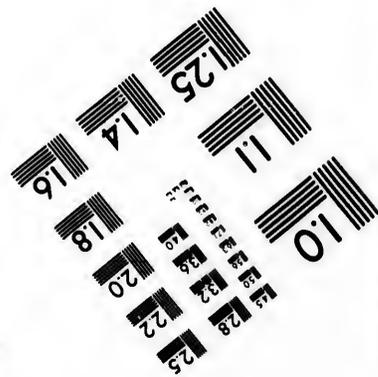
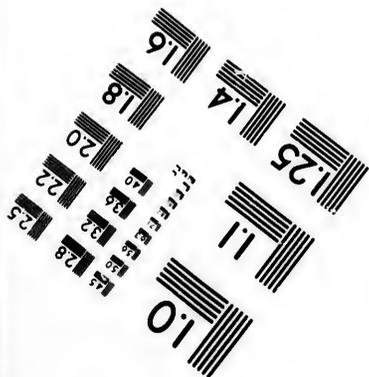
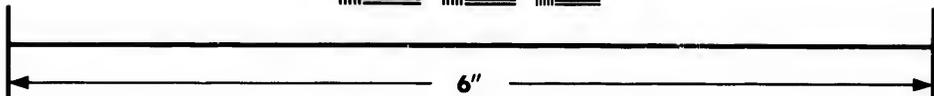
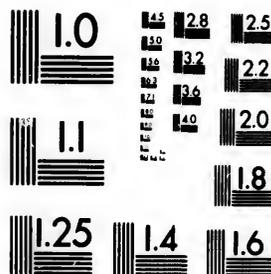
3. At Dodger's Cove, the O-hi-ahts have shown great loyalty to the Mission, and have almost entirely ceased whiskey-drinking (to which they were formerly notoriously addicted). They have fairly well observed the Sabbath, and are very regular in attendance upon Sabbath services, particularly in the morning. They are making rapid strides towards civilization, and at a recent prayer meeting nearly all present, headed by the chief, stood up declaring their desire to be Christians. One man, at least, seems to be a true enquirer, and several old people, especially old women, give great attention to the preached word.

4. The Shesh-ahts and Opitchesahts have been visited on the islands. After a recent meeting with some of the old people at one of their villages they thanked the





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missionary again and again and pleaded with him to come often, as they could not understand the service in English at Alberni.

An old man, belonging to another village, asked the missionary if he had been to his village that day. On receiving a negative reply he said: "No one ever preaches to us at *Klay-ho*."

5. The Howchucklesahts have also been visited and old people, as well as the young, listened gladly to the Gospel in their own tongue. One of these elderly women, falling in with the missionary's boat at another village asked why he had come.

"To preach," was the answer.

"Oh, I am so glad," replied she. "I am so glad you are going to preach. Now I shall hear."

"Do you believe in Jesus?"

"Oh yes, I believe."

"And do you not worship the moon?"

"No, not now."

Can the truth not penetrate the hearts of these old moon-worshippers?

6. A short catechism, in the native dialect, adapted to the special needs of the Indians, with a translation in English, has been prepared and is now nearly ready for the printers. It includes also passages of Scripture, such as the Beatitudes, Commandments, Lord's Prayer, a part of John xiv. and individual texts, and several hymns, which the Indians readily learn to sing in their own tongue.

7. As large numbers of Indians from all parts of the province were at work in the canneries on the Fraser, three weeks of last summer were spent among them at Steveston. Opportunity was found to sow the seed among hundreds of natives, and also to preach on the streets to multitudes of whites.

8. Mr. Alex. McKee, late of the Alberni staff, having taken a store in Barclay Sound has continued his interest in mission work and regularly visits and preaches to the Howchucklesahts who are not far distant from his store.

AHOUSAHT.

This Mission is encouraging in the midst of special difficulties.

1. They have improved in outward comforts. Last year scarcity of employment caused scarcity of food. This year seventy men found employment in sealing schooners, besides an unprecedented supply of herrings and salmon, gave enough for all. Some very old people, widows and deserted wives, have been assisted by the Agent.

2. There has been less than the usual amount of sickness and death. The Indian doctor is accountable for much of the mortality that exists. The people generally fear him and believe in him, but some are coming to use simple remedies and to be more careful as to sanitary conditions.

3. In the past the custom was to dispose of their dead by placing the bodies in boxes and putting them on stumps or in the branches of trees, or amongst bushes around the village. That practice has ceased or nearly so. They who still adhere to it, choose distant places, but the majority are now interred with Christian observances. It is expected that this summer the remains will be gathered and properly disposed of and the boxes etc., burned.

4. The mortality amongst the children makes the population stationary. There are about 300 in all and ninety of these are children, making it an important station.

5. The standard of morality is higher. Polygamy has practically ceased, wife-desertion and ill-treatment are less frequent but little liquor comes to the reserve, and gambling is not so general. Seven or eight Indians came to Mr. Russell, our missionary, asking to take a pledge, renouncing cards, liquor and impurity, and without exception the pledge has been kept.

6. The parents are much attached to their children and in their immigration from place to place take their children with them. That reduces the attendance at the school. But they who do attend make good progress. Several of the larger boys being able to write letters in English.

7. At Christmas they were able, through the kindness of Mrs. Carder and six little girls in Victoria, to have a Christmas tree, to the delight of the whole village.

8. The morning services are attended by as many as 170 and the evening service by twenty or thirty. At a service a few months ago, a young man arose of his own accord before 150 of his people and confessed Christ, renouncing his former ways and life, and has been able to prove faithful. Another confessed faith privately and is under instruction. These instances give hope, to the faithful missionary, as he comes into daily contact and conflict with the traditional superstitions and practices of the poor Pagans.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
MISSIONS TO INDIANS, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1898.

1. WEST COAST.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 34 14	
Received from Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto.....	1,956 72	
Fees	46 05	
Donations	31 00	
		\$2,067 91

Expenditure.

Salaries, Ucluelet, Ahousaht & Dodger's Cove...	\$1,823 35	
Travelling expenses.....	54 25	
Printing Catechism in Colloquial	26 00	
Ucluelet School sundries	26 05	
Dodger's Cove, rent of houses.....	60 00	
“ “ “ additional to last year.....	75 00	
Balance on hand, 1st May, 1897.....	3 26	
		\$2,067 91

2. ALBERNI.

Receipts.

Received from Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto.....	\$1,587 21	
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Statement of expenditure not to hand when report goes to press.

X.—CHINESE IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Fifty years ago Crescent St. Church, Montreal, extended a call to the Rev. W. C. Burns, at that time doing evangelistic work in Canada. It was suitable that in Crescent St. Church, services should have been held on the 27th Dec., 1897, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. Burn's appointment to China, and at the same time, a more notable event, the ninetieth anniversary of Dr. Morrison's arrival at Maceo, China, the locality from which come the 15,000 Chinese now in Canada. The occasion was one of special interest to Chinese residing in the city, and was cordially patronized by the churches.

Progress :—The Chinese are making progress in the use of the English language and western ways ; six made profession of faith during the year, one of these a Chinese lady ; two were prevented from appearing, some are on probation and quite a number are intellectually convinced, and are students of the Word.

Chinese Schools :—There are sixteen schools in all and they have been well sustained. Average attendance twenty-five scholars and twenty-two teachers. More work could be done if more teachers were available.

Night School :—Miss A. L. Woodington is in charge and her work is so efficient that the Protestant Board of School Commissioners contributed \$100 as well as books and other supplies.

Morning School :—Miss Derick continued for a time these classes. The possession of our own Mission Hall makes this possible. It is a reading room and place of resort every night in the week, and an antidote to other attractions.

Home Life :—Some of the Chinese are bringing their families with them, eight women and a number of children having been in the city for a time. One lady attended classes and the others were instructed in their homes. One returned to China confessing Christ, and another desires baptism.

Persecution :—Abuse in the streets is now rare, but an offensive laundry tax, which the Chinese refused to pay, resulted in the imprisonment of three men for several weeks.

GENERAL.

3. The Ewart Missionary Training School reported to the last General Assembly, has had encouragement in its first Session. The Commencement lecture was delivered by Principal MacVicar, in Knox College, on "The Missionary and Theological Training of Women." Courses of lectures were delivered in biblical, doctrinal and practical subjects during the six months of the Session, and the attendance on these lectures was gratifying. The Training Home is under the superintendence of Mrs. Anna Ross, who besides her other duties, conducted a Bible Class for the benefit of the students. Through the kindness of the Nursing-at-Home Mission, the students were privileged to attend a course of lectures by well-known medical men of the city, in subjects connected with the study of nursing. Arrangements are made for a second course of lectures during the coming winter.

4. The Executive of the Students' Volunteer Movement are desirous of having men employed as travelling Secretaries, who have had experience in the foreign field. Some of the American Boards have already favored them in this respect. The Executive of the movement are desirous of having one Canadian next year, and have asked for the services of the Rev. N. H. Russell. The F. M. C., after consideration, decided to refer the matter to the General Assembly simpliciter.

5. Miss Isabella Ross, who was appointed to India fourteen years ago, and has rendered important service, tendered her resignation, which has been accepted by the Committee.

6. The Rev. W. J. Jamieson has had to return again from India on account of serious illness. The change to his native land speedily restored his health, but the fact that he found it necessary to come home before, so recently as 1894, caused the Committee to hesitate. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Jamieson has proved himself to be a faithful missionary, it was deemed inexpedient that he should return to India.

7. Miss Margaret Sterling Wallace, M.D., has been appointed to Honan as a Medical Missionary.

8. The Honan Presbytery has asked that another Ordained Missionary be appointed to that field so soon as the funds of the Committee will justify an appointment.

9. Dr. Malcolm, whose life was in the balance through appendicitis, has undergone a successful operation. He now returns to his work in the good providence of God, fully restored and eager for service.

10. The Committee has pleasure in making special mention of the liberality of Crescent Street Church, Montreal. They support Dr. McClure in Honan, and this year contributed \$2,500 towards the erection of a dwelling house for him and a hospital in which to carry on his work.

Finances.

The total receipts in the Eastern Section were \$27,443.82, as against \$28,008.70 the previous year, and the total expenditure \$27,756.83, as against \$27,946.19. The debt has increased from \$4,228.10 in '97 to \$4,541.11 in '98. The receipts for Korea were \$3,165.40. There has not been any expenditure on this account, but all on hand will be required to start the work in the course of the coming summer.

The total receipts in the Western Section were \$104,394.19. According to the financial statement appended, it will be seen that the deficit of \$9,685.65 with which the year began, has been entirely removed, and a balance remains to the credit of the Fund of \$497.40. This gratifying result is owing, to some extent, to the fact that while the receipts were practically those of a whole year, the expenditure in some of the fields only embraced a period of eleven months. Among the receipts are \$2,500 from the Crescent Street congregation, Montreal, for the erection of a hospital and house for Dr. McClure, in Honan. These buildings have not yet been erected,—the money, however, will be required for them during the current year. The balance on hand for the India Famine Fund is large. The full amount, however, will all be required before the orphan children, gathered into the homes in connection with our Missions, are fit to care for themselves.

According to the estimates appended, it will be seen that a considerably increased revenue will be required for the current year, which will necessitate increased liberality upon the part of the Congregations, Sabbath Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of the Church.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1897-98.

EASTERN SECTION.

REV. P. M. MORRISON, D.D., HALIFAX, TREASURER.

Receipts.

Acknowledged in "Record".....	\$ 27,443 82	
Balance due Treasurer April 1st, 1898.....	4,541 11	
		<u>\$ 31,984 93</u>

Expenditure.

Balance due Treasurer May 1st, 1897.....	\$ 4,228 10
*On account of New Hebrides.....	6,192 56
*On account of Trinidad, Demerara and St. Lucia.....	20,342 80
Remitted Dr. Warden.....	98 06
Remitted Dr. Smith.....	25 00
Expenses of Committee.....	71 45
Printing, etc.....	87 93

Interest—

To Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 89 17
To W. F. M. S. East.....	117 36
To Miss R. Tupper.....	8 50
To T. P. Jones.....	150 00
To Mrs. S. Murray.....	6 00
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Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	568 00
	<u>\$ 31,984 93</u>

*For particulars see Foreign Mission Report.

WESTERN SECTION.

REV. ROBT. H. WARDEN, D.D., TORONTO, TREASURER.

Receipts.

Contributions from congregations	\$34,136 52	
" " Sabbath Schools	3,675 91	
" " C. E. Societies, etc	2,300 10	
Donations from individual friends	4,284 35	
Bequests	6,793 52	
Farrington Church	32 75	
Interest and dividends	270 75	
Glengarry Presbytery	854 60	
Glengarry Presbytery, S. S. Association	220 00	
Knox College Alumni Association	900 00	
Queen's College Students' Missionary Association	650 00	
Manitoba College Students' Missionary Society	250 00	
Central Church, Toronto, on acc. Rev. H. N. Russell's salary.	675 46	
Toronto, St. James' Sq., salary of Rev. D. MacGillivray	750 00	
Montreal, Crescent St., salary of Dr. W. McClure	1,200 00	
Montreal, Crescent St., for Dr. McClure's Hospital and house.	2,509 00	
Montreal, Erskine Ch., salary and outfit, Dr. P. C. Leslie ...	950 00	
Mr. David Yuile, Montreal, salary of Rev. M. McKenzie	1,200 00	
Nairn and Beechwood, on acc. Rev. J. A. Slimmon's salary ..	482 65	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Toronto	40,099 58	
" " " Special	1,368 00	
" " " Montreal	700 00	
Proceeds, Prince Albert property	100 00	
		<u>\$104,394 19</u>

Disbursements.

Balance at Dr, 1st May, 1897	\$9,685 67	
India	38,724 46	
Honan	13,373 78	
Formosa	10,004 49	
Northwest Indians	17,068 73	
British Columbia Indians	3,275 00	
Chinese in British Columbia	3,810 00	
Chinese in Montreal	1,540 00	
Salary of Secretary	2,000 00	
Expenses of Committee	507 85	
Printing, including annual reports, leaflets, etc	694 37	
Missionaries rates for W. & O. and A. & I. Funds	294 00	
Interest on advances	1,130 99	
Water pump for Alberni	97 37	
Travelling expenses Missionaries in Canada	370 77	
Medical, fees, Bibles, etc	46 66	
Legal costs <i>re</i> bequests	17 95	
Proportion of expenses, Committee on Y. P. Society	122 25	
Cablegrams and exchange	32 45	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses	1,100 00	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	497 40	
		<u>\$104,394 19</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. MOORE, }
A. FALCONER, } *Joint Conveners.*

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX, 1897-98.

To the Venerable the General Assembly,

The Board of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, in reviewing the past year find many tokens of Divine goodness, for which to record most hearty thanksgiving. The attendance of students was large, and their prosecution of study was unhindered by sickness, or any other unfavorable event. In the report of the Senate, which accompanies this, will be found a statement of the course of preparation for the work of the ministry of the Gospel, followed during the Session. The Board respectfully calls the attention of the Assembly, and of the whole Church, to the facts set forth in the report.

Having, last year, received permission from the General Assembly to present to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces a plan for the erection of a building that would at once serve the purposes of a modern fireproof library, and provide other much needed facilities for doing successfully the work of the institution, the Board laid before that Court, at the meeting in Moncton, last October, its ideas on the subject, with the result that the Synod, which had been empowered by the Assembly to take any action that it might deem wise in the matter, gave full authority to the Board to proceed, as soon as might be found expedient, with the erection of the building. The various matters connected with the undertaking have since then received much of the Board's earnest deliberation and practical attention. Plans of the building have been approved, a contract signed for its completion, a handsome stone and brick structure, at a cost of about \$18,000.00; and measures adopted for securing the necessary funds. The bequests of the late Dr. Burns and Rev. Alexander Campbell, reported last year, have been appropriated to this object, and a legacy of \$1,000.00, left by the late Rev. G. M. Clark without conditions, may, if necessary, be thus applied. Subscriptions of a thousand dollars each have already been intimated, and it is hoped that others will follow, while many smaller sums will assuredly flow in to swell the amount to the desired volume. Next year the Board hopes to be able to inform the Assembly that the Session of 1898-99 enjoyed the accommodation of the building, and that it is the unincumbered property of the Church.

The receipts for the current expenses during eleven months ended March 31st, amounted to \$10,336.66, and the outlay for the same period, which, however, called for only nine months' salaries of the professors, was \$8,726.57. The difference between the two removed the debt of last year, and left in the treasury \$611.95. The most of this will be required for repairs and improvement of the property, so that the revenue for the year ending March 31st next, must be \$12,000.00 to cover running expenses. Invested funds will yield \$7,000.00. The love of the Church for the College must be depended on to produce \$5,000.00.*

The Bursary Fund shows an income of \$1,101.67, and expenditure of \$878.00 for current purposes, and of \$219.70 for the removal of debt, with the small balance of \$3.97 in fund.

The Library Fund had on hand last year \$60.40, and received \$97.31. The expenditure on necessary modern books was \$126.30. The balance in fund is \$31.41.

The Endowments are as follows :

* For particulars see Finance Report.

I.—COLLEGE FUND.

Bank Stock, present value,	\$40,791 50
Debentures,	5,386 79
Mortgages,	69,632 59
	<u>\$115,810 88</u>

II.—BURSARY FUND.

Bank Stock,	\$1,312 50
Debentures,	2,457 49
Mortgages,	5,566 68
	<u>*\$9,336 67</u>

This amount is thus specialized :

(a) For general use :	
Kerr Bequest, originally,	\$800 00
Hunter " "	2,000 00
Matheson " "	1,000 00
Kirk Synod at Union,	1,000 00
(b) For special bursaries :	
Isaac Logan Bursary, originally,	\$1,000 00
Robert Pollock " "	1,000 00
Findlay Campbell " "	1,000 00
Wiswell Prize, " "	150 00
McGregor Bursary, " "	1,000 00
	<u>\$8,950 00</u>

III.—DALHOUSIE COLLEGE FUND, FOR CHAIR SUPPORTED BY OUR CHURCH.

Bank Stock,	\$22,887 00
Debentures,	4,000 00
	<u>\$26,887 00</u>

The Board is convinced that the College, kept in a state of ever-increasing efficiency, is essential to the progress and prosperity of this section of the Church, and, therefore, while in faith confiding it to "the God of all grace," commends it most earnestly to the affections, the fervent prayers, and the generous liberality of the people of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. SEDGWICK,
Chairman.

P. M. MORRISON,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SENATE OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

The Senate of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, begs leave to submit to the General Assembly the following report regarding the work of the past session. The total number of students was forty-seven. Of these, seven were of the third year, nine of the second year, and fifteen of the second division, and thirteen of the first division of the first year. Two attended as general students. The health of professors and students has been good, and the work of the various classes has been prosecuted with little interruption. With one or two exceptions the attendance has been very regular. In former years, owing to dearth of preachers, the attendance on the Monday classes was very irregular, but the evil no longer exists—at least it is reduced to a minimum—since vacant congregations and mission stations are from other sources very well supplied during the winter months.

The character of the work overtaken during the past season will compare favorably with the record of any previous year, if the results of the two written examinations are regarded as a fair criterion.

It is gratifying to notice that the students who attend this College have aimed at securing for themselves a good preparation for their Theological course. Of the fourteen graduates of last year, eight had the degree of M.A., and four that of B.A. Of the seven graduates of the present year, six have B.A., and one has M.A. And it is expected that at least a large proportion of the present affiliated men will graduate in Arts. At a time when

* McKenzie Bursaries invested by the Presbytery of Pictou not included, \$1,600.00.

the standard of attainment is being raised in other professions, and when the demands upon the pulpit are so exacting, the churches should see that the ministry keeps pace with the requirements of the day.

In Church History the Class was occupied with the study of General Church History from the commencement of the Christian Era to the Reformation on two days of each week. On two other days the History of the Scottish Church from the Glasgow Assembly in 1638 to the year 1733--the year of the first Secession--formed the subject of lectures and examinations. The written examinations in January and April were upon the subjects of these two courses. In the Class of Practical Theology lectures were given upon two days of each week till the close of the Session. On one day of the week till the middle of the Session prepared plans of discourses were given and explained by the students without the use of notes as an exercise both in framing outlines and in speaking. The subjects discussed in the Class of Practical Theology were the office of the ministry, the different views of that office, ministerial studies, the minister in relation to society and to his own congregation, the courts of the Church, liturgies, modes of presenting the Gospel, church services, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, the visitation of the sick, ending with the service for the burial of the dead. Upon these topics there was a written examination at the close of the Session. These classes have met with perfect regularity on every hour set down in the Time Table of the Calendar and the attendance of students has been regular and satisfactory.

The Junior Hebrew Class was attended by four regular students of the first year, and fourteen affiliated students of the first division of the first year--eighteen in all. The class met five times a week and went through Davidson's Introductory Hebrew Grammar with Progressive Exercises in Reading and Writing. Nearly the whole of the work was reviewed.

The Class in Senior Hebrew and O. T. Exegetics numbered sixteen, nine students being of the second year, and seven of the first. It met four times a week. The hour on Monday was devoted to Wright's Text Book on O. T. Introduction, a work which discusses first General, and then Special Introduction. On Tuesdays were delivered thirteen expository lectures on the first twelve chapters of Isaiah, and eight lectures on several of the Minor Prophets. One aim of this exercise was to teach students how to live in O. T. times and to discover the exact setting of any passage from the prophets which they may select as the subject of discourse. The strictly historical method was carefully followed, not, however, forgetting the fact that principles enunciated in times of old, have a direct bearing upon the life of to-day. Wednesdays were devoted to reading Hebrew. Selections were made from Genesis, Job, Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Micah. These passages were read critically. Syntax, accentuation, massoretic notes were all taken into account; and so far as time allowed the renderings of the LXX. and the Vulgate were consulted and divergences from the massoretic text noticed. Towards the close of the term instruction was given in Aramaic, and passages from Daniel and one of the Targums was studied. On Thursdays a course of thirteen lectures on Pentateuchal Criticism was delivered. At first sight a disproportionate amount of time may seem to have been given to this subject, but it must be remembered that the question is a live one, and that theological students should know the leading arguments on both sides. On Thursdays also were given several lectures on three of the Messianic Psalms. A Hebrew Critical Exercise was prepared by students of the third year. Some of these Exercises were read and criticized in class, the rest were examined and criticized in private.

In the Department of Apologetics and Systematic Theology the work of the first year is confined to Apologetics, the subjects considered being the Grounds of Theistic Belief, Anti-Theistic Theories, Miracles, the Credibility of the Gospels, Christian Evidences and Comparative Religion.

During the past session fourteen students attended the class of Apologetics. In addition to *viva voce* and written examinations on the subject of class lectures, each student submitted two essays, the subjects being "Responsibility for Religious Belief," and "The World by Wisdom knew not God."

In the Class of Systematic Theology, which is taken by all regular students of the second and third years, the subjects considered included the Doctrine of Man, the Doctrine of Sin, the Person of Christ and the Atonement. New Testament Theology occupied a portion of each week, the special department considered being the Teaching of St. Paul.

Seventeen students were in attendance. Two essays were written by each student, the subjects being "Man made in the image of God," and "The Preparation in History for Christianity."

The senior class of New Testament Exegetics was attended by sixteen students, seven of whom belonged to the third year and nine to the second. This class met on four days a week and was attended with much regularity, and the work done as shown by examinations and critical exercises was quite up to the average of former years. A somewhat minute exposition of Hebrews I., X. 20 was given on two days a week. On Wednesdays a course of lectures was delivered on the Apostolic Age till the Council of Jerusa-

lem, and Thursdays were occupied with paraphrasing the Epistle of James. The students of the second year also prepared critical exercises on prescribed passages of the Greek New Testament.

The Junior Class, which met on five days a week, was attended by fifteen students who, both as to attendance and work, gave much satisfaction. As usual the subject of study in this class was the Life of Christ as recorded in the Gospels. Most of John and a large portion of Luke were read exegetically and with reference to the historical and religious condition of Palestine at the time. In addition to this Textual Criticism was treated with a handbook and lectures were given in the language of the New Testament and the history of the English Bible.

An advanced class, on which the attendance was voluntary, met once a week and a course of twenty lectures was given on the first epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

In Elocution two days in the week were given to the third year, special attention being paid to the reading of Forms of Service for public worship. The text-book used was "The Presbyterian Forms of Service" in connection with the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. In addition to this, and for the purpose of developing public speaking, as also to obtain a better acquaintance with the practical work of the several Courts of the Church, discussions were held as frequently as time would permit, and lectures were given on the Public Statutes of Canada, so far as these relate to ministerial work, in the matter of Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; each Province having its own several Acts, all differing from one another. These subjects come up in connection with the reading of Forms of Service, such as marriages, funerals. The text-book used was "Taylor's Public Statutes."

The second year met on two days in the week, one day being devoted to the delivery of sermons, the reading of the Scriptures, Forms of Prayer, and the Book of Praise. In addition to this, the students have a prescribed text-book, on which they passed a very satisfactorily written examination. They were also required to pass an oral examination before judges appointed by the Senate.

The first year met one day in the week, for the purpose of attending lectures explanatory of the text-book. Special attention was given to the Exercises prescribed for drill on the methods of Vocalization, Articulation, etc. The class also passed a very creditable written examination on the text-book.

Besides the above instruction, fifty-six hours were devoted to private drill.

An interesting feature of our College life is the prevalence of an earnest missionary spirit. Two of our present graduates, joined by a former graduate, who now holds the Degree of M.D., go this summer to the foreign field. Of one of these missionaries, the students have most liberally undertaken the entire support.

College residence, as heretofore, has afforded ample opportunity for the maintenance of various societies having as their object the culture of the literary, the social, and the religious.

During the year the library has received valuable additions, for which thanks are specially due to the Alumni, who, for several years, have aided in stocking our shelves with recent theological literature. Mention should also be made of the liberality of a gentleman in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Malcolm McLeod, Esq., who has presented a complete set of the Latin and Greek Classics. Another gentleman, the Hon. Senator McKeen, has kindly promised a gold medal for competition among members of the elocution class. Benefactions like these not only are valuable in themselves, they indicate a growing interest in the welfare of the College.

Now regarding our wants—for Colleges are always necessitous—may be mentioned first, a fireproof library building. Steps have already been taken to prepare plans and estimates, and a circular will soon be issued giving details and soliciting aid. Then we trust that in due time a second need will be met—one or two Scholarships to aid our most promising students in taking post-graduate courses abroad. Many of the American Colleges, and even some Canadian institutions, have provided such Scholarships, asserting as a reason, that it is desirable to have specialists throughout the Church, who may be instrumental in elevating the standard of theological studies, and whose services may be available when any emergency arises offering a field for the exercise of their special training.

As this College is very largely the source of ministerial supply for the eastern section of our Church and its foreign field, it should be regarded as doing foundation work. Judging from the support which it is receiving it has evidently enlisted the sympathies of the people, and this augurs well for the future.

PRIZES IN ELOCUTION.

The Wiswell Elocution Prize was awarded to D. G. Cock, B.A. The Carruthers Prize, for written examination on work of the class, was awarded to H. R. Read, B.A.

LIST OF STUDENTS, 1897-98.

THIRD YEAR.

Alvin Henry Campbell, B.A.,	- - - - -	Elmsdale, Hants Co.
John Robert Douglas, B.A.,	- - - - -	Middle River, Pictou Co.
William Rufus Foote, M.A.,	- - - - -	Grafton, N.B.
Duncan Murdoch McRae, B.A.,	- - - - -	Baddeck, C.B.
Alexander Francis Robb, B.A.,	- - - - -	St. John, N.B.
Alexander Dinwoodie Stirling, B.A.,	- - - - -	Clifton, P.E.I.
Thomas Irving, B.A.,	- - - - -	Kent, N.B.

SECOND YEAR.

Daniel George Cock, B.A.,	- - - - -	West River, Pictou.
Robert Lewis Coffin, B.A.,	- - - - -	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
William Dakin, B.A.,	- - - - -	Truro, Colchester Co.
Alexander Hugh Denoon, B.A.,	- - - - -	Westville, Pictou.
A. F. Fisher, B.A.,	- - - - -	Lower Stewinacke.
William Forbes, B.A.,	- - - - -	Little Harbor, Pictou.
Allan Massie Hill, B.A.,	- - - - -	Halifax.
Donald McOdrum, B.A.,	- - - - -	Mira, C.B.
A. L. McKay, B.A.,	- - - - -	Balmoral, Colchester, N.S.

FIRST YEAR.

Second Division.

Frank Baird, B.A.,	- - - - -	Chipman, N.B.
Murdoch Buchanan, B.A.,	- - - - -	St. Ann's, C.B.
John G. A. Colquhoun, B.A.,	- - - - -	Little Harbor, Pictou.
Gordon Dickie, B.A.,	- - - - -	Milford, Hants Co.
George Alexander Grant, M.A.,	- - - - -	San Fernando.
Finlay H. McIntosh, B.A.,	- - - - -	Sunny Brae, Pictou.
John Duncan Noble, B.A.,	- - - - -	Miramichie, N.B.
Daniel John McDonald, B.A.,	- - - - -	Point Prim, P.E.I.
Archibald J. McDonald,	- - - - -	St. Peter's, C.B.
William Angus Morrison,	- - - - -	Middle River, C.B.
Robert Pollock Murray,	- - - - -	Mabou, C.B.
Hibbert Robert Read, B.A.,	- - - - -	Athol, N.S.
William Alexander Ross, B.A.,	- - - - -	Lorne, Pictou.
David C. Ross,	- - - - -	Halifax.
George Adam Sutherland, M.A.,	- - - - -	Earlton, N.S.

First Division.

Leopold Reid Burrows,	- - - - -	Hamilton, Bermuda.
William Andrew Cunningham,	- - - - -	Tatamagouche.
Franklin Fisher,	- - - - -	Bay of Islands, N.F.D.
George Ernest Forbes,	- - - - -	Little Harbor, Pictou.
Benjamin Glover,	- - - - -	Georgetown, P.E.I.
Albert Lorne McDougall,	- - - - -	Moncton, N.B.
Charles Campbell McIntosh,	- - - - -	Malagawatch, C.B.
Robert Grant McKay,	- - - - -	Springville, Pictou.
John Charles McLeod,	- - - - -	Port Caledonia, C.B.
Albert Morrison McLeod,	- - - - -	Lorne, Pictou.
William Edward Outhit,	- - - - -	Melvorn Square, N.S.
George Murray Ross,	- - - - -	Blue Mountain, Pictou.
James Archibald Ramsay,	- - - - -	Hamilton, P.E.I.

GENERAL STUDENTS.

J. J. MacCaskill, B.A.,	- - - - -	Cape Breton.
James McDougall,	- - - - -	Bangor, P.E.I.

JOHN CURRIE, *Clerk.*A. POLLOK, *Principal.*

GOVERNORS' REPORT OF MORRIN COLLEGE, FOR THE SESSION OF 1897-1898.

In presenting the thirty-seventh Annual Report of this institution, the Governors have pleasure in testifying that it continues to fulfill the functions for which it was established. At Christmas they were able to report to the authorities of McGill University at attendance, including students taking special lines of study, of seventy-four. That number received considerable additions during the progress of the winter.

Two of the students having the ministry in view entered, last summer, upon mission work in the Northwest for a year; and other two were induced to pursue their studies elsewhere. In consequence, the number of under-graduates contemplating the ministry during last Session has been but six, of whom two were instructed in Hebrew, and received, one a first-class Pass-Mark, and the other a good second, from the McGill University Examiner. Lectures were also given in Systematic Divinity, Church History, and Apologetics, in which subjects respectable examinations were passed. Two ministers have applied for the Degree of B.D., of whom one is reported to have successfully undergone the examinations prescribed for that purpose, while the other is still on trial.

Special courses were conducted in Biology, in Modern Languages, and in English Literature, all of these were well attended. The last mentioned, a new departure, under the highly competent efforts of Professor Sharp, elicited a lively interest, and this course promises to be a marked feature of the studies pursued in Morrin.

It was stated, in the Report of last year, that the Governors had in contemplation an attempt to add to the funds at their disposal, and thereby, to increase the staff of instructors, especially in the department of Divinity. Action was, however, deferred, and only quite recently have steps been taken, the results of which, it is hoped, will enable the Governors to report more favourably to next Assembly.

In concluding this Report, the Governors know not that they can do better than repeat part of the final paragraph of that submitted last year. They then say :

"Placing at the service of the Church, as they do, a valuable property free from all incumbrances of debt, and a fund already adequate to the providing of an efficient staff of professors; occupying ground, too, in the midst of a population to win whom, to purer views of the Gospel, this Venerable Court has instituted a district branch of missionary effort, the Governors venture to deem themselves entitled to the confidence of the General Assembly, and to a larger measure of sympathy and assistance than has heretofore been rendered."

In response, your Venerable Court was graciously pleased to commend this institution to the sympathy and practical support of the Church, and more especially of the congregations of the Presbytery of Quebec. It is, then, with some pain that the Governors are obliged to say that these recommendations have received very partial recognition, whether from the Church at large, or from the Presbytery specially referred to. They notice also, with surprise, that, alike in the statistical tables (up to date), and in references to collections for Colleges in the Church's Organs, Morrin College is habitually conspicuous by the absence of any reference to its existence. The spirit of equity would seem to dictate a different procedure. An institution fighting for existence in the very citadel of a community specially antagonistic to Presbyterianism in all its aspects and relations, is surely entitled to a larger and more generously practical measure of recognition and aid than the Church

has hitherto accorded. The Governors beg, accordingly, to submit the foregoing, feeling assured that, as always heretofore, the resolution of your Venerable Court will be characterized by the kindest justice and wisdom.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. H. COOK,
Chairman.

ARCHIBALD LAURIE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

QUEBEC, May 12, 1898.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MAY 1ST, 1897, TO MAY 1ST, 1898.

<i>Revenue.</i>	
Interest on Investments.....	\$4,730 00
Donations.....	51 00
Fees.....	98 00
Government Grant.....	1,075 00
	<u>\$5,954 00</u>
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Salaries.....	\$8,000 00
Advertising, Stationery, etc.....	212 00
Fuel and Light.....	422 30
Bursaries.....	300 00
Taxes and Snow Removal.....	415 00
Insurance.....	22 50
Books, Chemicals, etc.....	160 32
Furnishing Rooms.....	160 00
	<u>\$9,692 12</u>
Debit Balance.....	<u>\$3,738 12</u>

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PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
COLLEGE, MONTREAL, FOR THE YEAR, 1897-98.

To the Venerable the General Assembly:—

In presenting their annual report, the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, desire to express their gratitude to the Great King and Head of the Church, for the measure of success which has attended the work of the year.

From the accompanying report of the Senate, it will be observed that the attendance of students during the session was good, and that fifteen completed their course in the spring.

It is encouraging to report that the year ended without debt in the Ordinary Fund. During the past summer, extensive repairs and improvements were made upon the property, the interior of the original building having been renovated and supplied with a large quantity of new furniture, adding very materially to the comfort of the students. In this connection, the Board desire to express their indebtedness to Mrs. D. Morrice, Mrs. C. McArthur and Mr. Wm. Yuile, who collected respectively in Crescent St., St. Paul's and Erskine Churches, Montreal, \$331.76, towards meeting the expense of furnishings, etc.

The large-hearted friend of the College, who, in 1892, promised to meet the salary of an additional Professor for a period of five years, generously continued to do so during the year now ended.

While the congregational contributions are slightly in excess of those of the preceding year, they come from a very limited number of the congregations of the Church, and the Board feel that the College has a claim upon all congregations,—a claim which they trust will be recognized in the years to come. The Board, however, are most anxious that the Endowment Fund should be increased at an early date. The rapid decline in the rate of interest will materially effect the revenue from this source, unless the capital is increased in the near future.

The Board are gratified in being able to report that all the investments of the College are in a first-class condition. Not only has there never been a loss sustained in connection with any one of these, but a profit has accrued, so that a Profit and Loss Account was opened some years ago, to the credit of which there was reported to last Assembly the sum of \$3,879.75 which has been increased by \$460.38, during the year now ended, by the sale of an investment. The Board are also able again to report that there is not a single dollar of interest in arrears.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID MORRICE, *Chairman.*

JOHN STIRLING, *Secretary.*

MONTREAL, May 10, 1898.

DRAFT OF SENATE REPORT.

To the Venerable the General Assembly:—

The Senate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, beg to report a prosperous and harmonious Session. By the Divine blessing, the health of professors and students has been excellent, and, beyond a very few cases of necessary discipline nothing has occurred to interfere with the satisfaction of College duties conscientiously performed.

The classes in Systematic Theology have been conducted by the Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., LL.D.; those in Church History and Apologetics, by the Rev. Professor Campbell, LL.D.; those in French, Theology and Literature, by the Rev. Professor Coussirat, D.D., B.A.; those in Introduction and Greek and Hebrew Exegesis, by the Rev. Professor Scrimger, D.D., M.A.; and those in Church Government, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, and Biblical Theology by the Rev. Professor Ross, D.D., M.A.; Mr. J. P. Stephen has taught Elocution; Mr. J. C. Robertson, B.A.; Mathematics, and Mr. D. M. MacLeod, B.A., Classics. The College has been indebted to the Rev. Neil MacNish, B.D., LL.D., for lectures in the Gaelic Language and Literature, and to A. T. Taylor, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., R.C.A., for lectures in Ecclesiastical Architecture.

At the beginning of the Session the following certified students joined the classes:

In the Third Year in Theology.—Rev. J. Nairn and Laughlin Beaton.

In the First Year in Theology.—J. R. S. Cleary, W. P. Tanner, R. F. Hall, G. Yule, and J. A. Stuart.

In the First Year in Arts.—A. W. Lochead, A. B. MacLeod, and P. Mathieson.

In the First Year in the Literary Course.—R. Graham, A. Allen, J. Swinton, C. F. Cruchon, N. V. MacLeod, J. E. Covlin, and N. Joliat.

At the Sessional examinations held in the end of March and the beginning of April, the following students passed successfully:—

Third Year in Theology.—L. Beaton, D. N. Coburn, B.A., E. Curdy, J. R. Elmhurst, V. di Genova, S. D. Jamieson, N. D. Keith, M.A., M. J. Leith, J. E. Menancon, James Nairn, D. J. Scott, E. J. Shaw, J. M. Wallace, M.A., H. Young, M.A., and S. Young, B.A.

Second Year in Theology.—J. N. Brunton, M. W. Byron, W. T. B. Crombie, B.A., H. G. Crozier, R. J. Douglas, B.A., C. Haughton, H. MacKay, A. S. MacLean, S. MacLean, B.A., J. Rey, J. C. Robertson, B.A., and J. T. Scrimger, B.A.

First Year in Theology.—H. Ferguson, S. L. Fraser, G. MacGregor, D. M. MacLeod, B.A., D. Stewart, J. T. Reid, M.D., and W. P. Tanner.

J. A. Stuart, W. D. Turner, B.A., and F. J. Worth, B.A., took part of the work of the first year, in terms of affiliation with McGill University.

Fourth Year, Arts.—J. A. Stuart, B.A., F. J. Worth, B.A., H. H. Turner, B.A., W. D. Turner, B.A., J. G. Stephen.

Third Year, Arts.—W. Brown, H. J. Keith, Hector MacKay, J. B. MacLeod.

Second Year, Arts.—C. Hardy, P. Lutteral.

First Year, Arts.—T. A. Rowat, A. W. Lochead, A. B. MacLeod.

Third Year Literary Course.—F. Anderson, A. G. Cameron, J. D. Campbell, G. MacGregor, G. Thom.

Second Year Literary Course.—J. Greig, C. Lapointe, F. MacInnis, A. Rondeau, A. Tanner.

First Year Literary Course.—J. E. Covlin, C. F. Cruchon, H. Joliat, N. V. MacLeod, J. Swinton.

The names of those who failed to pass or were otherwise disqualified are omitted.

At the conclusion of the Session, Convocation bestowed the following awards and honors:

To the Revs. J. L. Murray, M.A., of Kincardine, Ont.; P. Wright, B.D., of Portage la Prairie, Man.; and W. Gillies of Kingston, Jamaica, the degree of D.D. *causa honoris*.

To the Rev. D. Hutchinson, B.A., of Cumberland, and Mr. N. D. Keith, M.A., the degree of B.D., in course.

To Mr. N. D. Keith, M.A., the gold medal, the Hugh Mackay Scholarship of \$60, the First Architecture Prize of \$10, and the Public Speaking Prize of \$10.

To Mr. J. M. Wallace, M.A., the silver medal, the Crescent St. Prize of \$50, and the Lecturer's Architecture Prize of \$8.

To Mr. J. C. Robertson, B.A., the David Morrice Scholarship of \$100.

To Mr. W. T. B. Crombie, B.A., the William Brown Scholarship of \$50.

To Mr. Geo. MacGregor, the Peter Redpath Scholarship of \$70, and the Second Elocution Prize of \$10.

To Mr. Samuel MacLean, B.A., the St. Andrew's London, Scholarship of \$50, and the Philosophical and Literay Society's Special Prize of \$5.

To Mr. D. M. MacLeod, B.A., the Walter Paul Scholarship of \$50.

To Mr. D. N. Coburn, B.A., the James Sinclair Scholarship of \$25.

To Mr. R. J. Douglas, B.A., the Erakine Church University Scholarship of \$50, half the Northwest Scholarship of \$25, and the prize of \$10 for English Essay.

To Mr. A. W. Lochead, the Lochead Scholarship of \$25.

To Mr. F. J. Worth, B.A., half the Northwest Scholarship.

To Messrs. Hector Mackay and F. MacInnes, the Osnabruck and Ronaldson Gaelic Scholarships, and to Mr. Mackay the first prize in Elocution, and the prize for English Reading.

To Mr. E. Curdy, the Knox Church, Perth, French Scholarship of \$50.

To Mr. V. di Genova, the William Ross French Scholarship of \$40.

To Mr. Ag. H. Tanner, the Hamilton, McNab St. French Scholarship of \$40.

To Mr. H. Joliat, the Emily H. Frost French Scholarship of \$35.

To Mr. H. H. Turner, the American Church University Scholarship, 3rd year, \$50.

To Messrs. J. B. MacLeod and W. Brown the Stirling University Scholarship, 2nd year, \$50.

To Mr. C. Hardy, the Lord Mount Stephen University Scholarship, 1st year, \$50.

To Mr. J. E. Covlin, the prize of \$10 for French Reading.

To Mr. C. F. Cruchon, the prize of \$10 for French Essay.

The work of examination outside of the Faculty was performed by the Rev. A. B. Mackay, D.D., in Church History; the Rev. James Barclay, D.D., M.A., in Latin; the Rev. P. H. Hutchison, M.A., of Huntingdon, in Greek; and the Rev. C. B. Ross, B.D., M.A., of Lachine, in Ecclesiastical Polity. To these scholarly ministers the thanks of the Senate are due.

The action of the authorities of McGill University in raising the fees in the Faculty of Arts has been promptly met by the College Board and the Alumni Association, who have guaranteed at least twelve Scholarships for entrance into Arts. The University also offers twelve additional Scholarships to Matriculants outside of the Island of Montreal.

The Alumni Association, in terms of the power granted it by the General Assembly, have nominated as representatives on the Senate, the Revs. D. Currie, B.D., B.A., of Perth, Ont., J. R. Dobson, B.D., B.A., of Montreal, and R. Whillans, M.A., of Hintonburg, Ont., and the Senate recommend that the nominations be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. MACVICAR,

Principal.

MONTREAL, May 3, 1898

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL,
IN ACCOUNT WITH REV R. H. WARDEN, D.D., TREASURER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1898.

I.—ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

By	Balance on hand, 1st May, 1897.....	\$191,656 11	
	Contributions	227 50	
	Interest from investments	8,125 34	
		\$200,008 95	

Disbursements.

To	Interest credited to ordinary revenue.....	\$ 8,125 34	
	Balance on hand 1st April, 1898	191,883 61	
		\$200,008 95	

II.—ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

By	Balance on hand, 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 127 78	
	Interest from Endowment Fund	8,125 34	
	A Friend, Montreal, for Prof. Ross' Chair.....	2,750 00	
	From Exegetical Chair Fund.....	1,595 00	
	Congregational contributions	2,246 13	
	Collected by Montreal friends.....	831 76	
		\$15,676 01	

Disbursements.

To	Salary of Principal, Professors, Lecturers. etc.....	\$11,445 00	
	Gas, \$404.96 ; Fuel, \$1,001.03.....	1,405 99	
	Insurance, \$425.00 ; Water, \$132.00	557 00	
	Plumber.....	281 92	
	Printing, Advertising and Stationery.....	260 42	
	Repairs and Furnishings	1,494 06	
	Proportion of General Expenses.....	60 00	
	Balance on hand, 1st April, 1898.....	171 62	
		\$15,676 01	

III.—EXEGETICAL CHAIR FUND.

Receipts.

By	Contributions	\$2,950 00	
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Disbursements.

To	Credited to ordinary revenue	\$2,750 00	
	Balance on hand, 1st April, 1898.....	200 00	
		\$2,950 00	

IV.—SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

By Balance on hand 1st May, 1897.....	\$4,124 00	
Interest from investments	238 14	
	<u> </u>	\$4,362 14

Disbursements.

To Credited to Scholarship Ordinary Fund.....	\$ 238 14	
Balance on hand, 1st April, 1898	4,124 00	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$4,362 14</u>

V.—SCHOLARSHIP ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

By Balance on hand, 1st May, 1897	\$309 52	
Contributions	778 00	
Interest from Scholarship Endowment Fund.....	238 14	
	<u> </u>	\$1,325 66

Disbursements.

To Scholarships and Prizes	\$808 00	
Balance on hand, 1st April, 1898.....	517 66	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$1,325 66</u>

VI.—LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

By Balance on hand, 1st May, 1897	\$460 00	
Interest from investments	24 60	
	<u> </u>	\$484 60

Disbursements.

To Credited to Ordinary Library Fund	\$ 24 60	
Balance on hand, 1st April, 1898	460 00	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$484 60</u>

VII.—LIBRARY ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

By Balance on hand, 1st May, 1897	\$149 97	
Collection at opening of College.....	23 60	
Mr. David Morrice, Montreal.....	142 76	
Interest from Library Endowment Fund.....	24 60	
	<u> </u>	\$340 93

Disbursements.

To Books, Magazines, etc.....	\$159 77	
Balance on hand, 1st April, 1898	181 16	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$340 93</u>

VIII.—BUILDING FUND.

To Balance at Dr., as at May, 1897.....	<u>\$26,200 00</u>
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BALANCE SHEET.

	MAY, 1898.	Dr.	Cr.
College Endowment Fund			\$191,883 61
College Ordinary Fund			171 62
Exegetical Chair Fund			200 00
Scholarship Endowment Fund			4,124 00
Scholarship Ordinary Fund			517 66
Library Endowment Fund			460 00
Library Ordinary Fund			181 16
Building Fund	\$26,200 00		
Calvin Gold Medal Fund			568 25
Senate Fund			38 11
Profit and Loss Account			4,340 13
Gaelic Lectureship Fund			11 15
Balance	176,295 69		
		<u>\$202,495 69</u>	<u>\$202,495 69</u>

The above balance is thus invested :

City of Montreal Stock	\$ 100 00	
Mortgage:—C.P.R.	9,000 00	
do J. L. & S.	15,500 00	
do C. L. & S.	3,000 00	
do W. C. (\$1,500.00 and \$1,500.00)	3,000 00	
do P. W.	600 00	
do J. R.	9,000 00	
do L. C.	3,500 00	
do D. E.	11,000 00	
do J. S.	9,000 00	
do H. W. S.	5,000 00	
do D. G.	1,100 00	
do W. R. C.	9,600 00	
do J. W.	7,000 00	
do Est. W. D. S.	25,000 00	
do G. T. L.	10,000 00	
do D. G.	5,000 00	
do A. B. McF.	3,000 00	
do E. M.	7,500 00	
do W. M. K.	10,000 00	
do E. S.	6,000 00	
do J. McG.	3,000 00	
do R. S. N.	11,200 00	
do J. L. D.	7,000 00	
Montreal B. S.	400 00	
Cash on hand	1,795 69	
		<u>\$176,295 69</u>

I have audited the books of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Rev. Dr. Warden, Treasurer, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify them to be correct. I also verify the foregoing balance sheet as being in accordance therewith.

ANDREW JEFFREY,

Auditor.

TORONTO, May 18th, 1898.

ORDINARY FUND.—Continued.

Mono East.....	\$ 1 00	Renfrew	\$20 00
Montreal, Member St. Paul's ..	100 00	Richmond	5 00
Montreal, Calvin Ch.....	15 00	Roekburn.....	2 00
Montreal, Chalmer's Ch.....	15 00	Rodney.....	1 00
Montreal, Crescent St. Ch.....	300 00	Roxborough.....	10 00
Montreal, Erskine Ch.....	450 00	Russell.....	6 00
Montreal, Knox Ch.....	80 00	St. Andrew's.....	6 00
Montreal, St. Gabriel Ch.....	10 00	St. Louis de Gonzague.....	4 00
Montreal, St. John's.....	5 00	Ste. Therese, etc.....	10 75
Montreal, St. Mark's S.S.....	5 00	Scott and Uxbridge.....	3 00
Montreal, St. Paul's.....	100 00	Sherbrooke.....	5 00
Montreal, Stanley St. Ch.....	25 00	Simcoe.....	5 00
Montreal, Victoria Ch.....	2 00	Smith Hill.....	2 00
Morewood.....	4 00	South Finch.....	3 00
Mornington, North.....	1 00	South Mountain.....	1 00
Napier.....	1 00	Spencerville.....	5 00
New Edinburgh.....	3 00	Springfield.....	1 00
Nichol.....	50	Strabane.....	3 00
North Bay.....	1 25	Teeswater.....	5 00
North Kinloss.....	2 00	Thamesford.....	10 00
North Lancaster, Mrs. Cattanach.....	40 00	Three Rivers.....	5 00
North Melbourne.....	1 00	Thorold.....	6 00
Ormstown.....	20 00	Tiverton.....	7 00
Osgoode Line.....	5 00	Toronto, Cowan Ave.....	7 00
Ottawa, St. Andrew's.....	30 00	Toronto, East Ch.....	2 00
Ottawa, Erskine Ch.....	5 00	Vankleek Hill.....	10 00
Ottawa, Knox Ch.....	15 00	Wakefield and Masham.....	3 00
Ottawa, St. Paul's.....	5 00	Watford.....	2 00
Oxford Mills.....	2 00	Waterdown.....	6 00
Perth, St. Andrew's.....	5 00	Waterloo.....	60
Perth, Knox Ch.....	15 00	Wellesley.....	1 00
Peterborough, St. Paul's.....	30 00	Westmeath.....	3 63
Petrolea.....	10 00	Westmount, Melville Ch.....	20 00
Pinkerton.....	1 05	Williamstown, Hephzibah.....	12 60
Port Colborne.....	4 00	Windsor Mills and L. Windsor.....	1 00
Princeton.....	4 00	Zephyr.....	1 00
Quebec, Chalmer's Ch.....	25 00	Advts.....	30 00

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MONTREAL FRIENDS FOR FURNISHING, ETC.

Per Mrs. David Morrice.....	\$250 00
“ Mrs. C. McArthur.....	250 00
“ Mr. Wm. Yuile.....	150 00
Mr. Colin McArthur.....	181 76

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EXEGETICAL CHAIR, ETC., FUND.

David Morrice, Montreal.....	\$250 00	Mrs. Langwill, Montreal.....	\$50 00
A. C. Clark, “.....	250 00	Henry Munderloh, “.....	25 00
John Sterling, “.....	100 00	W. S. Paterson, “.....	25 00
Capt. McMaster, “.....	100 00	D. H. Hogg, “.....	25 00
Hugh Watson, “.....	100 00	John Herdt, “.....	25 00
Jonathan Hodgson, “.....	100 00	J. Badenach, “.....	25 00
W. J. Morrice, “.....	50 00	H. Birks & Son, “.....	25 00
Henry Morton, “.....	50 00	Arch. McGoun, Jr., “.....	25 00
C. J. Fleet, “.....	50 00	H. McLennan, “.....	25 00
Wm. Yuile, “.....	50 00	J. C. Holden, “.....	25 00
J. C. King, “.....	50 00	Colin McArthur, “.....	25 00

EXEGETICAL CHAIR, ETC., FUND.—Continued.

"Jean Donaldson," Montreal...	\$25 00	John McLean, Montreal.....	\$25 00
Daniel Wilson, ".....	25 00	Hugh Cameron, ".....	25 00
J. McD. Hains, ".....	25 00	Wm. Drysdale, ".....	25 00
George Hyde, ".....	25 00	J. R. Lowden, ".....	25 00
Alex. McDougall, ".....	25 00	W. J. Common, ".....	25 00
G. A. Greene, ".....	25 00	Hon. Judge Archibald,.....	10 00
John Robertson, ".....	25 00	George Hay, Ottawa.....	10 00
Thos. Forde, ".....	25 00		
			<u>\$1,795 00</u>

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

David Morrice, Montreal.....	\$100 00	St. Andrew's Ch., London.....	\$50 00
Mrs. P. Rodpath, ".....	70 00	Knox Ch., Stratford.....	50 00
Robert McKay, ".....	60 00	McNab St. Ch., Hamilton.....	40 00
Walter Paul, ".....	50 00	C. B. Frost, Smith's Falls.....	35 00
Crescent St. Ch. Sab. Sch., Montreal.....	50 00	Dr. F. W. Kelly, Montreal...	25 00
Lord Mount Stephen, Montreal	50 00	Osnabruck.....	25 00
John Stirling, ".....	50 00	M. Hutchinson, Montreal.....	10 00
Erskine Ch. Bible Class, ".....	50 00	A. T. Taylor, ".....	8 00
Knox Ch., Perth.....	50 00	W. B. Baikie, ".....	5 00
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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees respectfully submit the following report of the fifty-seventh session of the University :—

I.—ATTENDANCE, ETC.

The number of students last session was 426 in Arts, 29 in Practical Science, 42 in Theology, and 111 in Medicine, or, after allowing for double registration 589 in all. In 1875-6, the year of the union, it was 114 ; or 59 in Arts, 45 in Medicine, and 10 in Theology. The increase has been steady ever since, and even with the new building erected in 1879, and the Science Hall in 1889, we have reached in all the Faculties our present limits of accommodation. What makes this the more remarkable is that—unlike universities situated in populous cities—we have few general or unmatriculated students, and, also that we do not include the students of affiliated institutions in the number given above. The necessity of another building is therefore apparent. Additional reasons are the crowded condition of the library, and the need of more class-rooms, on account of the number of options and of honour courses. It is estimated that a building adequate to the needs of the next ten or fifteen years would cost about \$80,000 for erection and maintenance.

The following are the names of the students, 42 in all, who attended last session in the Faculty of Theology :—

First Year—W. A. Alexander, S. M. Fee, C. A. Ferguson, B.A., J. R. Frizzell, B.A., T. F. Heeny, B.A., D. L. Gordon, N. M. Leckie, W. A. McIlroy, D. A. McKenzie, M. A. McKinnon, B.A., H. L. McKinnon, B.A., A. O. Patterson, M.A., W. T. Prittie, B.A., D. M. Robertson, T. R. Wilson, B.A.

Second Year—James Abrey, Robert Burton, M.A., W. H. Cram, B.A., A. M. Currie, P. W. Currie, W. M. Fee, H. Feir, B.A., G. R. Lowe, B.A., John Munro, B.A., J. S. Shortt, M.A., D. A. Volume, B.A., A. J. McNeil, V. M. Purdy, B.A.

Third Year—Geo. D. Campbell, B.A., H. Carmichael, M.A., J. R. Conn, M.A., R. A. Finlayson, B.A., J. R. Hall, M.A., R. Herbison, M.A., J. K. Clark, B.A., W. M. Kannawin, B.A., A. D. McIntyre, J. G. Dunlop, B.A., J. H. Turnbull, M.A., R. Young, B.A., J. S. Watson, B.A., T. J. Glover, B.A.

II.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Partly because of an increase of \$814 in the revenue from fees, and partly because of \$421 received from graduates as special contributions to revenue, we close the year with a surplus of sixty-three cents. Our receipts from endowments, and from interest due on Jubilee Fund subscriptions, have decreased considerably and are likely to decrease steadily ; and, we shall lose, in a year or two \$2,200 per annum from the Temporalities Fund, \$2,000 of which the College had always depended on as permanent income. With this prospect in sight, we had hoped that the Church would wipe out its accumulated deficit of some \$9,000, or at any rate give us the minimum of \$4,000 fixed by the General Assembly sixteen years ago ; but the sum received has been only \$3,155, or \$48 more than last year. The Trustees venture to make another appeal to the Church to consider their burden and the obligation on the Church, and to take such generous action as the circumstances surely demand.

III.—ADDITIONAL PROFESSOR IN THEOLOGY.

The General Secretary is still at work collecting for the endowment of an additional Professorship in Theology, but not with very encouraging success. As a substitute, the Board appointed two ministers of the Church to give courses of lectures last session ;—viz., Rev. Mr. Scott, of Hespeler, and Rev. Mr. Laird, of Campbellford. Besides these, thanks to the generosity of Hugh Waddell, Esq., Peterboro, the Board

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has been able to secure the services of Rev. Professor McNaughton and Professor Glover to deal with prescribed periods of Church History; and the Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, has been again invited to lecture next session on Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.

IV.—ALUMNI CONFERENCE.

This interesting experiment meets with a large measure of success every year, both in the attendance of ministers and in profitable results to those who undertake any part of the work suggested a year in advance. The programme for next February is given in the April number of *Queen's Quarterly*.

V.—CALENDAR.

The Calendar, with full information regarding the Faculties of Arts, Medicine, Practical Science and Theology, and the examination papers can be had by applying to "The Registrar;" and the Calendar of the affiliated "School of Mining and Agriculture" by applying to "The Bursar." The late Registrar, the Rev. George Bell, LL.D., was called to the sanctuary above on April 16th last. The Church had no truer servant and the University no more loyal son.

(Signed)

J. B. McIVER,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Kingston, April 27, 1898.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2ND APRIL, 1898.

REVENUE.

Temporalities Board.....	\$ 2,000 00
The Professors, Beneficiaries of the Temporalities Board.....	625 00
Rent of Carruther's Hall.....	1,250 00
Rent of Land.....	140 00
School of Mining, &c., for Lecturer on Mechanism.....	500 00
School of Mining, &c., for Lecturer on Civil Engineering.....	250 00
Chancellor's Lectureship.....	250 00
Hugh Waddell, Lectureship on Church History.....	250 00
The Robert Waddell Tutorship in Physics.....	150 00
John Roberts Allan, Chair of Botany.....	150 00
Fees.....	10,224 96
Interest on Mortgages and other Securities.....	17,761 32
General Assembly's College Fund—	
Church Agents.....	\$2,196 68
Congregations contributing directly.....	959 25
	<u>3,155 93</u>
Receipts for Scholarships.....	2,253 04
Interest on Jubilee Subscriptions.....	3,581 57
Special Subscriptions for Revenue.....	421 00
Subscriptions for Practical Science Department.....	300 00
Subscriptions on account of Theological Department.....	450 00
Balance Deficiency.....	8,954 54
	<u>\$52,667 36</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Deficiency, 1896-7.....	\$ 8,955 17
Salaries—Professors and Lecturers in Theology.....	7,975 00
" Professors and Tutors in Arts.....	24,825 00
" Other Officers.....	2,341 00
Chancellor's Lectureship.....	250 00
Church Agents—Commission on Collections for General Assembly's College Fund—2 years.....	120 00
Insurance.....	185 00

Library, Laboratories, Museum, &c.....	2,248 83
Practical Science Department.....	609 49
Taxes, Repairs and Grounds.....	555 08
Scholarship Account.....	2,253 04
Travelling Expenses.....	87 50
Advertising, Printing and Stationery.....	1,504 02
Fuel, Water, Gas and Electricity.....	590 15
Contingencies.....	166 88

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON, 23rd April, 1898.

Examined and found correct.

J. B. McIVER,

Treasurer.

J. E. CLARK, }
D. CALLAGHAN, } *Auditors.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COLLEGE FUND.

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.—Halifax, Fort Massey, \$30.00.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—Up, Melbourne Q., St. Andrew's, \$1.00; Lewis, St. Andrew's, \$4.00; Windsor Mills and L. Windsor, \$1.00.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—Lachine, St. Andrew's, \$16.50; Hemmingford, \$5.00; Montreal, St. Paul's, \$100.00; Russeltown and Covey Hill, \$9.00; Rockburn, \$1.00; Gore, \$1.00; Dundee, Zion, \$5.00.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—Maxville, \$30.00; Cornwall, St. John's, \$20.00; Lunenburg and P. Valley, \$5.00; Kirkhill, \$4.00; Alexandria, \$3.00; Martintown, St. Andrew's, \$10.87; Lancaster, Knox, \$3.00; Dalhousie Mills and Cote, St. George, \$3.00; Apple Hill, \$3.00; South Finch, \$3.00; Chrysler, \$1.00; Pleasant Valley, \$1.00.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—Buckingham, \$27.00; L'Original S. S., \$3.00; Hawkebury, St. Paul's, \$5.00; Ottawa, Knox, \$10.00; Ottawa, St. Andrew's, \$130.00; North Gower and Wellington, \$5.00; L'Original, St. Andrew's, \$17.00; Castleford, \$5.00.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—Renfrew, \$50.00; Arnprior, St. Andrew's, \$50.00; Dalhousie and Brightside, \$2; Carleton Place, Zion, \$18.00; Calabogie, \$3.00; Beachburg, \$6.00; Middleville, St. Paul's, \$1; Darling, St. Peter's, \$1.00; Eganville and Lake Dore, \$5.00; Carleton Place, St. Andrew's, \$10.00; Almonte, \$10.00; Perth, Knox, \$15.00; Lanark, St. Andrew's, \$6.00; Smith Falls, St. Paul's, \$25.00; Smith Falls, St. Andrew's, \$55.00; Almonte, St. Andrew's, \$10.00; Perth, St. Andrew's, \$5.00; Clayton, \$3.00; Blakeley, \$4.00.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—Hickston, \$4.00; Ventnor, \$5.00; Morrisburg, Knox, \$4.00; Cardinal, \$6.00; Winchester, \$10.00; Lyn, Caintown and Mallorytown, \$35.00; Prescott, \$8.00; Mainville, \$1.78; Morewood, \$4.00; Brockville, 1st, \$20.00; Brockville, St. John's, \$15.00; S. Mountain, \$4.00; Spencerville, \$8.00.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—Gananoque, \$28.00; Kingston, Zion, \$8.00; Kingston, St. Andrew's, \$200.00; Kingston, Chalmers, \$111.25; Amherst Island, \$6.00; Landsdowne, Fairfax and Sandbay, \$7.00; Napanee, \$35.00; Belleville, John Street, \$120.00; Roslin and Thurlow, \$2.00; Consecron and Hillier, \$4.20; Madock, St. Peters, \$4.00; Portsmouth, \$1.70; Collin's Bay, \$4.00; Picton, St. Andrew's, \$4.05; Snow Road, \$11.90; McDonald's Corners, \$10.45; Elphin, \$7.80; Centreville, \$5.00; Madoc, St. Columba and St. Paul's, \$15.00; Picton, St. Andrew's, Y.P.S., \$5.00; Seymour and Rylstone, \$15.00; Melrose, \$1.50; Wolfe Island, \$2.00; Wellesley, Zion, \$1.00; Belleville, St. Andrew's, \$40.00; Trenton, St. Andrew's, \$5.00; Lonsdale, \$1.00; Rylstone, \$6.00; Rev. J. A. McDonald, Fort Stewart, \$1.00.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—Minden, \$5.00; Port Hope, First, \$10.00; Campbellford, St. Andrew's \$30.00; Percy, \$5.00; Colborne, \$3.00; Cobourg, \$25.00; Springville, \$5.00.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—Enniskillen and Cartwright, \$14.00; Dunbarton, \$13.00; Pickering, St. Andrew's, \$9.00; Brougham, St. John's, \$2.00; Bowmanville, St. Paul's, \$8.00; Whitby, St. Andrew's, \$10.00; Scarboro', Melville, \$10.00.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY; Bolsover and Kirkfield, \$3.00; Scott and Uxbridge, \$6.00; Eldon, St. Andrew's, \$20.00; Uxbridge, \$5.00; Fenelon Falls and Somerville, \$10.00; Sonya, St. Andrew's, \$8.00; Zephyr, \$2.00; Beaverton, Knox, \$16.00; Lindsay, \$28.72.

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PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Vaughan, \$20.00 ; Toronto, St. Andrew's, \$110.00 ; Toronto, Old St. Andrew's, \$150.00 ; Toronto, Chalmer's, \$10.00 ; Weston, \$2.00 ; Scarboro', Knox, \$15.00 ; Scarboro', Zion, \$5.00 ; Scarboro', St. Andrew's, \$4.00 ; Toronto, Central, \$30.00 ; Limehouse, \$5.00 ; Thornhill, \$3.00 ; Richmond Hill, \$4.00 ; Esquesing, Barton, \$7.00 ; Toronto, Dunn Ave., \$75.00 ; Toronto, Cowan Ave., \$5.00 ; King, \$40.00 ; Port Credit, \$2.00 ; Georgetown, \$5.00.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.—Black's Corners, \$2.00 ; Flesherton, Chalmer's, \$2.00 ; Mono Mills, \$1.00 ; Mono East, \$3.00 ; Erin, Burn's, \$2.00.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—Elmvale, \$5.00 ; Parry Sound, Zion, \$5.50 ; Essa, Burn's, \$1.00 ; Essa, First, \$2.00 ; Collingwood, \$10.00 ; Oro, Central, \$4.00 ; Midland, \$5.00 ; Oro, Guthrie, \$5.00 ; North Bay, St. Andrew's, \$1.25 ; Whitney, St. Andrew's, \$1.75 ; East Nottawasaga, \$2.00 ; Orillia, \$25.00 ; Oro, St. Andrew's, \$2.00.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—Owen Sound, Knox, \$15.00 ; Chatsworth, \$2.00 ; Wiarton, \$2.00.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—Fergus, Melville, \$20.00 ; Waterloo, 60 cents ; Alma, \$1.00 ; Guelph, St. Andrew's \$20.00 ; Acton, Knox, \$8.00 ; Nichol, Zion, 50 cents ; Fergus, St. Andrew's, \$8.00 ; Berlin, St. Andrew's, \$4.00 ; Guelph, Chalmer's, \$18.00 ; Elora, Chalmer's, \$2.00 ; Eramosa, First, \$2.00 ; Eden Mills, \$2.00 ; Beamsville, \$5.00 ; Galt, Central, \$10.00 ; Elora, Knox, \$5.00.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Waterdown, Knox, 5.00 ; Black Heath, \$1.00 ; Brookton, \$5.00 ; Dundas, Knox, \$18.00 ; Cayuga, \$5.00 ; Hamilton, Knox, \$15.00 ; St. Catharines, Knox, \$55.00 ; Simcoe, St. Paul's \$5.00 ; Caledonia, \$2.86 ; West Flamboro', \$5.00 ; Saltfleet, Cheyne, \$3.00 ; Binbrook, \$2.00 ; Hamilton, Wentworth, \$5.00 ; Hamilton, St. Paul's \$60.00.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—Embros, \$35.00 ; Brantford, First, \$5.00 ; Dutton, Knox, \$2.50 ; Brantford, Zion, \$75.00.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—Dunwich Duff's, \$5.00 ; Dunwich, Chalmer's, \$4.00 ; St. Thomas, Knox, \$55.00 ; S. Westminster, \$4.00 ; Glencoe, \$4.00 ; Hyde Park, 25 cents ; London, St. Andrew's, \$78.00 ; Springfield, \$1.00 ; Delaware, St. Andrew's, \$2.00, Aylmer, Knox, \$1.00 ; Rodney, \$1.00 ; London, \$15.00.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—Chatham, St. Andrew's \$10.00 ; Bethel, Bridge End, and Ridge, \$3.00 ; Chatham, First, \$3.00.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—St. Mary's First, \$10.00 ; Stratford, Knox, \$30.00 ; Listowel, \$5.00.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—Grand Bend, \$1.00 ; Goderich, Knox, \$15.00 ; Smith's Hill, \$2.00 ; Brucefield Union, \$5.00 ; Blythe, St. Andrew's, \$3.00.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—Belgrave, Knox, \$3.00 ; East Wawanosh, Calvin, \$2.00.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—Dunblane, \$2.00 ; Pinkerton, \$1.00 ; Tiverton, \$7.00 ; West Brant, \$1.50.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—Oil Springs, \$8.00 ; West Williams, \$5.00 ; Petrolea, \$18.00 ; Watford, \$2.00 ; Sarnia St. Andrew's \$30.00 ; Strathroy, St. Andrew's \$12.00 ; Wyoming, \$5.00 ; Napier, St. Andrew's, \$1.00.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—South Plympton, \$4.00.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—Alameda, \$5.00 ; Oxbow, \$5.00 ; Whitewood, \$4.00.

BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 7 95
Loans returned.....	115 00
Subscription.....	6 00
Interest.....	1 12
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Expenditure.

Loan to Missionary Association.....	\$ 50 00
Bank Commission on cheque.....	0 15
Balance on hand.....	79 92
	-----\$130 07

M. MACGILLIVARY,
Treasurer.

KINGSTON, 1st May, 1898.

KNOX COLLEGE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

The Board of Management has pleasure in its fifty-fourth report to record the continued success of the work accomplished in the various departments of the College.

The number of students attending the Theological classes during the past session was seventy-four, and of those engaged in the Preparatory Course thirty. Details of the work done in the several classes will be found fully set forth in the report of the Senate herewith transmitted.

The Board has, in its Reports, frequently recommended the abolition of the Preparatory Course, not only for the purpose of raising the standard of literary culture required from students before they enter on the study of Theology, but also to relieve the revenue of the College from the annual charge incurred for providing gratuitous literary education to those seeking admission to the Theological Course. The increasing facilities afforded by the High Schools, and the University of Toronto, for enabling students to obtain the requisite instruction, render it, in the opinion of the Board, wholly unnecessary to continue any expenditure for this department, beyond what may be necessary to meet the case of students now in the course. The Board observes with satisfaction that the Senate has formulated a scheme by which the Preparatory Course, as a department of the College, will be abolished, and which will, at the same time, permit the admission of students in exceptional circumstances, and under certain restrictions, to take a modified University Course. The Board recommends that provision be made for instruction in the Preparatory Course only for students now taking the course, or entering it in the year 1898, and that only under such modifications as the Senate may deem proper to meet their cases respectively.

The Board is indebted, chiefly through the active exertions of Professor Robinson, assisted by the liberality of some friends of the College, for funds being secured to provide for two Graduate Fellowships of \$300.00 each, which are intended to enable the recipients to pursue a Post Graduate Course in some Theological College outside the limits of Canada. Only one of these Fellowships was offered for competition, but as two students prepared papers manifesting such distinguished ability, and stood so completely on an equality, it was thought that it would be unfortunate to divide the amount originally offered, and consequently a further sum of \$300.00 was provided among other friends interested in the work of the College. The want of such travelling Scholarships for Post Graduate work has been greatly felt in the past, and it is to be hoped that the scheme so auspiciously inaugurated, may be continued for the future.

A number of ladies in Toronto interested in the College, have, at very considerable expense, had the students Reading Room papered, carpeted, supplied with chairs, and its windows curtained. They have also had the Library painted and furnished with costly Persian rugs. They have thus added much to the attractiveness of these rooms, and to the comfort and enjoyment of those who use them. To the same association of ladies the College is also indebted for the new carpet which adorns the platform of the Convocation Hall, and for the new platform chairs. The Board gratefully records its appreciation of their thoughtful generosity.

The resignation of Rev. Professor Robinson, Ph.D., to which reference has been fully made in the report of the Senate, has been received by the Board with deep regret. As Professor Robinson desires to enter as soon as possible on the discharge of his duties in his new sphere of labor, the Board is reluctantly compelled to recommend the Assembly to accept his resignation. Professor Robinson will carry with him the best wishes of the Board and all connected with the College, in his service in the Theological Seminary with which he will be connected.

The Board, since its last report, has lost the services of Rev. William Burns, who, for many years was intimately associated with the work of the College in relation to its Endowment Scheme, and also latterly as Secretary of the Board. The unwearied, efficient and willing exertions of Mr. Burns, and his cheerful and courteous address, will be long missed by all connected with the institution.

The financial affairs of the College continue to occupy the attention of the Board. From the Treasurer's statement hereto appended it will be observed that a balance of \$192.21 is shewn to be at the credit of the revenue account. The Church must not understand, however, that any real surplus exists. The close of the financial year at a date one

month earlier than in previous statements, includes the results of the congregational contributions for a whole year, as they are usually made within the eleven months included in the statement, while on the other hand some of the annual charges on the funds were not payable until after the close of the last financial year. Had there been no change in the date of closing the books, the account of the Treasurer would have shewn a deficit.

The Board regrets exceedingly to be compelled to report a decrease in the contributions received from congregations during the past year. The amount received in 1897 was \$7,398.39, while the subscriptions for 1898 were \$5,657.43, shewing a deficit of \$1,740.96.

During the past year a payment of \$5,000.00 was made from the capital account to remove the mortgage on the College building. The payment of the mortgage will relieve the ordinary revenue from the charge which usually appeared for interest on this encumbrance, but it must be remembered that the income from the Endowment Fund will be correspondingly decreased.

Since the date of last Report a payment of \$1,200.00 has been received from the legacy left by the late Mr. John King. This fund was intended by the Testator to be applied in establishing a Scholarship, and consequently the amount has been passed to the credit of the capital of the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The College Residence and the arrangements for boarding the students have been carefully considered. It has been ultimately decided to place the refectory under the care of the Harry Webb Company, the well-known restaurateurs of Toronto, whose reputation is a sufficient guarantee for the excellence of the table which will be supplied.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the management of the dormitories, and it is hoped that, under the method now instituted, the comfort of the students in residence will be greatly increased.

The important matter of the appointment of a successor to Professor Robinson has occupied much of the attention of the Board. While due weight has been given to the suggestions of the Presbyteries, the Board has not felt itself able to select from the many excellent and learned gentlemen brought under its notice, the name of any one who would command a unanimous nomination. If, however, the result of pending investigations can be completed before the meeting of the Assembly, the Board craves leave to submit a supplementary Report in which it may be able to recommend an appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

WM. MORTIMER CLARK, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE SENATE OF KNOX COLLEGE, SESSION 1897-98.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The names of the students enrolled are as follows :—

Third Year.—George Arnold, B.A., James Barber, B.A., W. D. Bell, John A. Clark, B.A., R. W. Dickie, B.A., W. T. Ellison, W. H. Farrer, S. H. Gray, B.A., A. R. Gregory, B.A., D. Johnston, A. A. Laing, B.A., W. J. McBean, H. McCulloch, B.A., D. B. Macdonald, B.A., N. A. McDonald, B.A., W. D. McPhail, W. W. McRae, B.A., J. A. Moir, LL.B., J. S. Muldrew, B.A., Thomas Oswald, W. A. Rae, B.A., A. S. Sinclair, B.A., J. C. Smith, B.A., William Wallis, G. B. Wilson, LL.B., W. S. Wright, B.A.

Second Year.—F. H. Barron, B.A., Robert Boyd, B.A., Thomas Dodds, B.A., Thomas Eakin, B.A., J. F. Evans, B.A., E. R. Hyland, J. C. Hood, B.A., J. W. Little, M.A., S. Magill, James McCrear, B.A., A. H. McGillivray, B.A., Finlay Matheson, B.A., J. L. Murray, M.A., J. R. Robinson, B.A., W. B. Ronald, B.A., R. J. Ross, B.A., R. S. Scott, B.A., B. M. Smith, J. T. Taylor, B.A., E. A. Wicher, M.A., F. S. Wrinch, B.A.

First Year.—F. W. Anderson, B.A., William Beattie, John Cormie, D. R. Ellison, W. A. Findlay, B.A., R. R. Glenn, R. F. Hall, A. W. Hare, A. L. Harvey, J. F. Johnston, George Kendall, W. J. Knox, B.A., R. J. McAlpine, N. H. McGillivray, Donald McKerrall, A. H. McLeod, J. W. Macnamara, Hugh Matheson, T. J. Maxwell, T. O. Miller, H. J. Pritchard, B.A., P. Reith, R. J. Richardson, B.A., F. R. Rutherford, R. S. Scott, W. C. Tait, J. A. Wilson, D. W. Urquhart.

Messrs. Cormie, Glenn, Miller, McKerrall and McLeod have taken only part of the work of the first year, under the system of University options. Mr. Rutherford left in impaired health soon after the commencement of the Session. Mr. Richardson was not in attendance after the New Year.

The following summary of the Class Reports is given :—

Dr. Caven conducted the Classes in New Testament Literature and Exegesis and in Biblical Criticism. In the former subject the Senior Class (II. and III. years) heard

lectures on the first five chapters of the Epistle to the Romans. Lectures in introduction to this Epistle and to the Epistles of James and of Peter were also given to this Class. The Greek Critical Exercises of the II. year were examined and criticised. The Junior Class, I. year, read critically the first five chapters of the Gospel of Luke, and a series of lectures on the history and principles of Interpretation was delivered to this class. The Junior Class met every Monday for the study of Biblical Criticism.

Dr. MacLaren reports that the Senior Class in Systematic Theology (II. and III. years), met four hours weekly and heard lectures on the Offices of Christ, including the Atonement, Effectual Calling, Justification, Adoption, Sanctification and the Ten Commandments. This Class also studied the Confession of Faith, Chs. 25-33. At the close of the Session the students of the second year underwent a written examination on Fairbairn on the Revelation of Law in Scripture. The Junior Class (I. year) received two lectures weekly. The subjects discussed were Inspiration, the Rule of Faith, the Attributes of God and the Trinity. This Class also studied carefully Chs. 9-18 of the Confession of Faith.

Dr. Robinson conducted the Classes in Hebrew and Old Testament Introduction. The Senior Class heard lectures on the Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther; and read exegetically Psalms 1-17. The Hebrew Critical Exercises of the third year students were also examined. The Junior Class had systematic drill in Davidson's Hebrew Grammar, (Lessons 1-41), with frequent exercises in prose, composition and in reading selected portions from the Book of Judges, (Chs. 1-7). This Class also heard lectures on the early history of Israel and the Criticism of the Pentateuch.

Professor Ballantyne reports that in Apologetics the Senior Class heard lectures on Anti-Christian Systems of Religion. De la Saussaye's Manual of the Science of Religion was used as a text-book. Special attention was given to the religions of China and India. In the Junior Class the whole of Flint's Theism was read, as well as the chapters in his Anti-Theistic Theories, which treat of Atheism, Materialism and Positivism. Lectures were given in this course also, but emphasis was laid upon discussion in the Class.

In Church History the Senior Class studied the Reformation in France, the Netherlands and Great Britain; the history of the Church since the Reformation, with special reference to the churches of England and Scotland; and the history of Missions. The Junior Class studied the history of the Church during the first eight centuries. Fisher's Church History was prescribed as a text-book, and lectures were given on the important topics of this course.

Dr. Proudfoot delivered two Systematic Lectures in Church Government weekly, to the students of the II. and III. years in Theology, during October and January. He also delivered two lectures weekly in Pastoral Theology to the same class during February and March. He gave one lecture, weekly, in Homiletics to the students of the I. and II. years in the Preparatory Department. He heard and criticised twenty-four discourses of third year students, twenty-one discourses of second year students and seventeen discourses of first year students. *Dr. Proudfoot* expresses regret that so little time could be given to a subject of so great practical utility to young ministers as Pastoral Theology.

All the Professors speak of the department of the students as perfectly satisfactory.

As during the two preceding Sessions, Elocution was taught by Mr. J. F. Evans, B.A. In addition to the delivery of fifty lectures, Mr. Evans spent over forty hours in individual instruction. The principles of expression, voice culture, reading of the Bible and of various selections received special attention in the instruction given to the third year. Each student of this year wrote an essay descriptive of Bible scenes or history; and each delivered a sermon in Convocation Hall, that his style of preaching might receive criticism. In the second year attention was given to voice culture, gesture, reading from the Bible, and other sources, and the delivery of memorized prose. The first year received instruction on the philosophy of expression, culture of the voice and gesture. Practical work in reading, voice culture and delivery was carefully done in this Class.

The College is again under deep obligation to Mr. Alexander Fraser, M.A., for his valuable services in conducting during the Session a Class in the Gaelic language.

The following students attended Mr. Fraser's instructions, viz. :—Finlay Matheson, B.A., Hugh Matheson, A. H. McGillivray, B.A., N. A. McDonald, B.A., John McKay, J. C. Smith, B.A.

An examination was held at the close of the Session, which revealed satisfactory progress on the part of all the members of the Class.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

The students in the Preparatory Course were :—

Third Year.—W. A. Bremner, H. Broad, J. R. Brown, R. M. Carlyle, W. Martin, W. C. Mercer, R. C. McDermid, J. W. Stephens.

Second Year.—J. G. Cheyne, R. H. Fotheringham, J. J. Hastie, N. Mackenzie, J. A. James, D. Ritchie, A. M. Ross, G. M. Young.

First Year.—W. E. Atchison, D. H. Currie, R. J. Douglass, H. B. Ketchen, H. M. Konkle, T. McCord, S. Magill, D. McKay, A. McTaggart, R. B. Nelles, A. Roebuck, Walter Ross, J. H. Sharpe, A. M. Wilson.

In addition to the students above named, who gave attendance during the whole Session, Mr. Armstrong (1. year), entered the University of Toronto; Mr. Burkholder was prevented by illness from remaining beyond the end of October; and Mr. Boyd, who is preparing for examination in the third year of Queen's University, was an occasional student.

In the absence in Europe of Mr. George Logie B.D., who has conducted the Preparatory Department for several years, the Classes in English and Mathematics were taught by the Rev. G. R. Fasken, B.A.; the Classes in Latin by Mr. G. B. Wilson, LL.D., of the third year in Theology; and the Classes in Greek by Mr. E. A. Wicher, M.A., of the second year in Theology.

The work in Greek, Latin and English, prescribed in the Calendar, was nearly all covered in the Classes, and it formed the subject of the closing examinations. Each student wrote a composition in English every week during the Session. In the Latin and Greek Classes much attention was given to grammar, and exercises in prose composition were regularly handed in. The teachers in this Department all make mention of the good conduct and diligence of the students.

Special examinations are held in the University of Toronto for the students of the Preparatory Department, in the subjects which these students are required to take in the University. The results of these examinations are transmitted to the Senate of Knox College, so that the standing of students in the entire work of the year may be ascertained. The Senate and the Faculty, it may be stated, use all legitimate influences to induce students, when it is deemed to be for their benefit, to pass from the Preparatory Classes into a regular University course. In many instances this is successfully done. The Senate, however, regret that Presbyteries so rarely exercise the authority with which they are invested by the General Assembly of deciding whether young men who seek certification in order to enter the Preparatory Course, should not, rather, be required to take a complete University course before entering on the study of Theology.

THE LIBRARY.

The Rev. William McWilliam, LL.B., the Librarian, reports that during the past twelve months, 1,643 books were taken out of the Library. There have been added to the Library 241 books, most of them by purchase. The Rev. Professor Robinson, with the aid of some friends in Britain and America, purchased the costly Raised Map of Palestine, published by the Palestine Exploration Society, and presented it to the College. The College is under deep obligation to Professor Robinson and the friends who generously assisted him in obtaining this valuable and interesting Map.

COLLEGE SOCIETIES.

The Literary and Theological Society, of which Mr. R. W. Dickie, B.A., was President, met as usual during the Session for literary and elocutionary cultivation. Mr. Thomas Eakin, B.A., has been elected President for the next year.

The College Missionary Society, of which Mr. George Arnold, B.A., was President, continues its operations with growing zeal and usefulness. In addition to the benefit which comes to the students from membership in this Society, it may be confidently stated that by no organization is more service rendered to the Church at less cost. Twenty-seven student-missionaries are sent out by the Society for the coming summer. These will be distributed over the northern parts of Ontario and over the Western Provinces. For the coming year the officers of the Society are: J. T. Taylor, B.A., President; Messrs. T. C. Hood, B.A., and B. M. Smith, Vice-Presidents; M. McArthur, Co. responding Secretary; and William Beattie, Treasurer.

The Saturday Conferences have been not less interesting, and, it is hoped, not less profitable, than in previous Sessions. The thanks of the College are due to the Rev. Mr. McCaughan, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and the Rev. Mr. Rochester, of Cowan Avenue Church, Toronto, for valuable addresses delivered in connection with these meetings.

In the month of December a visit was paid to the College by Their Excellencies, The Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen, and a very interesting address was given by His Excellency to the students and the many friends of the College who had assembled on the occasion.

From the 31st of January to the 4th of February the Annual Conference of the Alumni of the College was held. The attendance was, perhaps, larger than on any preceding occasion. Subjects were introduced by carefully-prepared papers, and free discussion was

afterwards held. The Conference, which may be regarded as an established institute, is much more than a pleasant reunion; from testimony given on all hands it has a real educational value, and is a decided stimulus to careful and thorough study of the topics and interests with which the Christian minister has most to deal.

During the past year the Senate has earnestly considered the question whether the Preparatory Course might be so modified and so related to University work as substantially to increase its efficiency. While the Senate will do everything in its power to direct students towards a regular University course there seem to be valid reasons for not making a Degree in Arts indispensable in the case of every candidate for the ministry.

After frequent meetings and very full discussion the Senate has expressed its approval of a Scheme in accordance with which the entrance examination for the Preparatory Course would be considerably higher than at present, while the students would attend for three years the classes of some approved University, passing examination in such University on all the subjects of a prescribed curriculum. No part of the course would be taught in Knox College. Should the General Assembly approve of the Scheme prepared by the Senate, it would be brought into operation as soon as would be proper, with due regard to the case of students who have been permitted to enter on the Preparatory Course as at present conducted.

With deep regret the Senate reports the resignation by Professor Robinson of the Chair of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis; which, for the past two Sessions, he has so ably and efficiently filled. Professor Robinson brought to the discharge of his duties in Knox College very high attainments in Biblical Scholarship, and as a teacher he has been enthusiastic, painstaking, and thorough. Through his manifest interest in his students and sympathy with them he has come very close to them, not only commanding their confidence and respect by his ability as a teacher, but attaching them to him as friends. The relations between Professor Robinson and his colleagues in the Faculty have been exceedingly happy, and he will carry with him into the position which he is about to assume in the McCormack Seminary their abiding esteem and affection.

On Sabbath, the 26th of December, the Rev. William Burns, the valued Secretary of the College Board, and for a good many years the Agent of the College in prosecuting Endowment, very suddenly departed this life. No one could have taken greater interest in the prosperity of the College, or have been more indefatigable in its service, than Mr. Burns. He will be remembered with sincere affection by all who were in any way associated with him in College affairs, as by many others who knew how kind and faithful he was. May the comforts of the Spirit abound towards the members of his bereaved family, and may we all constantly have "our loins girt and our lamps burning."

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES IN THEOLOGY.

First Year.

I. Central Church, Hamilton.....	Scholarship, \$60.....	{ J. W. Macnamara.
II. St. James' Sq. Church, Toronto...	" 60.....	{ H. J. Pritchard, B.A.
III. Eastman.....	" 60.....	{ Hugh Matheson.
IV. Bloor Street Church, Toronto....	" 50.....	{ W. A. Findlay, B.A.
V. Goldie.....	" 40.....	{ N. H. McGillivray.
VI. Gillies (I.).....	" 30.....	{ F. J. Maxwell.
VII. Gillies (II.).....	" 30.....	{ R. S. Scott.
VIII. Dunbar.....	" 30.....	{ J. F. Johnston.

Second Year.

I. Elizabeth Scott.....	Scholarship, \$75.....	{ Thomas Eakin, B.A.
II. J. A. Cameron.....	" 60.....	{ R. G. Scott, B.A.
III. Knox Church, Toronto (I.).....	" 60.....	{ T. R. Robinson, B.A.
IV. Knox Church, Toronto (II.).....	" 60.....	{ J. T. Taylor, B.A.
V. Loghrin.....	" 50.....	{ I. L. Murray, B.A.
VI. Heron.....	" 30.....	{ F. Matheson.
VII. Boyd.....	" 30.....	{ T. C. Hood, B.A.
		{ A. H. McGillivray, B.A.

Third Year.

I. Bonar-Burns.....	Scholarship, \$80.....	{ A. G. Sinclair, B.A.
II. Fisher (I.).....	" 60.....	{ G. B. Wilson, B.A., LL.B.
III. Fisher (II.).....	" 60.....	{ W. D. McPhail.
IV. R. H. Thornton.....	" 60.....	{ J. A. Moir, B.A., LL.B.
V. Jane Mortimer.....	" 50.....	{ S. H. Gray, B.A.
VI. Cheyne.....	" 30.....	{ R. W. Dickie, B.A.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

First Year.

Bayne Scholarship, \$50: for Proficiency in Hebrew on entering Theology.—H. J. Pritchard, B.A.

First and Second Years.

Prince of Wales Prize, \$60 (for two years): for Essay on "The Preparation of the World for the Incarnation."—Edward A. Wicher, M.A.

Second and Third Years.

Smith Scholarship, \$50: Essay on "The Teachings of the Old Testament compared with those of the New in relation to God's Love."—T. R. Robinson, B.A.

Brydon Prize, \$30: Special Examination on "The Perseverance of the Saints."—T. R. Robinson, B.A.

First, Second and Third Years.

Clark Prize, I., (Lange's Commentary): for New Testament Greek.—A. G. Sinclair, B.A.

Clark Prize, II., (Lange's Commentary): for Old Testament Hebrew.—R. G. Scott, B.A.

POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP.

A Post Graduate Scholarship of \$300: to be paid semi-annually, in advance, to a member of the Graduating Class who, having received not less than 60 per cent. in each of the other subjects of the year, shall pass the best examination in the Hebrew read by the Senior Class in 1897-98, and who shall produce a Thesis of not less than 6,000 words, which shall be deemed of sufficient merit by the Senate. Subject of the Thesis: "How large and of what religious value was the Psalter used in the Temple of Solomon?"

The holder of this Scholarship is required to study under the direction of the Senate for one Session, at some approved home or foreign School of Theology.

In the competition for this Scholarship A. G. Sinclair, B.A., and G. B. Wilson, LL.B., were equal. By the generosity of friends of the College the sum of \$300 was paid to each competitor.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Second Year of Course.

I. Kilgour Scholarship, \$50: J. L. McPherson.

II. Westminster Church, Toronto, Scholarship, \$40: W. G. Wilson.

Awarded to students having the highest standing in the Oriental Department of University College:

Archibald McArthur Scholarship, \$60, not yet awarded.

McClure Scholarship, \$45, not yet awarded.

The Janet Fenwick Prize of \$12 was awarded to George Arnold, B.A., for an Essay on "The Value and Success of Medical Missions."

All of which is respectfully reported.

WM. CAVEN,
Chairman of Senate.

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31st March, 1898.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1897.....	\$239,593 57
Contributions	110 00
Interest from investments.....	9,049 96

\$248,753 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest credited to Ordinary Fund.....	\$ 9,049 96
Balance of mortgage on building.....	5,000 00
Taxes, repairs on properties, &c.....	820 80
Balance at Cr. 1st April, 1898.....	233,882 77

\$248,753 53

ORDINARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 249 70
Congregational contributions, donations and fees.....	6,941 38
Interest from Endowment Fund.....	9,049 96

\$16,241 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Professors, Lecturers, &c.....	\$ 12,725 00
Late Rev. W. Burns, salary and expenses.....	385 99
Interest on mortgage.....	133 42
Fuel.....	855 92
Gas.....	280 57
Water.....	82 62
Insurance.....	30 80
Printing.....	210 42
Repairs and furnishings.....	543 09
Proportion of Agent's salary and General Expenses.....	800 00
Balance at Cr. 1st April, 1898.....	192 21

\$16,241 04

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 15,402 67
The John King Scholarship.....	1,200 00
"A Friend," per Dr. Caven.....	200 00
Interest from investments.....	611 49

\$17,414 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest credited to Scholarship Ordinary Fund.....	\$	611 49
Taxes, repairs, &c., on Hamilton property.....		199 46
Balance at Cr. 1st April, 1898.....		16,603 21

\$17,414 16

SCHOLARSHIP ORDINARY FUND.

RECEIPTS

Contributions	\$	505 00
Balance of Loan repaid, Knox College Monthly.....		243 48
Interest from Scholarship Endowment Fund.		611 49
Balance at Dr. 1st April, 1898.....		480 87

\$1,840 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance at Dr. 1st May, 1897.....	\$	390 34
Scholarships		1,450 50

\$1,840 84

LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1897.....	\$	20,000 00
Interest from investments.....		678 44

\$20,678 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest credited to Library Ordinary Fund.....	\$	678 44
Balance at Cr. 1st April, 1898.....		20,000 00

\$20,678 44

LIBRARY ORDINARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1897.....	\$	1,058 60
Interest from Library Endowment Fund.....		678 44

\$1,737 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books, reviews, &c.....	\$	537 30
Balance at Cr. 1st April, 1898.....		1,199 74

\$1,737 04

BUILDING FUND.

Transferred from College Endowment Fund.....	\$	5,000 00
Balance at Dr. 1st May, 1897.....		5,000 00

FELLOWSHIP FUND.

Contributions.....	\$	180 00
Balance at Cr. 1st April, 1898.....		180 00

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF MANITOBA COLLEGE, FOR THE YEAR 1897-8.

The Board of Management of Manitoba College beg to submit to the General Assembly their report for the past year, and to transmit the report of the College Senate.

In the report presented to the last Assembly the number of students was given as 177 in the Faculty of Arts and the Preparatory Department, and 23 in the Faculty of Theology. During the year covered by this report there were again 177 students in attendance in Arts and on the Preparatory classes. Of these, 93 have gone up to the examinations now being held in the University of Manitoba. At the date of this report there are 37 students in attendance on the Theological classes of the Summer Session, or 14 more than in the previous year. At the University examinations held in May, 1897, the Degree of B.A. was taken by 32 students of the College, and 8 medals and 6 scholarships were gained. Of former graduates in Arts, 2 proceeded to the Degree of M.A., 5 took the Degree of M.D., and 1 the Degree of LL.B.

A detailed statement of the accounts and funds, duly audited, is presented herewith. The Board have again to thank the Presbyterian Church of Ireland for a continuance of its former generous donations, and thanks are also due to Mrs. Barbour, of Bonskeid, for her renewed subscription of £20 to the Scholarship Fund. A donation of £50 has also been received, but too late to be included in the present year's accounts, from the Free Church of Scotland.

The congregational contributions from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and personal donations from friends in Ontario and Quebec, amounted to \$4,475.21, being \$185.15 less than during the previous year. The Maritime Provinces, contributing \$500, have fully redeemed their promises, but in Ontario and Quebec the congregational contributions shew a considerable diminution. The congregational contributions from these Provinces were, during the previous year, \$2,797, and during the year just closed only \$2,070, or a decrease of not less than \$727. This is due to some congregations accustomed to give large contributions ceasing to contribute in their congregational capacity altogether, and many others giving smaller sums. The occasion of this may be the personal contributions for the Summer Session, but if so, it is a result not designed, and scarcely justifiable. The personal contributions towards expenses occasioned by the Summer Session amounted to \$1,575, for which cordial thanks are given to Dr. Robertson, this being due mainly to his efforts. In the financial statement the sum of \$341 appears as "the expenses (in part) of the Summer Session," but that is only a small part of the expense it occasions. That is little more than the travelling expenses of those who render assistance; there is, in addition, board, and all expenses incurred in connection with the teaching during the Winter Session, made necessary by the Summer Session arrangement.

The amount contributed by the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest, and Synod of British Columbia, was \$3,800, an advance of \$200 on the previous year.

The amount received from interest on investments was \$4,180, or \$881 more than during the previous year, but part of this consisted of arrears due on one or two large loans, and collected during the year.

The total receipts for the Ordinary Fund, including the balance in hand of \$1,096.20, has been \$22,757.86, as compared with \$21,918.21 in the previous year. This includes

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\$8,540.59 for fees and for board of resident students. The expenditure has been \$21,953.82, leaving a balance in hand of \$804.04.

During the year two legacies were received under the will of the late Robert Anderson, of Montreal, one of \$5,000, less \$500 legacy duty, for the Endowment Fund, and the other of \$2,000, less \$200 legacy duty, for the Scholarship Fund, and these will be duly invested. The Endowment Fund, including the first of these legacies, is now \$55,715. The securities upon which the investments have been made are considered by the Board to be of an exceptionally good and safe character. There is also at the credit of the Contingent Fund \$822. The principal of the Scholarship Fund amounts at this date to \$6,930.

Considerable additions have been made to the Library; valuable books bought by Principal King, with the approval of the Board, during his visit to Britain last summer.

During the year the College lost a warm and liberal friend by the death of the late Mr. Robert Crawford, of Indian Head. The Scholarship of \$50 given by him for many years, is in the meantime continued by his widow.

No name is presented to the Assembly for appointment to the teaching staff, the Board having been unable to agree upon anyone. In connection with this a Committee of the Board has been appointed to give the matter serious consideration, and it is hoped that next year the Board may be prepared to make a recommendation.

The Board is fully in accord with the action taken by the Senate as to the special Preparatory Course.

The Board very cordially thank Professor Scrimger, Professor Beattie, of Louisville, and the Rev. Dr. Wright, of Portage la Prairie, for the service they rendered during the Summer Session of the year just closed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS W. TAYLOR.

WINNIPEG, *May 13, 1898.*

REPORT OF THE SENATE OF MANITOBA COLLEGE, FOR THE YEAR 1897-8.

The Senate of Manitoba College begs leave to submit to the General Assembly the following report regarding the work of the year. The work of instruction has proceeded continuously since the date of last report; with the exception of the month of September. As a result of the date at which the Theological classes are opened their teaching has to be conducted during the month of April concurrently with that of the classes in Arts. The enlarged class room accommodation makes this possible, though it is not accomplished without some difficulty.

The Theological classes opened this year on the 30th March. The number of students in attendance is thirty-seven, eight in the third year, ten in the second and nineteen in the first. The number enrolled in the Literary classes has been almost identical with that of the previous year, one hundred and seventy-seven. The aggregate attendance has been two hundred and fourteen. The health both of Professors and students has been on the whole well maintained. Professor Hart, whose state of health had made a year's rest and change expedient, is now completely restored, and has taken his usual work throughout the session. The conduct of the students has been exemplary and their diligence as a whole very gratifying.

I.—THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The number of students reported to last Assembly as in attendance was twenty-four. Of this number five completed their Theological course in August last. They are now all settled as pastors over congregations in Manitoba, into the charge of which they

have after the call of the people, been regularly inducted. Of the others, no fewer than seven have, instead of returning to the College this session, remained in the Mission fields to which they were appointed last September. One of this number, Mr. R. M. Dickey, who had completed the second year of his Theological course, agreed at the urgent request of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to proceed as the Church's pioneer Missionary to the Yukon country. The Senate is much gratified at the devotion and ability displayed by Mr. Dickey in his new and difficult mission.

During the session referred to (1897) the College had again the advantage of the services of Dr. McLaren, of Knox College, and of Dr. Beattie, of Louisville Seminary. The important department of systematic theology was conducted entirely by these brethren, the one taking the work in the earlier part of the session, the other in the later. Dr. Beattie gave in addition courses of lectures in Apologetics. The subjects of Church History, Biblical Criticism and the Canon of the Old Testament were taken by Professor Baird, by whom also a class of Hebrew was conducted for students of the first year. Dr. King conducted classes in Old Testament Exegesis, attended by the students of the second and third years, and in New Testament Exegesis, attended by the students of the three years; in the former select portions of Isaiah were read, in the latter the earlier chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. He also delivered the third part of a course of lectures in Biblical theology. During the latter part of the session, when Dr. King, with the approval of the Senate, was permitted to be absent with the view of making a visit to Britain, the Exegetical classes were conducted by Dr. Scrimger, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, who kindly gave his services to this Institution for the third time. The students had the benefit for the second time of the teaching of Dr. Wright of Portage la Prairie on the important practical subjects of Homiletics with that also of Church Government. Instruction was again given in Elocution during the latter part of the session by Mr. J. F. Evans, B.A. The Senate would express its grateful sense of the service rendered to the institution and through it to the Church by the gentlemen named above, not on the staff of this College.

The students of theology now in attendance are as follows:

Third year.—Hector McLean, Robert King, B.A., Thomas McAfee, H. J. Stirling, B.A., M. McKee, Hugh Grant, John Munro, B.A., Alexander Dunn, B.A.

Second year.—Joseph Ball, J. R. Harcourt, Lachlan A. McLean, M.A., C. M. Wyse, Dougald Bell, A. D. Reid, W. E. Knowles, William Miller, B.A., J. W. S. Lowery, John Russell.

First year.—William Bell, David Lang, B.A., John H. Wallace, B.A., George Mason, Andrew Skea, J. G. Hobman, C. E. A. Pocock, William Simons, H. J. Robertson, W. B. Tate, J. E. Hogg; John Smith, J. C. Grant, A. D. Caskey, S. A. Woods, B.A., R. A. Lundy and Sidney Campbell, B.A., W. J. F. Robertson.

During the current session in addition to the lectures of Dr. King in Old Testament and New Testament Exegesis and in Systematic and Biblical Theology, and of Professor Baird in Hebrew, Church History and Introduction, Professor Falconer of Pine Hill College, is expected to take the department of New Testament Exegesis during the last three months of the session and Professor Ross, of Montreal Presbyterian College, to lecture for the second time to the students of Manitoba College on Homiletics and Church Government. The Senate gratefully recognizes the readiness with which these brethren, when application was made to them, put their services at the disposal of this College.

II.—THE ARTS DEPARTMENT.

As already stated, the number enrolled in this department including the Preparatory Classes, has this year been one hundred and seventy-seven. Between ninety and one hundred of these are taking the examinations of the University at the time when this report is being prepared. The Junior Preparatory Classes are still at work and will continue to be so till the end of May. The graduating class numbers this year fifteen, Miss Annie

Doupe, Miss Estelle Hamilton, Sidney Campbell, Henry Douglas, Samuel Lundie, H. W. Macdonald, David Williams, Edward Hudson, Duncan Crerar, W. G. Russell, Samuel Everton, John A. Gunn, Joseph Marshall, George Davis, and Arthur Hearn.

Coming to the teaching, Professor Bryce has continued to take the Higher English Classes, together with those in Ethnology and Botany. He has also taken his share along with a Professor from St. John's College, and another from Wesley College, in the teaching given in the various branches of Natural Science to the students of the affiliated Colleges, in rooms provided by the University of Manitoba.

Professor Hart has conducted as formerly the teaching in the Greek and Latin Classics and in French, assisted in the former by Mr. F. W. Clark, B.A., and in the latter by Mr. J. R. MacArthur, B.A.

Professor Baird lectured during four months of the session on Logic, with Jevons, Mill and Thompson as Text Books. Mr. Baird also gave instruction during the first part of the session in Latin and Greek to the students taking a special course with a view to the ministry and in English to the students of the preparatory year.

Dr. King lectured throughout the session on Hamilton's Philosophy, Janet's Final Causes and Flint's Anti-theism, to the students of the Junior and Senior B.A. years, taking the Philosophical course. He conducted also the classes in German of the Junior and Senior B.A., the previous and the preliminary years.

Dr. T. Wardlaw Taylor lectured on Locke, Baldwin and Kant, besides giving valuable assistance in the teaching of other classes, and especially that of history.

Mr. W. E. James, B.A., has continued to conduct the Mathematical Classes of the Preparatory, Preliminary and Previous years, filling at the same time the important position of resident tutor in the College.

In addition Mr. George Davis, a member of the Graduating class, has given assistance in some of the junior classes during the last half of the session.

It seems all but certain that the College will not enjoy next session the services of Dr. Wardlaw Taylor and Mr. John R. MacArthur. The Senate has every cause to be satisfied with the manner in which they have discharged their duties during the years in which they have been on the teaching staff of the College and follows them with cordial interest.

The opinion was expressed in the last report of the Senate to the Assembly that the interests of the College demanded an addition to the permanent staff of instructors, and that this addition would be made to best advantage by the appointment of a Professor who should take the subject of Systematic Theology and at the same time take a considerable share in the teaching of Philosophy in the Arts course. The report of the Board will shew that while the matter has not been overlooked, difficulty has been experienced up to the present in taking practical action. The Senate is as strongly impressed as ever with the need of an early appointment of the kind named.

The subject of the preparatory course of study to be followed by candidates for the Ministry not proceeding to a degree from a University, has been brought before the Synod, both by a Committee of the Presbytery of Winnipeg and by a communication from the Senate of Knox College. The Senate cordially approves of the end contemplated by the proposal of the Committee of Knox College Senate, and without committing itself to details, of the line of action marked out. At the same time looking to the state and the needs of the large mission field, in the interests of which very especially this College is sustained, the Senate would recommend that provision should be made for exceptional cases, while it would be glad at the same time to see the recognition of such cases left to the General Assembly, on the application either of Presbyteries or of the Senates of Colleges or of both in conjunction.

At the urgent request of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and in the interest of the more efficient working of the Home Mission field, the Senate recommend, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, that the summer session in Theology should open towards the middle of April, instead of as now

in the beginning of that month, and should close in the week following the 3rd Sabbath of September.

The inter collegiate work of instruction between Manitoba and Wesley Colleges has been continued with obvious advantages to both institutions.

The societies connected with the College have been in efficient operation throughout the year.

The Rev. Thomas Beveridge, B.A., completed his examinations for the degree of B.D. and at the closing exercises of the College received this degree. The following scholarships and prizes were awarded at the same time as the result of examinations mainly on the work of the several classes :—

I. YEAR.

The John Ralph King Scholarship	\$60	.....	W. G. Russell.	
" Mrs. Barbour "	50	} equal	{ Joseph Ball.	
" George R. Crowe "	50			Alex. Dunn, B.A.
" John Black "	40			W. J. Inglis, B.A.

II. YEAR.

The Robt. Carswell Scholarship	70	.....	H. N. McLean.
" Robt. Crawford "	50	.....	H. M. Dickey.
" Ruth Russell Winchester	40	.....	H. J. Stirling, B.A.
" Mary Persine Tait "	40	.....	Thos. McAfee.

III. YEAR.

The Robt. Carswell Scholarship	70	.....	Peter Strang, B.A.
" Mrs. Barbour 1st prize	30	.....	F. J. Hartley, B.A.
" Mrs. Barbour 2nd prize	20	.....	J. Hunt Jarvis.

The Senate, in closing its report, would again record its grateful sense of the goodness of God experienced by the Institution in many forms, during the year.

JOHN M. KING,

Principal.

WINNIPEG, 13th May, 1898.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MANITOBA COLLEGE FROM MAY 4TH, 1897,
TO MAY 4TH, 1898.

I.—ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand May 4th, 1897.....		\$1,096	20
Congregational appropriations and collections :—			
Ontario and Quebec by Rev. Dr. Warden.....	\$2,070	21	
Maritime Provinces by Rev. Dr. P. M. Morrison, 1897	500	00	
Remitted directly by congregations	30	00	
			2,600 21
Personal donations by friends in Ontario and Quebec, remitted by Rev. Dr. Warden.....	\$820	00	
Remitted by Dr. Robertson or received directly from Dr. King.....	755	00	
			1,575 00
Grant of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, £100. . .	\$482	77	
Grant of the Church of Scotland (1897), £50	243	09	
			725 86
Contributions of the Synod of Manitoba and the N. W. Territories and of British Columbia			3,800 00
Interest on Investments			4,180 00
Fees of students in arts and board of resident students			8,540 59
Rent of house attached to College building.....			240 00
			----- \$22,757 86

Disbursements.

Salaries of Principal and Professors Bryce, Hart and Baird	\$9,850	00	
Salaries of Lecturer (Dr. Taylor) and Tutors	3,680	00	
Expenses (in part) of summer session.....	340	50	
			\$13,870 50
Additions to Library and Journals for Reading Room..	\$597	06	
Printing of Calendar, Postage, etc.....	207	85	
			804 91
Furnishings for residence.....	\$426	75	
Repairs and expenses on grounds, plumbing, etc.....	233	78	
			660 53
Taxes, improvements on property, etc			341 97
Insurance			390 00
Interest on Miss P.'s donation according to agreement of the Board			120 00
Fuel.	819	00	
Electric Light	299	39	
Water	163	30	
			1,281 69
Supplies for residence and wages of matron and servants.....	3,954	22	
Proportion of expenses in Toronto office.....	120	00	
Contingent fund.....	410	00	
Balance on hand May 4th, 1898			804 04
			----- \$22,757 86

II.—SCHOLARSHIP ORDINARY FUND.

A. (General).

Receipts.

Balance on hand, May 4th, 1897.....	\$580 26	
Rev. Dr. King, Winnipeg.....	60 00	
George R. Crowe.....	50 00	
Mrs. Barbour, Bonskeid, Scotland, £20.....	97 03	
Mr. Robert Crawford, Indian Head.....	50 00	
Interest on investments.....	175 00	
		<u>\$1,012 29</u>

Disbursements.

Scholarships awarded as per report of Senate.....	\$420 00	
Balance on hand May 4th, 1898.....	592 29	
		<u>\$1,012 29</u>

B. (Special).

*The Robert Carswell Scholarship Fund.**Receipts.*

Dividend on B. & L. stock.....	\$63 00	
Interest allowed on capital, \$1,230 87.....	77 00	
		<u>\$140 00</u>

Disbursements.

Scholarships awarded as per report of Senate.....	\$140 00	
		<u>\$140 00</u>

III.—SCHOLARSHIP CAPITAL FUND.

A. (General).

Receipts.

Balance on hand, May 4th, 1897.....	\$2,500 00	
Bequest of the late Robert Anderson, less legacy duty.....	1,800 00	
Interest on investment.....	175 00	
		<u>\$4,475 00</u>

Disbursements.

Credited to ordinary Scholarship Fund.....	\$175 00	
Balance on hand, invested or waiting investment.....	4,300 00	
		<u>\$4,475 00</u>

B. (Special).

*The Robert Carswell Scholarship Fund.**Receipts.*

Balance on hand May 4th, 1897, stock of B. & L. Company.....	\$2,630 87	
Dividends and interest.....	140 00	
		<u>\$2,770 87</u>

Disbursements.

Credited to Ordinary Fund.....	\$140 00	
Balance on hand, May 4th, 1898, (stock B. & L. Company).....	2,630 87	
		<u>\$2,770 87</u>

IV.—ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, May 4th, 1897.....	\$51,215 00
Bequest of the late Robert Anderson, less legacy duty.....	4,500 00
Interest on investments and on cash in bank.....	4,180 00
	<u>\$59,895 00</u>

Disbursements.

Credited to Ordinary Fund.....	\$4,180 00
Balance on hand, May 4th, 1898, invested as per list appended or in bank waiting investment.....	55,715 00
	<u>\$59,895 00</u>

V.—CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance on hand, May 4th, 1897.....	\$412 00
Credited from interest on investments above a given rate.....	410 00
	<u>\$822 00</u>

SUMMATION.

Receipts.

Total for ordinary expenditure, including fees and board of resident students.....	\$21,661 66
“ Scholarship Fund.....	\$432 03
“ Robert Carswell Fund.....	140 00 572 03
“ for Endowment Fund.....	4,500 00
“ for Scholarship.....	1,800 00
	<u>\$28,533 69</u>

Balance of Ordinary Fund, May 4th, 1897.....	1,096 20
Balance Scholarship Fund.....	580 26
	<u>1,676 46</u>
	<u>\$30,210 15</u>

Disbursements.

Total for ordinary expenditure, including board of resident students.....	\$21,543 82
“ Scholarships awarded.....	560 00
“ credited to Endowment Fund.....	4,500 00
“ “ Scholarship Fund.....	1,800 00
“ “ Contingent Fund.....	410 00
	<u>\$28,813 82</u>

Balance Bank to credit of Ordinary Fund.....	804 04
“ “ “ Scholarship Fund.....	592 29
	<u>1,396 33</u>
	<u>\$30,210 15</u>

BALANCE SHEET.

	DR.	CR.
College Endowment Fund.....		\$55,715 00
Scholarship Fund (General) Capital.....		4,300 00
“ “ (Robert Carswell) Cash and Stock.....		2,630 87
Contingent Fund.....		822 00
Scholarship Fund.....		592 92
Ordinary Fund.....		804 04
Balance.....	\$64,864 20	
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The above balance is invested as follows:—

Mortgage—G. V.	\$2,200 00	Mortgage—T. J.	\$ 400 00
“ I. S.	600 00	“ C. R. McK.	1,000 00
“ H. M. L.	500 00	“ M. F.	1,700 00
“ C. C.	500 00	“ T. A.	500 00
“ J. J. M.	600 00	“ J. W. M. B.	450 00
“ W. B.	700 00	“ G. M.	300 00
“ F. A. W.	350 00	“ R. H. C.	1,000 00
“ T. McN.	600 00	“ C. S.	700 00
“ J. C.	685 00	“ M. C.	500 00
“ 11 S. & D.	1,500 00	“ B. F.	1,100 00
“ R. A. B.	500 00	“ J. F.	200 00
“ J. F.	300 00	“ J. McK.	200 00
“ J. E.	350 00	“ A. McL.	500 00
“ W. G. D.	1,000 00	“ R. G. McK.	500 00
“ W. McK.	600 00	“ W. L.	600 00
“ J. R. B.	500 00	“ E. N. N.	350 00
“ W. B.	300 00	“ A. T.	750 00
“ A. E. W.	450 00	“ F. S.	1,700 00
“ H. M. & T. S. C.	1,000 00	“ P. R.	910 00
“ J. T.	350 00	“ I. S. M & J. W.	1,000 00
“ M. & R. J. M.	600 00	“ J. A. S.	2,000 00
“ R. H. L.	400 00	“ J. L.	800 00
“ W. J. P.	300 00	“ E. W.	400 00
“ W. M.	1,600 00	“ R. McA.	950 00
“ J. L.	225 00	“ E. A. S.	650 00
“ F. Y.	5,000 00	“ J. W. W. B.	300 00
“ S. S.	200 00	“ A. S.	500 00
“ M. B. L.	600 00	“ J. D.	1,250 00
“ A. M. M.	500 00	“ J. M. J.	300 00
“ C. R.	1,300 00	Note,—W. D.	274 50
“ N. & W. McD.	950 00	“ D.	650 00
“ W. L. W.	400 00	“ J. L.	250 00
“ M. J.	500 00	Stock in B. & L. Company.	1,400 00
“ A. D.	1,700 00	Balance in Merchants Bank, May 4,	
“ C. R. D.	3,000 00	1898	8,919 70
“ A. H. B.	400 00		
			\$64,864 20

Audited and found correct.

(Sgd.) COLIN H. CAMPBELL,

Auditor.

I.—PERSONAL DONATIONS FROM ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Mrs. Redpath, Montreal.	\$ 50 00	D. Gunn Toronto.	25 00
David Morrice, “ (1897).	100 00	T. Kinnear “	10 00
“ “ (1898).	100 00	Robt. Swan “	25 00
Andrew Allan “	50 00	Charles Cockshutt “	50 00
James C. King “	50 00	Rev. Dr. Warden “	25 00
John Cassils “	25 00	J. K. Macdonald “	50 00
John Stirling “	50 00	Kilgour Bros. “	50 00
P. S. Ross & Sons “	15 00	J. J. Tassie “	25 00
Geo. Hyde “	20 00	J. P. Middleton, M.P.P., Hamilton.	10 00
T. A. Dawes “	25 00	John Watt, Hamilton.	20 00
Colin McArthur “	100 00	John Calder “	10 00
David McLaren, Ottawa.	50 00	Ralph King “	10 00
E. H. Bronson “	50 00	David Morton “	10 00
A. W. Fraser “	10 00	A McLagan “	10 00
John M. Garland “	10 00	Geo. Rutherford “	50 00
G. R. Blythe “	10 00	John Penman, Paris	25 00
Geo. Hay “	25 00	D. v. Tait, St. Thomas	10 00
George Gillies, Gananoque.	250 00	Robt. Ferguson, Thamesville.	20 00
A. R. Creelman, Toronto.	25 00	Mrs. John Ferguson “	20 00
John Gowans “	25 00	A. G. McLachlan, Harrington.	5 00
B. Jennings “	25 00	Rev. F. Ballantyne, Beverly.	2 50
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henderson, Toronto.	25 00		

II.—PERSONAL DONATIONS IN MANITOBA.

R. M. Thompson, LL.B., Winnipeg..	\$ 25 00	W. D. Russell, Winnipeg.....	\$25 00
Rev. C. W. Gordon, B.A.,	" .. 25 00	William Clark	" .. 25 00
Mrs. Field	" .. 25 00	E. F. Hutchings	" .. 25 00
Rev. C. B. Pitblado	" .. 25 00	Robt. R. Scott	" .. 20 00
Sir Thomas W. Taylor	" .. 50 00	Rev. J. Farquharson, B.A., Pilot	
Kenneth McKenzie	" .. 50 00	Mound.....	25 00
Geo. R. Crowe, Scholarship	" .. 50 00	J. B. McLaren, Morden	25 00
Alex. Macdonald	" .. 50 00	Rev. John Jarvis.....	5 00
Rev Dr. King	" .. 50 00	K. T. Logan, Lauder.....	10 00
Mrs. Watt	" .. 25 00	Rev. S. W. Thompson, B.A.....	20 00
John Leslie	" .. 25 00	Mrs. Robert Crawford, Scholarship,	
Rev. D. Stalker, Calumet.....	20 00	Indian Head.....	50 00
Rev. Prof. Baird, B.D., Winnipeg	25 00	James Harvey, Indian Head	10 00
J. Y. Griffin	" .. 10 00	P. McBean, Emerson.....	5 00

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PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE, OTTAWA.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE, OTTAWA, 1897-8.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada :

The Board of Management of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Ottawa, desires to present its first annual report in a spirit of hopefulness. Transitional periods are always trying; and when the members of the Board were appointed to office by the last General Assembly, they were prepared to find the initial stages of their work somewhat discouraging. This likelihood was increased because of the widespread misapprehension which existed, and, to some extent, still exists in the Church with regard to the precise character of the College committed to their care. Its previous relationship to the Board of French Evangelization had naturally led to the belief that its main purpose was the training of Roman Catholic young ladies who had become converts to the Protestant faith. As a matter of fact this result was never attained, and the College gradually developed into a well-equipped school for the higher education of the daughters of our own Church, and other English-speaking girls who might be attracted to it. While, therefore, its retention by the French Board became anomalous, the new Board of Management has not found it necessary to make any radical changes in the actual working of the College.

The staff consists of thirteen teachers, nine of whom are resident in the College. The Principal, Miss Jessie M. McBratney, has proved herself a thoroughly efficient head, and she is assisted in her work by skilled and enthusiastic instructors in the several departments of study. Special attention is paid to Music and the Fine Arts, and the excellence of the collegiate course is evidenced by the fact that graduates of the College have matriculated with marked distinction at our Universities, and have taken high rank in the discharge of duties in seats of learning as well as in home life.

The number of pupils this session was 90, of whom 22 were boarders. This is an advance upon last year; but the Board is persuaded that with a more general knowledge of the merits of the institution, the excellence of its equipment and locality, and its extremely reasonable terms, the patronage will steadily increase.

The Board records with much pleasure the fact that the ordinary revenue of the College for the year has met the expenditure, and that the amount of the Guarantee Fund collected was sufficient to pay the interest on the mortgage. This Guarantee Fund is intended to cover a period of three years—the experimental stage of the College under the new management. In view of the fact that the financial position of the College has already shown improvement, the Board is encouraged to believe that if it meets with that measure of success which its intrinsic worth deserves, it will soon become entirely self-sustaining in spite of the serious handicap to which the present Board has fallen heir.

The Board confidently appeals, therefore, to the ministers and members of the Church for their cordial support of an institution which has already done so much for the young women of our Church, and which is destined, under favorable auspices, to attain in the near future a still wider prosperity and usefulness.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. HERRIDGE,

President of the Board of Management.

OTTAWA, 25th May, 1898.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE, FOR
1897-1898.

The Directors of the Brantford Presbyterian Ladies' College respectfully present their Annual Report as to the progress of the institution during the year ending June 30, 1898. The attendance during the year, between regular boarders and day pupils, has been 100. As the final examinations are now going on, the exact number of graduating students cannot be given, but it is expected that thirteen students will complete their course in the English, Music and Art Departments.

During the year the College has been visited and the classes examined by Rev. Neil McPherson, B.D., on behalf of the Synod of Hamilton and London; and Rev. J. W. MacMillan, B.A., on behalf of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. The reports of these examiners submitted to the Synods named, will testify to the character of the work done in the College, the high qualifications of the teachers employed, and the diligence and proficiency manifested by the students in the different departments of study. The curriculum of the College is such as to prepare the student for Matriculation in the University, or to secure certificates as teachers, or governesses in Music. Many of the graduates of former years have taken the full course in our Universities, while others are now engaged as teachers in Public Schools and higher institutions of learning in Canada and the United States, and a very large number have attained good positions in Colleges and Conservatories of Music.

The Conservatory of Music connected with the College has, during the past year, under the direction of Mr. W. Norman Andrews, a graduate of London and Leipsic, been an unqualified success, both as regards the number of students enrolled, and the results attained. The Musical Department of the College is now affiliated with the Toronto College of Music, Toronto. This affiliation places the department equal to the best musical education in the Dominion. The pupils take the same course and pass the same examinations in Brantford as the students who study in Toronto. Five candidates graduate this year, and a large number take the first and second years' examination of the Toronto College of Music. Students in Music of the Brantford College have also the privilege of playing and taking part in any concert held in the Toronto College of Music. This acknowledges their tuition to be equal to that of students in Toronto.

The teaching staff of the College, numbering in all thirteen, has never been more efficient than at present. Miss Caroline Phillpotts, the Lady Principal, has proved herself a worthy successor to Mrs. Gregory, who, for so many years, occupied that important position; and the teachers and governesses under her are all graduates of the different departments which they occupy. They are members of Evangelical Churches (for the most part of the Presbyterian Church), and are not only conscientious in the discharge of their academic duties, but exercise constant watchfulness over the conduct and social life of the pupils committed to their charge.

The Directors do not hesitate to repeat what they have stated in former reports, that in comparison with institutions of a similar character, no College offers greater attractions to studious young women, alike for its home-like social comforts, the beauty and healthfulness of its surroundings, the solidity of its teaching, its moral and religious atmosphere,

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and last, but not least, its fidelity to the principles of the Presbyterian Faith, and evangelical truth common to all evangelical denominations. On such grounds they claim for it still greater amount of patronage from the Ministers, Elders, and members of the Presbyterian Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. ROBERTSON,
President.

WM. WATT, JR.,
Secretary.

BRANTFORD, May 20, 1898.

Appended to this Report is a list of Shareholders qualified to act as Directors. The General Assembly is respectfully requested, in terms of the Act of Incorporation, to nominate twelve of these Shareholders, of which six shall be chosen at the next Annual Meeting, to act as Directors for the ensuing year :

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Rev. Wm. Cochrane, D. D.,	Brantford.	G. H. Wilkes,	Brantford.
William Watt,	"	Alfred Watts,	"
Robert Henry,	"	I. Cockshutt,	"
Wm. Nichol, M.D.,	"	T. Jones,	"
Thomas McLean,	"	G. Foster,	"
C. B. Heyd,	"	H. B. Leeming,	"
A. Robertson,	"	W. Buck,	"
A. Turner,	Hamilton.	Sheriff Watt,	"
James Sutherland,	Brantford.	S. G. Read,	"
William Grant,	"	C. Jarvis,	"
A. Spence,	"	A. Nordheimer,	Toronto.
Robert Russell,	"	S. W. McMichael,	"
L. F. Heyd,	"	A. J. Wilkes,	Brantford.
S. Hewitt,	"		

Certified to the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

A. ROBERTSON,
President.

WM. WATT, JR.,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE
CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND FOR
MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

To the Venerable the General Assembly.

Your Board begs to report that building operations have been much more active during the past than the preceding year. By the report of 1897 the General Assembly was informed that aid had been extended to erect 14 churches and 2 manses; last year the Board assisted to erect 22 churches and 5 manses; and advanced money to finish 4 churches and 2 manses and adjust debts resting on the same. Of the new buildings 10 are in Manitoba, 6 in Assiniboia, 4 in Alberta, and 7 in British Columbia; 16 in the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and 11 in that of British Columbia. The value of the new buildings is estimated at over \$22,750, and the Board advanced \$6,810—\$1,210 as free grants to erect 13 new churches, and \$5,600 as loans to erect 9 new churches and 5 manses. The amount loaned to complete buildings and adjust debts unduly burdensome was \$1,800 on buildings valued at \$6,750.

REVIEW OF SIXTEEN YEARS.

The Board has been in existence now sixteen years; when appointed the Church had 18 churches and 3 manses in Western Canada, i.e., between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast. During these sixteen years the Board has assisted to erect 305 churches and 63 manses, or 368 buildings in all, valued at \$492,100.

USES TO WHICH CHURCHES ARE PUT.

It should be borne in mind that in mining districts, and in localities where buildings are scarce and people beginning life, churches are frequently used for school purposes and as reading rooms. In this way the cause of education, of sobriety and purity are materially assisted.

LATE J. T. MORTON.

During the past year Mr. J. T. Morton, of London, who for a number of years rendered such signal service to the Board in loaning money without interest for the erection of churches and manses in new districts, was called home. At the time of his decease the Board owed him a considerable amount on loans made and communicated with his executors thereanent; the Board also proceeded to collect moneys with the view of liquidating this indebtedness. The executors informed your Board that instead of collecting the loans at once, they would adhere to the conditions imposed by Mr. Morton, and grant longer time for repayments. The steps taken by the Board to meet these liabilities account for the large balance at credit. The more prosperous times in the West also account in part for the larger amount of payments by congregations. The Treasurer's statement gives the details of the financial transactions of the year.

The probabilities are that building operations will be much more general during this season than for several years past, and the resources of the Board are likely to be fully taxed. Prosperous years are followed by expansion, and in the matter of church erection the Board must be prepared for a larger outlay.

The following statement gives the details of the disbursements for the erection of buildings for 1897-98:—

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

Blythefield.—A prosperous farming district about 25 miles southwest of Winnipeg on the Sale river; frame church, cost \$1,500, loan \$400.

South Plympton.—A growing station 12 miles southeast of Winnipeg, settlers farming and ranching; frame church, cost \$1,200, grant \$125.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

Bellafield.—Farming settlement in southwestern Manitoba composed largely of Scottish crofters. Church, stone, cost \$1,200, grant \$125. Most of work done by the people.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Ochre River.—Village on the Dauphin Ry., about 107 miles northwest of Portage la Prairie, surrounded by a good farming and grazing country; church, frame, cost of material \$350, work done mostly by the settlers, grant \$50. St. Andrew's congregation, Ottawa, gave valuable help.

Dauphin.—A town on the Dauphin Ry. about 120 miles northwest of Portage la Prairie, population 600, good country surrounding, settlers thrifty, manse, cost \$900, loan \$400. Assistance from St. Andrew's, Ottawa, also.

Phumas.—A village on Dauphin Ry. about 49 miles northwest of Portage la Prairie, prosperous farming district; church, cost \$1,500, loan \$400.

Arizona.—Thriving farming district south of Austin, town on C.P. Ry., 85 miles west of Winnipeg; church, cost \$1,000, loan \$400.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

Douglas.—Growing town on C.P. Ry., 120 miles west of Winnipeg, good congregation; manse, cost \$1,000, loan \$500.

Griswold.—Town on C.P. Ry., 25 miles west of Brandon, fine wheat-raising district; church, cost \$2,000, loan \$600.

PRESBYTERY OF MINNEDOSA.

Lone Tree.—Farming and ranching district, northwest of Shoal Lake; church to unite several settlements, frame, cost \$500, grant \$100.

Fairmount.—Farming district south of the C.P. Ry. in East Assiniboia; church, cost \$700, grant \$50.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

Glenadelaide.—Progressive farming and ranching district, south of Moosomin, church, cost \$450, grant \$60.

Hungarian Colony.—Settlement of Hungarians—56 families—north of the Qu'Appelle river behind Whitewood; church, built of wooden blocks on stone foundation, cost \$400, grant \$125, work done by settlers.

Buffalo Lake.—Farming and grazing settlement north of Moose Jaw; frame church, cost \$800, grant \$100.

Springhill.—Settlement in East Assiniboia, farming and grazing district; church, cost \$850, grant \$100.

Wapella.—Growing village on the C.P. Ry., 235 miles west of Winnipeg, surrounded by a good farming and ranching country; church, frame, cost \$1,000, loan \$500.

Moffatt.—Prosperous farming district south of Wolseley; loan of \$300 to complete stone church worth \$1,500.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PRESBYTERY OF EDMONTON.

Innisfil.—Town on Calgary and Edmonton Ry. about 75 miles north of Calgary, surrounded by a good farming and dairying country; loan of \$400 on church and manse worth \$1,400, to complete the same and consolidate debt.

Red Deer.—A town on the river of the same name, supported by a fine farming and dairying country; church, frame, cost \$500, grant \$100.

South Edmonton.—A town on the Saskatchewan river, 190 miles north of Calgary, supported by a good country, and growing; loan of \$600 to complete building and adjust debt, church worth \$2,000.

Beaver Lake.—Grazing and farming district 60 miles east of Edmonton; grant of \$50 to replace church burnt by prairie fire, material of new building worth \$250, people did work.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

Carlstone.—Town in Mormon settlement in Province of Alberta; church and manse, cost of both \$2,000, loan \$1,000.

PRESBYTERY OF KAMLOOPS.

Nakusp.—Town at south end of upper Arrow Lake on Columbia river, railway and steambot line connect here; church, frame, cost \$650, grant \$125. No service but Presbyterian.

New Denver.—Mining town east side of Slocan Lake, boat and railway connection; church, cost \$700, loan \$300.

Slocan City.—Situated lower end of Slocan Lake, mining and trading centre; church and manse worth \$950, loan \$300, work done mostly by people.

Kaslo.—Mining and trading centre for rich mineral district, town growing steadily; loan \$500 on church and manse worth \$1,850, to consolidate and pay off other creditors.

Ymir.—A mining village on Nelson and Ft. Sheppard Ry., 25 miles from Nelson, village growing; frame church, cost \$650, grant \$125.

Trail.—Town on Columbia river, 8 miles east of Rossland, large smelter and much business in connection with outfitting, etc., done; frame manse, cost \$600, loan \$300.

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

Colwood.—Farming district on Vancouver Island in vicinity of Victoria; church to replace one destroyed by a storm, cost of material \$300, grant \$100, people did work.

THOMAS W. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

COLIN H. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

1897		CASH ACCOUNT 1897-8.		
May	To balance on hand			
	Union Bank		\$4,064 71	
	Bank of Hamilton		10,243 65	
				\$14,308 36
<i>Receipts of Principal and Interest--</i>				
	Holland		\$151 00	
	Souris		50 15	
	Killarney		281 00	
	Hamiota		82 00	
	Breadalbane		35 00	
	Brandon (Zion)		320 00	
	McLeod		67 50	
	Austin		100 00	
	Chilliwack (Cook's)		30 00	
	Oakland		162 75	
	Birtle		598 75	
	Nicola Lake		66 25	
	Russell		100 00	
	Tarbolton		200 00	
	Maple Creek		250 00	
	Humesville		174 75	
	High Bluff		209 00	
	Waskada		45 00	
	Woodville		61 65	
	Clearwater		150 00	
	Chater		265 00	

Pilot Mound.	528 00	
Macdonald	200 00	
Gladstone	225 00	
Dougald	100 00	
Oak Lake (St. David's).	100 00	
Mountain City	63 80	
Oxbow	150 00	
Carman	165 00	
Ft. Saskatchewan.	125 00	
Brandon Hills	536 32	
Carberry	446 50	
Cedar Hill Mission	91 50	
Treesbank	167 00	
Rounthwaite	240 00	
Stonewall	105 00	
Douglas	200 00	
Qu'Appelle, Troy.	150 00	
Fernwood.	85 00	
Hampden	35 00	
Melita.	200 00	
Stoney Mountain	115 00	
Calf Mountain	190 00	
Victoria	111 65	
Hilton	138 00	
Monteith	77 00	
Whitewood	43 55	
Morris	35 00	
Moffatt	46 87	
Kamloops	30 00	
Blythfield	35 00	
Dundas.	18 75	
Fort Qu'Appelle	65 35	
Kenmay	40 00	
Lansdown.	32 00	
Wolseley	50 00	
Lumsden	55 90	
Spring Ridge	35 00	
Pincher Creek	65 10	
Wellington, B.C.	229 18	
Golden, B.C.	27 80	
Indian Head.	90 00	
Grassmere.	32 00	
Cartwright	19 00	
Ashcroft, B.C.	68 00	
Manitou	140 40	
Pierson	105 00	
Springfield	55 00	
Gretna	112 50	
Thorn Hill	108 65	
	<hr/>	9,475 62
<i>To Morton Fund Collections—</i>		
Innisfil	\$91 00	
Nelson	111 25	
Vernon	19 00	
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<i>To Subscriptions for Cardstone—</i>		
Per Rev. C. W. Gordon	\$50 00	
Per Rev. Dr. Warden	590 15	
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<i>To Subscriptions—</i>		
Dr. Robertson (£205)	\$994 25	
Alex. Miller	50 00	

S. S. Hunter	10 00	
David Morrice	249 50	
Kintyre, per Dr. Warden	18 00	
Nassagaweya, per Dr. Warden	5 00	
Thamesford S.S., per Dr. Warden	10 00	
Rev. J. A. Matheson, per Dr. Warden	5 00	
Tilsonburg S.S., per Dr. Warden	4 00	
Brucefield S.S., per Dr. Warden	15 00	
Hamilton Central S.S., per Dr. Warden	25 00	
Peterboro, St. Andrew's S.S., per Dr. Warden	20 00	
Tilsonburg, Avondale S.S., per Dr. Warden	24 60	
		1,430 35
To Interest on Bank Account		406 14
" Commercial Bank		51 85
		\$26,533 72
<i>By Grants--</i>	CONTRA,	
Fairfield	\$75 00	
Ymir	125 00	
Glen Adelaide	60 00	
Colwood	100 00	
Bellafield	125 00	
Emo	75 00	
Fairmount	50 00	
Ochre River	50 00	
		\$660 00
<i>By Loans--</i>		
Whitewood	\$25 00	
Cardstone	2,012 01	
Kaslo	300 00	
Humesville	300 00	
Wapella	500 00	
Okotoks, Dr. Robertson	126 00	
New Denver	300 00	
Elkhorn, Insurance	17 50	
Boissevain	350 00	
Blythfield	415 00	
Trail	300 00	
Dauphin	400 00	
Slocan City	300 00	
Innisfil	400 00	
South Plympton	500 00	
		6,245 51
<i>By Morton Fund--</i>		
Repaid		1,946 67
<i>By Expenses--</i>		
Legal expenses, account loans	\$12 00	
Clerk's salary	240 00	
Printing report	25 85	
Postage	25 50	
Letter book, etc.	7 75	
		311 10
<i>By Cheques outstanding--</i>		
At 1st May, 1898		37 50
<i>By balance on hand--</i>		
Union Bank	\$689 34	
Bank of Hamilton	16,643 60	
		17,332 94
		\$26,533 72

Audited and found correct.

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE AGED AND
INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND (WESTERN SECTION)
FOR THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING MARCH
31st, 1898.**

The Committee beg to submit to the Assembly the following report respecting the various matters entrusted to it:—

FINANCES.

The following statements compiled from the Report made by the Agent of the Church to the Committee will exhibit the condition of the several accounts and how they stood at the close of the year:—

ORDINARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Congregational contributions and donations.....	\$7,973 95	
Interest from Endowment.....	5,452 29	
Ministers' rates.....	2,186 07	
Balance at debit of account.....	3,233 64	
	-----	\$18,845 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount at debit from previous year.....	\$1,763 56	
Annuities paid (for 11 months only).....	14,962 20	
Rev. Wm. Burns' salary.....	970 00	
Rev. R. C. Tibb's salary.....	225 00	
Traveling and sundry expenses of Agents.....	111 85	
Printing, including proportion of Blue Book.....	55 24	
Expenses of members attending meetings.....	102 10	
Annuity to Miss B. (Wright Estate).....	200 00	
Transferred to Endowment Fund.....	16 00	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses..	440 00	
	-----	<u>\$18,845 95</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount held for investment, April 30th, 1897.....	\$5,609 24	
Received on account of subscriptions, etc.....	1,955 50	
Legacies (Lamont \$100, Pettigrew \$50).....	150 00	
On account of the Wright bequest.....	300 00	
Loans repaid.....	8,580 00	
	-----	\$16,594 74

CONTRA.

Amount invested during the year.....	\$4,000 00	
Paid for taxes, repairs, etc.....	177 79	
Held for investment.....	12,416 95	
	-----	<u>\$16,594 74</u>

ANNUITANTS AND ANNUITIES.

Rev. John Fotheringham.....	\$116 87	Rev. John McMillan.....	\$220 00
“ James Malcolm, on account	78 00	“ William Forlong.....	206 25
“ James Mitchell.....	137 50	“ Robert Rodgers.....	252 08
“ Matthew Barr.....	183 33	“ Duncan Davidson.....	132 92
“ W. C. Young.....	162 92	“ Thos. Wardrope, D.D....	252 08
“ Robert Renwick.....	137 50	“ James Middlemiss.....	238 33
“ W. C. Windel.....	183 33	“ James Wilson.....	229 17
“ James Hauran.....	146 67	“ G. M. Clark.....	195 83
“ John Gray, D.D.....	210 83	“ Robert Ure, D.D.....	247 50
“ William White.....	192 50	“ Alex. Young.....	233 75
“ William Cleland.....	201 67	“ John Morrison.....	197 08
“ Smith Hutchison.....	110 00	“ John Anderson.....	247 50
“ Chas. Campbell.....	146 67	“ John G. Murray.....	229 17
“ W. R. Sutherland.....	242 92	“ M. Turnbull.....	146 67
“ Samuel Fenton.....	119 17	“ John Ewing.....	144 37
“ John McNabb.....	182 92	“ J. B. Duncan.....	252 08
“ W. M. Christie.....	209 79	“ D. C. Johnston.....	91 67
“ R. Stevenson.....	210 83	“ David Mitchell.....	96 25
“ Duncan Anderson.....	215 42	“ William Anderson.....	130 62
“ Joseph Alexander.....	238 33	“ A. F. McKenzie.....	96 25
“ Thomas Wilson.....	183 33	“ William Gregg, D.D....	252 08
“ David Wardrope.....	215 42	“ Alex. Sutherland.....	129 84
“ James Cleland.....	110 00	“ George Bell, LL.D.....	238 33
“ Samuel Jones.....	9 60	“ John James, D.D.....	197 08
“ John McTavish, D.D.....	3 00	“ J. S. Burnett.....	220 00
“ William Mathieson.....	192 50	“ David Wishart.....	247 50
“ John Stuart.....	215 42	“ William Forrest.....	197 08
“ James Black.....	220 00	“ William Lochhead.....	224 58
“ Thos. Goldsmith.....	128 33	“ W. K. McCulloch.....	14 33
“ Angus McColl.....	252 08	“ A. M. McClelland.....	114 58
“ Chas. Cameron.....	192 50	“ George Flett.....	233 67
“ Arch. Currie.....	192 50	“ John McEwen.....	182 07
“ D. McNaughton.....	91 67	“ John McRobie.....	205 82
“ John Crombie, D.D.....	215 42	“ Arch. McDiarmid.....	193 05
“ George Bremner.....	206 25	“ Andrew Tolmie.....	145 12
“ Arch. Currie.....	206 25	“ Robert Gray.....	122 17
“ Robert Wallace.....	252 08	“ W. M. McKibben.....	125 17
“ Daniel Gordon.....	252 08	“ Simon McDonald.....	39 57
“ D. Mackintosh.....	128 33	“ Alex. Mathieson.....	129 99
“ James Stewart.....	174 17		
“ John Lees.....	206 25		
“ William Millican.....	210 83		
“ William Meikle.....	155 83		
“ John Geddes.....	91 67		
“ John McMechan.....	201 67		
		Total.....	\$14,785 95
		Mrs. Urquhart (special...)	\$176 25
			\$14,962 20

It will be seen that 84 annuitants have received more or less benefit from the Fund during the period covered by the report. Of those whose names appear on the list of annuitants, the following have been called away by death:—William Christie, Samuel Jones, John McTavish, D.D., G. M. Clark, John Ewing, Alexander Sutherland, George Bell, LL.D., W. K. McCulloch and George Flett.

Special grants of \$50.00 to the Rev. John McNabb, and of \$30.00 to the Rev. W. C. Young have been passed by the Committee.

THE DEATH OF THE AGENT AND SECRETARY.

It is with the deepest regret that your Committee has to report the death of its valued Agent and Secretary, the Rev. William Burns. The services rendered by the Rev. Mr. Burns were much more than those of a merely paid agent. His heart was fully in his work, and in his anxiety to make a better provision for the aged ministers of the Church, he was engaged early and late in the discharge of the work entrusted to him. He met with many difficulties and hindrances—many of them quite unnecessary, and which in the opinion of the Committee could easily have been avoided, and the avoidance would have aided greatly in the attainment of the object of Mr. Burns' appointment. It is only just to his memory to say that while the full amount of the Endowment has not yet been obtained, this is owing to no fault of the late Agent, the fruits of whose labours will in all probability be seen in bequests that may come in to the Fund from time to time.

The following resolution, unanimously passed by the full Committee at its meeting subsequent to his death, expresses the views entertained by the Committee as to his attainments and labours on behalf of the work:—

“That the Committee, acknowledging the goodness and mercy of God in all His Providences, and bowing in humble submission to His will in the removal by death of our late Agent and Secretary, the Rev. William Burns, would place on record an expression of the deep sorrow felt by the members on account of his death, and bear testimony to the valuable services rendered by him to the Church in ways not generally known, but more especially in connection with the work of this Committee, in which, often under great discouragements, he faithfully and unsparingly gave himself to the task of improving the provision made for the aged ministers of the Church. Owned of God in his life work, and honoured in death, our sorrow is mingled with rejoicing in the certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life. The Committee would offer their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Burns and family, and pray that the Heavenly Father may comfort them in the great loss they have sustained.”

Following the death of Mr. Burns, the Convener requested the Rev. R. C. Tibb to take charge of matters connected with the office, and called a meeting of the Executive Committee, which, after due consideration, appointed Mr. Tibb Agent and Secretary, pro tem, pending the meeting of the full Committee at a later date. The full Committee subsequently confirmed the action.

THE ENDOWMENT.

Your Committee regrets to have to report that little progress has been made in securing the balance of the Endowment. As already intimated, it was deemed advisable to direct the Agent to devote his attention and energies chiefly to the “Ordinary Fund,” as it was feared that considerable shortage might arise in it unless this were done.

The following is a statement as to how it stood on the 31st March last:—

Under the new effort the total amount subscribed was..... \$143,243 82
Of which there has been paid in..... 132,604 76

Add to this the old capital of \$15,550, and it makes:—

The total subscribed..... \$158,793 82
The total paid in..... 148,154 76

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Owing to the death of the Rev. William Burns, the Committee has been very carefully considering the question of the best steps to be taken with a view to secure the balance of the Endowment. The Committee realizes the fact that on the part of a good many in the Church it is thought there is no necessity for a paid Agent and Secretary, and also a further opinion entertained by some members of the Committee that the balance of the work can be done by and through the Presbyteries. After full discussion, the Committee passed the following resolution, and ordered the same to be transmitted to the Assembly :—

"That in the opinion of this Committee, the balance of the Endowment of \$200,000, ordered to be raised by the Assembly, can best be secured by means of an Agent appointed for that purpose, and while the Committee makes no recommendation to the General Assembly, the opinion is generally entertained that for some time to come in the interests of the Ordinary Fund, as well as of the Endowment, the services of some person, giving a large part of his time, are likely to be required. That the provisional appointment of Mr. Tibb be continued till the meeting of the Assembly, and acting on the views entertained by some members of the Committee, the further plan of distributing the balance of the Endowment, not yet obtained, over the various Presbyteries in the Western Section of the Church be brought before the Assembly, with the suggestion that if this plan is adopted, the effort be made forthwith and, if possible, completed before next meeting of the General Assembly."

This action on the part of the Committee will leave the matter in the hands of the Assembly to deal with it as in its wisdom may be thought best.

MINISTERS WISHING TO CONNECT.

Twenty-two ministers have made application to connect with the Fund. Ten of these were within the four-year limit, and are entitled to connect. Of the remaining twelve, the Committee recommends the Assembly to allow connection of the following:—

Rev. J. A. Morison, B.A.	Ordained	February	1893.
" T. R. Scott	"	September,	1892.
" C. B. Ross	"	"	1887.
" G. R. Lang	"	July,	1888.
" D. M. Buchanan	"	June,	1891.
" J. A. Macfarlane	"	July,	1889.
" J. McP. Scott	"	December,	1889.
" Robert Haldow	"	November,	1888.
" J. McArthur	"	July,	1886.

Three others, being beyond the age provided in the rules, the Committee cannot recommend that they be allowed to connect.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE, ETC.

Application for leave to retire and go on the Fund for benefit have been received from the following ministers:—

Name.	Presbytery.	Age.	Years of Service.	Reason for Retiring.
Rev. George Cuthbertson	Sarnia	69	40	Heart Disease.
" J. K. Smith, A.M., D.D.	Peterboro	70	40	Age.
" William Bennett	"	70	41	"
" Donald Strachan	Guelph	71	29	"
" John McAlpine	Toronto	67	21	Ill Health.
" John Gallagher, B.A.	Kingston	53	27	" "

The Committee recommends that all of the above be allowed to retire and go on the Fund for benefit.

In regard to the case of the Rev. John Gallagher, B. A., as he has not been connected with the Fund by payment of rates, he will only be entitled to half benefit.

The Committee further recommends that the Rev. David Mitchell and the Rev. A. McKibben,* the latter of whom was placed on the list of annuitants for one year by the last Assembly, be continued for another year.

The Committee has also had before it an informal application for a continuance of the annuity granted by last Assembly to the Rev. Simon McDonald, and for an increase from \$50 to \$100. The application was evidently made under a misapprehension, as Mr. McDonald was placed on the list permanently. With regard to the increase asked on his behalf by the Rev. J. W. McMillan, the Committee cannot under the circumstances of the Fund see its way to recommend any increase.

RE DIFFERENCE IN THE CAPITAL REPORTED AND THE AMOUNT WHICH
OUGHT TO BE AT CREDIT.

In comparing the amount standing at the credit of this Fund at the end of the last year—30th April, 1897, with the books of the Agent and Secretary, there is a deficiency of \$1,590.75. On tracing this through from the statements furnished from year to year by the late Agent of the Church, they are not always found to agree with the late Mr. Burns' books, and as these appear to be absolutely correct, it would seem that in some way this Fund has suffered to the extent above mentioned in the distribution of the surplus found in connection with the late Agent's accounts and apportioned by the Finance Committee. The matter is now formally brought before the Assembly so that instructions may be given to have it looked into and corrected.

THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE RULES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND.

Your Committee met with the Special Committee appointed by last Assembly regarding the above matter, but have practically nothing to report in respect to it, as nothing was brought before it by the Special Committee that had not been already fully considered.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee begs to make the following special recommendations:—

First. That the Executive Committee of the previous year be continued until the November meeting of the following year.

Second. That Rule 6 be repealed and the following substituted:—"That the rates shall be paid on or before the 15th day of January in each year."

The Convener naturally desires to consult the Executive Committee without the inconvenience and expense of calling together the larger Committee. It is further found that the 1st of November is not a good time for ministers to pay their rates, and that the 15th of January is likely to be more convenient. It might be added that this will make no difference to the Fund, as the rates are payable for the Ecclesiastical year, and not for the Calendar year.

J. K. MACDONALD,
Convener.

*After this report was in press news was received of Mr. McKibben's death.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.
(WESTERN SECTION).

To the Venerable the General Assembly:—

The Special Committee appointed by the last General Assembly (minutes p. 35) "to confer with the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, to look into the whole question of the Regulations and Administration of the Fund, with a view of inducing a greater number of our ministers to connect themselves with it, and of drawing out towards it a larger liberality on the part of our congregations," beg to report as follows:—

A meeting was held in Toronto on the 26th April, at which were present, with the Convener, Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., and Messrs. J. R. McNeillie and Lt.-Col. D. McCrae.

The Convener stated that he had, through correspondence, received numerous and valuable suggestions from members of the Committee who were unable to be present, and from a large number of ministers and laymen of our church as to possible improvements in the Regulations and Administration of the Fund. Attentive consideration was given to all the views presented, friendly conference was had with the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (Western Section), and after lengthened and mature deliberation it was agreed to recommend:—

1. That in the Administration of the Fund the Committee (Western Section) be instructed to give the fullest effect possible to the provisions of Rule 15, in relation to the short term annuitants who were on the list, when a large reduction was made in the allowance to such annuitants, by a change in Rule 9.

2. That as it was not intended, when the late Rev. Wm. Burns was appointed by the Committee in 1888, to burden this Fund with a permanent Agent or Secretary, your Committee recommend that the office of Agent and Secretary be abolished; but in the event of the Assembly deciding that a canvass of the congregations of the church shall be continued for the purpose of bringing the Endowment up to the minimum of \$200,000, a minister or layman who has special gifts for such service be appointed for a limited period, and that the Secretarial work of the Committee and the collection of all moneys in connection with the Fund be placed in charge of the General Agent of the church (Western Section).

3. That Rule 10 be changed to read as follows:—A minister who has not paid the annual rate into the Fund shall not be entitled to make any claim upon the Fund as a matter of right, but his case may be made the subject of special consideration by the General Assembly.

4. That every minister, on being ordained, be required by Presbytery to connect himself with the Fund and pay the fixed rate.

5. That Rule 14 be changed to read as follows:—When a minister who has paid rates to the Fund attains the age of 67 years, he may claim the privilege of retiring from the active duties of the ministry, and of being placed upon the Fund.

6. That a first charge on the Fund be the definite yearly allowance promised to such retired ministers as have paid their rates and complied with the rules of the Fund; and that there be a surplus Fund, made up of all moneys, not belonging to capital, in the control of the Committee over and above the amount requisite for the definite allowance to such ministers as have paid their rates and have a claim on the Fund, and that such surplus Fund be administered for the benefit of any special cases recommended by the Assembly.

7. That in the event of the changes recommended in 3 and 6 being approved and adopted they be not applied to non-rate-paying ministers who have been permitted to retire and are already on the Fund.

8. That the ministerial rate be sufficiently increased to place the Fund on a more satisfactory basis.

9. That Presbyteries be instructed to have the claims of both the Ordinary and Endowment branches of the Fund effectively presented to all the congregations within their bounds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. L. McCRAE,
Convener.

COLLINGWOOD, June, 1898.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE AGED AND
INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND (EASTERN SECTION)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1898.**

The Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (Eastern Section) begs to submit its report for the year ending March 31st 1898.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1897-98.

Receipts.

Balance, May 1st, 1897	\$ 10 60	
Collections from Congregations	1,436 06	
Rates from Ministers	762 84	
Interest	1,603 77	
Donation	68 91	
	\$3,882 18	
Balance due Treasurer, April 1st 1898		204 32
		\$4,086 50

Expenditure.

Annuities	\$3,810 00	
Printing	\$15 35	
Commission	6 15	
Legal expenses	5 00	
	26 50	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.		250 00
		\$4,036 50

Ten years ago 111 congregations contributed \$852.87. During the decade, in spite of fluctuations, the number of congregations and the aggregate amount contributed have increased, until to-day we have to report 165 congregations contributing \$1,436.06, an increase in congregations of 44, while the contributions have been nearly doubled. Your Committee feels warranted in believing that the decided enlargement in the area of supplies during recent years, as well as of the contributions, is due to an increasing attention to the fund on the part of the ministers of our Church. At the same time your Committee believes that if all our ministers would sympathetically place before their people, or managing boards, the aims of the fund, and the silent and in measure effective aid given to a steadily increasing number laid aside from active service by reason of age and infirmity, there would be no possibility of adverse balances.

The number of ministers contributing to the fund at the beginning of the year was 132. Since then ten united, one died, one removed west, and one became an annuitant, net gain seven, leaving the number at the close of the year 139.

The number of annuitants on the fund at the present time is twenty-two. During the year the Rev. George Patterson D.D., LL.D., and the Rev. Wm. Scott were removed by death. The amount paid to each annuitant is as follows :

Rev. James Bennett, D.D.....	\$200 00
" Lewis Jack	200 00
" W. S. Darragh.....	200 00
" Thomas Nicholson.....	200 00
" Alexander Cameron	200 00
" John Cameron	200 00
" Peter Lindsay	200 00
" Alexander McLean, D.D.....	200 00
" James McG. McKay	200 00
" Kenneth McKenzie.....	200 00
" James Gray	100 00
" E. Roberts	65 00
" Alexander McRae	130 00
" William Maxwell.....	200 00
" J. D. McGillivray	200 00
" Alexander Grant	180 00
" James Murray	200 00
" Isaac Murray, D.D.....	200 00
" H. B. McKay	200 00
" Gavin Sinclair	35 00
" John W. Nelson	50 00
" T. G. Johnstone	50 00
" William Scott.....	100 00
" George Patterson, D.D.....	100 00
	<u>\$3,810 00</u>

Applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and to be placed for benefit on the fund, have been received from two ministers through their respective Presbyteries :

NAME.	Presbytery.	Age.	Years of Service.	Reasons for Retiring.
Rev. Henry Crawford....	Lunenburg.....	70	45½ years.	Age.
" Francis W. George.	Miramichi.....	70	9 yrs. 7½ mos.	Ailments and age.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the full annuity be granted to Rev. Henry Crawford. Regarding Rev. Francis W. George, inasmuch as his period of service was less than ten years the Committee decided to refer the application simpliciter to the General Assembly that his case may, according to the regulations, be made the subject of special consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDERSON ROGERS, *Convener.*

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MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND. (WESTERN SECTION).

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To the Venerable, the General Assembly :

Your Committee are pleased to report that the year has again ended without debt in the Ordinary Fund. This, however, is not owing to increased congregational contributions,—which are practically the same in amount as for the preceding year,—but because of a large sum received on account of arrears due by ministers for personal rates. Immediately after the meeting of last Assembly, your Committee issued a circular to the ministers of the Western Section of the Church, informing them of the action of Assembly, intimating that new books were being opened, and asking them whether they intended connecting themselves, or,—in the case of those who had got largely into arrears,—whether they intended renewing their connection with the Fund. In response, letters were received from quite a number of ministers, to the effect that they did not purpose uniting with the Fund. Nearly all of those who were only a few years in arrears with their rates intimated, prior to the 1st Jan. last,—the period named by the General Assembly,—their readiness to pay up the arrears. This has been done in the large majority of cases, and arrangements have been made, in a few other cases, for the payment of the arrears by instalments. A special circular was issued to the ministers that have been ordained within the last five years, bringing before them the existence of the Fund, and informing them of the regulations under which it is administered. Only a very small number, however, responded.

In the new book which has been opened the names of all ministers who are now regularly connected with the Fund have been entered. With a few exceptions, the rates of these are paid up in full, including the current year. In the case of those who are not, satisfactory arrangements have been made for the payment of arrears, at an early date.

The present annual expenditure of the Fund is \$16,200.00, which will probably be increased in the near future to \$17,000.00. The sources of revenue are congregational contributions, ministers' rates and interest from Endowment money. The amount to the credit of the Endowment Fund is nominally \$121,908.30. There have, however, reverted to the Church, properties on which loans were made a number of years ago, to the extent of \$32,883.00, on which there will probably be a loss of \$8,000.00 or \$10,000.00. Meantime, the net revenue derived from this amount is very small. The total annual revenue that can be relied upon from the Endowment Fund, is \$5,000.00 ; the rates from the 295 ministers connected with the Fund are \$2,400.00, leaving the sum of \$9,000.00 to be derived from congregational contributions. The amount received from this source last year was \$6,092.52, so that if the annuities are to be continued on the present scale, the congregational contributions must increase 50 per cent. There is little hope of this being accomplished, unless the ministers of the Church take a special interest in the Fund and endeavor to secure additional contributions therefor. It need not be concealed that the Committee are not at all sanguine regarding this. During the past year, the Agent of the Church sent a personal letter to upwards of four hundred of the ministers, soliciting their cooperation. The result, however, was far from encouraging. In many quarters, the feeling exists that the minimum salary throughout the Church, being \$750.00 a year and *Munse*, there is not the same need for this Fund now as in the past. That the care of his family is primarily that of the minister himself is undoubted, and your Committee are of opinion that while it would seem like breaking faith with those now connected with the Fund to require of them an increased personal rate annually, yet, that all who hereafter connect themselves with the Fund, should pay a rate very considerably in excess of that required by the existing regulations.

The following annuitants were, during the year, removed by death :—Mrs. Walter Inglis, Mrs. Grace McLean.

The following have been added :—Mrs. Wm. Burns, Toronto ; Mrs. W. K. McCulloch, Oshawa ; Mrs. M. McKenzie, Morden ; Mrs. W. Clark, Bracebridge ; Mrs. G. Flett, Elphinstone ; Mrs. Esson Reid, Stouffville ; and the children of the late Rev. W. Christie, Ottawa

The list of annuitants at present is as follows:—

Mrs. Adams.	Mrs. Gibson.	Mrs. Meldrum.
" Anderson.	" Gordon.	" Monteith.
" Baikie.	" Graham.	" Milne.
" Barron.	" Gray.	" Mutch.
" Beattie, C. A.	" Haigh.	" Needham.
" Bethune.	" Hall.	" Nicol.
" Beattie, E.	" Hislop.	" Norris.
" Bickell.	" Irvine.	" Pringle.
" Binnie.	" Jamieson.	" Park.
" Black.	" Johnston.	" Porteous.
" Boyd.	" Kemp.	" Robertson, S.
" Brown.	" Lawrence.	" Robertson, E. H.
" Bouchard.	" McArthur.	" Robertson, S. M.
" Builder.	" McConechy, E.	" Rennelson.
" Burns, R. F.	" McConechy, J.	" Reid, W.
" Burns, Wm.	" McConnell.	" Rose.
" Breckenridge.	" McKerracher.	" Ross.
" Burson.	" McDonald.	" Riddell.
" Chestnut.	" McFaul.	" Richards.
" Campbell.	" McKay.	" Reid, E.
" Coutts.	" McKenzie, C.	" Scott, J.
" Craigie.	" McKenzie, M.	" Scott, M.
" Crow.	" McKinnon, A. C.	" Simpson.
" Currie.	" McKinnon, E. J.	" Skinner.
" Clarke.	" McLachlan.	" Smith, J.
" Christie (Ch'ld'n.)	" McLean, J.	" Smith, E.
" Drummond.	" McLeod.	" Stewart, E.
" Freeman.	" McCulloch.	" Stewart, J. H.
" Ferguson, A. J.	" McLean, C.	" Smellie.
" Frazer, C.	" McLennan.	" Tallach.
" Fraser, J.	" McMillan.	" Thomson.
" Ferguson, H. E.	" McKechnie.	" Walker.
" Flett.	" McQueen.	" Wellwood.
" Geggie.	" Malcolm.	" Watson.
" Grant.	" Matthews.	" Wilson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. KIRKLAND,
Convener.

TORONTO, 16th May, 1898.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1897.....	\$122,107 50
Interest from Investments.....	5,095 68
	<u>\$127,203 18</u>

Disbursements.

Interest credited to Ordinary Fund.....	\$ 5,095 68
Taxes, repairs, &c., on properties.....	199 20
Balance at Cr. 1st April, 1898.....	121,908 30
	<u>\$127,203 18</u>

ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 238 42
Congregational contributions and donations.....	6,092 52
Interest from Endowment Fund.....	5,095 68
Ministers' Rates.....	5,256 33
	<u>\$16,682 95</u>

Disbursements.

Annuities paid.....	\$ 15,250 50
Printing, including proportion of blue book.....	98 64
Legal expenses.....	4 00
Proportion of Agent's salary and General Expenses.....	850 00
Balance at Cr. 1st April, 1898.....	479 81
	<u>\$16,682 95</u>

**MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND,
SYNOD OF THE MARITIME
PROVINCES.**

The Committee of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces beg leave to report as follows :—

The Receipts during the year have been

From Ministers' Rates.....	\$1,562 27
From Fines and Interest on Arrears.....	167 75
From Interest and Dividends.....	3,758 36
From Building Society Accumulations.....	539 19
From Congregational Collections and Donations.....	196 85
	\$6,224 42

The Expenditures have been

For Annuities to Widows and Orphans.....	\$3,657 51
For Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer.....	445 58
For Sundry Charges.....	87 54
	\$4,190 63
Leaving a Balance of.....	\$2,033 79

to the credit of capital. The assets of the Fund amount at date to \$104,754.06, being an increase over last year of \$8,063.02, largely owing to the increase in value of Bank Stocks and Debentures held by the Committee, a result which cannot fail to be satisfactory to the Assembly and to all interested in the Fund.

Two ministers upon the Fund have died during the past year, Dr. G. Patterson, and Mr. G. M. Clark. Their widows have been added to the list of annuitants, making the number of widows in receipt of annuity 20, and of orphans 16.

The Committee deeply lament the loss they have sustained through Dr. Patterson's death. He had acted as Secretary of the Fund since its inception, and no small degree of its present prosperity is owing to his wise and careful administration.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Fund, the following Amendments to the Rules have been submitted to, and approved by a Meeting of the Beneficiaries, and the Synod of the Maritime Provinces. The approval of the General Assembly is now, in like manner, and for the same reason, respectfully asked for.

1. That in Rule III. all the words after the word "contributing" be omitted, and the words "of the state of the Fund in general" be substituted.

2. That in Rule V. the word "second" be omitted, its retention having been an error in wording at last alteration.

3. That for Rule X. be substituted the following :—"A member shall be entitled at any time to redeem his annual rates by the payment of a single sum, or to commute them into an increased payment to cease on his attaining the age of sixty-five (65) according to the Table framed for the use of the Society.

4. That, in Rule XI., under Class I., \$85.00 be substituted for \$75.00, and under Class II. \$170.00 be substituted for \$150.00.

5. That, in Rule XIII., wherever the word "twenty" occurs, the words "twenty-four" shall be substituted for it.

6. That for Rule XIV. be substituted the following:—"The Funds, so far as they are not required for immediate application or expenditure, shall be invested in security on real estate, or in savings banks, or in government or municipal securities, or in deposits or stock of any of the chartered banks of the Dominion, in the name of the Trustees.

7. That Rule XXI. be amended by substituting the words "an alimentary provision" for "alimentary provisions," and by inserting the word "his" before the word "creditors."

8. That in Rule XXII, instead of referring to the terms of amalgamation the words be inserted, and that the rule read as follows—Ministers ordained elsewhere and being inducted in congregations of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces or in congregations of the late Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland which did not enter the Union, or entering the service of either Church as Missionaries or Professors, if under forty (40) years of age, shall have the privilege of joining the Fund according to the class on which they choose to enter, by paying arrears from the time they should have entered up till four annual rates, and thenceforward the annual rate, but they may pay the amount of arrears in instalments of \$10.00 per annum for the higher class, and \$5.00 for the lower with interest: provided that application be made on or before the first of July, two years after their induction in this part of the Church. The case of those, forty (40) years of age and over shall be made the subject of special arrangement.

The list of annuitants is as follows:—

Mrs. J. T. Blair.	Mrs. R. McCunn.
" G. M. Clark.	" J. C. Meek.
" J. McCurdy.	" W. Murray.
" A. Farquharson.	" G. Patterson.
" Allan Fraser.	" J. D. Paterson.
" James Fraser.	" M. Stewart.
" John Geddie.	" W. Thorburn.
" Arch. Glendinning.	" A. L. Wyllie.
" E. Grant.	Rev. T. Christie's orphans.
" Sam'l Johnston.	" J. W. McLeod's orphans.
" P. Keay.	" W. Millen's orphans.
" Jas. Law.	

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. LAING,
Chairman.

THOS. SEDGWICK,
Secretary.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, 1897-1898.

Two annuitants died during the past year—Mrs. Archibald Walker, formerly of Belleville, and Mrs. George McClatchey, of Grimsby, Ont. Two names were added to the roll—Mrs. Jenkins, widow of the late Rev. John Jenkins, D.D., *pastor emeritus* of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, and Mrs. George Bell, of Toronto. There are 41 annuitants on the roll at present, as follows:—

Mrs. Barr.	Mrs. Livingston.	Miss Muir.
" Bell.	" Livingstone.	Mrs. Murray.
" Bennett.	" Mackay (W. E.)	" Morrison.
" Brown.	" Mackay (Alex.)	" Neill.
" Campbell.	" Mackerras.	" Nicol.
" Canning.	" McClatchey (Heirs).	" Porteous.
" Carmichael.	" Macdonnell (Ch'l'n)	" Ross.
" Cochrane.	" Maclean.	" Simpson.
" Eakin.	" Maclaurin.	" Sinclair.
" Fraser.	" Maclellan.	" Skinner.
" Gordon.	" Macleod.	" Smith.
" Herald.	" MacMurchy.	" Stewart.
" Hunter.	" Miller.	" Wallace.
" Jenkins.	" Milligan.	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 1,978 29
Interest from Investments.....	6,131 64
Ministers' Contributions.....	1,127 76
Congregational Collections.....	440 31
Returned Loan.....	400 00
	\$10,078 00

Disbursements.

Annuities to Widows and Orphans.....	\$ 7,306 44
Loan repaid, with interest.....	621 00
General Expenses of Management, 12 months.....	477 15
Sundry petty Accounts, Taxes, etc.....	41 85
Balance in the Merchants Bank.....	1,631 56
	\$10,078 00

Assets.

Mortgages on Real Estate.....	\$104,450 00
Corporation Stock, valued at.....	6,240 00
Real Estate awaiting sale.....	3,000 00
Cash in the Merchants Bank.....	1,631 56
Interest Receivable to June 1st.....	1,057 63
	\$116,379 19

JAMES CROIL,
Secretary-Treasurer.
MONTREAL, 9th May, 1898.

ROBERT CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

Audited, and found to be in accordance with the records of the Fund.

PHILIP S. ROSS,
Chartered Accountant.

MONTREAL, 7th May, 1898.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in Montreal, June, 1896 :

During the year embraced in this Report, 67 vacancies were reported for supply from the 26 Presbyteries, included in the three Synods, of the Western section of the Church. In these there were 40 settlements, of which 9 were from the Probationers' list, with 5 that accepted appointments for atated supply in Mission Stations, but fuller information on this point will be found in Appendix No. II to this report. There were left 27 vacancies without stated servios. For particulars the Committee refers to Appendix No. I, which in addition to vacancies which came before the Committee, contains the names of some others which have reported since last meeting in March, and the names of which are printed in a different type.

It will be seen that some Presbyteries did not send in any report. A communication was addressed to the Clerk of Presbytery of most of these, requesting the reason of this, and if that was from antagonism to the Scheme. In replies received the assurance has been given that there was no antagonism ; some express devoted faithfulness to it ; one speaks of it in highly commendatory terms, affirms it is becoming more popular, and expresses the opinion that it would be well to have an explicit regulation to the effect that Presbyteries be required to take one-half of their supply from the Probationers' roll, through the Committee. The Presbytery of Whitby, however, has refused to have supply sent for any of its vacancies in the course of the year, or give appointments to those allocated to its bounds, thus going against the Act of the Assembly enjoining that full or partial supply be asked. It is the only one that has assumed and maintained this attitude, and Your Committee leave its conduct to be judged by the Constitution or principle of Presbyterianism that inferior Courts of the Church should be governed by the superior. No application was made by it in the only proper quarter to be relieved from the Act of the Assembly, but it took up its position of itself, and assumed the responsibilities.

There is another Presbytery which passed a somewhat severe censure upon Your Committee for their action at one of their meetings in regard to sending supply. Your Committee think that the censure referred to was hasty, unduly severe, and discrep tful to them and the Assembly whom they represented. The following are the circumstances of the case briefly stated. In reply to the circular always issued before the close of a Quarter, this Presbytery intimated that it had no vacancies, and was correct in doing so. Between the receipt of that answer and the meeting of the Committee, there was a vacancy in the bounds, formed by the transfer of a congregation from a neighboring Presbytery to be joined to one under its care, thus constituting a pastoral charge. That fact was reported by a member of the Presbytery transferring ; in the Committee there was a member present of the Presbytery receiving, and on the fact being mentioned to him he at once saw that there was a vacancy and supply might be sent. In this the Committee cannot think that they acted in a manner to provoke the feeling expressed in the resolution of Presbytery that they "resented" the action of the Committee in the matter. Would not the courteous and proper course have been to ask for an explanation before passing judgment involving such a severe condemnation? Should not a complaint have been formulated against the Committee to the Assembly, for which and by whose authority they were acting according to the best of their judgment, and for the interests of all concerned? And in proof that the Committee were not far wrong it may be mentioned that the vacancy was reported, and is now a settled charge.

Your Committee cannot report that Presbyteries have been in all cases faithful in complying with the recommendations first and second in the last report to the Assembly, and which were adopted by it, and they would respectfully ask that they be re-affirmed and stricter observance of them enjoined, as they are believed to be most useful.

During the year Your Committee have not felt called upon to exercise the discretion with which they think they have been judiciously invested as to the acceptance of all names that are forwarded by Presbyteries for the roll ; but they are convinced that the regulation is a wise one, and that it has had a preventative influence in some instances. One application was made in behalf of a minister who had been for some time without charge, after not a few

years of service, but when inquiry was entered into, the application was not pressed, and it is believed that the minister found employment in another quarter.

Since the beginning of July last 6 names were placed on the roll of Probationers on the certification of the Presbytery of Toronto: 4 on that of Montreal; 2 on that of Guelph, Orangeville, Brockville, Chatham and Barrie; and 1 on that of Algoma, Peterboro, London, Paris, Kingston, Portage la Prairie, and Calgary; and 1 from Huron since last meeting of Committee, 28 in all. The complete roll for the year had 40 names. Of these 3 were dropped on expiry of time; 1 returned to Scotland; 2 after serving for a time went to the United States; 4 took appointments to Mission Stations, and are still engaged in these; 2 withdrew; 1 has been omitted till explanations are received of his not fulfilling the appointments given; 1 settled in Manitoba; and 9 in charges in the Western section of the field, leaving 17 remaining.

In some instances complaints have been received that Probationers had not fulfilled the work to which they had been appointed, and had not sent notices of their intention not to do so, putting vacancies to inconveniences; and, on the other hand, some Probationers have complained that they were not received into the Presbyteries to which they had been designated, the reason being given that there were so many applications by Ministers in settled charges, and others, that there was no place for them. Such complaints have been common all along. They are not new in the working of the system. Perhaps no system can be devised that will prevent them. They are indications of an unhealthy state of feeling between pastors and people in not a few localities, and want of regard on the part of Presbyteries and the Moderators of Sessions in vacancies to the rules for supply laid down by the Supreme Court of the Church.

Some instances have come to the knowledge of Your Committee of what seems to be unjust discrimination in the matter of remuneration for their services against Probationers. One Presbytery, which sent more names than one for work and should have had grateful respect for the Committee, with an influential vacancy, allowed only \$10 per Sabbath for Probationers' supply, without accommodation, while \$25 was the amount granted for those whom they invited. The amount was below the minimum, and it was not want of ability to give a larger sum, that was the ground of the decision. Yet the Presbytery did not intervene.

Your Committee ask your Assembly to re-affirm the Recommendations adopted by them for 1897 at its meeting in Winnipeg, namely:

I. That Presbyteries be required to report all vacancies when they occur, or exist, in their bounds to the Committee for some supply, either full or partial, with the addition that "partial supply" be understood to mean one-half.

II. That the names of interim Moderators of Sessions in vacancies be sent by the Presbytery Clerks to the Convener of the Committee that he may furnish them with a copy of the Regulations, and help them in the fulfillment of their duties.

III. That Presbyteries on the licensure of students to preach the Gospel recommend them to place their services at the disposal of the Committee for employment in the regular way.

IV. That the attention of Presbyteries be again called to the Regulations in force guarding pulpits of vacant congregations from the undue preponderance in supply by Ministers in settled charges or Students.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT TORRANCE,

Convener.

GUELPH, 30th April, 1898.

See Appendices I. and II. for detailed information regarding vacancies and Probationers.

APPENDIX I.—VACANCIES AND SETTLEMENTS, 1897-98.

PRESBYTERIES.	CONGREGATIONS.	PUT ON LIST.	SETTLED.	MINISTERS.
Quebec.....	Sawerville	Oct., 1897	Jan. 11, 1898	F. W. Gilmour, [B.A.]
Montreal	Hampden.....	April, 1897	Dec. 28, 1897	T. W. Winfield..
	Melville Church, Westmount..	" 1897	Oct. 7, 1897	Thos. A. Mitchell
	Cote des Neiges and St. Laurent Norwood..	April, 1897	Feb. 8, 1898	W. T. Morison..
Ottawa.....	Taylor Church, Montreal.....	Jan., 1898		
	St. Cuthbert Ch., St. Lambert	April, 1898		
Lanark & Renfrew	Stewarton	Jan., 1896	Mch. 15, 1898	Robert Harkness, B.A.
Brockville	Admaston	Jan., 1897	Sept. 8, 1897	Daniel Strachan, B.A.
	St. John's Church, Brockville.			
	Dunbar and Colquhoun.....			
Glengarry	Spencerville, Ventnor and Roebuck	Oct., 1897	Dec. 27, 1897	George Weir, B.A.
	Avonmore			
	Burns' Church, Martintown, Hephzibah Ch., Williamstown	Jan., 1898		
Kingston	Roslin and Thurlow	April, 1898		
Peterborough	Centreville.....	May, 1897	Aug. 26, 1897	J. W. McIntosh, M.A.
	Baltimore and Cold Springs..	Jan., 1898		
Whitby	Percy.....	April, 1898		
	Ashburn and Utica	April, 1896		
	Claremont	" 1897		
	Oshawa.....	Oct., 1897		J. Hodges.....
Lindsay	(No supply taken from the Com- mittee).....			
	Sonya and Cresswell.....	July, 1897	April 26, 1898	W. B. Bremner ..
Toronto	Uxbridge..	Oct., 1897	Jan. 13, 1898	J. R. Fraser, M.A.
	Chalmers' Church, Toronto..	Oct., 1897	Dec. 2, 1897	D. R. McClements
	St. Andrew's Church, Mark- ham, Cedar Grove.....	Oct., 1897	Sept. 29, 1897	Robert Martin..
	Eglinton and Bethesda.....	" 1897	Nov. 16, 1897	J. C. Tibb.....
	Streetsville	Jan., 1898	March 2, 1898	G. C. Pidgeon, B.D
Oranmore.....	Stouffville and Melville Church Markham.....	Jan., 1898	Feb. 15, 1898	J. C. Wilson
	Cowan Avenue.....	April, 1898		
	Boston Church, Esquesing...	April, 1898		
	Corbetton, River View and Gandier.....	July, 1897		
Oranmore.....	*Friceville and Swinton Park.	July, 1897	Mch. 31, 1898	J. A. Matheson..
	Maxwell, McIntyre & Fevers- ham	Jan., 1898		
	Orangeville.....	April, 1898		
	Hillsburg and Bethel Church, Garafraxa	April, 1898		
	Charleston and Alton	" 1898		
Barrie.....	1st Essa, Burns' and Dunn's Churches.....	April, 1897	Oct. 14, 1897	J. E. Smith....
	Gravenhurst	July, 1897	Jan. 25, 1898	J. A. Dow, B.A..
	Waubashene, Coldwater and Flesherton.....	Jan., 1898		
	Bracebridge and Monk.....	" 1898		

APPENDIX I—VACANCIES AND SETTLEMENTS.—Continued.

PRESBYTERIES.	CONGREGATIONS.	PUT ON LIST.	SETTLED.	MINISTERS.
Barrie.....	Midland	Jan., 1898	April 7, 1898	J.J. Elliott, B.A.
	Severn Bridge, Ardtrea, Gray Church.....		Jan. 18, 1898	W. J. Hewitt....
Owen Sound . . .	Meaford	April, 1897	Sept. 22, 1897	S. H. Eastman, B.A.
	Spworth	" 1898		
Saugeen	Mount Forest.....	" 1897	Oct. 7, 1897	W.G.Hanna, B.A.
	St. Andrew's Church, Arthur, & " " Gordonville	April, 1897	Nov. 16, 1897	Jas. J. Patterson
	Amos and Knox Churches, Normanby.....	Oct., 1897	Jan. 11, 1898	D. L. Campbell..
Guelpb.....	Bethel and East Normanby			
	Knox Church, Galt.....	April, 1897	Mch. 29, 1898	Robt. E. Knowles, B.A.
	Hespeler.....	July, 1897	Dec. 11, 1897	Jas. S. Scott, B.A.
	Rockwood and Eden Mills....	" 1897	May 31, 1898	J. A. Cranston, B.A.
Hamilton.....	Pelham & Louth (stated supply)	Oct., 1896		James Buchanan, [Miss.
	Fort Erie & Bridgeburg (stated supply)			
	Ancaster and Alberton	Jan., 1897	Sept. 3, 1897	F. D. Roseborough
	Dunnville (stated supply)	Oct., 1897	Feb. 24, 1898	D. H. Hodges....
	Smithville & Muir's Settlement	Jan., 1898		
	Port Colborne	April, 1898		A. McD. Haig .
Paris	No vacancies during the year..	May, 1898		
London.....	Burus' Church, Mosa.	Jan., 1897	July 29, 1897	Alex. Fraser, M.A.
	Hyde Park and Komoka	" 1897	Aug. 12, 1897	—, Wyllie
	South Delaware and Tempo....	Oct., 1897		
	St. James' Church, London...	" 1897		
Sarnia.	Petrolia.....	April, 1897	Sept. 6, 1897	A. A. Graham, M.A., B.D....
	Wyoming and South Plympton	" 1898		
	Inwood, 10th Line Brook, Marthaville		Feb. 22, 1898	Richard Weir, B.A.
	Black Creek, Plum Creek, Guthrie Church			
Chatham.....	Dawn Centre and North Dawn		Jan. 21, 1898	R. T. Cockburn..
	Blytheswood, Goldsmith and Strangfield	July, 1896	Aug. 17, 1897	Hugh Cowan, B.A.
	Bothwell, Florence and Sutherland's Corners	May, 1897	Aug. 24, 1897	John Radford....
	Ridgetown.....	Oct., 1897	May 10, 1898	J. J. Brown
	Tilbury.....	April, 1898		
Stratford.....	Millbank and Crosshill	May, 1898		
	Milverton and Wellesley.....	April, 1897	Sept. 21, 1897	W. M. Haig.....
Huron.....	No report for any of the Quarters, the Clerk says it was because there were no vacancies.....	Oct., 1897	Mch. 31, 1898	David Anderson, [B.A.
Maitland.....	*Ripley, Knox Church, and Bervie			
	Chalmer's Church, Kincairdine Township.	July, 1897		
Bruce.....	Tiverton.....	Oct., 1897	Dec. 30, 1897	Kenneth McLennan.....
	Southampton.....	July, 1897		
Algoma.....	Knox Church, Walkerton....	April, 1898		
	No vacancies	" 1898		

*Gaelic indispensable.

APPENDIX II.—LIST OF PROBATIONERS, 1897-98.

PROBATIONERS.	Presbytery Certifying.	Put on List.	Settlements.	Withdrawn.	Still on.
Diott, B.A.					
Hewitt....					
Stiman, B.A.					
anna, B.A.					
Patterson					
Campbell.					
L. Knowles,					
Scott, B.A.					
Cranston,					
Buchanan,					
[Miss,					
oseborough					
Hodges....					
D. Haig					
Fraser, M.A.					
ylie					
Graham,					
, B.D.					
d Weir,					
Cockburn..					
Cowan, B.A.					
Radford....					
Brown					
Haig....					
Anderson,					
[B.A.					
th Mc-					
nan.....					
1. George Law	Maitland....	July, 1895	Two years expired July, 1897.		
2. Murdoch McKay	Huron	Oct., 1895	" " " Oct., 1897.		
3. J. W. Bell, M.A.	Toronto.	Oct., 1895	Expiry of time		
4. R. J. Adamson.	St. John	Jan., 1896	Gone to Scotland		
5. J. M. Goodwillie, M.A.	Ottawa..	July, 1896		1	
6. Hugh Cowan, M.A.	Toronto.	Oct., 1896	Dawn Centre, 17th Aug., 1897.		
7. James Gourlay, M.A.	Bruce....	Oct., 1896	Accepted supply at Dunville.		
8. J. W. Mitchell, M.A.	Hamilton	April, 1897		1	
9. James Pullar	Barrie	" 1897		1	
10. David Millar.	Lindsay.	" 1897		1	
11. Andrew Henderson,	Stratford	" 1897			
M.A.					1
12. James Buchanan	Westminster	" 1897	Appointed to Pelham & Louth, Hamilton Presbytery.		
13. Mark Danby	Brockville	July, 1898			
14. Robert Martin	Toronto.	" 1898	Markham & Cedar Grove, 19th Oct., 1897.		
15. H. T. Murray	Montreal	" 1898	Settled in Manitoba.		
16. J. E. Smith	Algoma	" 1898	1st Essa, Burns' and Dunn's Churches, 14th Oct., 1897.		
17. James H. White, M.A.	Toronto.	" 1898		1	
18. B. B. Williams.	Guelph	" 1898		1	
19. David Anderson, B.A.	Guelph....	" 1898	Milverton and Wellesley, 31st March, 1898.		
20. F. E. Pitts.	Brockville.	Oct., 1898		1	
21. A. MacGregor, B.A.	Montreal	" 1898	Harrow, 26th Oct., 1897.		
22. George Weir, B.A.	"	" 1898	Avenmore, 27th Dec., 1898		
23. Wm. Anderson, M.A.	Peterboro'	" 1898		1	
24. Peter Fleming.	Orangeville.	" 1898		1	
25. Neil Morrison, B.A.	"	" 1898		1	
26. John Bailey.	Toronto.	" 1898		1	
27. John Davidson.	Chatham.	" 1898	April, 1898, Mildmay, (stated supply).		
28. James Gilchrist	Chatham....	" 1898	Accepted appointment in Pres- bytery of Lanark & Renfrew		
29. E. Wallace, B.A.	Barrie	" 1898		1	
30. Hugh Brown	London	" 1898		1	
31. A. P. Tinkham	Paris.....	" 1898	Accepted appointment in Paris Presbytery; removed to States		
32. C. R. Williamson, B.A.	Toronto.	" 1898	New London, Penn., U.S.		
33. W. B. Bremner, B.A.	Montreal	Jan., 1898	Sonya & Cresswell, 26th April, 1898.		
34. W. J. Hewitt.	Barrie	" 1898	Severn Bridge, Ardrea, Gray Church, 18th Jan., 1898.		
35. James J. Brown	Toronto.	" 1898	Bothwell, Florence & Suther- land's Corners, May 10, 1898		
36. John J. Hannahson.	Portage la Prairie	" 1898		1	
37. J. Gray Reid.	Toronto.	" 1898		1	
38. John A. Black, B.A.	Kingston	April, 1898		1	
39. E. G. Walker.	Calgary	" 1898		1	
40. W. G. Richardson	Huron	" 1898		1	

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA—REPORT ON CHURCH LIFE AND WORK, JUNE, 1898.

Again it is the privilege of your Committee on Church Life and Work to report on the many important interests committed to its care. This is the third report since the adoption of the new plan by the General Assembly of 1895. Whether the new method has secured the end aimed at in simplifying the presentation to the Assembly of all the vitally important phases of Christian life and activity within our beloved Church, without impairing in value or in volume the information thus amassed, there may still be room for an honest difference of opinion. At the same time it is gratifying to know, and may be regarded as justifying the Assembly's action, that no complaint has found its way to your Committee since the issue of its first report in 1896. On the other hand, many Presbyteries have frankly admitted that their fears were unfounded, while any hopes they cherished have been more than realized.

In November last a list of questions was prepared by the Committee, and early in December copies in ample abundance were furnished to Presbytery Conveners for distribution among their Congregations and Mission Stations. The Presbyteries were asked to send a copy of their reports to your Committee's Convener, and all have complied with that request. This year, as last, many Presbyteries express gratitude at the increasing interest taken by Sessions in furnishing accurate and interesting material, and they generally extol the care and thought bestowed on the answers given to the "solemn and searching questions of the committee." MONTREAL says the returns have "proved very interesting, and Sessions have this year given more serious and thoughtful deliberation to the preparation of their returns than in any previous year, while there is an increase in the number of Sessions reporting." BRANDON says, "In no year have the questions eliciting information in regard to the spiritual life and activities of our people been so fully answered, or the reports so universally satisfactory." Many other Presbyteries speak in similar strains, while a few also complain of the ease-loving and careless way in which some of the Sessions have dealt with the subject. PARIS indulges in some wholesomely frank language in characterizing those Sessions whose "answers are so half-hearted as to suggest lamentable indifference," while it reminds the brethren of "the good results that have followed where Sessions have spent a few hours in answering those searching questions, and then made them the subject of the following Sabbath morning address."

The proportion of Sessions responding to the Committee's circular is fully equal to last year, which was exceptionally large, and is estimated at ninety per cent. of the regular charges, with a considerably smaller proportion of the Mission Fields. Many Presbyteries have received returns from all their Sessions. In MAITLAND, HURON, CALGARY, WESTMINSTER, all the Congregations and Mission Stations have reported. In PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, INVERNESS and KINGSTON, "almost every charge has reported," and about a dozen other Presbyteries use very similar terms in this connection. LONDON had thirty-three reports out of a possible thirty-five, and EDMONTON ten out of a possible eleven. In the five Presbyteries in the Synod of British Columbia only six Sessions failed to report. BRUCE says only two have failed, and many Presbyteries, while giving no figures, express a satisfaction sometimes couched in terms of superlative praise.

And yet there are Presbyteries that have to bewail the carelessness of many Sessions in this respect. OTTAWA, while speaking in generous terms of the interesting and valuable information obtained from reporting Sessions, expresses deep regret that no report has been received from "some of the largest and most influential Sessions in the Presbytery."

BROCKVILLE, GUELPH and BARRIE each muster only three-fourths of their full number. ALGOMA has reports from only half the charges and Mission Fields, and in WINNIPEG we touch

bottom, where only ten reports were received out of a score of regular charges and nearly as many Mission Fields!

On the whole the reports furnished to the Committee by the Presbyteries constitute a mass of documents replete, with much interesting and valuable information. With the exception of two or three, they have been prepared with great care, and in some cases are quite elaborate—that of SARNIA covering fifty-eight pages of closely written foolscap. Many of them are excellent in form and suggestive in matter. Among these may be mentioned SYDNEY, BROCKVILLE, BARRIE, PARIS, LONDON, and several others, while KINGSTON "leads the starry host and rides the brightest."

The information thus obtained, your Committee would humbly endeavor to present in a condensed form to the General Assembly, and in order that the synopsis may be followed with intelligence and ease, the questions with their sub-divisions are here reproduced, as the progress of this report requires, and in the order in which they were presented to Sessions.

I.—TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CONGREGATION RESPONDING
TO THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST, AS SHOWN:—

1.—BY THEIR ATTENDANCE ON SABBATH SERVICES, PRAYER MEETING, AND OBSERVANCE OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the optimistic character of the replies to this question, in so far as it relates to the public services of the Sabbath. What SAUGEN says with respect to its Sessional reports may with propriety be affirmed of the entire Church as represented by the reports of Presbyteries—namely, that "there is a delightful unanimity in the answers to the question regarding the attendance at the public services on the Lord's Day." Nor can any more important test of an external kind be applied to a Congregation or a community than its habit of assembling together in the Sanctuary. It is a beautiful sight when beheld through spiritual eyes, to see old, young and middle aged journeying to the House of God, where "the rich and poor meet together." Nor can the spiritual life that glows and burns in all Christian hearts find a more beautiful and fitting expression than when the gathered throngs in Zion unite in songs of praise, bow the head in earnest supplication, or devoutly listen to the word, as "with joy they draw water out of the wells of salvation." It is here the feast of eternal love is spread, while brothers and sisters gather around the home board and banquet, and break the bread and drink the wine of covenant love. The Assembly will, therefore, hail with delight the emphatic and uniform testimony of our Presbyteries, that our people love the gates of Zion, and in still increasing numbers throng her courts. BROCKVILLE says, that "exceedingly good" is the phrase most frequently used to characterize the attendance on Sabbath services, and concludes, as a legitimate inference from Session reports, that "religious services properly conducted, have still a mighty power for good over the hearts and lives of the multitudes." KINGSTON says, that "from all quarters comes the answer, that attendance is good," and only in one instance is the weaker word "fair" employed. WHITBY says, "attendance on the Sabbath services very encouraging, with a manifest interest in the spoken word," and has congregations, "ninety per cent. regularly present," and only one that complains of irregular attendance. BARRIE has congregations "usually crowded," others, "all that Session could wish for," and says that a vein of hopefulness runs through nearly every report on this important subject." PARIS reports that throughout the bounds "the Sabbath services are attended with commendable regularity," save in two districts where Presbyterianism is weak; but as an offset to these, it has one congregation that "surprises even the Session" by the very large and regular attendance. MAITLAND has every Session reporting "in the most favorable terms," and infers that the preaching of the Gospel is "as effectual in holding the people together as ever." TORONTO reports that "nearly all the Sessions speak encouragingly" on this matter. CALGARY says all Sessions "are hearty in reporting good attendance, while from different parts comes the key-note of success, increased attendance."

These quotations fairly illustrate the tenor of nine-tenths of the reports, and thus furnish the Assembly with reason for profound gratitude. For the great purpose of the Gospel to elevate and save the race, could not be fully attained without the aid of the sanctuary, with its invigorating and purifying power. The public worship of God gives fresh strength for home duties, increased love for home objects, and sheds over all life a more radiant hope and a richer gladness.

True, a minor strain occasionally steals into this gladsome music. In three or four Presbyteries, though the great majority of Sessions report favorably, yet a few employ the language of complaint. Late hours on Saturday night are deduced as a reason for depleted pews on Sabbath morning, and in our two most Western Synods there is a manifest tendency to favor the evening service on Sabbath as compared with the morning.

The prayer meeting attendance is much less satisfactory. As one Presbytery says, "our joy is turned into heaviness when we begin to report our prayer meetings." Seldom is there a jubilant utterance in this connection, while the language of complaint is freely employed. "Fairly," "moderately well," "poorly," are the average phrases used to describe the attendance on the mid-week service. PARIS says, "surely we have got down to hard pan now, when we excuse our leanness by saying, 'fairly well as prayer meetings go.'"

LONDON says, "the general impression is that the prayer meeting is not as good as it might be." LANARK and RENFREW testifies that the prayer meeting is "still far short of what it might and ought to be, in all parts of the Presbytery." The absence of men is universally lamented. The reply of Dr. Brown, of Haddington, long years ago, when asked if many attended his prayer meeting, was, "Oh, no, just a few good godly women." And that seems to describe the situation fairly well still.

But there are also some very encouraging facts noted in connection with this phase of Church life. The Presbytery of LUNenburg and YARMOUTH reports that, "the prayer meetings in nearly every instance are good." KINGSTON speaks of one case that is excellent, and of another where "one-half of the congregation is present." BRANDON has also some "largely attended prayer meetings." In BRUCE only two Sessions complain, and in all the others the reports are divided between "good" and "very satisfactory." PETERBOROUGH has many returns showing increased attendance. STRATFORD also is on the up grade, and ALGOMA utters cheering words. The Eastern Presbyteries nearly all speak hopefully. Prince Edward Island has a large proportion of "well-attended prayer meetings," and INVERNESS says, "prayer meetings are largely attended by both members and adherents. In most of our Congregations, nearly all male members take part." PICTOU, while complaining that men, and even women, professing to be Christ's, who never refuse an invitation to an evening party, persistently refuse the invitation of their Lord to watch with Him one hour a week, yet admits that "the information gathered under this head is most encouraging and hopeful."

District prayer meetings in rural Congregations are uniformly well spoken of, and they are attended by a fair proportion of men. There are fewer counter attractions and entertainments that so much engross the thought and consume the time of our urban population. A few Congregations have merged the weekly prayer meeting in the Chr'lian. Endeavor meeting—a result that one would hardly expect, as the young people of that society are pledged to sustain the regular weekly meeting.

With respect to attendance on the Lord's Supper, great satisfaction is expressed by all the Presbyteries. Some Sessions have given the percentage of members simultaneously observing the ordinance, and in few cases it has reached as high as ninety-five per cent. ROCK LAKE says, "all communicants," "nearly all communicants" are phrases frequently used in this connection. REGINA has a Session reporting several more usually at the Lord's table, than the numbers on the roll. But it weakens the value of this test of spiritual life when the same Presbytery says, "a few attend at communions, but rarely between times." ORANGEVILLE reports attendance on this ordinance, as varying "from two-thirds to almost all the communicants." Western Presbyteries have evidently more difficulties to contend with in this respect than Eastern ones. EDMONTON says, "a little over half of our actual

members give attention to the ordinance," and VICTORIA speaks of "a tone of disappointment" running through the returns, and yet is cheered by "gleams of hope," in that the attendance is increasing and members seem to be awaking to a keener sense of duty." On the whole, your Committee has ample evidence that the Lord's Supper is faithfully observed by a very large majority of our people who confess Christ, and that it is highly prized as a means of renewing their spiritual strength.

2.—BY FIDELITY IN THE DOMESTIC SPHERE AS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE CHILDREN,
AND IN DAILY OR STATED FAMILY DEVOTIONS.

We have a right to expect that the homes of our people will be the true nurseries of Christian life, and afford a congenial soil on which the Christian graces may flourish. We feel that we should find there an adequate explanation of all religious phenomena in social and public life. Yet anyone going to these reports with such an expectation, will be deeply disappointed and perplexed. To a large extent the family altar is in ruins. In thousands of professedly Christian homes this light of the dwelling is entirely quenched, and in thousands more it burns with a fitful and feeble ray. And this is distressing. The home is a place over which good angels hover with benevolent desire, a place to which Jesus comes whenever invited, and over which if it contains an altar, the Holy Spirit hovers with tender care. To Adam and Eve, Paradise was home, and to all the best of their posterity home is Paradise. And yet these reports are often gloomy, when we feel they should glow with all the light of the morning.

MIRAMICHI speaks less cheerfully on this theme than any other Presbytery of the same Synod, and characterizes decay in these duties as "a serious matter, since the strength and glory of Presbyterianism in time past has been fidelity on the part of parents." MONTREAL fears "a gradual decay of family religion and of religious instruction in the home." OTTAWA has "not much to say that is encouraging on this subject." ALBAMA "notes with sad misgivings the too general neglect of home religion." TORONTO says "a minor chord runs through most of the answers to this question." KINGSTON complains of the vagueness of the information furnished by Sessions, but concludes that "daily or stated worship in the household is not common," and thinks the societies of C. E., by educating members to lead in prayer should prove "helpful in restoring the family altar and daily sacrifice." HURON thinks "the Gibraltar of domestic piety is being demolished in many of our professedly Christian homes." LONDON doubts if there has been any systematic investigation on these points, but about one-fourth of the returns deplore the dying condition of family religion. ROCK LAKE says family worship is "the exception and not the rule," and KAMLOOPS reports that in many congregations there is "an entire lack of both religious instruction and family worship."

Similar quotations might be made from almost every Presbytery in the Church. But there are also many cheering statements on this theme—enough to show that there is no retrogression when compared with recent years, but on the whole a movement toward the light. PICTOU says "the family altar is evidently a cherished institution in a great majority of our homes." INVERNESS says that in the homes of members "family worship is the rule." GLENGARRY reports a "goodly degree of fidelity in family religion." LANARK AND RENFREW notes "a growing improvement in this respect, where laxity once existed." ORANGEVILLE has congregations in which seventy-five per cent. of the families are faithful. So also BARRIE, WHITBY, OWEN SOUND, PETERBOROUGH, and many others have statements fitted to inspire hope and gladness. Those Presbyteries from which gloomy sentences have been culled, have many sessions reporting domestic fidelity in such measure as to show a glad response to the claims of Christ. There is reason to believe that the seed which produces so goodly a harvest of church attendance, commercial honesty and social purity in adult life, is after all planted in the homes of the people; and while we grieve that God's Word is not more taught in the homes, His blessing invoked, and His guidance sought in family prayer, yet let us rejoice that so much of the spirit of Christ and of the Christian religion is leavening and purifying family life.

3.—BY READINESS TO DEVOTE TIME AND GIFTS TO CHRISTIAN WORK; AS TEACHING IN SABBATH SCHOOL, VISITING THE SICK AND STRANGERS, OR IN EFFORTS TO REACH THE CARELESS AND THE CRIMINAL IN THE COMMUNITY?

Here again there are alternations of light and shadow, though on the whole the light predominates. No one can deny that the inquiry is reasonable and the test a legitimate one. If it is more blessed to give than to receive, how much our people miss by withholding their hand from Christian work. Yet many are not only faithful but zealous; may their numbers be increased. SYDNEY says that the typical reply to this question is, "members as a rule do not consecrate their talents to the service of God, the work is left to the willing few." LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH reports that "the people evince a pleasing readiness to use their time and talents in Christian work," though it is only a very few that "embark in aggressive work among the careless and criminal." BROCKVILLE has a wide range of experience in this respect, "but all bear testimony to the faithfulness of S.S. workers," though visiting the sick and strangers is "not so common as we are delighted in as it should be." MONTREAL has much that is encouraging, but thinks it is apparent that members, as a rule, do not consecrate their talents to the service of the Master." OTTAWA, LANARK AND RENFREW, KINGSTON, TORONTO, SAUOEN, and many others speak unreservedly of our people's zeal in most of the departments of work indicated. The reply of PARIS may be regarded as typical of what four-fifths of our Presbyteries say: "The answers to this question are in the main creditable, and show an increasing readiness on the part of our people to be at least outwardly active Christian workers. Teachers for the Sabbath School are found in sufficient numbers; visiting the sick is well attended to; strangers are generally called upon; the careless are sought out and an effort made to bring them into better ways." With the exception of the last sentence, which indicates more zeal in that important direction than a majority of the Presbyteries have exhibited, this answer of PARIS fairly indicates the condition of our Church with respect to this aspect of its Life and Work. There can be no doubt but a sincere desire to help on the cause that lies so near the heart that bled for us on Calvary, pervades the Church, and that a beautiful spirit of brotherhood is being wrought out in society as men yield themselves up to the nobler impulses of Christian love.

4.—BY CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE IN SOCIAL LIFE AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS?

There is great unanimity on this point. The public life of our people is usually highly extolled. The testimony borne on every hand to their business integrity is eminently cheering. Whether in the busy marts of commerce or in the quiet retreat of rural life, there is substantially the same record of honest dealing and righteous living. "The Christian business man will be clean, straight and square in all his methods and enterprises." So says PICTOU, and it believes that to a large extent this ideal is realized by the members of our Church within its bounds. This is substantially what almost every Presbytery claims, with varying degrees of emphasis and modes of expression. OTTAWA says "reports are very encouraging and indicate that our people are inclined to let their light shine." BROCKVILLE says "a high tribute is paid the honesty of our people by a physician who had to do with them between twenty and thirty years and declared he never lost a dollar." ORANGEVILLE says "the reports are most encouraging and the importance attached to Christian example also delightful to see." CHATHAM Sessions say as a rule that Christian life and character "are fully up to the average." HURON reports some "glaring inconsistencies," but "general trend hopeful." PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE sums up in this wise: "On the whole there seems to be an earnest effort on the part of a majority of our people in social and business relations to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour." VICTORIA says "that not a few wear the white flower of a blameless life, in both relations mentioned," and expresses the belief that Christians are waking up to the fact that "profession is nothing unless backed up by a pure and blameless life." These are representative utterances taken at random from the Presbyteries, and a connected chain of them could easily be made, stretching between the two oceans. But

occasionally the minor strain comes in. MAITLAND, though it has congregations "exceptionally high," and others "decent and respectable," yet says the most typical utterance is this: "In social life there is far too much levity and too great devotion to pleasure seeking, the line between the Church and the world being to a large extent obliterated." MONTREAL says "a spirit of greater consecration and fidelity to Christ is needed in the secular life," and probably even our most optimistic Presbyteries would subscribe to that sentiment. A readiness to conform to the world; the temptation arising out of keen competition, the innate love of pleasure, and the tendency to live for selfish ends, still call for watchfulness and earnest struggle on the part of all who confess Christ, and only when Christian faith finds expression in pure and honest lives is the Church clothed with a power which no adversary can gainsay. Only then will men accept her testimony and bow before her Heavenly might.

II.—ABOUT WHAT PROPORTION OF THE ADULT PART OF YOUR FLOCK ARE MEMBERS IN FULL COMMUNION? ABOUT WHAT PROPORTION OF THE YOUNG MEN PROFESS FAITH IN CHRIST?

Concerning the evidences of true prosperity as seen in the readiness of old and young to pledge themselves to a Christian life, the reports present considerable variety. The proportion of male members to adherents, and especially among young men, is still discouragingly small. SYDNEY says, "the answers to these questions, with few exceptions, are couched in distinctly discouraging terms, and should cause deep searching of heart." And there are at least a dozen other Presbyteries that employ language equally pessimistic. ISHERNESS has some Sessions reporting "lamentably small," though others employ phrases fraught with larger hopes. GLENGARRY gives a careful analysis, and finds the proportion of adults who are members to vary from twenty-five to ninety per cent., and of young men, when tested by themselves, to be from seven to fifty-five per cent. And your Committee is of opinion, from a careful examination of data, that the experience of GLENGARRY fairly represents that of the whole Church. Some Presbyteries have a distinctly better showing, but others not nearly so good. LARRIE says, "Altogether about seventy per cent. of adults and twenty-five of young men would fairly represent the general average." KINGSTON has had some sad returns to the question, and others again that are inspiring and hopeful, and sums up the situation thus: "While it is to be regretted that a question so interesting and vital has not been more clearly and exhaustively dealt with, it is manifest that here, as in other respects, one congregation differs from another. In almost all there seems to be a large proportion in full communion, while in young men the proportion mysteriously varies, ranging from 'highly satisfactory' to 'truly melancholy.' The subject seems to call for searching inquiry and the devising of more effectual means for drawing into full communion with the Church at an early age our small children already in baptismal relation with God." ALGOMA Sessions vary from "none" to "nearly all" of the young men. TORONTO from "almost no profession" to "seventy-five per cent.," and gives proportion of adults as varying from one-half to nine-tenths of the total. Our space forbids further illustration, but these may suffice. The situation is far from hopeless, and our deficiencies should only stimulate to greater effort. The adverse figures may discourage the cowardly, but will inspire the brave with intenser zeal. There are many Presbyteries that present a very hopeful record. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH, STRATFORD, BRANDON, and many others answer these questions in a cheerful tone. GUELPH says "in nearly all the congregations in the bounds a very large proportion, even of young men, is enrolled in membership." PARIS says the answers as to adults are "gratifying," and it is "delightful to report that a large percentage of our young men profess their personal faith in Christ, despite the pessimistic views so current to the contrary." And many CHATHAM Sessions say "the Church has a good hold upon young men."

III.—MENTION ANY SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE YEAR—WHETHER AS REGARDS MEANS EMPLOYED, BLESSINGS ENJOYED, DIFFICULTIES MET OR REVERSES SUSTAINED.

Under this head the reports are not prolific. The discouraging features seem to have been few, while several "raise a jubilant song of praise for special blessings in connection with evangelistic services" MIRAMICHI reports "no great spiritual upheaval, at the same

time there has been quiet and steady progress." And this experience seems to have been more typical than unique. ORANGEVILLE says, "Cottage prayer meetings are deservedly winning their way into more general use," and your Committee think there is here a phase of Church work capable of grand development. More interest in Bible study, and missionary work, is said in some cases to have characterized the year. P'ETERBOROUGH speaks of "increased attendance," "the Church debt diminished," "a goodly addition to membership," and "a deepening spiritual interest," as among the blessings enjoyed. The "difficulties met" occasionally reveal forces hitherto latent. BROCKVILLE tells how "fifteen young men undertook to make up a deficit of \$60 in the minister's salary, after the managers had decided that nothing more could be raised." It is never safe to say that we have reached the "ne plus ultra" of giving for the support and spread of Christ's Gospel. There are no exciting stories told under this head. VICTORIA comes as near a sensation as any other Presbytery when it describes a series of special union meetings "which resulted in quite a number of conversions, and brought into harmony the different Christian churches which had been living at sword's point before." Thomas Carlyle said, "Blessed is the nation whose annals are tiresome," and probably the quiet, steady, persistent efforts of our churches, and the diligent use of the ordinary means of grace often indicate a more healthy condition than special meetings and great excitement. Yet the dignity of dullness is to be heartily deplored, and religious stagnation should be sharply distinguished from the "quiet resting places" into which God leads His people.

IV.--TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THE PSALMS USED IN THE SERVICE OF PRAISE? WHAT HYMNAL, IF ANY, IS USED IN THE SABBATH SERVICES, SABBATH SCHOOL, AND WEEK EVENING MEETINGS?

After an exhaustive analysis of the reports, your Committee is pleased to note that the Psalms are all but universally used in the Public Services of our Church.

The proportion of Psalms to Hymns varies greatly, but the favorite arrangement is to open every Sabbath service with a Psalm. A small number have no Psalm at the evening service. Throughout the whole Church there seems to be fewer than half a dozen congregations and only a limited number of Mission Fields that use Hymns only, at all the services. On the other hand, there are several congregations, notably in the Presbytery of BRUCE, that use Psalms and paraphrases exclusively. As nearly as can be estimated, out of every three songs sung in our Sabbath Services, one of them is a Psalm.

The favor with which the Book of Praise has been received is quite phenomenal. From PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND on the East to VICTORIA on the West, by almost every Presbytery its use is noted as being either "general" or "universal." SYDNEY is about equally divided—nine Sessions having adopted it, and "eight preferring the old order." The only other notable exception is BRUCE, nine of the reporting congregations use Psalms and Paraphrases exclusively, and only six have adopted the Book of Praise. CALGARY also "reports a few Sessions loyal to the complete Psalter," even among those who have adopted the New Book of Praise.

In the Sabbath School and week evening meetings there is great variety. In a considerable number of congregations the Book of Praise is used in all the services, both on Sabbath and week evenings. More generally, however, some other book is used, such as "Songs and Solos," "Moody and Sankey Songs," "Gospel Songs," and the "C. E. Hymn Book." Presbyteries speak of the New Book of Praise mostly in the highest terms, and hail it as a welcome addition to the devotional literature of our Church. BROCKVILLE says it "has been adopted by resolution by every Congregation within the bounds" at the Sabbath Services; and expresses the hope "that very soon the New Book of Praise will be found sufficient for all purposes. ANARK AND RENFREW is perhaps a little more eulogistic than the average Presbytery; but a part of its deliverance is here quoted as not unfairly reflecting the estimate of the Church as a whole: "The manner in which the congregations have received this innovation upon the historic past of our Zion, speaks volumes for the high intelligence and spiritual apprehension of the people, and at the same time it confirms the acknowledged thor-

oughness with which the Assembly's Committee on Psalmody have done their work. As a means of solid religious instruction, nothing has appeared to equal it in the English language, and as a medium of Divine praise, it may be said to stand second to none in the wide range of denominational literature." Many Sessions have reported that more Psalms have been sung since the Book of Praise was adopted. On the other hand a LONDON Session asserts that the New Book "has distinctly hindered the use of the Psalms," and another of its Sessions finds relief in the emphatic expression, "We despise the Amen."

V.—WITH REGARD TO SYSTEMATIC GIVING FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES:—

1.—IN WHAT WAY HAVE THE MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT SCHEMES BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PEOPLE?

This question deals with the means of stimulating liberality rather than with the results, or with the method of collecting. The importance of imparting information to the people as to the Missions and Missionaries of our Church, and as to the vast importance and wide extent of the work on hand seems to be fully realized by our Sessions. The pulpit is rightly held to be the minister's throne of power in this, as in all other efforts to elevate men. The true minister no longer regards it as a too delicate duty to urge the claims of Christ on his people's loyalty, liberality and love. Hence missionary sermons and statements of interesting facts in connection with our Church occupy a foremost place among the means employed to commend the Lord's work to the hearts and consciences of our people.

But while conceding the supremacy of the pulpit as the grandest agency for effecting this noble purpose, there are many other means employed to stimulate this beautiful Christian grace. The old time missionary meeting, held once a year, is not yet obsolete. Missionary literature is freely employed. In this connection the Church Record, the W. F. M. S. Leaflet, The Presbyterian Witness, The Westminster, The Presbyterian Review and The Prairie Witness are all gratefully remembered. The Missionary volumes in Sabbath School Libraries are also highly valued. The inspiration and uplift received from returned missionaries, the helpful visits of Rev. R. P. McKay and the heroic and invaluable labors of Dr. Robertson, are all referred to as means of much blessing. One or two extracts must suffice as illustrations. INVERNESS, after assigning first place to "the interest and earnest pleading of the minister," says, "The newspapers of our Church, the Record and Presbyterian Witness, are doing excellent work." TORONTO mentions "monthly sermons," "an annual sermon," and "literature," and says "the pulpit is relied on as the great missionary educator." MAITLAND refuses to be satisfied until "every minister takes each Scheme separately and commends it to the loving confidence of his people." PARIS answers the question thus: "At annual congregational meetings and by sermons, lectures and literature." MINNEDOSA printed and distributed "a small pamphlet explaining all the Schemes of the Church." These few sentences shew fairly the general trend, though OWEN SOUND has a Session so "coolly candid" as to confess that "not much is said on behalf of the Schemes," and the Presbytery seems to fear that this case is exceptional chiefly in its frank confession.

2.—WHAT METHODS ARE IN USE FOR RAISING ORDINARY REVENUE AND IN COLLECTING MONEY FOR THE SCHEMES?

To furnish appropriate channels for the expression of our people's liberality, the "weekly offering" system is altogether most popular in raising ordinary revenue, especially in cities and towns. In the rural districts of PICTOU and in some of the towns, "the method in vogue is the subscription list," and "three congregations depend entirely on free-will offerings," without any definite promises. The subscription list is also widely employed in MIRAMICHI, and two of the congregations still use the pew rent system. OTTAWA also reports "subscriptions and pew rents as the usual means," in reporting congregations. MONTREAL says that "for raising the ordinary revenue reliance is chiefly placed on pew rents and weekly offering,"

and KINGSTON speaks of "subscriptions, social entertainments and tea-meetings," in a few rural places.

The weekly envelope seems to secure more favor the further west we go. In BARRIE, TORONTO, LINDSAY, LONDON and a full dozen others this system "is largely employed," while in many of the more rural Presbyteries, the language of BRUCE has a wide application: "The prevailing method is voluntary subscription for minister's stipend, and the ordinary collection to defray current expenses."

For the Schemes of the Church the methods employed are equally diversified. There are house to house collections made monthly, quarterly or yearly; this method is largely in use, and, when the calls are frequent it is perhaps one of the most efficient known. That PARIS Session is wise, in seeing "that every family and individual is called upon monthly for a contribution" to the Schemes. But sadly inefficient methods are still employed, and several Presbyteries, as well as MAITLAND, have "need of being revolutionized as to their methods of collecting money for the Schemes of the Church." In many congregations, one plate collection is taken up in the year for the combined Schemes of the Church. This is the only effort made, and its failure is usually recorded in the columns of the Blue Book. It is a pity and a shame that our work, as a Church at home and abroad, should suffer from inefficient methods. Much earnest thought on this theme by our ministers and elders, would be well repaid in enhanced results. For as REGINA says, "better organization results in better giving." On the whole the tendency is upward. More systematic methods are being employed, and appeals on the ground of Christian obligation and privilege are finding a readier response in the hearts of our people. This is made more evident by the replies to the next question.

3.—DOES THE RESPONSE INDICATE ANY TRUE SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP, OR ANY PROGRESS TOWARD SYSTEMATIC AND ADEQUATE GIVING?

A few Sessions seem to have little difficulty in responding with a joyous affirmation, those of the Presbyteries of LINDSAY and WHITBY perhaps taking the lead in optimistic utterances. In almost every Presbytery, one or more Sessions cherish the thought that their people are doing their full duty. Of course it would be unsafe to assume that these congregations have attained to an eminent degree of consecration, as ideals may so widely differ, and the statistical tables of Dr. Terrance may be less eulogistic. Still it is evident that Sessions best know the circumstances of their people, and can best tell when beneficence is either systematic or adequate. But the Presbyteries as a whole, though they speak hopefully and gladly, are slow to affirm that a "true sense of stewardship" has been practically evinced, even though some slight progress in this direction has characterized the year. MIRAMICHI utters the sentiments of more than half of the Presbyteries of the Church, when it says, "Your Committee feel there should be a very material advance in the congregations of the Presbyteries this year in our gifts to the Schemes of the Church."

The bane of the Church is a too low ideal, and your Committee suspects there is yet but little reason for satisfaction or self-complacency. For in truth, the Church as a whole, is but trifling with the subject of Christian Beneficence, and greatly needs a baptism of divine grace. Many Presbyteries realize this, which itself, is a hopeful and cheering fact. SYDNEY thinks "here is another weak spot, that must have prompt and prayerful attention." A BARRIE Session voices a wholesome sentiment when it says, "our Church still requires to make great advances before it rises to its proper position in adequate and systematic giving, under a true sense of Stewardship in the sight of God." And so Presbytery after Presbytery might be quoted, shewing a salutary discontent with the current scale of the Church's Beneficence. A few families here and there are incidentally referred to as giving the tenth of their income to Christ's cause. The question was not directly asked, or some progress in that direction might have been brought to light. We would hesitate to recommend the "tithing" as the ideal system for the Christian Church, for that might in many cases indicate neither consecration nor sacrifice; but we believe were some system of adequate giving, generally adopted by the

people, deficits would speedily disappear, and all the channels of Christian Benevolence would overflow their banks.

VI.—ON TEMPERANCE WORK IN YOUR CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY I—

I.—WHAT IS BEING DONE TO EDUCATE THE YOUNG IN THE PRINCIPLES OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE, AND THE PRACTICE OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE ON MORAL AND PHILANTHROPIC GROUNDS?

There is abundant evidence in the reports that much earnest thought is expended on the Temperance education of the young, though in view of its immense importance there is still room for improvement. The means employed are chiefly the Sabbath schools, the public schools, the Temperance Societies, instruction from the Pulpit and suitable Temperance Literature. All the Presbyteries mention the Sabbath school as an important agency in this connection. The Quarterly Temperance Lesson is often the only opportunity embraced, though in several instances Bands of Hope are referred to as exerting a wholesome influence among the children and youth. The Temperance Committee of the Y. P. S. C. E., is frequently referred to as doing good work among the young. But the most important fact in this connection is the universality of Temperance teaching in the public schools. All the Presbyteries, except three, mention the public schools as an important agency in inculcating Temperance principles on scientific grounds. OTTAWA, GLENBORO' and WESTMINSTER, omit any reference to the public schools but it does not follow that these institutions take no part in the work. MELITA has only one Session that refers to the public schools. PARIS speaks of "a smattering of scientific temperance in the day schools." But the vast majority of Presbyteries are hearty in their appreciation of the good work being done by the day schools. BRUCE says, "from all quarters comes ungrudging praise of the work of our public schools in teaching the principles of scientific temperance," and this fairly conveys the sense of what thirty Presbyteries say on this interesting point. On the whole subject suggested by the question the summing up of KINGSTON is fairly representative. "It certainly seems that great attention is paid to the subject, that correct instruction is being widely imparted, that protecting influences are being thrown around our youth, and that everywhere there is a temperance activity springing from the full belief, that prevention is better than cure."

It does not appear from the reports that the Assembly's Plan of Work is largely adopted. Only five Presbyteries mention it as being in partial use. But as the question was not directly asked, there may be many other Presbyteries in whose bounds the "Plan" is used. Rev. D. S. Fraser, of Upper Stewiacke, is in charge of the Manual and Pledge Cards, and will be glad to supply them at cost to all Sessions, Sabbath schools or Young People's Societies that apply. The following is his report for the year :

"PLAN OF WORK."

"Good work continues to be done along the lines of the "Plan of Work," alike in city, town and country. Last year the work newly organized was chiefly in connection with Sabbath schools. This is good foundation work, whether done by Sabbath schools, or by Christian Endeavor Societies, and the fruit of such work will bless our land in the near future.

"Encouraging reports of newly organized work comes from many points. One pastor, in a country charge in Ontario, tells of organizing five committees at as many different points, and of excellent educational work, and another pastor, in one of Nova Scotia's largest towns, reports a splendid beginning made in his large Sabbath school. These instances might be greatly multiplied, but they are given as samples of what is being done in many places.

"Besides newly organized work, very encouraging accounts are given of the permanence of work started some years ago. May I give one example? A Christian Endeavor Society that took up the work a few years ago, has now one hundred and nineteen names on its

"pledge roll, and is exerting a quite but very marked influence for good upon the whole community.

"The work is now getting to be pretty well known, and as there is a manifest advantage in not making any change in the place of supplies, I shall be pleased to continue in charge of this department of Church Life and Work. Samples of the "Manual" and Pledge Cards will be gladly sent free to any address, and I would like to urge two things:—That all who have taken up the work, will not weary in well doing, but strive to extend the good they have begun, and make it permanent; and, that those that have not yet done anything among their young people on these lines, will enter upon this important foundation work, with zeal and energy. The young people are fast getting older, and forming character. Let not such golden opportunities as now lie before you, and press upon you, pass away unimproved."

2.—WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS AND TENDENCY OF TEMPERANCE SENTIMENT IN YOUR LOCALITY?

There is considerable unanimity among the Presbyteries here. From HALIFAX whose report is "full of hope" and testifies to "the growth of a healthy temperance sentiment" to the far West where a Calgary Session says "temperance sentiment is growing by leaps," the situation is cheering in a high degree. Temperance principles are evidently making headway among our people, and are more and more leavening the community. Of course there are discouraging features, but the hopeful predominate. PICTOU while stating that "the public conscience is more alive than ever" yet tells of places "where drink is freely sold under the Scott Act." In two or three other Presbyteries no improvement is reported. In LUNenburg and YARMOUTH "the tide of Temperance is on the ebb." SYDNEY does not speak hopefully. In SUPERIOR, temperance sentiment is very weak, and in two or three others nothing is noted of an encouraging character. But the fact remains that at least forty of our Presbyteries bear testimony, more or less emphatic to the growth of Temperance sentiment, both in the Church and in the community. OWEN SOUND has one Session reporting thus, "liquor selling does not pay here, no applications for license." BRUCE says, "In every instance the sentiment is reported as growing, strengthening, maturing and swelling into a wave of certain victory." LONDON speaks of a "decided improvement," and a majority of HAMILTON Sessions say that the sentiment is "healthful and hopeful." These fairly represent the Church as a whole.

3.—WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR PEOPLE AND OF THE COMMUNITY TO THE QUESTION OF LEGAL PROHIBITION?

This becomes an exceedingly important question when we remember that in a few months the electorate will be asked to record their opinion at the polls. No civil or social issue of the day is more heavily freighted with the welfare or misery of men than this, and everything that has a prophecy of the final outcome has a deep interest for every generous heart. Hence, this Assembly will be glad to know that the Presbyteries are nearly unanimous in the opinion that legal prohibition will be carried by a large majority.

SYDNEY is perplexed with the unanimity of the response in favor of legal prohibition; for it thinks that logically, there should be a "blue look out for prohibition," seeing the answers to the two preceding questions showed such "disgraceful apathy" and so low a condition of temperance sentiment. Your Committee cannot explain this, but sincerely hopes the judgment of Sessions as to the future, may prove to be correct. INVERNESS says "only one ring about the reports, all are in favor of prohibition," although it is added that one Roman Catholic locality is "not quite so positive." MONTREAL believes that congregations are favorable, but the community unfavorable. BROCKVILLE Sessions, as a rule, send highly favorable returns, but there is one reporting "a large majority against prohibition." KINGSTON says, "with the exception of a few who stand in doubt of its wisdom and legality,

all are in favor of prohibition." TORONTO sums up by saying, "we believe a majority are in favor of legal prohibition," and HAMILTON says, "ninety per cent. of Session reports are strongly favorable." SARNIA reports congregations as favorable, but a lack of unanimity in the community," and ORANGEVILLE says "the almost unanimous wish of the people is for complete prohibition if the Government offer is sincere." In ALGOMA the Sessions are "all decidedly for prohibition," in REGINA there are thirteen favorable returns, eight opposed to prohibition and three doubtful, and in VICTORIA the Church vote will be all right, but the vote of the community is doubtful. These are taken from the various parts and provinces of this great Dominion, and are quite representative as to the testimony they bear. There is a little of an opposite tenor to record. JANARK and RENFREW think strong opposition will be developed outside the Church. LONDON is only "favorable on the whole." OTTAWA finds it "not easy to say what the result would be," especially in some Catholic localities, and GUELPH speaks of many that "look askance at legal prohibition."

If these reports faithfully reflect the present attitude of the country on this question, the outlook for securing the legal prohibition of this cruel and desolating traffic is hopeful and bright. But there is nothing in the reports to encourage apathy, but much, rather, to stimulate our most earnest zeal. The Church is none too well prepared for the strenuous effort that is now imperatively demanded of her. The traffic will make a deadly struggle to maintain its awful despotism, and fatten on the woes and miseries of man. But we can have no doubt as to where God stands in this controversy, and greater is He that is for us, than all that are against us.

4.—WHAT SPECIAL MEANS, IF ANY, ARE BEING USED TO INSTRUCT THE PEOPLE IN THE TRUE IDEA OF CITIZENSHIP, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FRANCHISE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING PLEBISCITE?

There is not so much reported under this head as the replies to the two preceding questions would entitle us to expect. The reason for this seeming indifference is often stated to be "uncertainty as to the date of the Plebiscite." More than half the Presbyteries assure your Committee that when the proper time arrives, the zeal and energy both of Church and community will be fully elicited on behalf of prohibition. Some Presbyteries refer to the preaching of the Gospel as the means employed in educating the people to perform rightly their duty as citizens; and surely we all agree that if social, political and religious life is to be cleansed, the cleansing streams must in great measure issue from the sanctuaries of our land. But there are thousands who cannot be directly reached from our pulpits, and special means are usually indispensable to prepare the public mind for special issues. In a number of Presbyteries, namely, HALIFAX, INVERNESS, BROCKVILLE, GLENGARRY, SAUGEEN, LINDSAY, LONDON, SARNIA, REGINA, CALGARY, EDMONTON, and VICTORIA, beginnings have been made. Literature is being circulated, meetings have been held, and temperance organizations are displaying activity. But even in these Presbyteries most of the Sessions report a "masterly inactivity." The words of PARIS have a wide application. "A large number of the Sessions do not seem to be seized with the idea that they have any responsibility resting upon them to instruct their people in the true idea of citizenship," and the experience of KINGSTON is more typical than unique when it states that "even those ministers who have expressed themselves strongly in favor of prohibition have replied that they have done nothing by way of advocacy or otherwise to hasten its coming."

With regard to Temperance, Education and Legislation in Ontario, it may be noted, that the subject of Physiology and Temperance is a compulsory subject in the Public Schools and is a test for entrance to High Schools. There were 202,434 pupils in the Public and Separate Schools of Ontario receiving instruction from the text book in this subject last year. Every teacher has to pass an examination as to his knowledge of this subject and his power of teaching it, before a certificate is granted.

In the session of 1897, the Ontario Legislature amended the License Act in some important particulars. The ratio of population to each license was increased, with the result of cutting off fully 150 licenses in all. The hours for legal sale of liquor were further curtailed; saloon

licenses were abolished; provision was made to prevent licensed places from springing up in the neighborhood of Churches, Schools or Educational Institutions; or in residential localities; and druggists can now sell liquor only to those who present a medical certificate, and then not more than six ounces on the same order.

This partial legislation has been useful in its place, and chiefly as an education leading to something better. Our Church has never tolerated in the past, and we trust never will in the future, any form of license except in the sense of partial prohibition; pending the day when fuller light and riper sentiment, voiced in the majesty of law, will effect the utter destruction of a traffic that has so long cursed the world and made the highest good of society a vain dream.

VII.—IN REGARD TO SABBATH OBSERVANCE KINDLY REPORT CONCERNING :—

1.—ANY TENDENCY IN YOUR LOCALITY TOWARD GREATER OR LESS FIDELITY IN KEEPING SACRED THE LORD'S DAY WITH PROBABLE CAUSES

The reports on this intensely important subject are by no means discouraging. True, in some Presbyteries, the tendency is in the wrong direction, but not in many. In ST. JOHN there is "an almost universal tendency towards relaxing the observance of the Day," and this is ascribed to the pressure of business and pleasure in various forms, and is "perhaps a sort of reaction from the undue severity of the past." TRURO, too, thinks that on the whole there is a "lessening of fidelity," and HALIFAX in ten Sessions that note decline, and cites among the causes the "bad example set by summer visitors." BROCKVILLE notes that along the river front, especially now that canal work is so prevalent, the tendency is towards less fidelity, but that in all inland places the tendency is decidedly upward. MONTREAL Sessions unanimously note a "growing laxity." TORONTO fears that "the tendency towards less fidelity in Sabbath observance is sufficiently strong to awaken grave apprehensions," and VICTORIA has only discouraging words to utter as it tells of hunters with their guns, fishermen with their rods, and picnickers with their baskets, starting off on Sabbath morning by rail or steamer in pursuit of pleasure, while only the faithful few remain to worship God.

But from all the other Presbyteries more cheering reports have come, though all have their dark spots and experience many difficulties. GLENGARRY reports "an upward tendency even among Roman Catholics." KINGSTON says "as a rule the day is sacredly kept." In LONDON there is "a growing tendency to better observance." In HAMILTON 90 per cent of Sessions report "no change," which means that in rural districts the Sabbath is well observed though in cities there is a growing laxity. BRUCE, MAITLAND, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, ROCK LAKE, MELITA, BRANDON and REGINA all report a tendency to greater fidelity in keeping holy the Sabbath. Many other Presbyteries use language more or less cheering in this connection, or, like ORANGEVILLE can at least say that within their bounds "the Sabbath is holding its own."

2.—ANY EFFORTS MADE TO SECURE THE BETTER OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH, AND, 3.—ANY LOCAL OR GENERAL PHASES OF THE QUESTION YOU DEEM IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY THE EFFECT OF RAILWAY, STEAMBOAT, OR STREET CAR TRAFFIC.

Chiefly in the centres of population are any special efforts put forth. Of course, everywhere has faithful teaching in the pulpit and in the Sabbath School been brought to bear on this theme. But in many cities and towns there has been considerable activity in the direction of better Sabbath legislation. HAMILTON report may be quoted from here as not unfairly gauging the situation indicated by many other Presbyteries. "Preaching on the value and sacredness of the Day of rest by nearly all our ministers. By organizing branches of the Lord's Day Alliance, circulating and signing petition to local legislature with a view to amend the Lord's Day Act." GUELPH calls attention to the recent organization of a local branch of the Provincial Lord's Day Alliance.

The Ontario Lord's Day Alliance has been very active, especially in Toronto. It influenced the Provincial Government to prepare a Bill making the Lord's Day Act apply to all

classes of persons, and to corporations as well as to individuals. The Bill was opposed by a powerful delegation representing industries and employments not specifically exempt from the operation of the Act. Under this pressure the Bill was withdrawn, the Government stating that in all probability a Commission would be appointed next Session to investigate the whole matter of Lord's Day legislation, and promising that a suitable measure will be then introduced.

Meanwhile, a decision of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has nullified the Sabbath legislation of that Province passed a few years ago. If that decision is valid, then all Sabbath legislation in all the Provinces since Confederation is *ultra vires* and invalid. The Metropolitan Railway of Toronto raised the question of jurisdiction, but thereafter withdrew their objection and agreed not to run on Sabbath, it being understood that the Provincial Government would submit to the courts for decision the several points in the Lord's Day Act which the Alliance desires to have determined by the highest authority. The main points are (a) Regarding Corporations; (b) The limitation of the Act to the classes specified; (c) Meaning of "conveying travellers"; (d) The question of jurisdiction as between Dominion and Provinces. It should be noted that the Nova Scotia decision does not affect any Provincial legislation passed prior to 1867. From St. Catharines we learn that an important question involving the interpretation of "works of necessity," was adjudicated upon in favor of the contention of the Lord's Day Alliance.

The Ontario Lord's Day Alliance has displayed much wise activity during the year, in establishing branches, issuing literature and in promoting useful legislation. Our Church should feel it her duty to strengthen the hands of the Alliance in every possible way, and encourage the establishment of similar Alliances in all the other provinces.

In the Dominion Parliament Mr. Charlton has again shown his moral courage, and proved his devotion to a great principle, by re-introducing his Bill against the publication of Sunday newspapers. The treatment of the Bill was such as might cause the Church some anxiety in view of the fact that in case the Nova Scotia decision is upheld we must in future depend on the Dominion Parliament for any further legal protection of the Sabbath. It is just to say, however, that many voted against Mr. Charlton's Bill for the ostensible reason that such legislation properly belongs to the Provinces. In any case it behooves the Christian people of our land to redouble their diligence along the lines of evangelical effort, including their own example. There is a natural enmity in the heart of the average politician to promote moral or religious legislation unless public sentiment is pushing him strongly in that direction. The Church must be roused from her apathy on this question, work up the Christian sentiment of the nation, and bring electoral pressure to bear on politicians who care but little for moral questions, and whose conception of "works of necessity" embraces all cases where larger profits can be realized by dint of Sabbath labor. The Church while guarding with becoming vigilance against any relaxing of the civil Sabbath Law, must not allow her energies to be exhausted in either directly promoting or guarding useful legislation. She will find her nobler mission rather in so elevating the moral and spiritual tone of the people as that advanced legislation on moral and religious questions will be the natural and inevitable outcome. It is the Lord's battle we are fighting, and the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual.

SYNOPSIS OF SYNODICAL REPORTS.

The preceding pages were printed together with the recommendations that follow, in order that a proof might be sent to every member of Committee in time to receive suggestions that might be embodied in report before its presentation to Assembly. Since then a report has been received from each of the Synods that meet in Spring, and a brief synopsis of these is here inserted. As all the salient features have already been derived from the Presbytery reports, only the Synodical coloring and additions need be here noted.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

The Synod's Committee speaks of the pleasure experienced in preparing the report, dealing, as it does, with the activities of 340 Congregations, 4,000 S.S. scholars and teachers, with hundreds of missionary, temperance and C.E. Societies. Sessions are commended for the clearness and fulness of their returns. The testimony as to fidelity in church attendance on Sabbath is clear and emphatic, and applies to every part of the Synod. "A wonderful

increase," "very good," are among the current answers to this question. The Prayer meeting, however, is usually poorly attended, though in Brockville Presbytery there is much that is cheering even here.

The cultivation of family religion and the practice of family worship are not such as to inspire with confidence and hope. "From North to South, and from East to West," says Quebec, "a wail of sadness arises from neglected family altars." Another fears that the rush and hurry of business life, the multiplicity of meetings, and the social demands of our times, are sadly interfering with domestic religion.

With regard to the relation of young men to the church, the Synod's summary is that "The conviction is unavoidable that a large proportion of our young men bear to the church merely the relation of onlookers, and, therefore, the question is pressing how these 'waiters' can be induced to become 'workers' in the Lord's vineyard."

As to Systematic Giving, the means and methods are satisfactory; but the fruits of this grace are not nearly commensurate with the opportunities for exercising it. Yet there is evident improvement which the Synod is asked to note with gratitude. The temperance sentiment is increasing throughout the Synod, yet there are a few localities where the reverse is true. Protestant communities are expected to give a large majority for prohibition; Catholics are more likely to go against it, but even in their case much depends on the attitude of the Clergy. In view of the havoc wrought by strong drink, the people are called on to destroy the destroyer by every means in their power.

In regard to Sabbath Observance, there is little or no tendency to laxity among our own people, but there is much desecration of the Sabbath Day by Railway, Steamboat and Street Car Companies; and in Quebec Province by various forms of amusement. The decision of the Court in the Merriton case, and the refusal of the Dominion Government to yield to the Marine Association regarding Sabbath traffic on canals are quoted as victories and encouragements.

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

Most of the Presbytery Reports are spoken of as "full and excellent," though in some of them only three-fourths of the Sessions have sent returns. The Prayer meeting and family religion are singled out as points that need much attention in order to make them efficient agencies in promoting Spiritual life. On the latter the report expresses the belief that there should be more definite inquiry made, in a brotherly spirit, on the part of Sessions, to ascertain the state of domestic religion, and it thinks that in this kindly and faithful personal dealing, even more than in preaching, lies the remedy for one evil we all deplore—a home without a family altar.

There is a healthy tone in this report as to the readiness of Christians to devote their time and gifts to the Master's service, which seems to find its fullest expression in the Presbyteries of KINGSTON and ORANGEVILLE. The Christian example also, in social and business relations, is, as a rule, very satisfactory, though evidently Sessions do not all adopt the same standards of moral measurements. An interesting table is given shewing the percentage of adults and of young men, who profess faith in Christ, in each of the eleven Presbyteries. While the shewing in the case of adults is, on the whole, quite encouraging, the result of the enquiry as to young men elicits from the Synod this remark: "The fact that so large a proportion of our young men, who should be a strength and inspiration to the church, are holding aloof from its communion, calls for heart-searching prayer and wise and earnest effort to find one effective remedy for the evil."

Special Evangelistic Services have been held "in several cases" with varying results. In one congregation fifty-eight were added to the membership as the result of such meetings.

As to Prohibition sentiment the report says: "If words mean anything, and if our Sessions know anything about public opinion, throughout our Synod, public opinion will support the thorough enforcement of a prohibitory liquor law."

The report expresses the opinion that the Lord's Day Alliance is not receiving from the Churches that support to which it is entitled, and that our Church would do well to weigh the warning words of the Toronto Presbytery: "The indications of less fidelity are sufficiently strong to awaken grave apprehension." A series of valuable resolutions closes the report, the main features of which had all been anticipated in the recommendations your Committee has appended.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

This report says that "while from every Session come notes of cheer, and the various reports justify us in styling the year a year of advance and encouragement; yet at two points, with painful and prophetic uniformity, the reports reveal a condition of things that may well give us pause lest both in life and work there be a fatal flaw that must in the end lower our tone and sterilize our efforts." After explaining that these two points are domestic religion on the one hand and the duty of citizenship on the other, the report continues: "We do not delay to argue the point, but state our conviction that the family is the social unit, and not the individuals of the family, and that family religion is, therefore, more important than the religion of any member of the family. It is operative and formative upon young lives before they can wake to personal religion." As to Christian Citizenship, the report strongly holds,

that "if our Christian religion is to be anything it must be in everything—a living factor in social engagements, in political movements, in moral reforms, in commercial transactions and interstate alliances. He is to be Lord of all."

As to the young men in our churches, though the percentage in full membership is much too low, yet the opinion is expressed that the church is not losing her hold upon the young men.

With regard to Systematic Beneficence, the summary is "that when we remember that the dollar may be as mighty for the Lord's work as for ought else, we have need ourselves to understand and practise the grace of stewardship, that we may have laid upon the altar the worldly possessions of our people for the service of the Gospel."

Temperance sentiment is for the most part quite strong, and the reports on the Sabbath question are generally favorable. The Synod, viewing the whole situation, finds abundant reasons for gratitude.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The report notes with pleasure the almost unanimous response from congregations and mission stations to the Assembly's questions, only about half a dozen in the whole Synod having failed to report.

Attendance on Sabbath services is one of the most encouraging features. Prayer meetings are, in many places, found difficult to maintain, because of distances and the danger of night travel. And even where circumstances are favorable, or normal, there are but few well attended Prayer meetings in the Synod, though progress is found in well established congregations. Family worship and home religious instruction are sadly neglected on the whole, but receive much more attention in the rural districts than in the mining regions or large cities.

The Synod thinks that in many cases there is a true sense of stewardship indicated by the results, and that some slow progress is being made toward systematic and adequate giving, but that very much yet requires to be done in the way of educating to liberality.

The Temperance sentiment is reported as, on the whole, upward, though Kamloops reports it to be "miserably behind." Little is being done to increase this sentiment, and there is much need of activity if a plebescite victory is to be secured.

The Sabbath is sadly desecrated, both in the coast cities and in the mining camps. In the rural districts it is better observed.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The foregoing pages give a faithful, though imperfect, summary of the various reports submitted to your Committee. It is evident that the Spiritual life and Christian activities of 1,500 Congregations and Mission Fields, embracing a hundred thousand Homes, one hundred and fifty thousand children and young people gathered in the Sabbath Schools, together with the various Societies for spiritual nurture and aggressive work, can never be adequately portrayed on the printed page. To the spiritual eye these reports reveal or suggest matters of intense importance, worthy of angelic interest.

True, they bring to light many things fitted to fill the Christian heart with feelings of deepest grief. It is a matter for grave anxiety, that there is no family altar in so large a proportion of our people's homes, and that religious instruction in the family is so much neglected as a means of training the young in those paths that lead to, and end in the perfect blessedness of the Father's House. Nor can the Church contemplate, without painful emotions, the fact that so large a proportion of our young men make no profession of faith in Christ, and decline to give Him any pledges of their love and service. Nor are the devotion and loyalty of professing Christians, as exhibited in sacrifices for Christ's cause, such as to allay anxiety and inspire a glad confidence. It is indeed painful to think how little of real sacrifice our people make for the spread of the Gospel, and how few have risen to the level of the ancient Jew in joyfully consecrating a due proportion of their substance to the Lord's cause. Sabbath desecration is still painfully prevalent in the community, and the ravages of strong drink are yet fearful and widespread.

Yet there is much to inspire gratitude and evoke glad thanksgiving to God. There is a spirit of buoyancy and hope soaring and singing through all those thousand written pages, that springs from a sense of some genuine work accomplished and is the prophecy of still more fruitful labor in days to come. The discontent with present attainments so frequently expressed, and the earnest reaching after some worthier ideal of Christian life, are themselves the product of the Divine Spirit, and the sure precursors of richer blessings. Our Ministers and elders everywhere have a high standard of duty and service at which they aim. They have unbounded confidence in the efficacy of the Gospel to heal the sorrows and woes of men. It is cheering to see that the doctrines of the Cross, so faithfully presented by our Ministers and Missionaries, are still as powerful as ever in drawing together multitudes of men and women to worship God, and that Zion's courts are weekly thronged with reverent worshippers. It is also hope-inspiring to note that the Holy Sabbath is so largely spent by our people in spiritual culture, and that willing workers are so easily found to carry on the Lord's work in whatever sphere their special gifts may render most efficient service. The testimony borne as to the social purity and the high commercial morality of our people, should also evoke

much gratitude to God. The fact, too, that practically all our Ministers, Elders and Sabbath School teachers, together with the great bulk of our members and adherents, are taking a deep interest in bringing about the legal suppression of the liquor traffic, we may gladly accept as another proof of a quickened and intelligent spiritual life. For while the Church must ever keep clearly in view her spiritual commission, and must never allow her energies to be diverted into channels which do not primarily concern the conversion of sinners and the upbuilding of saints, it is manifestly her duty to make her influence tell in promoting every social and moral reform, and to be ever in the van of all instrumentalities for the betterment of society and the moral elevation of man.

A rich and gracious baptism of the Spirit is what the Church most deeply needs,—and thus a more abounding consecration alike in pulpit and pew. For in presenting the varied work of the year, your Committee has the profound conviction that only in so far as methods of Church work are inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, can they be fruitful in deepening spiritual life and developing Christian work. And surely the enriching of Christian life is what we all are bent on, whatever be the means we employ. The ingathering of the young, bringing others to the point of decision, arousing the careless, the refreshing and strengthening of believers, a richer life stirring the hearts of all—these are among the blessings we ardently desire should crown every effort to increase the Church's spiritual life and augment the volume of her beneficence.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following Recommendations are submitted for consideration. They are in the line of those adopted by Presbyteries and Synods, and of former deliverances of the Assembly.

1. This Assembly expresses profound gratitude to God for the abundant and faithful labors of Ministers, Elders, Sabbath School Teachers and other Christian workers, during the year, and for the divine blessing accompanying those labors, as shown in well-filled churches, social purity, business integrity, willingness to work for Christ, and especially in the conversion of souls, and the enriching of Christian life.

2. That in view of the sacred and far-reaching influence of the Home, and of early religious impressions, this Assembly expresses deep sorrow at the comparatively low condition of family religion, and would earnestly urge Ministers and Elders to use all wise means in bringing Christian parents to realize their domestic duties and responsibilities; and further, that some steps be taken to recommend or prepare a Book of Family Devotion fitted to assist parents in establishing and maintaining family worship, and in the religious nurture of the young.

3. The Assembly expresses satisfaction that the Book of Praise has been so generally adopted, and hopes it will soon displace all the other hymn books now used by young or old, in any of the Sabbath or Week-day Services of the Church.

4. While gratefully acknowledging the growing liberality of the Church, and rejoicing that systematic giving is on the increase, this Assembly would urge all Ministers and office-bearers to inculcate by personal example and timely precept, on all the members and adherents of the Church, the duty and privilege of giving a definite proportion of income, generally not less than one-tenth, for religious and benevolent purposes.

5. This Assembly desires to renew deliverances of past years on the subject of Temperance, declaring the general traffic in intoxicating drink to be contrary to the Word of God and to the spirit of the Christian religion, that total legal prohibition is the true goal of all efficient temperance legislation, and that the Church of Christ can make no compromise with a traffic that is in such deadly antagonism to all human happiness, all social virtues, and all religious life.

6. That in view of the approaching Plebiscite the recommendation of last Assembly be renewed, namely:—"That our people are hereby earnestly exhorted to use their utmost endeavors in every lawful way to carry the plebiscite in favor of Prohibition, by an overwhelming majority, and thus free the Church from one of its deadliest foes, our land from untold misery and crime, and our modern civilization from its direst reproach and shame."

7. The Assembly recognizing the Sabbath as a Divine Institution, and believing that a weekly day of rest is an unspeakable boon to mankind, being essential to man's physical, mental and spiritual well-being, would urge all Ministers and Missionaries to give due prominence to the subject in their pulpit ministrations, and all members and adherents to resist by their example and influence, all encroachments on its sacred hours.

8. The Assembly gladly recognizes the wise and helpful labors of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance during the year, and cordially commends it to the hearty support and co-operation of the Church; and further, that regret be expressed at the failure of recent attempts in the Dominion Parliament to protect from wanton violation the sacred day of rest.

9. That each Presbytery hold a Presbyterial conference, and each Session a congregational conference, on the subjects embraced in "Church Life and Work," at some convenient time during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. WRIGHT, *Convener.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

I.—STATISTICS.

REV. J. W. RAE, *Vice-Convenor*.

The statistical section of your Committee's report is quite as satisfactory as it was last year. Reports have been received from 2,114 schools being 227 more than in 1896, which recorded an increase of 222 more than in 1895.

Presbytery coveners have reported in almost every case without a second notice being sent to them. This is a most remarkable thing for in former years repeated reminders were necessary before reports were forthcoming. No complaints regarding the number of questions have been received. A tendency toward an increase in their number seemed to show itself in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, which would indicate that a reaction has set in against the almost universal desire a few years ago to limit as much as possible the number of items sought for on our Schedules.

The annexed tabulated statement has been prepared with much care, and, it is believed, is as accurate as in a large territory consisting of city, town and country schools including mission stations in sparsely settled districts, can well be expected to be.

There is a gain shown in every column but three.

1.—ATTENDANCE.

18,819 teachers and officers a gain of 1,163, have charge of 151,299 in scholars an increase of 3,730, of these 104,757 are present every Sabbath or nearly 68 per cent.

2.—RECITATIONS.

Nearly 50,000 scholars are memorizing verses of Scripture, and slightly over 61,000 are studying the Shorter Catechism, 3,302 have committed the whole book to memory, and in this very desirable work the Synod of the Maritime Provinces has a decided lead. The number studying their lessons at home is 67,169, or 381 fewer than last year. The number of teachers' meetings for lesson study is still far too small, there being but 257 in the whole Church.

3.—CHURCH RELATIONS.

2,810 elders are engaged in Sabbath School work, 66,274 pupils attend public worship in the sanctuary each Sabbath, 4,627 became communicants in 1897, while 20,463 scholars all told are in full communion with the Church.

4.—CONTRIBUTIONS.

\$81,229 was raised by the Sabbath Schools of which \$53,262 was expended on the schools themselves. The amount contributed by the congregations to the support of the Sabbath Schools \$11,956 being \$1,188 less than last year. The amount contributed to the Schemes of the Church was \$24,541 an increase of \$276, while the amount contributed to other objects increased from \$7,107 to \$9,821, a gain of \$2,714.

If the amount raised in Sabbath Schools be added to that given by congregations to their support, their total revenue becomes \$93,185, while the expenditure on themselves, to the Schemes of the Church and for benevolent objects is but \$87,624. Leaving \$5,561 to be accounted for, and which must either be in the hands of the Treasurers unapportioned, or else the figures reveal the fact that the accounts have not been accurately kept in all the schools.

II.—HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

REV. W. FARQUHARSON, CLAUDE, *Vice-Convenor*.

From the returns herewith presented it can hardly be said that the Scheme of H.R.I. has yet the popularity it merits, yet there are not wanting enthusiastic testimonies of what has been accomplished where the work has been carefully and systematically taken up. During the year the schools in forty-six congregations have taken part in the written examinations. From these schools 373 took

the course presented in one or more departments while fifty in addition took a part of the quarterly examinations for the year. Of the 373 who stood the examination forty have been awarded medals, 121 prizes and 118 diplomas making a total of 312 who honorably passed, as compared with 291 of last year. From 105 schools requests have come for correctly reciting all the answers to the questions in the Shorter Catechism. To these schools 350 diplomas have been issued as compared with 395 of last year.

SYLLABUS FOR 1898.

With regard to the work for the coming year, your Committee have few changes to recommend. For the Biblical Department the work is still the International S.S. Lesson, the additional work for Seniors being "Elijah, His Life and Times" by Prof. W. Milligan, D.D. In the Doctrinal Department the work is "The Shorter Catechism," by Prof. Salmond, D.D., (Questions 1-33). In the Historical Department the work recommended is, "A Manual of Bible History," by Rev. W. G. Blaikie, D.D., LL.D., pages 267-381. For essays the theme for junior and intermediate pupils is, "Elijah the Prophet," and that for seniors "Jeremiah the Prophet." The work for teacher training for the year is "The Sabbath School Teacher's Hand Book," by Thos. Morrison, M.A., LL.D. With regard to the diplomas for correctly reciting the Shorter Catechism it is recommended that the names of all thus certified be sent to the Vice-Convenor, Rev. W. Farquharson, Claude, Ont., not later than April 1st, 1898, so that they may be presented to the Assembly and the diplomas issued along with those for passing the annual examination.

Appended to this report will be found copies of the papers set at the annual examination, as well as a list of the successful candidates.

III.—PUBLICATIONS.

According to the instructions of last Assembly, your committee continued the publication of the *Lesson Helps* until the end of 1897, when they were taken up by the *Record* committee. In order that the true financial position of these periodicals may be clearly seen, a comparative statement has been prepared, and will be found in Appendix IV., showing the cost of printing and mailing them for the years ending December 31st, 1896 and 1897 respectively, with the revenue derived from them during the same periods. These figures have been compiled with great care, and their accuracy may be relied upon. The "cost" includes all expenditures upon the periodicals dated in the years respectively, although the outlay for the first quarter of each year actually took place in the preceding one. Similarly, only subscriptions for the periodicals which bore the dates 1896 and 1897, no matter when received, are counted. Where a subscription overran the 31st December it was carefully divided and the portion belonging to each year credited to its proper twelve month. The figures were obtained by a careful inspection of each account and subscription. From this table it will be seen that very rapid strides were being made toward self support, the deficit having been reduced from \$1,861.70 in 1893 to \$400.32 in 1897, and also that the *Teacher's Monthly* had actually passed the turning point and yielded a revenue of \$83.15. The statements of your committee in the past regarding the position and prospects of its publications are thus proved correct. So far from "plunging deeper and deeper into debt," they have been forging ahead with remarkable success.

The following is a tabular statement of the growth of the circulation of the *Lesson Helps*, as reported to the Assembly each year:

1892.	<i>Leaflets</i> ,	- - -	3,000		
1893.	"	- - -	3,700		
1894.	"	- - -	11,500	<i>Quarterlies</i> , (not published).	
1895.	"	- - -	17,000	"	<i>Teachers' Preparation Leaflets</i> , 500
1896.	"	(Graded),	29,690	"	<i>Teachers' Monthly</i> , 1,600
1897.	"	"	34,737	" (Graded),	16,407
				"	20,953
					4,390
					4,920

In an *Addendum* at the close of this report will be found a respectful expression of the feelings of the committee as a whole, with reference to the action of the last Assembly in taking the publications out of their hands.

IV.—FINANCE.

Feeling the necessity of straining every nerve to relieve the gentlemen who had so kindly guaranteed the sum of money necessary to meet the obligations maturing last summer, a very urgent appeal was issued along with the *Children's Day* programmes, and without waiting for orders, a parcel of these was sent to every Sabbath School superintendent. A very much more general observance of the day was the result, and an increase of contributions within the eleven months of from \$2,208 in 1896, to \$3,698 in 1897, or nearly 67%, as against 50% last year. After deducting the expenses connected with the issue of the programmes and appeals, this has been wholly applied, as the Assembly instructed, in reduction of the guaranteed loan.

Taking the several statements in order, the *Cash Abstract* answers the question "What money did you receive, and what did you do with it?" From this it will be seen that your committee has received from all sources \$8,181.74, and has expended \$8,790.01, but as there was a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$770.01, there is still a cash balance of \$164.77. The items are self-explanatory.

The *Balance Sheet* shows the present financial position of the committee. The deficit of \$5,037.06 shown in last year's report has been reduced to \$2,686.88. The sole liability of the committee, except a few trifling accounts, is the note given by Drs. Robertson, Thompson and Fletcher.

The *Financial Statement* contains no item not strictly belonging to the eleven months ending March 31st, 1898, and shows the exact state of our business for that period. There is a gratifying surplus of \$2,435.85 on the transactions of the eleven months, reducing the deficit to \$2,686.88 as already stated.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM.

The overture and instructions of the last General Assembly in regard to a "Children's Catechism" have received the careful consideration of your committee, and a recommendation in regard to the subject will be presented along with this report,

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. F. FOTHERINGHAM,

Convener.

ADDENDUM.

The question as to the policy of continuing the Sabbath-school publications and the method and manner of so doing, if they are to be continued, was referred to a sub-committee to consider the whole subject matter apart from the Convener, who reported in the following terms, which are adopted by your Committee as a whole:

1. Your Committee have carefully examined the report of Mr. F. S. Thompson, Public Accountant, as to the relative receipts and expenditures in regard to the Sunday-school publications for the years ending on 31st December, 1896 and 1897, respectively, which report is appended to this report, and they observe that the net annual deficit on such publications have been reduced from the sum of \$1,861.70 for the year '96, to the sum of \$100.32 for the year '97. For reasons that have been on previous occasions sufficiently given, your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the Church should continue these publications. To cease their issue now would be a retrograde step. They are past the experimental stage, and their success, under wise management, is assured.

2. Inasmuch as the management of these publications was withdrawn from your Committee by the action of the last General Assembly and transferred to the Record Committee, who have published them at the City of Montreal since the 1st January, 1898, your Committee are unable to make any statement as to the cost of their publication since that date. They, however, bear in memory that the cost of publishing in Toronto, as proved by actual tenders, was very much less than that at St. John, upon which the report of Mr. F. S. Thompson, above referred to, is based. It is therefore confidently expected that the Record Committee in charge of these publications since the 1st January last, will exhibit a still more favorable comparison of receipt and expenditure.

3. It is but simple justice to the Convener of your Committee to state that the great and growing success of these publications has been due to the untiring industry and the unsifted energy that he has for years past thrown into the work of editing and publishing. He has by his great zeal and ability brought them on from a struggling infancy to the ripe maturity which they reached when handed over to the Record Committee in January last.

4. Your Committee has failed to grasp the precise reasons why they were relieved from the responsibility of editing and issuing these publications, and cannot but regard such action as a reflection upon them, and they are of opinion that the entire management of the same should be restored and placed under their control.

5. Your Committee cannot refrain from expressing regret that under the management of the Record Committee serious changes, which they regard as a retrograde step, have been made in the publications. These are in particular as follows:

- (1). Discontinuing the "A" edition, that being the edition which omitted the text of the Scripture lesson.
- (2). Printing the revised version exclusively on leaflets and quarterlies.
- (3). Omitting the maps.
- (4). Combining the two quarterlies into one.
- (5). Reducing very much the amount of assistance given to the teacher, and filling up the monthly with clippings from the *Sunday-school Times* and other periodicals, in some cases issuing them with whole pages blank and often with parts of pages blank.
- (6). Omitting "Bible Search-lights," "Test Questions," "Excuses for Absence" and "Orientalisms."

APPENDIX I.

REV. T. F. FOTHERINGHAM, M.A.,
Convener General Assembly's S. S. Committee,
Presbyterian Church in Canada.

St. John, N.B., May 2nd, 1898.

DEAR SIR,—I have thoroughly examined the books of your Committee for the eleven months ending March 31st, and I find them to have been correctly kept. I append herewith:—

1. An abstract of the cash receipts and payments for the eleven months.
2. A Balance Sheet showing the financial position at the end of the term.
3. A financial statement showing the revenue and expenditure.
4. A comparative statement giving the cost of printing and mailing publications for the calendar years 1896 and 1897.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. S. THOMPSON,
Public Accountant.

I. ABSTRACT FROM THE CASH BOOK.

Receipts.

Balance on hand April 30th, 1897.....		\$770 04
Children's Day Collections (including balances over-paid on accounts).....	\$3,746 39	
On old accounts, subscriptions for publications for 1897, and for supplies purchased from other publishers.....	2,868 26	
On account of subscriptions for 1898.....	408 31	
Borrowed during year.....	1,161 78	
		<u>8,184 74</u>
		\$8,954 78

Payments.

On account of liabilities owing April 30th, 1897.....	\$2,867 66	
On accounts of publications, May to December, 1897.....	1,589 87	
General Expenses (see approximate details in Financial Statement).....	1,906 08	
Interest and exchange.....	273 17	
Overpaid and refunded amounts.....	3 90	
Supplies purchased from other publishers.....	579 24	
Subscriptions for 1898 remitted to Rev. K. Scott.....	408 31	
Loans returned.....	1,161 78	
	\$8,790 01	
Cash on hand and in bank.....	164 77	
		<u>\$8,954 78</u>

II. BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.

Ledger accounts.....	\$532 24	
Supplies purchased from other publishers.....	67 65	
Postage stamps on hand.....	20 00	
Cash on hand and in bank.....	164 77	
		<u>\$784 66</u>

Liabilities.

Note due in Toronto.....	\$3,466 88	
Accounts payable.....	4 66	
		<u>\$3,471 54</u>
Deficit as shown by financial statement.....		<u>\$2,686 88</u>

III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31st, 1898.

Subscriptions to publications received from May to Dec....	\$1,266 35	
Commissions from other publishers.....	115 04	
Donations from Children's Day Services.....	3,746 39	
Royalty from S. S. Records, etc.....	29 65	
		<u>\$5,157 43</u>
Liability for unexpired subscriptions at April 30th, 1897, discharged by supplying publications.....	3,167 25	
		<u>\$8,324 68</u>

Expenditure.

Cost of publications, May to December.....	\$3,700 53	
Interest and exchange for 11 months.....	257 60	
General expenses for 11 months:—		
Travelling and office expenses.....	\$553 11	
Advertising by circulars, etc.....	46 27	
Postage and telegrams.....	211 92	
Stationery.....	34 75	
Statistics.....	55 45	
Printing Report for Assembly Minutes.....	115 80	
Children's Day Programmes and cost of distributing through Canada.....	716 38	
Higher Religious Instruction.....	256 91	
	<u>\$1,900 50</u>	
Deduct amount received from Rev. E. Scott against expenses of Lesson Helps for 1898.....	60 00	
		\$1930 50
		<u>\$5,888 83</u>
Net surplus for 11 months.....		\$2,435 85
Deficit as shown in Report at April 30th, 1897.....	\$5,037 06	
Add items omitted.....	85 67	
		<u>\$5,122 73</u>
Net deficit at March 31st, 1898.....		<u>\$2,686 88</u>

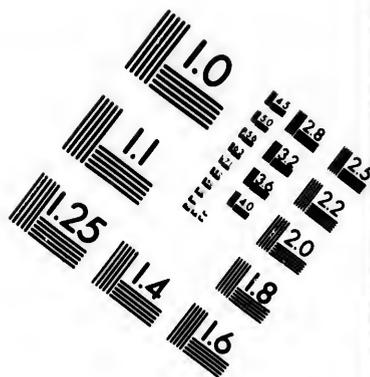
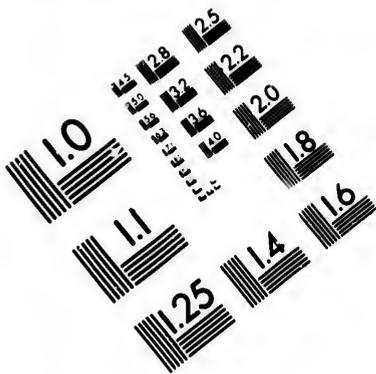
IV. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHEWING COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING PUBLICATIONS FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1896 AND 1897, WITH REVENUE DERIVED THEREFROM.

	1896.			
	Cost.	Subser'ns.	Loss.	Gain.
Teachers' Monthly.....	\$1,414 50	\$999 91	\$414 59	.....
Quarterlies.....	2,031 73	1,399 97	631 76	.....
Leaflets.....	2,157 54	1,372 19	785 35	.....
	<u>\$5,603 77</u>			
	3,772 07	<u>3,772 07</u>		
	\$1,861 70		<u>\$1,861 70</u>	
	1897.			
Teachers' Monthly.....	\$1,716 99	\$1,800 14	.....	\$83 15
Quarterlies.....	2,221 07	2,011 01	\$210 06	.....
Leaflets.....	1,845 64	1,572 23	273 41	.....
	<u>\$5,783 70</u>		483 47	
	5,383 38	<u>5,383 38</u>	83 15	<u>83 15</u>
	\$400 32		<u>\$400 32</u>	

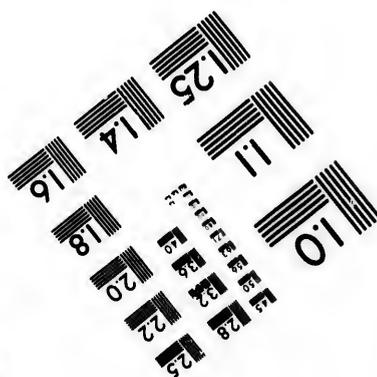
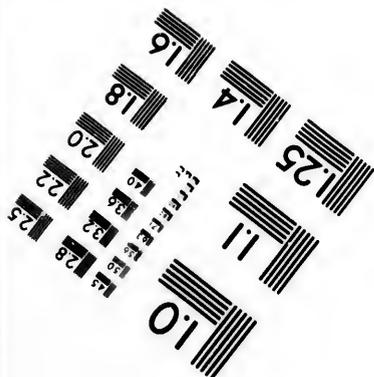
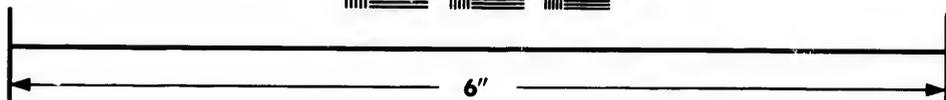
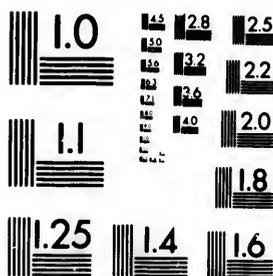
We, the undersigned, having carefully examined the foregoing several statements with the entries in the original books, and compared the cash entries with the vouchers, find the same correct.

JAS. G. STEVENS, }
J. G. FORBES, } AUDITORS.





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APPENDIX II.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL

PRESBYTERIES.	Schools within Bounds.	Schools Reported.	ATTENDANCE.				RECITA-		
			Number of Officers and Teachers on Roll.	Number of Scholars, including B.C. on Roll.	Average attendance of Officers and Teachers.	Average attendance of Scholars.	Number committing Scripture to memory.	No. committing Shorter Catechism to memory.	Number repeating the whole Catechism.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SYNOD OF MARITIME PROVINCES—									
Halifax.....	103	96	738	4888	602	3665	1209	2686	204
Inverness.....	51	51	179	1363	148	895	562	896	89
Lunenburg and Yarmouth.....	17	17	136	1080	110	701	312	301	26
Miramichi.....	93	88	418	3269	281	1813	828	1156	89
Prince Edward Island.....	100	86	499	4690	398	2688	1397	2231	105
St. John.....	42	35	241	980	198	1213	556	651	25
Pictou.....	74	72	573	4572	477	3102	1857	2589	246
Sydney.....	43	36	301	2800	245	1750	900	1601	142
Turo.....	65	65	467	4066	388	2481	900	1834	103
Wallace.....	37	37	268	2197	218	1911	516	518	170
Trinidad.....	62	62	164	2654	147	1708	1401	1412	6
	687	645	3984	32560	3212	21927	10448	15875	1125
SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA—									
Brockville.....	36	32	301	2333	241	1413	901	1301	33
Glengarry.....	51	51	331	3089	294	1852	913	1144	66
Lanark and Renfrew.....	58	54	499	4987	419	3304	1616	2012	68
Montreal.....	91	91	1000	8368	801	5777	1992	2318	214
Ottawa.....	78	78	557	4788	503	3370	1651	1925	71
Quebec.....	61	55	287	2438	257	1771	826	1075	120
	375	361	2975	26003	2515	17487	7899	9775	572
SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON—									
Kingston.....	82	82	674	5144	621	3521	2018	2239	172
Peterborough.....	40	37	408	3487	330	2331	1244	1388	19
Lindsay.....	38	38	329	2721	269	1805	818	1280	28
Whitby.....	19	19	200	1502	160	915	599	733	41
Toronto.....	89	88	1301	12103	1156	9113	3684	2516	23
Orangeville.....	45	41	403	3334	324	2073	1156	966	36
Barrie.....	90	63	537	4668	405	2925	1283	1250	123
Owen Sound.....	39	39	375	3382	309	2093	1615	1444	30
Sauge-n.....	29	27	268	2393	219	1718	965	1283	31
Guelph.....	40	30	392	3495	339	2198	1657	1612	32
Algora.....	31	31	163	1351	137	931	554	202	7
	542	495	5050	43580	4269	29623	15593	14913	542

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RECITA-

Catechism to memory.
Number repeating the whole Catechism.

RECITATIONS.		CHURCH RELATIONS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.						
Numbers who prepare Lessons at home.	Teachers' meeting for Lesson Study.	Number of Elders in S. S. Work.	Average No. attending Church.	Number of New Communicants.	No. of Scholars who are Communicants.	Total Amount Raised by Sabbath School.	Amount Contributed by Congregation to Support S. School.	Amount Expended on Sabbath Schools.	Amount Contributed to Schemes of the Church.	Amount Contributed to Other Objects.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
								\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
586	204	2733	14	108	2518	227	924	2821	499	1532	1161	267
896	89	885	.....	49	608	27	112	250	15	132	95	10
301	26	415	.....	21	514	43	41	373	348	200	2	207
156	89	1350	2	60	1056	42	324	1009	5	529	251	168
231	105	3020	4	100	1997	116	673	1073	113	490	582	23
651	25	1001	6	55	921	131	70	999	162	825	191	102
589	246	2831	6	113	2441	107	836	2100	216	1207	862	215
601	12	1051	3	53	1311	20	150	803	39	601	121	20
834	103	1931	7	117	1555	56	650	1135	104	587	373	107
518	170	931	2	58	841	39	341	892	73	513	270	116
412	6	500	14	8	812	1	27	177	52	198	19	12
875	1125	16648	58	742	14574	809	4148	11632	1626	6816	3927	1247
301	33	1214	5	55	1314	112	431	1270	66	215	309	183
144	66	1174	9	63	1139	62	442	1344	163	545	684	204
012	68	1793	7	99	2175	83	825	2340	266	1479	943	266
318	214	3589	9	137	4111	166	658	6834	1069	3215	2809	1403
925	71	1954	6	81	1916	129	412	2602	486	1672	758	123
075	120	1317	5	49	1374	76	298	678	134	509	176	47
775	572	11041	41	484	12029	628	3066	15068	2184	7635	5679	2226
239	172	3246	13	89	2718	170	914	2722	188	2166	335	418
388	19	1436	11	51	1540	103	598	2448	279	1535	823	232
280	28	1803	1	56	1482	92	481	1377	34	906	250	120
733	41	780	4	35	778	74	376	582	130	469	153	96
516	23	3127	25	153	3130	563	1265	8561	2104	6237	3678	715
966	36	1452	6	60	1742	179	437	1125	178	749	166	212
250	123	1610	7	68	1856	146	604	1742	188	1335	192	148
444	30	1752	3	57	1815	209	449	1035	519	1254	179	71
283	31	1087	2	41	1098	58	387	861	79	572	120	126
612	32	947	7	66	1429	90	714	1884	126	1021	727	111
202	7	606	27	644	56	157	548	74	447	67	49
913	542	17896	79	697	18232	1740	6882	22835	3899	16691	6690	2298

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TEACHERS.		CHURCH RELATIONS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.					
Number repeating the whole Catechism.	Number who prepare Lessons at home.	Teachers meeting for Lesson Study.	Number of Elders in S.S. Work.	Average No. attending Church.	Number of New Communicants.	No. of Scholars who are Communicants.	Total Amount Raised by Sabbath School.	Amount Contributed by Congregation to Support of S. School.	Amount Expended on Sabbath School.	Amount Contributed to the Schemes of Church.	Amount Contributed to Other Objects.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
104	619	4	61	1794	89	518	1508	363	1425	394	275
41	1367	5	43	1025	12	279	1100	11	754	155	112
364	2263	6	48	1481	61	339	1101	46	700	203	158
93	750	5	72	1661	87	546	1418	409	1091	535	152
34	1440	6	44	984	82	326	1492	231	914	456	127
46	2523	9	78	1387	129	705	2305	511	1567	774	360
159	2927	11	89	2020	146	710	2715	1126	2025	1238	176
5	501	4	128	2656	193	950	5914	756	3098	2114	1179
951			43	801	91	223	1037	121	1203	156	189
	12390	50	606	13809	890	4596	18580	3574	12777	6025	2728
5	801		23	390	43	190	811	25	420	341	28
6	512	2	32	843	31	181	1260	58	849	207	124
27	911	2	33	663	22	245	572	70	460	36	95
3	1031	3	35	1011	125	301	1008	90	701	189	86
5	890	1	20	680	22	123	1014	80	961	60	140
25	1190	6	45	1647	83	377	2892	242	1904	653	151
2	489	3	10	321	147		588		582	6	11
80	333	2	12	260	13	71	302	26	213	71	22
1	175	1	7	167	20	85	749		406	125	238
74	7332	20	217	5992	506	1573	9196	591	6496	1688	895
	166	2	6	184	8	31	301	19	264	62	12
	121	3	13	290	5	36	993	18	713	70	129
	210		10	195	9	45	235	25	229	5	17
	622		18	399	24	24	1202	10	596	276	182
	743	4	17	570	8	62	1137	10	1045	119	87
38	1862	9	64	1638	54	198	3868	82	2847	532	427
3302	67169	257	2810	66274	4627	20463	81229	11956	53262	24541	9821
3232	68550	247	2711	59615	4728	19826	75347	13144	47703	24265	7107
70		10	99	6659		637	5882		5559	276	2714
	381				101			1188			

APPENDIX III.

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

DEPARTMENT I.—BIBLICAL.

JUNIOR.

1. Write a brief account of the ascension of Christ, mentioning particularly the place, the witnesses, His last words, the manner of His ascent, the vision of the two men, with their words.
2. Describe what took place on the day of Pentecost.
3. (a) Who was Stephen? Why and how was he put to death? (b) What miracles were wrought by the Apostles?
4. Where and for what cause were Peter and Paul each cast into prison? (b) How was each released?
5. Write a short account of Paul's missionary journeys.
6. For what purpose did Paul make his last journey to Jerusalem? Whom did he visit or meet on the way? What warning of coming evil did he receive? What was his reply?
7. Tell what you know of any five of the following persons: Philip, Ananias, Cornelius, Barnabas, Silas, Lydia, Priscilla.
8. Give quotations from Scripture teaching the following duties: (a) Obedience to God; (b) Liberty; (c) Confession; (d) Forgiving our enemies; (e) Abstaining for the sake of others.

INTERMEDIATE.

1. Give an account of Christ's ascension and the descent of the Spirit. Name two noted events which followed.
2. Describe the life and death of the first Christian martyr. What effect had this on the Church?
3. Tell what you know of the conversion of Saul.
4. Write a narrative of the conversion of Cornelius, and show the relation of this event to the future work of the Church.
5. The Conference at Jerusalem: What led to it? What was done there? What was its importance?
6. What took place at Philippi? at Thessalonica? Give in substance Paul's sermon at Athens.
7. What does the Bible say about abstaining for the sake of others? and about the excellency of Christian love.
8. Write brief notes on Paul at Cæsarea, at Molta, at Rome. Draw an outline map of the journey to Rome from Cæsarea.

SENIOR.

1. What is meant by "Pricked in their hearts"? and what did Peter advise, and promise if obeyed?
2. What are true and false giving? Give passage to prove your statements.
3. Show how Stephen resembled Christ: (a) In his life; (b) In the charges against him; (c) In his death.
4. How did God show Peter that the Gospel was for Gentiles as well as Jews? Show from incidents in the case of Cornelius that God is no respecter of persons.
5. What restraints did Jewish Christians from Jerusalem try to impose upon Gentile converts at Antioch? And what rules did the Council at Jerusalem lay down for their guidance?
6. Mention the leading circumstances in connection with "First Converts in Europe," under the headings,—Divine Guidance, Macedonian Call, and the Opened Heart.
7. What is meant by our Christian liberty becoming a stumbling block to the weak? And what does love dictate in all doubtful cases?
8. What is meant by Christ's Humiliation?—His Exaltation? Describe: (a) His condition before He came to earth; (b) While on earth; (c) after He left it, and tell what added glory there was in the latter case.

SENIOR.

Text Book: "The Life of St. Paul," by Rev James Stalker, D.D.

1. Give a brief history of Paul's life up to the time of his conversion, and indicate the unconscious preparation for his after work.
2. Where does Paul tell of his sojourn in Arabia, and what was the purpose of it?
3. Give an outline of Gospel truth as preached by Paul—"My Gospel."
4. (a) Draw an outline map of Asia Minor and Greece. (b) Indicate on this map the course of Paul's second Missionary journey. (c) Mark and name the principal places visited.
5. Describe Ephesus at the time of Paul's ministry there. (b) What testimony have we to the success of his labors?
6. (a) At what two periods of Paul's Ministry were his chief epistles written? (b) What advantage do we derive from having Paul's writings in the form of letters?
7. (a) What controversy in the early church led to the Council of Jerusalem? (b) What steps were taken by zealous Jewish Christians to undermine Paul's authority and alienate the churches he had founded? (c) Which of his Epistles is directly aimed at this Judaizing party?
8. (a) What ground is there for believing that Paul was released at the close of the two years' imprisonment mentioned in Acts xxviii? (b) Quote passages which show Paul to have been "more than conqueror" and in the presence of Nero and in the face of certain death.
9. State the distinctive features of Paul's character, natural and spiritual.

DEPARTMENT II.—DOCTRINAL.

JUNIOR.

- (I). 1. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?
2. What is meant by mere man, since the fall, in this life?
- (II). 1. What doth God require of us that we may escape His wrath and curse due to us for sin?
2. What is meant by due to us?
- (III). 1. What is faith in Jesus Christ?
2. What is repentance unto life?
3. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?
- (IV). 1. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual unto salvation?
2. Give Scripture proofs for your answer.
3. Explain what you mean by with diligence, with preparation.
- (V). 1. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?
2. Against what errors is this answer intended to guard?
3. How do we know what a true sacrament is?
- (VI). 1. To whom is baptism to be administered?
2. As baptized children, what duties do you think are laid upon you by that fact?
3. What is the Lord's Supper?
- (VII). 1. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?
2. What is meant by the "discern the Lord's body?" by "new obedience?"
3. What is meant by the "judgment" which unworthy partakers of the Lord's Supper are said to eat and drink to themselves?
- (VIII). 1. What is prayer?
2. What limitation is put upon the things we may ask in prayer?
3. What rule hath God given to direct us in prayer?
4. Write out the Lord's Prayer, dividing it into the parts which are defined in the closing questions of the Catechism.

INTERMEDIATE.

- (I). 1. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?
2. "The will of God is made known in his law, and all men are under that law." Explain.
3. Have God's commandments ever been perfectly kept by man? By whom? When will believers come to keep these commandments perfectly?

- (II.) 1. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?
2. Illustrate the meaning of your answer, making special reference to "aggravations" which make sins heinous.
- (III.) 1. What doth God require of us that we may escape His wrath and curse due to us for sin?
2. Why does this question state that God's wrath and curse is sin's due?
3. Point out the connection between the inward and outward means required.
- (IV.) 1. What is faith in Jesus Christ?
2. What is repentance unto life?
3. What is meant by "a saving grace"?
4. Point out clearly the steps in true repentance.
- (V.) 1. How is the Word made effectual unto salvation?
2. Convincing, Converting, Building Up—show the place of each of them in man's salvation.
- (VI.) 1. What is a sacrament?
2. Point out certain errors guarded against in this definition.
3. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?
- (VII.) 1. To whom is baptism to be administered?
2. "The children of such as are members of the visible Church are to be baptized." Prove.
3. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?
4. From your answer, who would you say ought to partake of the Lord's Supper?
- (VIII.) 1. What is prayer?
2. Was the Lord's Prayer intended as a form of prayer, or as a model prayer? Explain.
3. Write out the Lord's Prayer, dividing it into preface, petitions, and conclusion.
4. "The petitions of this prayer which touch upon the affairs of man, cover all the needs of the present, past and future." Explain.
- SENIOR.
- (I.) 1. What doth God require of us that we may escape His wrath and curse due to us for sin?
2. State and answer the Catechism questions which bring out the fact that God's wrath and curse is our due for sin.
3. Point out the relation between the inward and the outward means to our redemption.
- (II.) 1. What is faith in Jesus Christ?
2. If we are to rest on Christ alone for salvation, what need is there for repentance and the diligent use of means of grace?
3. Point out the difference between the Roman Catholic and the Protestant view of faith.
- (III.) 1. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?
2. Convincing, Converting, Building Up—Show the necessity of all of these to means of salvation.
3. How is the Word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation?
- (IV.) 1. What is a sacrament?
2. Apply the tests of a true sacrament suggested in your answer to determine whether the "sacraments" of the Church of Rome are rightly classed as such.
3. What is meant by "the new covenant?"—what by "the old covenant," whose existence is here implied?
- (V.) 1. To whom is baptism to be administered?
2. Outline the Scripture argument for Christian baptism.
3. What effect should be wrought in a person by the fact of having been baptized in infancy?
- (VI.) 1. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?
2. What is the relation between knowledge and the other four requisites mentioned?
3. What is meant by "discern the Lord's body," "to feed upon Him?"
- (VII.) 1. What is prayer?
2. What are the different elements of true prayer?
3. Is the Lord's Prayer a form of prayer, or a model for prayer? Explain.
- (VIII.) 1. In the Lord's Prayer, indicate the petitions which touch upon the things of God and those which touch upon the things of man, and indicate to what extent all subjects for prayer are covered in these groups of petitions respectively.
2. What is the force of the "and" which connects the last three petitions?
3. Is the Lord's Prayer one which is "in the name of Christ? Explain.

DEPARTMENT III.—HISTORICAL.

JUNIOR.

1. Sketch roughly a map of Canaan, locating Jericho, Ai, Ebal and Gerizim.
2. Tell what you know of Joshua's character. How, just before his death, did he seek to strengthen the people's allegiance to God?
3. For what purpose did God raise up "Judges?" Name at least three of these.
4. Tell the story of the movings of "the ark of God" from place to place, from the time of its crossing the Jordan till King David brought it to Jerusalem.
5. In your opinion, what motives prompted the children of Israel to ask for a king?
6. After Saul's death, what attempt was made by his family to get possession of the throne, and how did it result?
7. How did Bethlehem, the Cave of Adullam, and Hebron figure in the history of David?
8. Indicate the form and divisions of the Temple of Solomon.

INTERMEDIATE.

1. Sketch a map of Palestine, indicating its principal river and its mountain ranges, and locating Gibeon, Shechem, and the waters of Merom.
2. How did Shiloh figure in the history of Israel in Joshua's time?
3. For what special purpose did God raise up "Judges" in the land? Tell the story of Gideon.
4. Show wherein consists the difference between Greek prodigies and Hebrew miracles.
5. Sketch the life of Saul.
6. Tell the story of David's life as an outlaw.
7. "As a king, David was a great contrast to the general run of Eastern kings." In what respects was this true?
8. In what ways did idolatry gain a foothold in Israel during Solomon's reign.

SENIOR.

1. Outline a map of Palestine, indicating the division of the land into tribes.
2. How would you vindicate the judgments visited on the Canaanites?
3. Name the principal enemies that invaded the land of Israel in the time of the "Judges." Tell the story of the invasion by Jabin, King of Canaan.
4. Referring to the story of Micah and of Ruth, write a note on the state of religion in Israel under the Judges.
5. How do Ramah, Jabesh-gilead, Michmash, and Mount Gilboa figure in the history of Israel?
6. Indicate, by reference to David's previous life, in what way God qualified him for the position of King over Israel.
7. How are the names of Abner, Nathan, Joab and Hiram associated with the history of David?
8. Account for the strong foothold idolatry gained in Israel in Solomon's reign.

DEPARTMENT V.—TEACHER TRAINING.

"The Bible the Sabbath School Teacher's Text Book," by Alfred Holborn, M.A.

1. State and illustrate the argument from undesigned coincidences in support of the Pauline authorship of the Epistle to the Romans.
2. What are the leading supernatural events on which Christianity rests that are mentioned in the four undisputed Epistles of the Apostle Paul?
3. Give an outline of the evidence for the trustworthiness and divine authority of the books of the O.T.
4. (d) What is the meaning of the word Canon as employed in reference to the books of the Bible? Trace the word to its origin.

- (b) What was the threefold division of the books of the O. T. usually made by the Jews? Enumerate the books in each.
- (c) By whom and when were the books in each of these divisions collected?
5. State the leading contents and characteristics of the Acts of the Apostles and of the Epistle to the Romans.
6. Give illustrations of the impartiality and candor of the sacred writers.
7. Explain the Scripture terms Prophet and Seer. What were the functions of the Prophets? With what things were their teachings mainly concerned?
8. (a) Distinguish between a Simile and a Metaphor. Give Scripture illustrations of each.
(b) What is a Parable? How is it distinguished from an Allegory and from a Fable?

APPENDIX IV.

VIII.—RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS.

In classifying the results it will be understood that there are included in Class I. those who have made at least 90 per cent. of the full marks, in Class II. those who have made 75 per cent. but less than ninety, in Class III. those who have made 50 per cent. but less than 75, in Class IV. those who made less than 50 but whose standing was considered by the committee as worthy of creditable mention. Those who took part of the quarterly examinations but who did not finish the course are not here mentioned, but may receive their standing by applying to the Superintendent of the Sabbath School to which they belong. The results are as follows:—

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TRURO.—St. Andrew's, Truro, \$3.70; Riverfield, \$13.25; Castlereagh, \$1.47; Folly Village, \$3.94; Mastown, 90c.; Debert, 16c.; Great Village, \$3.20; Riversdale, \$2.00; Five Islands, \$2.70; Acadia Mines, \$6.00; Upper Economy, \$2.00; Portauplique, \$2.50; Springside, \$5.00; Shubenacadie, \$9.19; Admiral Rock, 80c.; Indian Road, 50c.; North Salem, 62c.; Lower Stewiacke, \$5.00; Gay's River, \$3.00; Upper Musquodobolt, \$7.00; Brookdale, 35c.; Fall River, \$1.00; Brookfield, \$2.00; Sheet Harbor, \$1.00; Belmont, 60c. Total, \$82.88.

SYDNEY.—Louisburg, \$5.00; Kennington Cove, \$1.10; Gabarus, \$1.00; Falmouth St., Sydney, \$2.00; Marlon Bridge, Mira, \$1.50; Sydney Mines, \$3.35; Port Morien, \$2.00; St. Andrew's, Sydney, \$6.00; Glace Bay, \$14.00; Catalone, \$1.00. Total, \$36.95.

INVERNESS.—Marble Mountain, \$1.66; Cleveland, \$2.25; Whycocomagh, \$2.40; Blue's Mills, \$1.00; West Bay, \$4.00; St. George's Channel, \$1.23; Margaree Harbor, \$2.50; Hillsboro, \$1.00; Mabou Village, \$1.00; Port Hood, \$1.00; Milltia Point, 50c.; Hay's River, \$1.00; Pleasant Bay, \$1.21; Stewartdale, \$1.05; Valleyview, 70c.; Strathlorne, \$4.51; Kempt Road, \$1.00; Wreck Cove, \$1.00; Baddeck, \$4.00; Dingwall, Cape North, \$3.00; Skye Glen, \$1.70; Indian Road, \$1.24. Total, \$38.95.

HALIFAX.—St. Matthew's, Halifax, \$5.00; St. Croix and Ellershouse, \$4.00; St. Andrew's, Halifax, \$12.00; Maitland, \$5.57; Cobourgh Road, \$1.55; Chalmer's Church, Halifax, \$6.00; Dartmouth, \$8.67; Dawson St., Dartmouth, \$3.00; Montague, \$2.67; Upper Kennetcook, \$1.50; Five Mile River, \$1.76; Urbana, \$1.40; Moose Brook, \$5.30; Noel Shore and Selma, \$4.00; Noel, \$3.70; Hantsport, \$2.00; Grove, Halifax, \$5.00; Lauroncetown, \$4.87; Elmsdale, \$3.75; Bay of Islands, N.E., \$2.00; Selma, \$1.50; Kentville, \$2.00; Berwick, \$1.04; St. Matthew's, Halifax, \$5.00; Newport, \$2.50; Digby, \$1.00; Bridgetown, \$1.00; Fort Massey, Halifax, \$39.90; Windsor, \$3.07; Musquodoboit Harbor, \$1.00; Park St., Halifax, \$5.00; Spry Bay, \$1.00; St. John's, Halifax, \$2.15; Mosherville, \$1.00; Annapolis, \$2.92; Waverley, \$1.00; Cheverie, \$1.00. Total, \$155.82.

WALLACE.—Pugwash, \$2.00; Southampton, \$1.40; Springhill, \$17.54; Amherst, \$8.00; Wallace, \$6.40; Westchester, \$1.60; Tatamagouche, \$4.00; River John, \$1.30; East Wentworth, 10c.; Ludden, \$1.25; Shemogue, \$1.00. Total, \$44.69.

PICTOU.—Zion Church, Ferrona, \$4.00; New St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, \$6.00; Cape George, \$1.25; Millsville, \$2.12; McLellan's Brook, \$2.00; Hardwood Hill, \$2.00; Lyon's Brook, \$4.23; Garden of Eden, \$3.44; Plainfield, \$4.25; Heath Bell, \$4.55; Mt. Thom, \$2.17; Blue Mountain, \$1.00; Hopewell, \$6.50; West River and Green Hill, \$8.52; Saltsprings, \$6.88; Lower Mt. Thom, \$2.17; Thorburn, \$2.00; Stillwater, \$2.00; West River, St. Mary's, \$5.00; Churchville, \$2.00; Knox Church, Pictou,

\$5.50; Sharon Church, Stellarton, \$5.00; Meadowville, \$1.30; Chace Harbor, \$1.00; James' Church, New Glasgow, \$9.71; Prince St., Pictou, \$6.00; Antigonish, \$3.00; Upper South River, 25c.; Sherbrooke, \$12.83; St. George's, River John, \$1.60; Goldenville, \$4.00; Merigonish, \$1.00; East River, St. Mary's, \$1.63; Glenelg, \$3.00; United Church, New Glasgow, \$12.00. Total, \$141.06.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—St. James', Charlottetown, \$4.51; Kensington, \$3.15; Montague, \$2.00; Cavendish, \$9.00; New Haven, \$6.00; Long River, \$1.80; Murray River, \$2.00; Murray Harbor, \$1.25; Tignish, Montrose and Elmsdale, \$5.00; Summerside, \$3.54; O'Leary, \$1.32; Orwell, \$7.91; Belle River, \$3.00; Rev. John Sutherland, \$1.50; Princetown, \$4.00; Alberton, \$2.00; Zion Church, Charlottetown, \$5.00; Cardigan, \$8.00. Total, \$74.04.

LUNENBURGH AND YARMOUTH.—Shelburne, \$7.27; Bridgewater, \$4.67; Dublin Shore and Conquerall, \$5.00; Mahono Bay, \$2.00; Lockport, \$1.00; Middle Lahave, \$3.00; Lunenburg, \$1.00.

ST. JOHN.—Naskwaak, 50c.; Upper Kincardine, \$3.16; St. Stephen's, St. John, \$9.21; Kirkland and Eel River, \$2.60; St. John's, St. John, \$12.52; Milltown, \$7.44; Wawelg, Rolling Dam and Tower Hill, \$5.00; Oak Mountain, \$2.00; St. Stephen, \$5.00; Upper Kintore, 80c.; Lynfield and St. James, \$1.29; Scotch Ridge, \$1.00; Glassville, \$4.00; Nashwaak Village, \$1.25; Nashwaak S.S., \$3.00; Lower Kincardine and Kintore, \$2.20; St. Andrew's, St. John, \$16.18; Florenceville, \$3.17; St. David's, Simonds St. and Stanley St., St. John, \$17.87; Andover, \$2.78; Red Rapids, 4c.; South Tilley, 50c.; Buctouche, \$3.00; Tweedside, 61c.; Pisarino, \$2.15; Stonehaven, \$2.00; Fredericton, \$15.00; Harvey Station, \$3.10; Moncton, \$10.00; Clarendon, \$1.00; H. A. White, \$2.00; Salina, \$1.00; Stanley, \$1.00; Woodstock, \$2.00; Upper Kintore, 50c.; Shediac, \$1.00. Total, \$144.30.

MIRAMICHI.—Redbank, \$1.00; Dalhousie, \$10.00; Jardineville, \$1.60; Church Point, \$3.22; Campbellton, \$3.80; Nelson, \$3.50; St. John's, Chatham, \$7.00; Blackville, \$2.98; Upper District, Newcastle, \$2.13; Broadland's, \$4.00; Little Branch, \$2.00; New Richmond, \$6.50; New Mills, \$7.00; Redbank, \$7.00; New Carlisle, \$2.24; Kingston, \$2.00; Metapedia, \$5.00; Black Bridge, \$1.00; Upper Charlo, \$1.65; Bathurst, \$2.00; Mrs. Ferguson, \$1.00; Kingston, \$4.00; Loggieville, \$5.50; New Richmond, \$1.00; Pointe la Nim, \$1.50; St. Andrew's, Chatham, \$3.00; Napan, \$2.40; Wm. Maxwell, \$1.00; Richibucto, \$3.00; No. 2, New Richmond, \$2.00. Total, \$98.02.

Total, Synod of the Maritime Provinces, \$845.65.

QUEBEC.—Three Rivers, \$4.00; St. Sylvester and Leeds, \$2.00; Chalmer's Church, Quebec, \$1.43; Inverness, \$3.55; Scotstown, \$3.00; Danville, \$1.00; Sawyerville, \$4.25; Three Rivers, \$2.60; Chicoutimi, \$4.00; Levis, \$1.35; Marsboro, \$4.00; Windsor Mills, \$1.50; Port Neuf, \$1.00; Lower Windsor, \$1.00; Kingsbury, \$3.00; New Rockland, \$1.00. Total, \$41.77.

MONTREAL.—Melville Church, Montreal, \$13.00; Henry Church, Lachute, \$3.00; St. Laurent, \$3.31; Howick, \$9.00; English River, \$12.00; Rev. R. P. Duclou, \$1.50; Chateaugay, \$7.12; Beauharnois, \$5.23; Huntingdon, \$5.00; St. Matthew's, Montreal, \$6.22; Calvin Church, Montreal, \$6.00; Westminster Church, Montreal, \$5.00; Ormstown, \$9.00; Montreal West, \$1.15; Dundee Centre, \$3.00; St. Gabriel's, Montreal, \$5.25; Rockburn, \$2.00; Gore, \$1.50; Valleyfield, \$1.68; Hemmingford, \$1.00; Howick, \$7.01; Joliette, \$1.50; First Church, Lachute, \$4.90; Bolton, \$3.30; Kelso, \$9.96; St. Louis de Gonzague, \$2.00; Taylor Church, Montreal, \$9.34; Nazareth St., Montreal, \$3.34; North Georgetown, \$5.00; Crescent St., Montreal, \$5.35; Laprairie, \$1.00; Chalmers' Church, Montreal, \$10.00; St. Andrew's, \$2.00; Knox Church, Y.P.S.C.E., Montreal, \$5.00; Mrs. J. D. McDonald, \$1.00. Total, \$172.16.

GLENGARRY.—Knox, Lancaster, \$2.00; Sandringham, \$1.51; Martintown, \$12.00; Roxboro, \$6.00; Maxville, \$5.00; Avonmore, \$3.10; Alexandria, \$5.00; Peveril, \$6.86; Williamstown, \$4.29; South Finch, \$5.00; Knox Church, Cornwall, \$15.00; Knox Church, Lancaster, \$2.00; Appl Hill, \$2.00; Summerstown, \$3.00; Woodlands, \$5.00. Total, \$82.06.

OTTAWA.—North Gower, 4c.; Erskine Church, Ottawa, \$6.20; Knox Church, Ottawa, \$4.77; Wakefield and Masham, \$4.30; Carp, \$3.50; Lowry, 50c.; Kinburn, \$1.65; Plantagenet, \$1.00; Bristol Bankers, \$1.25; Manotick, \$2.30; Mosgrove, \$2.00; Metcalfe, \$2.50; Hintonburgh, \$2.00; Vars, \$1.10; Bank St., Ottawa, \$10.00; Hull, \$1.00; Stewarton Church, Ottawa, \$5.00; St. Andrew's, Ottawa, \$5.00; Stittsville, \$2.00; Eastman's Springs, 70c.; Billings' Bridge, \$2.00; Cumberland, \$2.00; City View, \$3.00; Skead's Mills, \$1.00. Total, \$68.43.

LANARK AND RENFREW.—St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, \$14.22; Watson's Corners, \$5.30; Packenhams, \$1.75; Arnprior, \$6.00; Brightside, 60c.; Crosshill, \$1.54; St. Paul's, Smith's Falls, \$10.99; Lanark, \$4.54; Zion Church, Carleton Place, \$5.00; Castleford, Stewartville and Dewars, \$15.00; Blakeney, \$7.66; Pembroke, \$14.89; St. Andrew's, Smith's Falls, \$8.00; Glen Tay, \$1.00; O-seola, \$2.00; Knox Church, Perth, \$13.25; St. John's, Almonte, \$5.00; Renfrew, \$5.00; Sand Point, \$1.00; Forresters' Falls, \$5.00. Total, \$129.09.

BROCKVILLE.—Spencerville, \$5.50; Heckston and South Mountain, \$3.20; Spencerville, \$9.50; Prescott, \$3.00; Athens, \$2.70; Iroquois, \$5.00; Winchester, \$3.25; Morewood, \$7.88; Chesterville, \$2.82; Merriokville, \$2.30; Ventnor, \$9.00. Total, \$56.15.

Total, Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, \$549.71.

KINGSTON.—Burnbrae, \$12.70; St. Andrew's, Belleville, \$12.62; Thanet and The Ridge, \$4.97; Harrowsmith, \$1.25; Roslin, \$1.80; Thurlow, \$1.70; Millhaven, \$1.00; per H. Mann, Kingston, \$2.00; Wolf Island, \$3.80; Laurel S.S., L'Amable, \$2.00; Bannockburn, \$1.50; Rylestone S.S., Big Springs, \$3.35; St. Columba, Madoc, \$6.92; Newburgh, \$7.00; Camden East, \$3.00; Sunbury, \$1.05; Pittsburgh, \$1.65; Glenburnie, \$2.00; Cedar Lake, \$1.00; Snow Road, \$4.95; Elphin, \$2.65; McDonald's Corners, \$3.40; Amherst Island, \$3.00; Tweed, \$3.85; Gananoque, \$7.00; Trenton, \$7.33; Pictou, \$4.81; Lansdowne, Fairfax and Sand Bay, \$1.00; Tichborne, \$1.35; St. Peter's, Madoc, \$7.50; Tamworth, \$1.00; Eldorado, \$1.50; Queensboro, \$1.75; Tureff Settlement, \$1.00; Deseronto, \$5.00; The Ridge, \$1.00. Total, \$129.40.

PETERBOROUGH.—Keene, \$8.36; Cobourgh, \$17.00; Havelock, \$3.30; Mill St., Port Hope, \$2.50; Hastings, \$11.57; First Church, Port Hope, \$6.63; Lakefield, \$5.71; North Smith, \$1.51; Roseneath, \$1.00; Warsaw and Dummer, \$3.00; Apsley, 42c.; Harwood, \$3.00; Norwood, \$1.51; Janetville, \$3.75; Ballyduff, \$2.90; Pontypool, \$2.35; Smithfield, \$1.00; St. Andrew's, Peterboro', \$31.45. Total, \$109.96.

WHITBY.—Whitby, \$2.00; Brooklin, \$2.95; Orona, \$5.00; Ashburn, \$1.15; Oshawa, \$3.00. Total, \$17.10.

LINDSAY.—Fenelon Falls, \$2.00; Lindsay, \$17.16; Somerville, \$3.25; Zephyr, \$6.00; Quaker Hill, \$10.00; Cambray, 60c.; Wick, \$5.65; Sonya, \$6.25; Leaskdale, \$4.00; Greenbank, \$4.12; Kirkfield, \$2.25; Eldon, \$1.40; Sandringham, \$1.30; Beaverton, \$3.50; Sunderland, \$2.20; Chalmers Church, Uxbridge, \$12.00; Gamebridge, \$4.90; Grass Hill, \$1.80; Lorneville, \$1.00; Woodville, \$4.00. Total, \$93.98.

TORONTO.—Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, \$10.00; Bloor St., Toronto, \$20.00; Streetsville, \$3.00; Newmarket, \$2.00; Hamilton Cassels, \$10.00; St. Andrew's, Markham, \$5.00; Ravenshoe, \$7.30; Brampton, \$13.00; Malton, \$1.85; West Gwillimbury, \$2.35; Norval, \$8.40; Union, \$6.30; Sutton West, \$3.45; Bradford, \$2.50; Port Credit, \$4.80; Morningside, \$1.25; Fern Avenue, Toronto, \$3.00; Queensville, \$3.90; McMillans, \$3.00; Agincourt, \$7.28; West Church, Toronto, \$11.85; Culross Hill, \$3.12; Erskine Church, Toronto, \$7.55; St. James' Square, Toronto, \$12.05; Central Church, Toronto, \$7.40; Cowan Avenue, Toronto, \$7.11; Church of the Covenant, Toronto, \$3.00; The Sixteen, \$3.00; St. Paul's, Toronto, \$3.09; Mount Albert, \$9.33; Newmarket, \$6.50; Dixie, \$1.70; Oakville, \$2.07; College St., Toronto, \$18.66; St. James' Square, Toronto, \$25.27; St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, \$5.00; Bloor St., Toronto, \$20.00. Total, \$265.08.

ORANGEVILLE.—Erin, \$2.10; Ballinafad, \$3.42; Mayfield, \$8.75; Hillsburgh, \$5.72; Laurel, \$6.10; Black's Corners, \$5.60; Corbetton, \$3.60; Caledon, 88c.; Primrose, \$4.21; Ospringe, \$7.00; Dundalk, \$3.25; Grand Valley, \$4.00; Priceville, \$5.88; Horning's Mills, \$2.70; Garafraxa, \$5.00; Claude, \$3.00; Mount Pleasant, \$2.15; Burns' Church, Erin, \$5.92; Riverview, \$1.35; Gandier, \$2.00; Camilla, \$2.00; Waldemar, \$2.00; Montgomery, 25c. Total, \$86.86.

BARRIE.—Guthrie, \$1.50; Alliston, \$1.50; Allandale, \$6.30; Stayner, \$3.78; South River, 50c.; Craignale, \$4.00; Parry Sound, \$10.00; Elmvale, \$8.35; Knox Church, Flos, \$2.18; Hillsdale, \$6.00; Bracebridge, \$1.56; Collingwood, \$4.50; Barrie, \$6.81; Beeton, \$6.46; Tottenham, \$1.85; Stayner, \$3.25; Duntroon and West Nottawasaga, \$3.00; Aspden, \$1.08; Chalmers' Church, McMurrich, 92c.; Russelton, \$1.00; Cookstown, \$2.00; Ardrea, \$2.00; Penetanguishene, \$2.00; Minesing, \$2.00; Oro, \$3.00; Esson Church, \$2.00; Guthrie's Church, \$1.50. Total, \$91.07.

ALGOMA.—Webbwood, \$1.59; Sowerby, \$1.75; Port Locke, \$1.00. Total, \$3.34.

OWEN SOUND.—Kilsyth, \$2.10; Markdale, \$1.75; Holland Centre, \$1.84; Division St., Owen Sound, \$11.00; Berkeley, \$1.25; Kemble, \$4.87; Lake Charles, \$1.35; Meaford, \$6.20; Sarawak, \$3.00; Williamsford, \$1.60; Crawford, \$2.10; Mar, \$1.00; Latona, \$5.00; Thornbury, \$2.00; Burns' Church, \$2.00. Total, \$47.06.

SAUGEEN.—Durham, \$7.55; Knox Church, Harriston, \$7.05; Hopeville, \$2.60; Holstein, \$5.00; Fordwich, \$5.38; Fairbairn, \$4.70; Dromore, \$6.00; Palmerston, \$5.00; North Luther, \$5.30; Guthrie's Church, Harriston, \$6.00; Woodlands, \$3.00; Clifford, \$7.55. Total, \$65.13.

GUELPH.—Doon, \$1.00; Winterbourne, \$2.50; Gale Church, Elmira, \$1.50; St. Andrew's, Fergus, \$16.17; Chalmers' Church, Guelph, \$5.00; Cumnock, 85c.; Hawkesville, \$1.26; Glenallan, \$9.43; Hollen, \$3.74; Hespeler, \$3.00; per W. Laidlaw, Guelph, \$1.00; East Puslinch, \$2.00; West Puslinch, \$1.00; Linwood, \$2.00; St. Andrew's Guelph, \$6.95; Knox Church, Galt, \$10.00. Total, \$67.40.

Total, Synod of Toronto and Kingston, \$976.78.

HAMILTON.—Strabane, \$2.40; Hagersville, \$2.00; St. Ann's, \$3.09; Lock Street, Hamilton, \$2.70; First Church, St. Catherine's, \$7.32; Hagersville, \$2.00; North Pelham, \$4.43; Port Robinson, 75c.; Welland, \$2.50; Lyndoch, \$2.13; Silver Hill, \$2.12; Haynes Avenue, St. Catherine's, \$4.00; Merrilton, \$2.00; Simcoe, \$3.57; Bridgeburgh, \$3.87; North Glanford, \$4.00; Erskine Church, Hamilton, \$23.40; Burlington, \$13.31; Dundas, \$10.00; Birbrook, \$3.00; Saltfleet, \$2.00; Waterdown, \$4.00; Grimsby, \$4.25; Knox Church, Hamilton, \$13.00; Knox Church Mission, Hamilton, \$3.00; Port Dover, \$3.25; Central Church, Hamilton, \$17.00; McNab Street Church, Hamilton, \$10.00; Port Colborne, \$1.00; Smithville, \$1.00; Port Dalhousie, \$2.00; Jarvis, \$4.00; Walpole, \$1.48; Cayuga, \$2.00. Total, \$166.57.

PARIS.—Knox Church, Ayr, \$4.00; Ingersoll, \$7.00; Burford, \$3.00; East Oxford, \$3.00; Blenheim \$1.00; Zion Church, Brantford, \$5.00; Drumbn, \$1.00; Princeton, \$1.00; Tilsonburgh, \$1.00; Chesterfield, 50c.; Knox Church, \$9.39; Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, \$10.00; Mount Pleasant, \$1.00; First Church, Brantford, \$8.00; Innerkip, \$3.00. Total, \$82.89.

LONDON.—St. Andrew's, London, \$5.00; Mount Brydges, \$1.08; St. James', London, \$2.25; Mapleton, \$2.75; Knox Church, St. Thomas, \$19.18; Knox Church, Belmont, \$3.50; Hyde Park, \$2.10; Alma St., St. Thomas, \$8.75; Rodney, \$1.10; Caradoc, \$5.14; Dover, \$3.17; North Caradoc, \$2.10; North Elkfrid, \$1.60; Chalmers' Church, Dunwich, \$2.69; St. Andrew's, London, \$5.00; Thamesford, \$5.00; Knapdale, \$2.00; Lobo, \$4.50; First Church, London, \$8.00; Ilderton, \$1.00; Kintore, \$1.00; Knox Church, London, \$16.50. Total, \$103.32.

CHATHAM.—Bethel, \$2.45; Kent Bridge, 72c.; Goldsmith, 45c.; Blytheswood, \$2.13; Thamesville, \$3.21; Windsor, \$23.40; Dresden, \$3.00; Florence, \$1.00; Duart, \$2.00; Harwich, \$1.50; Muir Kirk, \$1.54. Total, \$41.40.

STRATFORD.—St. Andrew's, Shakespeare, \$3.25; Shakespeare, \$3.25; Hampstead, \$3.83; Millbank, \$3.25; Tavistock, \$10.43; Easthope, \$6.00; North and South Nissouri, \$5.33; Listowel, \$3.62; Knox Church, Harrington, \$4.00; Motherwell, \$5.00; Avonton, \$5.00; Carlingford, \$1.25; Mooresville, 78c.; Blenheim, \$7.19; First Church, St. Mary's, \$5.00. Total, \$67.99.

HURON.—Blake, \$1.00; Londesboro, \$1.00; Auburn, \$2.44; Egmondville, \$4.25; Londesboro, \$7.70; Burns' Church, Hullett's, \$5.50; Blyth, \$3.00; Hensall, \$4.00; Bayfield and Bethany, \$2.15; Goderich, \$14.33; Blake, \$4.25; Brucefield, \$4.00; Stanley, \$2.50; Goderich (Union S. S.), \$2.00; Bayfield, \$2.00; Chiselhurst, \$1.50; Thames Road, \$5.00; Bethany, \$1.00; Brewster, \$3.00; J. Drysdale, \$1.00; G. Baird, \$1.00. Total, 72.62.

MAITLAND.—Lueknow, \$3.00; Wroxeter, \$3.65; Knox Church, Teeswater, \$6.50; Antloch, \$2.73; Pine River, \$3.00; Binevale, \$11.60; Cranbrook, \$1.00; Lueknow, \$4.46; Brussels, \$12.41; Wingham, \$6.16; Belgrave, \$2.00; Armow, \$1.38; Kinloss, \$2.25; Kintall, \$2.35; Kinlough, \$1.00; Ethel, \$2.00. Total, \$65.49.

BRUCE.—North Brant, \$3.50; West Brant, \$2.65; Dobbington, \$2.00; Knox Church, Paisley, \$10.40; Hampden, \$3.00; Hanover, \$5.00; West Bentink, \$2.00; North Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen, \$8.00; Burgoyne, \$3.00; Port Elgin, \$3.00; Southampton, \$1.00; Knox Church, Tara, \$1.00. Total, \$44.55.

SARNIA.—Forest, \$2.50; Napier, \$1.00; Oil City, 50c.; Point Edward, \$2.00; St. Andrew's, Sarnia, \$32.94; Albert St., Sarnia, \$4.28; Oil City, \$2.00; Lieury, \$3.00; Camlachie, \$2.50; Moore Line, \$5.00; Burns' Church, Lucas, \$3.20; West Williams, \$2.00; Bridgen, \$1.50; Arkona, \$2.00; Strathroy, \$2.00; Forrest, \$1.00; Petrolea, \$5.00; David Sands, \$1.00. Total, 76.42.

Total, Synod of Hamilton and London, \$700.35.

SUPERIOR.—Port Arthur, \$11.60; Fort William, \$2.00. Total, \$13.60.

WINNIPEG.—St. Andrew's, Winnipeg, \$11.35; Augustine Church, Winnipeg, \$12.00; Stonewall, \$3.70; Grassmere, \$4.40; St. Giles', Winnipeg, \$7.75; Poplar Point, \$5.30; Knox Church, Winnipeg, \$18.25; Brant and Argyle, \$1.50; Victoria, \$1.60; Dundas, \$1.00; Dominion City, 15c.; Point Douglas, \$13.80; Clandeboye, \$1.50; Clearsprings, \$2.00; St. Stephen's, Winnipeg, \$7.60; Morris, \$2.00; St. Andrew's, Winnipeg, \$15.17. Total, \$109.10.

ROCK LAKE.—Clearwater, \$7.50; Morden, \$15.00; Shadeland, \$2.00; Dry River, \$2.55; Floral, \$3.20; Pilot Mound, \$4.66; Middleton, \$5.55; Glenora, 60c.; Manitou, \$10.25; Thornhill, \$4.30; Rippling Brook, 50c. Total, \$56.11.

GLENBORO.—Treherne, \$4.00; Holland, \$6.00; Ravenswood, \$4.00; Souris, \$5.00; Glenboro, \$4.00. Total, \$23.00.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—Gladstone, \$7.20; Franklin, \$4.00; Neepawa, \$5.00; McGregor, \$1.25; Dauphin, \$5.00. Total, \$22.45.

BRANDON.—Roseland, \$3.86; Carberry, \$5.25; Humesville, \$15.00; Briarwood, \$2.60; Altamont, \$1.80; Virden, \$4.00; Chater, \$4.50; Brandon, \$32.16; Woodville, \$1.61. Total, \$70.78.

MINNEBOSA.—Edge Hill and Shoal Lake, \$8.40; J. S. (Russell), \$1.00; Binscarth, \$1.10; Rosburn, \$5.85; Strathclair, \$6.50; Perth, \$2.50; Islay, 55c.; Valley S.S., Hamiota, \$2.05; Scotia S.S., \$3.60; Russel, \$9.10; Oak River, \$6.32. Total, \$47.95.

MELITA.—Hartney, \$16.00; Oxbow, \$8.05; Melita, \$2.00; Carnduff, \$9.90; Westhall, \$5.70. Total, \$41.65.

REGINA.—Wolseley, \$2.00; Q'Appelle Station, \$5.00; Moose Jaw, \$2.70; Willoughby, \$5.00; Industrial School, Regina, \$1.35; Grenfel, \$2.25; Moffatt, \$1.00; Ellisboro, \$1.00; Abernethy, \$8.45; Wapelia, \$2.00; Moosomin, \$5.00; Indian Head, \$3.00; Indian School, File Hills, \$1.00. Total, \$39.75.

Total, Synod of Manitoba and N.W.T., \$424.39.

CALGARY.—Lethbridge, \$5.60; Medicine Hat, \$6.45. Total, \$11.45.

EDMONTON.—Lacombe, \$2.00; Edmonton, \$11.00; Lacombe, \$5.00; Fort Saskatchewan, \$2.00; Olds, 70c.; Bowden, \$1.40; Kamstock, \$1.30; Maple Creek, \$1.00. Total, \$24.40.

KAMLOOPS.—Grand Forks, \$1.15; Rossland, \$2.00; Donald, \$3.50; Kaslo, \$5.00. Total, \$11.65.
 WESTMINSTER.—Ladner's, \$2.00; Fairview, Vancouver, \$5.55; First Church, Vancouver, \$10.00; Chilliwack, \$3.65; St. Andrew's, Vancouver, \$33.00; Eburne, \$20.50; Sapperton, \$2.75; East Delta, \$2.25; Ladner's, \$3.00; St. Andrew's, New Westminster, \$20.00; Langely, \$1.00. Total, \$103.70.
 VICTORIA.—Needham St., Nanaimo, \$2.10; Courtney, \$15.00; Nanaimo, \$7.00; Mount Toimie, \$2.00; St. Andrew's, Victoria, \$6.25; Sooke, 20c.; First Church, Victoria, \$6.75; Sandwiok, Comox, \$3.00; James' Bay, Victoria, \$5.00. Total, \$47.30.
 Total, Synod of British Columbia, \$198.50.
 TRINIDAD.—Mission S. Schools, \$3.05.
 Total Contributions from Sabbath Schools, \$3,698.43.

APPENDIX VI.

ANNUAL SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT, 1898.

"Presbyteries are enjoined to see that Sabbath Schools are established at every preaching station if at all possible."—*Minutes of General Assembly, 1876 and 1885.*
 (Each Sabbath School must be reported separately).

1. Name of Minister.
2. Post Office address of Minister.
3. Name of Sabbath School.
4. Name of Superintendent*.
5. Post Office address of Superintendent.

* If the Minister himself acts as Superintendent, please give the name and post office address of some one who may be corresponded with in regard to the interests of the S. School in his absence.

ATTENDANCE.

6. How many Officers and Teachers on Roll?.....
7. How many Scholars, including Bible Classes, on Roll?.....
8. How many of an average attendance (a) Officers and Teachers?.....
9. (b) Scholars?.....
10. How many months in the year is the school kept open?.....

RECITATIONS.

11. How many commit to memory verses of Scripture in addition to the Golden Text?.....
12. How many are committing to memory the Shorter Catechism?.....
13. How many Scholars repeat the whole Catechism (107 Questions) during the year?.....
14. How many prepare their lessons at home?.....
15. Is there a weekly Teachers' Meeting for Lesson Study?.....

CHURCH RELATIONS.

16. How many Elders engage in Sabbath School work?.....
17. Average number of Scholars who attend public worship each Sabbath?.....
18. How many became communicants during the year?.....
19. Total number of Scholars who are communicants?.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

20. Total amount raised by the Sabbath School alone?.....
21. How much did the congregation give to the support of the school?.....
22. How much of this was expended on the school?.....
23. Amount contributed to the Schemes of the Church?.....
24. How much for other objects?.....
25. Remarks.....

INSTRUCTIONS.

- 1.—Give some answer to every question.
- 2.—Do not give indefinite answers such as "nearly all," "from—to," "about," etc. Such replies are valueless for statistical purposes.
- 3.—Give as accurate answers as possible, but it is better to enter a carefully estimated number than to leave the question unanswered.
- 4.—If your school has not yet sent a contribution towards the expenses of the Committee, you are asked to remit at your earliest convenience.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:

In this its third report to the Assembly the Committee would state as briefly as possible the condition of the work under its care.

All the Presbyteries and Synods have co-operated with the Committee more or less heartily.

The Synods have sent excellent reports, so far as the material supplied them by Presbyteries enabled them to do so.

It is to be regretted that, whilst the reports from some Presbyteries have been models of fullness and accuracy, in other cases they have been quite imperfect. In two instances the reports went astray accidentally in course of transit. The figures of last year have therefore been used, as also in the case of one or two Presbyteries which made no report. The Presbytery conveners complain of the utter negligence of many societies in not sending in returns, even after repeated remindings. In some large Presbyteries, however, as well as in smaller ones, conveners have been able to furnish almost perfect reports. The defective reports, of course, vitiate the whole statistic. This is to be kept in mind in reviewing the tabulated results. It ought to be a matter of conscience with ministers and Sessions, as well as with secretaries of societies, to see that proper reports are promptly sent. It is of profit to the whole Church to know what each part of it is doing.

SOCIETIES.

The total number of societies reporting is 993, an increase of 74 over 1896. Some societies have been disbanded. Many new societies have been formed. The probability is that the estimate of last year as to the Young People's Societies actually existing within the Church is approximately correct, namely, about 1200. The great majority of the societies reporting, namely, 783, are Christian Endeavor, which number includes 33 Junior Christian Endeavor. There are 17 Young People's Home Missionary Societies and 7 Boys' Brigades. In the Presbyteries of Pictou, Sydney, Inverness, Mirimachi, Glengarry, Peterboro', Lindsay, Orangeville, Saugeen, Guelph, Algoma, Paris, Huron, Bruce, Melita, Portage la Prairie, Superior, Victoria, Edmonton and Kamloops—twenty in all, the Christian Endeavor Society, so far as appears, has the whole field. In the larger towns and cities especially variety is found. Associations of a more general sort than the Christian Endeavor constitution warrants exist, with sections devoted to literary work, the cultivation of music, etc. Some of these are large and successful.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total membership reported is 36,521, a decrease from last year of 1883. The average number of members in each society has also declined, and is now 39, as compared with 42 last year. The proportion of young men to young women has not varied greatly from the previous year. It is about 37 to 64. In the rural districts

there is a relatively larger number of young men in the societies, whilst in the towns and cities the number of young men is in some instances quite insignificant. The situation calls for grave consideration. It is clearly set forth in the report of the Presbytery of Hamilton, where "in ten or more societies the young men and young women are about equal. In several the number of young men is distressingly small, for example, ten young men to sixty young women, four young men to twenty-one young women, thirteen young men to forty-one young women, eight young men to thirty-three young women, twenty young men to sixty-six young women. The largest attendance of young men is in the country societies, and the smallest in the cities and towns. Unless some city societies solve more effectually the 'young man' problem, they will soon be simply Young Women's Societies of Christian Endeavor." The Committee is convinced that there is urgent need of seeking to carry out the recommendation of the last General Assembly, urging more diligent effort to bring a larger proportion of the young men into the societies and into active interest in the work of the Church.

In regard to the number of the members of the societies who are in full communion with the Church, several Presbyteries report a marked proportionate increase. In other cases the figures are far from encouraging. Altogether, as compared with last year, there has been an increase; for whilst the total number of members reported this year is 1,883 less than last year, the number of members in full communion with the Church is only 696 less.

The number of communicants reported is 3,832 less than the number of "active" members, which emphasizes the curious anomaly that in many societies of Christian Endeavour a proportion of those who have taken the "active member's" pledge, which involves a profession of their faith in Christ, have not made confession of Him at the Lord's Table. This state of things is much to be regretted, and demands careful scrutiny on the part of ministers and sessions. It ought to be mentioned, however, that in several instances the number of communicants is quite in excess of the number of "active" members.

For the great army of young people seeking through their societies better to serve their Lord and His Church, the Church cannot be too grateful. As one Presbytery remarks, "So far as can be judged, the members of these societies are among our most faithful and devoted young people, and they apply themselves with commendable diligence and zeal to the work in hand."

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The total contributions of the societies is less than last year, being \$29,303, as against \$34,181, a decline of \$4,878, and a lowering of the average per society from \$38 to only a little above \$29.

Young People's Societies do not exist primarily for the raising of money, and it is not to be forgotten that a considerable proportion of the members of these societies contribute in other ways to the work of the congregation and to missions. But it is also true that an increasing number of the young people are money earners, and that a vigorous organization is likely to express itself in effort as well as in study or prayer. The call, too, from the perishing world, is so clamant that it is difficult to understand how any society can content itself with self-improvement alone. Besides, there are few methods of maintaining and increasing the life of the society equal to practical work.

It is very gratifying that, whilst the total givings have been so much reduced, the amount given to the Schemes of the Church has not fallen off much. The Schemes received almost 50 per cent. of the whole givings, namely \$12,681. Of this, Home

Missions, as last year, received the largest share, namely \$5,514; Foreign Missions, \$5,009. The amount given to Augmentation is about double that of last year, namely \$465. The givings to French evangelizations also show a slight increase, whilst to the other funds, with the exception of the Colleges, which received \$223, the sums are little more than nominal.

The contributions from the societies in the Presbyteries of Lanark and Renfrew and London to Home Missions are worthy of special remark. In these Presbyteries a larger number of Young People's Home Missionary Societies are found than elsewhere.

No scheme of the Church has been entirely neglected, and the Committee would reiterate the opinion previously expressed that a knowledge on the part of the young people of ALL the Schemes of the Church, sympathy with them all and contributions towards them all, however small—NO BLANKS—is the true ideal. To follow this persistently for ten years, by which time the present generation of young people will have matured and become largely responsible for the working of the congregations, will be to solve the difficult problem of the less popular Schemes.

MEETINGS AND WORK.

There is not much that is new in the methods of conducting meetings or in regard to work done. Almost all the societies undertake practical efforts of some sort. Various ingenious ways of helping are reported. Much stress should be laid on the importance of the responsibility of each member of the society for the success of every meeting and upon each society's engaging in some form of active work. Even in the quietest community opportunities for lending a helping hand occur, and the call from great mission fields never rests.

THE PLAN OF STUDY FOR 1898

Was in detail as follows:—

For Doctrine.—A question from the Shorter Catechism for each meeting, the question to be recited in concert and a short address or paper given on some chief point in it. The questions taken up, viz.: Ques. 1-38, are those set down for the Sabbath Schools also.

For Polity, History and Work.

SOME BOOKS, FIELDS AND MEN.

FOR WEEK BEGINNING

- January 9—The New Book of Praise; what it contains and how to make the most of it.—Psalm 148.
 February 13—Early Pioneers of the Home Mission Field.—Matt. 10, 1-16.
 March 13—The Shorter Catechism, its makers, merits and influence.—Deut. 6, 1-15.
 April 17—McKay of Formosa.—Matt. 10, 16-28.
 May 8—The Scottish Covenanters.—Rev. 7, 9-17.
 June 12—What the school has done in our French work.—Eph. 1, 15-23; 1 Tim. 2, 1-6.
 July 10—Our three Home Missionary Superintendents and their Fields.—Luke 24, 45-52.
 August 14—What our Church teaches on Baptism.—Matt. 28, 16-20; Acts 10, 43-48.
 Sept'ber 11—Our Own Presbytery, its strength, its work, its Young People's Societies.—1 Cor. 12, 12-24
 27-31.
 October 9—The Genesis and Growth of the Augmentation Scheme.—2 Cor. 8, 9-15.
 Nov'ber 13—John Geddie, our First Foreign Missionary.—Isa. 60.
 Dec'ber 11—The Congregation; what the young people may do for it.—Deut. 31, 9-13; 1 Tim. 4, 12-16.

The plan has apparently not made very rapid headway, only 349 societies reporting its use. This, however, is an increase of 59 on last year. In some Presby-

teries in the central portion of the Church all the societies use the Plan. As before, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour topic cards containing the Plan of Study were issued, as also booklets with daily readings throughout the year. The publishing of these was taken in charge by The Record, to which the thanks of the Committee are due; 10,766 copies of the topic card and 8,157 of the booklets have been sold. Where used, the Plan of Study has been spoken of in the highest terms. It has also commended itself strongly to Synods and Presbyteries, which have, almost without exception, pressed its adoption upon the societies.

An impression seems to have found place in some quarters that the Plan of Study is out of harmony with the general spirit of the Christian Endeavour movement. Nothing could be further from the fact. After the issue of the Plan of Study last fall, a copy of it was sent by your Convener to the Rev. Dr. Clark, the "Father" of Christian Endeavour and his opinion asked in regard to it. The following reply was received, which ought to set at rest any latent objections in the minds of Christian Endeavourers as to the aim or effect of the Plan of Study:

"It seems to me that it is an admirable Plan in every respect, and I do not see how it could well be improved. I should think that Christian Endeavour Societies everywhere would wish to take it up. I am glad to see from your letter how thoroughly you appreciate the genius of Christian Endeavor and see that its object is to work in and with the denominations for the Church of which it is a part. I am glad that your Church is indoctrinating your Endeavour Societies in the Shorter Catechism and these other Topics which should be familiar to your young people."

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The thanks of the Committee are due to the various writers who have aided the Convener in supplying Helps upon these topics through the columns of The Record, and the Committee note with gratification that various papers in more or less close relation to the Church have also treated the topics from month to month.

A valuable contribution to the carrying out of the Plan was made by the late Rev. Dr. A. W. McLeod, of Thorburn, N.S., in his little booklet entitled "Our Own Church," an excellent manual which might well be kept up from year to year as useful not only to the Young People's Societies but for general information

THE CHILDREN.

At the meeting of the Committee last September, the instruction of Assembly to consider whether some Plan of Study might not be devised for the use of the children in junior organizations was discussed. There was a general feeling that, in some way, the interest of the children, of say between the ages of ten and fifteen, should be drawn out towards the actual practical work of the Church. Already the mission bands in connection with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, where such exist, are training the girls, and in some cases the boys, in the direction indicated; but in the case of a very large number of the children, and especially of the boys, no specific effort is made to lead them to understand that they have any share in or responsibility for such practical work. Every parent knows that the children of the family like something to do, like to feel that they have a part with the older members of the family, and the various ways in which they are called upon to help in house or farm or shop have not a little to do with their interest in the family life and their preparedness for the more serious duties which come Ly-and-by. The Sabbath School supplies excellent Biblical instruction. The Endeavour and other Young People's Societies take up the practical side of the Christian life. But there

is a period before the children are yet old enough for these societies, when, if some means could be employed to elicit their interest in, for example, the missionary work of the Church, they would be prepared for active effort in the societies by-and-by, and, in many cases would be prevented from drifting out of sympathy with the Church and its work, as too many, especially of the boys and young men, now do. The whole problem is surrounded with difficulty, and the Boys' Brigade, the Junior Endeavour Society, Boys' Mission Bands, and so on, are various experiments towards its solution. It is a matter worthy of most earnest attention. Possibly some such plan as that adopted for the older societies, especially adapted to the younger people, and which might be used in the Sunday School or family or the junior organizations, as the case might be, might be found feasible.

PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETIES.

To the seventeen Presbyterian organizations existing last year one has been added, viz., in the Presbytery of Quebec, and one in the Presbytery of Chatham. All the Presbyteries of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, except the Presbyteries of Kingston and Algoma have Presbyterian organizations, and all except Stratford in the Synod of Hamilton and London. A large portion of the territory of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces is so wholly Presbyterian that the County Christian Endeavour Unions are held to cover the field pretty fully. A presbyterian society, however, is in process of formation in the Presbytery of Yarmouth and Lunenburg, and the matter is under discussion in the Presbytery of Halifax. In the Presbytery of New Westminster in the Synod of British Columbia a useful convention of the young people was held during the year, but the time for organization did not appear as yet to have come.

All the Presbyterian societies, so far as known, have held conventions during the year. These are said to have proved valuable in drawing the young people of the various congregations together and in stimulating their interest especially in the work of our own Church.

A number of the Presbyterian organizations are also directly engaged in practical work. That of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew is a Young People's Home Missionary Society, and unites the young people of the Presbytery in support of Home Missions. The Peterboro Presbyterian promises \$250 annually for an ordained missionary in the Minnedosa Presbytery, and that of Whitby supports a missionary in Glenora in the Northwest. Under the Toronto Presbyterian, Dr. Percy Leslie, now a missionary in Honan, did two months' valuable work in visiting the societies of the Presbytery in the interests of missions. Orangeville Presbyterian is encouraging the formation of new societies. Owen Sound engages to support a missionary in the Indian Peninsula. Barrie is raising \$400 for mission work within the Presbytery. The Guelph Presbyterian is providing \$50 for an augmented charge within its own bounds. Arrangements have been made in the Hamilton Presbyterian and partly carried out for the visitation of each society for direction and encouragement. The Huron Presbyterian was hoping to arrange for some practical work at its convention in May. The Maitland Presbyterian has recommended its societies to assist in the Klondike Mission, and the Sarnia Presbyterian has appointed a committee to plan for united action in missionary offerings.

ORGANIZATION IN NEW TERRITORY.

The Committee at its fall meeting gave considerable attention to the desirability of extending the organization of young people's work, especially in the newer dis-

tricts, and Rev. A. Gandier was appointed to give special attention to this matter in the Maritime Provinces; Rev. W. S. McTavish, in Ontario and Quebec; Rev. R. G. McBeth, in Manitoba and the North-west Territories, and Rev. E. D. McLaren, in British Columbia. Mr. McLaren handed over his commission to the Rev. J. A. Logan, of Eburne.

Mr. Gandier reports having held a conference with the student catechists who had been in the field or expected to go to it. He found that during the summer seven new societies had been organized in mission stations occupied by the catechists. These young missionaries were urged to organize societies wherever practicable, and undertook to do so. As an example of what may be done—in a mission field to which the same catechist had gone for three successive summers, there are now four senior and three junior societies in the four preaching stations. Such societies in mission fields have given valuable service in maintaining religious ordinances during the winter season, when no missionary was at hand.

The Rev. Mr. McTavish reports correspondence with Rev. Mr. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions in the Algoma district, and with the committees of the various Presbyteries and the officers of Presbyterial societies, in addition to communications sent to the Church papers. Mr. McTavish also addressed the students of Queen's College, Knox College, and the Presbyterian College, Montreal. In each case the student body passed a cordial resolution of sympathy with the effort, and promised to do what they could to make it successful in their various mission fields. Through Mr. McTavish and the students a considerable quantity of literature helpful to the formation of Young People's Societies was distributed.

The Rev. Mr. Love, of Quebec, at Mr. McTavish's suggestion, brought the matter before the students of Morrin College, Quebec.

In the North-west the Rev. Mr. McBeth took steps similar to those taken by Mr. Gandier and Mr. McTavish, as also the Rev. Mr. Logan in British Columbia.

Dr. Robertson, the Missionary Superintendent, has expressed himself as in cordial sympathy with the effort, and says that whilst over a good part of the West organization is impracticable, owing to the sparse settlement and long distances, at all centres much can be done.

It is too soon to expect any large direct result, but already the organization of some new societies has been reported. An interesting instance of how the young people's work may be carried on in a new field is afforded by the experience of the Rev. Mr. Dickey at Skaguay. Even in the midst of that floating population it was found possible to hold stated meetings throughout the whole winter on the Christian Endeavour model. The attendance ran from fifteen to forty and the meetings proved of value.

GENERAL CONVENTION.

A sub-committee was appointed at the September meeting of the Committee to consider the advisability and practicability of holding a large general convention of Presbyterial young people. No report has been received from this Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In conclusion the Committee beg to submit the following recommendations for adoption by the Assembly:

1. That, the Assembly express its appreciation of the zeal of the young people and their loyalty to the Church, as well as of the efforts made through their various organizations to deepen spiritual life and help forward congregational work and the great Schemes of the Church.

2. That, in view of the importance of full and accurate information in regard to the Young People's Societies, ministers and sessions be urged to see that adequate reports are sent promptly to conveners.

3. That the Assembly, whilst gratified by the increased vigor of the young people's work in many places, would regard with concern any indication of indifference on the part of the young people, either as to the purely spiritual objects of their societies or as to their practical work, and would urge upon sessions to give all possible encouragement, as there may be need and opportunity.

4. That the Committee seek further to promote the organization of the young people's work, especially in the mission fields, through the agency of Presbyteries, Presbyterial Young People's Societies, Missionary Superintendents and the Missionaries on the ground.

5. That the Assembly express satisfaction with the general outline of the Plan of Study issued by the Committee, and the extensive use into which the Plan has come, and authorize its continuance, with such new topics for the coming year as the Committee may find suitable.

6. That the Committee be instructed further to consider whether some similar Plan might not be devised for the use of the children in junior organizations, and to issue such plan, if deemed practicable.

7. That ministers, Sessions and Young People's Societies be specially reminded of the urgent need of seeking to bring a larger proportion of the young men into the membership of the societies and an active interest in the work of the Church.

8. That the recommendation of previous Assemblies of the young people in regard to moneys be reiterated, viz: (a) To adopt some systematic and voluntary method of raising funds. (b) To give the foremost place to the support of work connected with their own congregation, and to the great missionary, educational and benevolent Schemes of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. DOUGLAS FRASER,

Convener.

June, 1898.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES, 1897.

PRESBYTERIES.	MEMBERSHIP.						CONTRIBUTIONS.												Is there a 'Presbyterian' Society?			
	Number of Active Members.	Number of Associate or other Members.	Total Number of Members.	Number of Members (a) Young Men. (b) Young Women.	Junior Societies, Number of (a) Boys. (b) Girls.	Number of Members, Full Communion with Church.	Running Expenses.	Congregational Objects.	Home Missions.	Augmentation.	French Evangelization.	Foreign Missions.	Colleges.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	Widows and Orphans.	Assembly Expense Fund.	Total for CHURCH.	Other Objects.		Total for ALL purposes.	Adopted "Plan of Study" for 1898.	
<i>Synod of the Maritime Provinces.</i>																						
Truro	51	1217	510	1757	493	867	62	99	1168	247	76	272	18	112	296	17	82	742	140	935	11	
Sydney	16	362	112	474	188	210	46	89	317	60	68	82			33		82	164	19	300	6	
Inverness	15	254	254	508	188	208	5	6	233	110	40	21			4		33	38	19	257	1	
Halifax	53	1179	530	1881	592	1040	12	103	1075	255	431	305		95	196		115	836	59	1717	11	
Wallace	25	536	345	931	199	365	32	74	501	130	57	107					115	223	47	437	6	
Pictou	42	910	515	1455	536	884	55	95	903	322	71	107	2		359		115	778	91	1171	20	
Prince Edward Island	52	1185	736	2123	820	1084	30	71	1081	217	348	86	3		219		115	343	18	1222	7	
Lunenburg and Yarmouth	11	259	110	409	139	279		75	256	18	171	35			51		115	86	9	232	2	
St. John	39	626	370	1296	246	624	44	75	387	180	317	107	11	109	74		115	287	10	1012	3	
Miramichi	21	257	216	503	149	285			357	180	317	107	11	109	74		115	287	10	1012	3	
	325	6885	3758	11400	3540	5906	406	610	6417	1601	1816	1148	34	320	1806	17		3631	696	7738	83	
<i>Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.</i>																						
Quebec	16	357	116	473	91	210	3	5	295	45	162	13	6	3	79	3	2	138	85	430	1	
Montreal	11	322	195	497	139	268			246	186	154	16	10	146			82	261	54	391	4	
Glengary	4	153	93	246	55	133	32	83	386	90	46	137	25	51	27		16	456	71	663	8	
Ottawa	4	153	93	246	55	133	32	83	386	90	46	137	25	51	27		16	456	71	663	8	
Lanark and Renfrew	20	440	274	698	185	497	33	98	571	206	219	759	107	60	59		10	985	142	1585	9	
Brockville	12	274	470	698	185	497	33	98	571	206	219	759	107	60	59		10	64	151	597	8	
	82	1555	879	3310	918	1672	188	256	1730	714	797	908	151	124	568	3	28	3014	503	4083	30	
<i>Synod of Toronto and Kingston.</i>																						
Kingston	16	311	160	597	130	286	42	89	300	179	257	38	3	53			5	104	30	517	8	
Peterborough	19	366	218	667	159	369	16	6	256	41	134	183	11	2			2	130	107	454	12	
Whitby	16	315	166	535	135	319	14	11	286	35	163	136	4	1	20	5	1	159	30	377	6	
Lindsay	15	322	245	567	190	354			307	41	15	56	3				1	157	25	241	11	
Toronto	47	2103	427	2830	1522	251	284	1017	502	572	173	11	108	476	12	5		785	225	2084	16	
Orangeville	20	408	361	769	290	463			496	80	22	2	22	4	123		5	159	19	300	6	
Barrie	34	719	589	1328	532	742	10	12	715	130	213	210	3	1	71	30	2	357	53	733	8	
Algoma	7	136	73	209	48	112	31	5	112	28	29	25	7				5	37	10	104	4	
	25	413	245	746	297	430	17	39	521	83	43	186	3	7	21	4	1	214	28	368	15	
Owen Sound	18	508	370	878	115	106			757	181	102	145	4	1	11	2	1	277	130	718	10	

25	413	245	746	297	430	17	39	521	83	43	186	3	7	21	4	1	1	214	28	368	15
18	508	370	878	115	106			757	181	102	145	4	1	11	2	1	1	277	130	718	10

20	408	361	789	290	463	196	80	22	4	125	1	30	3	2	159	19	260	6	1
31	719	589	1328	532	742	10	12	715	130	210	5	71	30	3	357	53	753	8	1
7	136	73	206	18	112	31	5	112	28	29	25	1	1	1	37	10	104	4	1

25	413	243	796	297	430	17	39	524	83	43	186	3	21	4	214	28	368	15	1				
18	508	370	878	115	166	...	40	487	175	239	156	5	3	51	2	190	49	1821	19	1			
19	688	260	958	308	601	27	47	747	181	102	145	4	112	11	277	120	718	10	1				
286	6599	3162	10131	3376	5544	368	497	5025	1367	1179	1251	60	124	102	2189	684	6303	102	9				
44	1330	518	1848	429	943	188	270	953	322	389	277	30	41	212	25	619	411	1671	18	1			
19	577	394	941	281	651	51	40	487	175	239	156	5	3	51	2	219	49	1821	19	1			
31	1141	246	1940	588	937	4	38	881	293	413	568	77	15	212	30	3001	133	1627	1	1			
16	277	174	451	150	250	...	...	317	71	239	98	35	7	68	...	211	136	457	2	1	
5	524	588	383	302	378	...	...	343	71	170	92	10	33	143	...	281	15	647	16	1	
21	731	527	1324	392	748	...	...	448	149	234	121	12	15	33	...	222	72	486	8	1	
16	402	388	297	25	173	...	...	130	104	82	107	9	15	28	...	128	15	304	1	1	
4	474	371	971	355	723	...	...	130	104	82	107	9	15	28	...	128	15	304	1	1	
36	652	682	1377	350	466	43	88	600	129	231	188	16	78	118	10	428	136	922	15	1			
252	5587	3158	9104	2754	5163	286	433	5011	1362	1715	1743	194	197	1210	92	11	3551	1066	7847	162	8		
5	105	49	154	50	104	9	15	88	36	78	53	3	5	2	...	31	18	166	...	...	
10	197	71	363	126	179	...	...	57	102	50	32	3	30	106	...	144	8	304	3	...	
7	126	125	251	89	129	...	...	100	36	50	32	3	30	106	...	67	54	137	2	...	
6	55	32	127	26	38	27	54	49	20	59	15	...	...	...	...	20	4	103	3	...
6	115	64	209	76	86	15	29	114	82	5	186	...	...	...	...	278	132	198	4	...
10	200	90	325	148	167	33	61	195	42	48	29	2	13	33	...	72	36	165	4	...			
9	62	42	154	35	42	6	8	52	7	125	...	...	...	...	...	29	4	165	1	...
4	16	11	30	10	10	5	4	11	9	9	11	73	5	2	...	9	17	30	2	...			
8	104	66	170	49	65	40	39	93	11	73	5	2	2	2	...	473	273	1733	18	...			
65	1910	543	1683	109	817	134	227	707	370	338	310	7	85	162	5	21	...	...	...	...
6	61	45	122	...	...	...	...	55	4	13	65	9	46	20	...	150	...	167	3	...
4	47	48	95	36	56	...	...	45	7	2	5	...	...	...	...	10	10	29	4	...
5	64	46	112	31	34	...	...	68	77	32	...	...	...	...	...	17	182	308	2	...
13	282	128	438	75	159	94	60	174	441	46	71	3	5	189	10	...	279	163	929	1	...		
5	92	31	123	48	75	...	...	80	66	130	6	4	...	...	...	37	33	366	1	...
33	496	338	890	190	327	94	60	420	565	223	150	16	5	261	30	2	493	388	1639	14	...		
443	22142	11838	36321	11387	19429	1506	2083	19310	3978	6768	5314	465	855	5049	223	33	40	12681	2610	23003	349	19	
919	22605	11945	38404	20006	6510	8158	5911	224	840	5463	282	36	13	150	13487	6225	34181	290	18
71	463	107	1863

* To be formed. ** Statistics of last year. † Decrease.
 : The young men and boys taken together last year numbered 11,979, and the young women and girls 20,236. Taken similarly this year, the numbers would be 12,893 male members, and 21,512 females, an increase of 914 and 1116 respectively.

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REPORT ON "PRESBYTERIAN RECORD" AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

To the Venerable the General Assembly :

At a meeting of the Committee held in the office of publication on the 20th May, 1898, the following Report of the Managing Editor was adopted for transmission to the General Assembly.

ROBERT H. WARDEN, D.D., *Convener.*

THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

The circulation of the *Presbyterian Record* for 1897 shows little change from the preceding year, the average monthly issue being about 47,000 copies. While the finances shew a favorable balance, changes, as indicated below, will considerably increase the expenditure in future.

The financial statement is as follows :—

Receipts.

1897.			
Jan. 1.	To Balance.....	\$9,965	12
Dec. 31.	To Receipts.....	10,889	05
		\$20,854	17

Expenditure.

1897.			
Dec. 31.	By Expenditure.....	\$8,870	88
Dec. 31.	By Balance.....	11,983	29
		\$20,854	17

Among the changes above referred to are :—(1) The new postal regulations, by which the *Record* will have to pay some \$400 annually for postage. (2) Enlargement, by addition of a colored cover, for which arrangements have been made, giving four pages additional of reading matter, or one-eighth more than at present, and costing about \$1,000 a year.

THE CHILDREN'S RECORD.

The average issue of the *Children's Record* has been about 24,500, a very slight increase on the previous report. The accounts for the year shew :—

Receipts.

1897.			
Jan. 1.	To Balance.....	\$2,486	98
Dec. 31.	To Receipts.....	2,725	31
		\$5,212	29

Expenditure.

1897.			
Dec. 31.	By Expenditure.....	\$2,498	94
Dec. 31.	By Balance.....	2,713	35
		\$5,212	29

The balance, though small, is on the right side, but the new postal regulations, and a change in composition that may be found necessary, will increase the expenditure.

S. S. LESSON HELPS.

The resolution of last Assembly, that the Committee of the *Presbyterian Record* be requested to undertake the work of publishing the S. S. supplies, and carry it on under the control of the Editor of the *Record*, from January, 1898, has been carried out.

The initial difficulties of organizing and carrying on this new and unaccustomed work have been neither few nor small. Experience, that relentless teacher, has been in stern mood, and her winter semester will not soon be forgotten.

In the following statement of the present circulation and of that reported to last Assembly, the numbers of the *Senior and Intermediate Quarterlies*, and *Leaflets*, of last year are combined and compared with the *Senior Quarterly and Leaflet* of the current year.

	1897.	1898.
The Teacher's Monthly.....	4,920	5,873
The Primary Leaflet.....	6,704	8,872
The Senior Leaflet.....	28,033	30,181
The Primary Quarterly.....	3,399	4,974
The Senior Quarterly.....	17,559	25,169
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Total.....	60,615	75,069

Any statement regarding finances must be at best approximate, but the prospects are that the receipts for the year will cover the cost.

FOR Y. P. SOCIETIES.

At the request of the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies, a *Topic Card* and *Booklet* have been published from this office; the former containing the "Uniform" Topics, the Monthly Topics of the Plan of Study, and Questions of the Shorter Catechism for each meeting throughout the year; the latter containing, in addition, Daily Readings for the whole year. Of the *Topic Cards* there have been sold nearly ten thousand, and of the *Booklets* a little over ten thousand.

To the finding of last Assembly, approving of removal to Toronto if the publications could there be issued more advantageously, careful consideration has been given. Tenders were received from Toronto which the Committee decided would be more advantageous; but a change in the number of publications, making new tenders necessary, the advantage, so far as finances was concerned, was reversed, and no change has thus far been made.

E. SCOTT, *Editor and Manager.*

MONTREAL, *May 20, 1898.*

I have audited the books and accounts of the *Presbyterian Record* and *Children's Record*, for the year 1897, and have found them correct.

S. J. TAYLOR.

MONTREAL, *May 20, 1898.*

REPORT OF HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

Since the last meeting of the General Assembly it has pleased God to remove from among the members of the Hymnal Committee the Rev. John Jenkins, D.D., LL.D., who died in London, England, on the 12th of last April, in the 85th year of his age. Besides the many other valuable services which, during his lengthened life, he was enabled to render to the cause of Christ, in whose more immediate presence we believe he is now rejoicing, he took an active and effective part in the work of the Hymnal Committee. During the first eight years of its existence he was the senior joint-convenor of the Committee and in this capacity presided over its meetings with dignity, suavity and tact, while, in the selection of hymns he displayed fine taste and wise discrimination. His removal to England deprived the Committee of his presence at its meetings, but he still continued to take a deep interest in its work. During the last few years, especially, he rendered important services in connection with the publication of the Book of Praise in the way of helping to secure the use of copyright tunes and hymns in conferences with the delegates sent to England to superintend the printing and publication of the Book. With the bereaved partner of his life and the members of the family the Committee record their deep sympathy, and their earnest prayer that the God of all consolation may comfort them in their bereavement and bestow upon them the best blessings both for time and for eternity.

Soon after the meeting of last Assembly several editions of the Book of Praise, with and without tunes, were published by the Oxford University Press and simultaneously placed on the market throughout the Dominion. The paper, printing and binding of all these editions were in the highest degree satisfactory to the Committee, and the Book has been highly appreciated, not only by our people generally, but also by members of other churches and in other lands.

The whole number of copies of the Book issued and sold by the Oxford Press during nine months, ending on the 30th March was 366,100. These were of several sizes of type, many styles of binding, and various prices and some were bound with entire copies of the Bible. The following is a list of the copies sold according to the different sizes of type :

Small type (Ruby 24mo.), words only.....	232,474
Medium type (Long Primer 24mo.), words only....	72,957
Large type (Pica 8mo.), words only.....	16,813
Small size, music edition.....	14,351
Large size, do.....	29,505
	366,100

Of the 232,474 copies in small type there were 60,536 eight cent Sabbath school copies.

In the preparation of the Book of Praise a large expenditure was needed for payment of printing, travelling, the use of copyright tunes and hymns and other matters. In this way not only were the profits from the sales of the old Hymnal during the last few years entirely absorbed, but a debt of several thousand dollars had to be incurred. A year ago the debt was so large that misgivings were entertained as to its speedy liquidation. Happily, however, these misgivings have vanished in consequence of the royalty on nine months' sales, received from the Oxford Press, of the large sum of \$11,904.71. The treasurer was thus enabled to pay all liabilities, while a respectable surplus remained to be otherwise disposed of.

In the disposal of the surplus the Committee recommend that \$6,000 should be devoted to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and the Widows' and Orphans' Funds in the following way:

FOR CURRENT YEAR'S PAYMENTS.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	\$1,000 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	500 00

FOR ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	3,000 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	1,500 00

If these allotments are made there will still remain a balance of \$829.81 in the treasurer's hand which may be held in reserve or used for various purposes during the ensuing year.

Regarding the preparation of a new revised metrical version of the Book of Psalms which has been undertaken by committees of Presbyterian Churches in the United States in cooperation with a committee from our Church the Hymnal Committee can at present do little more than report progress. They understand that nothing formal has been done as to inviting the cooperation of British Churches, and that during the year there has been no general meeting of the committees now engaged in the work of revision. The members of these committees, they further understand, are separately at work on the revision of Rouse's version and in studiously considering any new versions to be added. On this and other matters the Committee may submit a supplementary report to the Assembly when it meets in June.

Subjoined is the treasurer's financial statement.

WILLIAM GREGG, CONVENER.

TORONTO, May, 1898.

HYMNAL COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH W. B. McMURRICH.

Receipts.

May 5, 1897, To balance	\$ 213 70
" Cash from Dr. Warden	150 00
" Royalty on books sold	6,251 87
May 1, 1898, " do do	5,632 64
" Refund on exchange	20 00
" Interest on deposits to 1st May.	10 56
	<u>\$12,278 77</u>
" Balance	<u>\$6,829 61</u>

Expenditure.

By Expenses of Committee	\$ 9 50
" Expenses of delegates at Philadelphia re revision of the Psalter	80 50
" Interest on promissory notes outstanding paid Rev. Dr. Warden	128 56
" Amounts paid out as per resolution of General Assembly :—	
Rev. Dr. Grégg	\$250 00
" Dr. Somerville	250 00
" A. McMillan	250 00
	<u>750 00</u>
" Expenses paid out as per resolution of Committee :—	
Rev. Dr. Somerville	\$90 00
" A. McMillan	90 00
	<u>180 00</u>
" J. O. Anderson, Edinburgh, for services in revising proof of the musical edition	164 10
Publisher's Disbursements :—	
Editor's alterations	\$242 50
Copies supplied to authors	89 84
Cards with same	6 06
Cables to Toronto	39 76
Removal of condemned pages, alteration in music, etc.	127 53
	<u>505 69</u>
Retiring promissory notes given for amounts borrowed from Rev. Dr. Warden	\$2,000 00
do do	1,000 00
do do	200 00
do do	150 00
	<u>3,350 00</u>
McMurrich, Coatsworth, Hodgins & Co., costs re specifications and agreement with publishers	\$30 00
Bond to Dr. Warden	7 50
Copyright expenses	34 50
	<u>72 00</u>
W. B. McMurrich, special counsel fee re copyright	100 00
Sundry expenses, with Book of Praise going through the press, cables, etc., printing Assembly minutes, exchange, etc., auditing	88 52
Postage	20 29
Balance	6,829 61
	<u>\$12,278 77</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

*To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met in
Montreal, June, 1898.*

Reserving to a later part of this report such remarks as may be suggested by its contents generally, or by any special features that may present themselves, your Committee would begin with a detailed examination of the replies received through Presbyteries, from Congregations and Mission Stations to the questions that were issued on the first day of November last. In making this detailed examination they are adopting the course pursued in former reports, and, as has been done in them, they will in this begin with the STATISTICS, and then proceed to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, taking the order from east to west, and comparing the year with which they are more immediately dealing with the one immediately preceding, so that there will be the opportunity of noting in what particulars, and to what extent, there has been an increase or decrease in any of the items mentioned, and what progress the Church has been making.

STATISTICS.

SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

In turning, first, to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, your Committee observe that one Presbytery, which it formerly comprised, has not yet resumed its place among the others on its roll, namely, that of Newfoundland. It will be remembered that the last occasion on which it appeared in the report on Statistics was for the year ending with December, 1895, the number of its pastors and charges having so diminished that it ceased to exist. It was hoped then that it would soon be resuscitated. That hope is now stronger than ever. Reports, public and private, speak of a revival in business in Newfoundland; of greater attention being called to the internal resources of the Island, and the opening up of communication from one point in it to another. An increase of inhabitants may be anticipated, and among these a number of Presbyterians. These will contribute to the invigoration of old congregations, and the formation of new ones; and this result will be followed by the re-establishment of the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

TRURO is the first Presbytery in the Synod to command attention. Its history during the year shows unprecedented prosperity. The number of churches and stations receiving pastoral supply is 67, giving an increase on the foregoing year of 25, and the number of sittings in these is 16,220, an increase of 3,700.

Families have risen from 1,926 to 2,638, an increase of 712; single persons from 420 to 578, an increase of 158; and communicant members from 3,988 to 5,517, an increase of 1,529.

The additions on personal profession mark a falling off of 96, the whole number being only 111, not an average of 2 to each church or station, and, indicative to some extent of a want of spiritual quickening, or effectiveness in the administration of the means of grace, while the additions on certificate were 133, or 41 more than for the foregoing year. The removals were altogether 243, against 158 the former year, of whom 108 were by death, an increase of 52; 101 by certificate, 32 fewer than were added but an increase on 1896 of 33; without certificate 32, an increase of 2; and by discipline 2, a decrease of 2.

Baptism was administered to 234 persons, 213 of these, an increase of 76, being infants, and 21, a decrease of 32, being adults.

In the number of Ruling Elders, 180, there is an increase of 40, but the figures cannot fail to make us think that the congregations must be badly equipped with this most important staff of Presbyterian organization, as there are fewer than three to each of them.

"Other office bearers," whether Managers or Deacons numbered 216, an increase of 84 on the previous year.

There was an increase of 707 in those attending the weekly prayer meeting, the full number being 2,492, an average of less than 40 for each church and station.

The attendance at Sabbath School and Bible Class numbered 1,345, an increase of 1,487 on the previous year, and, supposing that each place of worship has one of these, giving an average

of between 60 and 70. These scholars were under the active care of 520 teachers and others, an increase of 176, thus allowing an average of nearly 8 to each one.

There were 9 Missionary Associations, 1 fewer than in 1896; 31 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, an increase of 15; 51 Christian Endeavor Societies, being 15 of an increase; numbering 1,927 members, or 609 of an increase.

Mansees numbered 19, or 6 of an increase; Rented Houses 0, that gives one of a decrease; 1 church was built.

SYDNEY PRESBYTERY.—Stations and Churches in these bounds remained the same in 1897 that they were in 1896, namely 41. There was an increase, however, of 880 in the sitting accommodation which they afforded, and which was for 14,628 persons. There was an increase of 40 in the 2,539 families, but a decrease of 13 in single persons, 114. In the number of communicants, 2,633, there was likewise an increase of 24, and an increase of 205 in those added on their own profession and of 9 on those added on certificate, the figures for each being 498 and 56. The removals were, by death, 54, an increase of 16; by certificate 61, a decrease of 4; without certificate 44, an increase of 17, and by discipline 0 against 1 in the former year.

Three hundred and thirteen infants, being an increase of 30, and 49 adults, 13 of an increase, were baptized.

The number of those occupying an official position was 155 Ruling Elders, an increase of 3, and 186 other office bearers, an increase of 7.

Weekly prayer meetings were attended by 2,302 worshippers, being 68 fewer than in 1896; Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes by 3,075, an increase of 136, and these were under the active care of 269 teachers and others, a decrease of 25.

In the congregations in the bounds there are only 2 Missionary Associations, 1 fewer than the previous year; 8 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, being 2 of an increase; 8 Christian Endeavor, 3 of a decrease, and 3 Home Mission, 1 increase. The total membership of the Christian Endeavor and Young People's and kindred organizations, was 545, an increase of 54.

There was 1 Manse more, 14, and 1 Rented House fewer, in 1896 than in 1897, so that the provisions made for ministers was the same in extent both years. No Churches nor Mansees were built during the year.

In the Presbytery of Inverness the number of Churches and Stations is the same, 24, for each year, but the sitting accommodation provided has increased by 85, being now adequate for 7,540 persons. The number of families claiming connection with these places of worship and under the pastoral oversight of those in charge of them was 1,506, a decrease of 10; of single persons, 32, a decrease of 59, and of members in full communion, 1,533, an increase of 51.

Those added to the communion roll on their own profession were 93, an increase of 19, and on certificate 17, an increase of 12. On the other hand 40, an increase of 13, were removed by death; 43, an increase of 31, by certificate; and 11, an increase of 8, without certificate. Thus leaving a net gain of 16 for the year.

Baptism was administered to 169 infants, an increase of 26, and to 35 adults, 18 of an increase. The number of Ruling Elders had fallen from 93 to 89, and of other office bearers from 128 to 121, while the attendance at the weekly prayer meeting, 1,437, had increased by 163. There were also increases in those attending Sabbath School and Bible Class of 128, the full number being 1,246, and on those engaged in Sabbath School work, of 25, the whole number being 173.

In the Presbytery there is no Missionary Association, the single one that existed the previous year having ceased; there were 12, an increase of 2, Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies; 18, an increase of 5, Christian Endeavor Societies, with a membership of 564, an increase of 215.

The number of Mansees, 10, and of Rented Houses 1, remains unchanged. Neither Church nor Manse was built in the bounds during the year.

In the Presbytery of HALIFAX, there is a striking falling off in almost every one of the items included in the Statistical Department, and the same thing will come up in the Financial Statement. This is accounted for by the transference of 9 ministers with their congregations by the action of Synod but no information is supplied as to particulars.

In the number of Churches and Stations, 67, there is a decrease of 35; and of sittings provided in these, 17,025, of 5,225; also of families, 2,547, of 869; of single persons, 863, of 295, and of communicants, 5,322, of 1,814. There were 143 fewer added in 1897 than in 1896; of these 125 on their own profession, and 18 on certificate, the figures for each in full being 354 and 130. The removals by death were 73, a decrease of 12; by certificate 123, a decrease of 46; without certificate 68, an increase of 17, and by discipline 0, as against 8 the previous year.

Persons baptized numbered 321, of whom 251, a decrease of 133, were infants, and 70, a decrease of 24 adults. In the eldership as reported, 176, there was a falling off of 56, and in other office bearers, 269, of 86, while those attending the weekly prayer meeting 2,116, had decreased by 348; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,714, by 1,294, and those engaged in Sabbath School work, 532, by 163.

The number of Missionary Associations, 7, remains the same; there is a decrease of 9 in Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 26; and of 14 in Christian Endeavor organizations, 38, not taking notice of kindred societies; and in the membership of these, 1,250, a decrease of 537.

There are 3 manse fewer in the later than in the former year, the full number being 20; rented houses remained the same figure, 1; 2 churches have been built, an increase of 1, and 1 manse, also an increase of 1.

WALLACE shows an increase of 11 in the number of churches and stations, these now amounting to 53. Sittings in these places for religious services have risen from 8,565 to 10,840, or an average of a little more than 200 for each of the places added. An increase of 100 has taken place in the number of families which are returned at 1,403; of 59 in that of single persons, 180, and of 338 in communicants, 2,002.

Communicants added during the year numbered 103, of whom 154 were on profession, an increase of 40, and 30 on certificate, an increase of 8. On the other hand the removals aggregated 100, of whom 53, an increase of 13, were by death, 65, an increase of 2, by certificate; and 42, a decrease of 7, without certificate.

Baptism was administered to 143 infants, increase 23, and 29, increase 3, adults. The Ruling Elders numbered 115, being 10 of an increase, and other office bearers only 88, and on these there has been an increase of 18. Some explanation appears to be required here, as this does not give an average of 2 Managers or Deacons to each charge.

Those attending weekly prayer meetings number 1,367, an increase of 212, or rather less than 20 for each of the additional charges, and those in Sabbath School and Bible Class 2,187, an increase of 379, an average to each such charge of fully 37; and an increase of 50 has been made to those engaged in Sabbath School work, who are altogether 267.

Missionary Associations in the bounds were 2 in each year; 1 has been added to Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, making the total 15; 10 to the Christian Endeavor organizations, which now number 25, and 289 to the membership of these, giving a total of 702.

There are now 11 manses provided for ministers, an increase of 3; while 1 church and 1 manse were built, the same as in the preceding year.

PICTON increased its Churches and Stations from 50 to 52, and the number of sittings from 21,300 to 22,100; its number of families from 3,426 to 3545, and of single persons from 435 to 837. Its communicant members are reported as 7,168, an increase of 245; and its additions during the year, 269 on their own profession, a decrease of 157; and on certificate 147, a decrease of 9. The removals aggregated 483, and of these 147, a decrease of 1, were by death; 158, a decrease of 12, by certificate; 31, a decrease of 21, without certificate, and 4, a decrease of 4, by discipline.

The sacrament of Baptism was administered to 357 infants, an increase of 53, and 19 adults, an increase of 2.

One was added to the number reported as Ruling Elders in 1896, making it 253; 9 to other office-bearers, making them 236.

Weekly prayer meetings had an average attendance of 3,415, being an increase of 123; Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes of 4,630, a decrease of 146; and those engaged in Sabbath School work numbered 444, a decrease of 15.

There are 6 Missionary Associations, 5 having been added to the 1 of the foregoing year; 15 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, an increase of 1; 37 Christian Endeavor Societies against 23, and 6 Young People's Societies in 1896, not to mention similar institutions, with a membership of 1,715, showing an increase of 171.

The manses stand at the same number, 31; there were no rented houses either year; 1 church was built in 1896; neither church nor manse in the year following.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND Presbytery reports show a decrease of 1 in the churches and stations enjoying pastoral privileges; an increase of 325 in the number of sittings, making these 21,495; a decrease of 329 in families, which now stand at 3,335; an increase of 3 in single persons, 258; and a decrease of 436 in those on the roll of communicant members, 5,804.

During the year 329 have been added to those previously in full communion, and of these, 277, an increase of 8, were on personal profession of their faith, and 52, a decrease of 9, on certificate. The removals were, by death 111, an increase of 11; by certificate 142, an increase of 44; without certificate 52, an increase of 29; and by discipline 3—none the previous year.

Four hundred and forty-two infants, an increase of 51, and 40 adults, an increase of 3, were baptized.

In the Ruling Eldership, which numbered 232, there was a decrease of 4; and in other office-bearers, 256, a decrease of 31.

At the services of the weekly prayer meeting the average attendance, which reached 3,356, there was a falling off of 139; in the Sabbath School and Bible Class, 4,630, a decrease of 146; and a decrease of 15 on those engaged in Sabbath School work, 444.

There were 6 Missionary Associations, an increase of 5; 15 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 1 of an increase; 37 Christian Endeavor Societies, with some kindred ones, against 23, and 6 Young People's Societies in 1896, with a membership of 1715, giving an increase of 171.

Thirty-one Manse are reported for each of the years; 1 Church was built in the former, neither Church nor Manse in the latter.

LUNenburg AND YARMOUTH.—This Presbytery had 40 Churches and Stations in 1800, and 30 in 1807; the sittings in these, 6,050, had decreased by 405; the number of families, 779, had increased by 63; of single persons, 450, had decreased by 126; and of communicants, 1,403, had increased by 91.

Of the 61 persons received into full membership, 40, a decrease on the previous year of 105, were on personal profession of their faith, and 12, an increase of 3, on certificate. Altogether the removals reached 54, of whom 19, a decrease of 15, were by death; 24, an increase of 13, by certificate; 10, a decrease of 15, without certificate, and 1 by discipline.

Seventy-eight infants were baptized, a decrease of 4; and 5 adults, a decrease of 5.

The number of Ruling Elders, 53, shows a reduction of 1; of other office bearers, 62, an increase of 7. There was an increase of 40 in the attendance on the weekly prayer meetings, 485; but a decrease of 328 on those attending Sabbath School and Bible Class, the figures for each year being 1,042 and 714, and of 1 in those engaged in Sabbath School work, 122.

There were 2 Missionary Associations, being 1 of an increase; 4 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 1 of an increase also; 9 Christian Endeavor Societies, the same as the year previous, with 274 members, an increase of 22.

During the year 2 Manse had been built, making the number 10. There were no rented houses and neither Church nor Manse was built, but one Church had been erected in 1806.

The Presbytery of St. JOHN is the largest in several respects in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, embracing 125 Churches and Stations, an increase of 20 on the foregoing year. In the returns from this Presbytery a distinction is made between Mission Stations and Mission Fields, and the former are ranked with pastoral charges, numbered consecutively after them, and as in their case, the name of the person engaged given.

In these 125 Churches and Stations supplied there is sitting accommodation for 22,000 worshippers, which shows an increase of 1,820. In the families connected with them, 3,003, there is an increase of 150; in single persons, more or less temporarily worshipping in them, 1,422, there is an increase of 489; and in members in full communion, 5,220, of 109.

There is a considerable decrease in the number of additions to the communicant's roll, 216, in the one year as compared with the other, 432 and 216 respectively, but an increase on those added on certificate of 30, the full number being 87. The removals by death were 91, an increase of 11; by certificate 72, a decrease of 24; without certificate 148, a decrease of 7; by discipline 0 in either year.

Three hundred and fifty-one persons were baptized, of whom 323, an increase of 39, were infants, and 28, a decrease of 42, adults.

To Ruling Elders there was an addition of 20, making their number 203, and to the other officers also of 20, making their number 303.

In those attending the weekly prayer meeting, 2,322, there was an increase of 211; Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, 5,196, of 200; and of those engaged in Sabbath School work, 670, of 70, showing advancement in each of these departments.

There are only six Missionary Associations in the bounds, a falling off of 3; with 28 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, an increase of 1; 27 Christian Endeavor, a decrease of 2, and some other kindred organizations. In these there is a membership of 1,370, an increase of 9.

Manse, 20, and Rented House, 1, remain the same both years. Neither Church nor Manse was built during the year.

In the Presbytery of Miramichi Mission Charges are separated from Mission Fields and ranked with Churches and Stations supposed to be under pastoral supervision. With these included the number of such Churches and Stations is 64, an increase of 9; and in them there is sitting accommodation provided for 11,146 worshippers, an increase of 365. In the entire number of families, 1,882, there is a decrease of 62; of single persons not belonging to the families with whom they reside, 257, an increase of 69; and on the communicants rolls of Sessions, 3,163, an increase of 149. The total additions to full membership were 145, of whom 119, a decrease of 239, were on profession of faith, and 26, a decrease of 24, on certificate.

Altogether the removals amounted to 168, of whom 62, an increase of 2, were by death; 59, a decrease of 51, by certificate; 53, an increase of 32, without certificate, and 3, an increase of 1, by discipline.

Baptism was administered to 280 infants, 58 of a decrease, and 28 adults, 10 of an increase.

There were 7 Ruling Elders, numbering altogether 125, in 1806 more than in 1807, and 9 other office-bearers fewer, 180.

In the number attending weekly prayer meetings, 1807, there were 102 of an increase; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 2,506, a falling off to the extent of 130; and of those specially occupying themselves in this department of Church work, 338, a decrease of 7.

There were 5 Missionary Associations, a decrease of 5; 12 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 4 of an increase; 20 Christian Endeavor Societies, an increase of 10, with 526 members, 217 of an increase.

In 1807 there was 1 Manse provided more than in 1800, making in all 17, but there was 1 Rented House fewer. 1 Manse but no Church was built during the year.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEREK.--In the number of Churches and Stations, 25, under stated pastoral supply, there has been one of an increase; and in that of sittings in these, 8,111, of 597; families, 1,381, have increased by 40; single persons, 324, by 02; and communicants, 2,358, by 30. Additions during the year have been 197, and of these, 142, a decrease of 3, have been on their own profession, and 55, an increase of 3, on certificate. Removals sum up to 178, and of these, 65, an increase of 24, have been by death; 84, an increase of 40, by certificate, and 20, a decrease of 0, without certificate. There have been no cases calling for discipline.

One hundred and seventy-four persons have been baptized, of whom 172, a decrease of 12, were infants, and 2, a decrease of 11, adults.

In the eldership there were 88 persons, an increase of 2, and of other office bearers there were 142, a decrease of 3. There was a falling off of 11 in those attending weekly prayer meetings, 917; an increase of 250 in attendance in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 2,304; and of 0 in those engaged in Sabbath School work, 238.

There were 8 Missionary Associations, an increase 2; 2 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in each of the years; 12 Christian Endeavor organizations in each, with a membership of 433 in 1807, an increase of 170.

The number of Manses was the same, 17, no Rented Houses; no Church nor Manse was built.

In the PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL there was a decrease from 72 to 67 in the Churches and Stations supplied; of 1,475 in the number of sittings, which made a total of 10,373; of 237 in that of families, 4,000; and of 188 in that of communicants, 9,721; while there was an increase of 3 in that of single persons, 1,605. The additions upon profession, 382, show a decrease of 78, and on certificate, 305, a decrease of 10. The removals were 140 by death, an increase of 24; by certificate 272, an increase of 16; without certificate 205, a decrease of 33; and by discipline 11, a decrease of 0.

Five hundred and eighty-eight infants, increase 45, and 20 adults, increase 11, were baptized.

There were 201 persons on the ruling eldership, an increase of 9; 351, a decrease of 21, ranked as Managers or Deacons; 1,530 attended the weekly prayer meeting, a decrease of 35; 6,838 the Sabbath School and Bible Class, a decrease of 48; and 850, an increase of 3, took an active interest in the instruction and encouragement of those thus assembling.

Missionary associations in the bounds numbered 16, a falling off of 1; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 21, a falling off also of 1. Christian Endeavor Societies 24, a decrease of 2, to take no notice of kindred organizations; while there was in membership in these 938, a decrease of 125.

There was 1 Manse more in 1807 than in 1800, the total being 22, and 2 Rented Houses fewer. Neither Church nor Manse was built, in the former year there were 3 of the former, and 1 of the latter.

GLENGARRY Presbytery shows an increase of 5, in the number, 38, of its Churches and Stations; a decrease of 150 in sitting accommodation, 12,227; an increase of 3 in its families, 1,605; of 24 in single persons, 430; and a decrease of 30 in its communicants, 3,734. During the year there was added 181, a decrease of 20, on their own profession; and 71, an increase of 0, on certificate; while the removals were 53, decrease 11, by deaths; 59, increase 6, by certificate; 20, increase 0, without certificate; and 4, increase 2, by discipline.

Two hundred and one infants, increase 31, and 10 adults, increase 3, were baptized.

There were in the different Churches and Stations 167 Ruling Elders, a decrease of 9; 202 other office bearers, an increase of 2; with 1,740, a decrease of 3, at the weekly prayer meetings; 2,901, an increase of 32, in Sabbath School and Bible Class, with 324, an increase of 10, in active work among them.

Missionary Associations numbered the same in each year, 6; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies had fallen from 22 to 20; Christian Endeavor Societies from 20 to 19, and the membership of these from 903 to 824.

There was an increase of 2 in the number of Manses, 19, while that of rented houses remained the same 2; neither church nor manse was built in 1807. In the foregoing year 2 churches were built.

In the Presbytery of OTTAWA, there was a decrease of 8 in the Churches and Stations, which now stands at 71; an increase of 1,305 in the accommodation, which is fitted up for 16,978 persons; of 176 in the number of families, 3,074; and of 1,210 in communicants, 6,275; while there is a decrease of 77 in single persons, 928.

The additions were 308, a decrease of 32, on profession; and 215, a decrease of 4, on certificate, while the removals aggregated 393 of whom 83, increase 8, were on profession; 181, increase 40, by certificate; 114, increase 47, without certificate; and 15, increase 12, by discipline.

Of the 419 persons baptised 405 were infants, 14 of a decrease, and 14 adults, 2 of a decrease.

In the eldership, numbering, 219 there was an increase of 23, and other office bearers, 304, of 20, but there were fewer by 53 attending the weekly prayer meeting, 1,787; and by 13, at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,003; with an increase of 97 in those engaged in Sabbath School work, 507.

There was no change in the number of Missionary Associations, 8; but an increase of 4, in Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, which now stand at 24; while Christian Endeavor Societies, 14, remain the same, with a membership of 617, a decrease of 42.

There were 23 Manses, increase 3, and 4 Rented Houses, increase 2, and 1 Church was built each year.

In 1806 there were 50 Churches and Stations in the presbytery of LANARK and RENFREW, and in 1807, there were 2 fewer, whereas the sitting accommodation has increased by 475, being sufficient for 15,382 persons; the number of families by 23, bringing it to 3,220; of single persons by 30, making the total 600; and the communicants by 37—giving a total of 6,878.

The additions to the communion rolls of the different sessions were 180 on profession, a decrease of 216, and on certificate, 135, a decrease of 25. In the removals by death, 98, there was a decrease of 3; but, by certificate, 160, an increase of 2; without certificate, 88, an increase of 40; and by discipline, 5, of 3.

In the number of baptisms there was a total decrease of 102, namely, infants 60, and adults 42, the totals being 335 and 15.

The Ruling Eldership numbered 223, a decrease of 5; and other office bearers, 344, a decrease of 12; the attendance at weekly prayer meeting, 2,220, a falling off to the extent of 300; at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 4,750, similarly of 888, and those engaged in Sabbath School work were reduced by 49, leaving the staff at 403.

There was no change in the number of Missionary Associations, 8, nor of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 32, while the Christian Endeavor Societies, 16, had increased by 1, and the membership of these, 1,008, by 22.

Manses had increased from 28 to 30, and the Rented House of 1806 disappears from the report for 1807. Two Churches were built, but no Manses, according to the returns, but there seems some wrong entry here.

The last Presbytery of the six in this Synod is BROCKVILLE, with 36 Churches and Stations, 1 more than last year; 8,208 sittings, a decrease of 2,250; 1,808 families, 103 of an increase; 313 single persons; 114 of an increase; and 2,931 communicants, 200 of a decrease. There were decreases in those added to full membership as follows: on 25 on their own profession, the actual number for the later year being 80, and of 2 on certificate, the full number being 50.

The removals aggregated 155, and of these 50 an increase of 6, were by death, 67, an increase of 7 by certificate; 34 without certificate, none such being reported for the foregoing year; and 4 by discipline, none the year before.

In the number of persons baptised there was a total decrease of 19, of whom 12 were infants, total 130, and 7 adults, total 2.

In the Ruling Eldership there were 114, a decrease of 22; and other office bearers aggregated 150, a decrease of 27. Weekly prayer meetings had an average attendance of 623, which were 33 fewer than the previous year; Sabbath School and Bible Class 2,066, giving 66 of a decrease, and those engaged in Sabbath School work, 245, giving 19 of a decrease.

Missionary Associations increased from 1 to 3, but Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies fell from 23 to 12; with 14 Christian Endeavor organizations, an increase of 4, with a membership of 443, an increase of 40.

There were 13 Manses, a decrease of 2, and 3 Rented Houses each of the year's. Neither Church nor Manse was built, 1 Church was built in 1806.

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of KINGSTON, comprised 42 Churches and Stations, being 3 fewer than the foregoing year, with a decrease of 130 in the sittings provided in these, and which numbered 13,205; of 214 in the families, 2,202; of 23 in single persons, 453, and of 185 in communicants, 4,380.

There were also decreases in the sources from which additions to the membership in full communion are expected, from those received on personal profession, 211, of 68; and on certificate, 129, of 20. Neither was the aggregate of removals so great in the later year, as in the earlier one, 57 having been removed by death, a decrease of 19; 125 by certificate, a decrease of 12; without certificate, 40, a decrease of 2; and by discipline 5, being 8 of a decrease.

On the other hand there were increases in the number of baptisms, which were 242 infants and 18 adults, being 18 and 5 respectively. Those on the eldership numbered 142, a decrease of 7; and other office-bearers were 260, a falling off of 6.

Of the 1,346 attending weekly prayer meetings, 23 were an increase; on the 3,642 Sabbath School and Bible class students of the word, there was a falling off to the extent of 250, and a similar decrease of 10 in those engaged, 481, in Sabbath School work.

Missionary Associations were reduced from 6 to 3, and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies from 21 to 12. There was a decrease from 14 to 12 in Christian Endeavor and from 9 to 6 in Young People's Societies, but an increase of 58 in the membership of these.

Manse and Rented Houses were unchanged, 19 and 3 each year. 1 Church was built in 1896, neither Church nor Manse in 1897.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERY shows an increase of 2 in its Churches and Stations, which now are 38, of 814 in the sittings provided in these, 11,504; of 354 in the families belonging to these, 2,555; of 130 in the single persons, 534; of 404 in the communicants, 5,033.

There were 23 fewer added on personal profession, 243 in the latter year, while the same number, 150 was received on certificate. Of the removals 65 were by death, 7 of a decrease; 110 by certificate, an increase of 10; without certificate 138, an increase of 52, and by discipline 0, a decrease of 2.

Baptism was administered to 200 infants, 17 of an increase, and 12 adults, 12 of a decrease.

There was an increase of 18 to the Ruling Elders, raising the number to 108; a falling off of 3 in other office bearers, reducing them to 226; while those attending prayer meeting, 850 gives a decrease of 180; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,375, an increase of 351, and Sabbath School workers, 395, an increase of 20.

There were 13 Missionary Associations, 1 of a decrease; and 20 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 1 of an increase; 26 Christian Endeavor, and 5 Young People's Societies, increases of 1 and 5 respectively, with an increase of 187 on the membership, 932.

Manse are reported as 13, an increase of 1, no Rented Houses. No Church nor Manse was built in the course of the year.

In the Presbytery of WHITBY there was an increase from 20 to 21 in the Churches and Stations under pastoral supervision, but a decrease of 350 in the sittings, 6,250; of 132 in the families, 451; of 21 in single persons, 235; and of 121 in communicants, 2,095.

In the addition on profession, 115, there was an increase of 35, and on certificate 70, of 1. Communicants removed numbered 137, of whom 24 were by death, a decrease of 15; 80 by certificate, 8 of a decrease; 32 without certificate, 13 of an increase; and 1 by discipline, none the previous year.

Infants to the number of 85, an increase of 9, and adults 14, an increase of 6, were baptized.

Of the office bearers, 216 in number, 78 were Ruling Elders, a decrease of 2, and 138, a decrease of 14, were Managers or Deacons.

There was an increase of 23 in those attending weekly meetings for devotional purposes, the total being 500, but a decrease of 103 in Sabbath School and Bible Class students, bringing the former total down to 1,471. These were under the care of 183 workers, a falling off of 11.

There were 5 Missionary Associations, a decrease of 1; the same number of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 16 each year, with 12 Christian Endeavor organizations, a decrease of 2, whose membership amounted to 359, a decrease of 170.

Manse, 0, remained the same; rented houses for ministers, 3, gave an increase of 1. No Church nor Manse was built in either of the years.

The Presbytery of LINDSAY contained 24 Churches and Stations in each of the years, with sittings for 5,550 persons, 350 of a decrease; 1,413 families, 80 of a decrease; 376 single persons, 21 of a decrease; and 2,712 communicants, 106 of a decrease.

An addition of 178, being an increase of 3, was made to the communicant rolls in care of Sessions, during the year, of persons on their own profession; and 80, a decrease of 18, on certificate, giving a total increase of 258. Against this there were 128 removals, 29 of these by death, 5 fewer; 70 by certificate, 3 fewer; 28 without certificate, 7 fewer, and 1 by discipline, the same for the previous year.

One hundred and twenty-one infants, 3 of an increase, and 15 adults, 1 of an increase, were baptized.

In both classes of office bearers, Ruling Elders and Deacons or Managers, there was a falling off, 1 in the former, who numbered 116, and 16 in the latter, 133. The attendance at weekly prayer meetings, 945, had decreased by 125; at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 2,211, by 132, and Sabbath School workers has fallen from 266 to 253.

There were 2 Missionary Associations, and 19 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, a decrease in the former by 1, and an increase in the latter by 1. There were 11 Christian Endeavor Societies, 1 of a decrease, with a membership of 325, an increase of 6.

In the number of Manse 14, there was an increase of 2; 0 Rented Houses, a decrease of 2. Neither Church nor Manse was built.

The Presbytery of TORONTO, comprising 79 Churches and Stations, shows an increase of 3 in these, but there was a decrease of 2,527 in the sittings, which make a total of 33,336; of 620 in families, 6,800; and of 911 in communicants, 16,420; while there is an increase of 24, in single persons, 4,142.

Additions on profession aggregated 930, a decrease of 10; and on certificate, 1,165, of 10, while the removals came up to 1,610, and of these 191, a decrease of 3, were by death; 874, of 53, by certificate; 571, an increase of 49, without certificate, and 4, the same the preceding year, by discipline.

Five hundred and twenty infants, 111 of a decrease, and 380 adults, decrease 30, were baptized.

In the Eldership there were 471, a decrease of 13, and in the management of the affairs of the Church by other office bearers, 748, an increase of 74. Weekly prayer meetings were attended on an average by 3,072, a decrease of 214; Sabbath School and Bible Class by 14,162, an increase of 89, and these were under the active interest of 1,516 teachers and others, a decrease of 21.

Missionary Associations numbered the same each year, 20; but there was a decrease of 2 in Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 40; there were 30 Christian Endeavor organizations, and 14 others making a total of 44 against 59 the preceding year, embracing 2,935 members, an increase of 85.

Mansees 15 in number, show a decrease of 3, and Rented Houses, 2, an increase of 1. One Church and Sabbath School were built in 1896, in 1897 two churches partly.

In the Presbytery of ORANGEVILLE there were 42 Churches and Stations enjoying pastoral supply, 5 fewer than the preceding year; with 9,650 sittings, 170 fewer; 2,018 families, 96 more, 783 single persons, 310 of an increase, and 4,160 communicants, 297 increase.

The total additions were 532, and of this number 305, an increase of 180 were on profession of faith, and 137, an increase of 30, on certificate. On the other hand removals aggregated 311, and of these 60, being an increase of 9, were by death; 158, an increase of 10, by certificate; 111, an increase of 52, without certificate; and 3 by discipline.

Baptism was administered to 170 infants, 25 of a decrease, and 57 adults, 18 of an increase.

The number of Ruling Elders was 160, an increase of 9; and of other office bearers 271, a decrease of 12. There were 1,498, an increase of 118, attending prayer meetings; 2,653 in Sabbath School and Bible Class, a decrease of 533; and 358 Sabbath School workers, a decrease of 23.

There were 4 Missionary Associations, being 2 of an increase; 17 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 1 of an increase; 23 Christian Endeavor Societies, 3 of a decrease, with 879 members, 44 of a decrease.

Mansees numbered 18, an increase of 4, and Rented House 1, the same as the previous year. Neither Church nor Manse was erected according to the reports.

BARRIE PRESBYTERY shows an increase of 10 in its Churches and Stations, the actual number being 87, of 2,054 in sittings provided in these, the full total being 20,120; of 189 in families connected with these places of worship, 3,358; of 140 in single persons, 1,250; and of 530 in communicants, 6,200.

The additions to full communion privileges were, on personal profession 526, an increase of 58, and on certificate 252, a decrease of 25. The removals were, by death 87, increase 27; by certificate 310, increase 76; without certificate 157, increase 41, and by discipline, 3, increase 1.

Four hundred and forty-nine persons were baptized, of whom 380 were infants, decrease 10; and 69 adults, increase 10.

In the Eldership there were 267, an increase of 14; other office bearers numbered 521, an increase of 82. The average attendance at weekly prayer meetings was 2,278, an increase of 196; in Sabbath School and Bible Class 5,540, being 362 of an increase; and among Sabbath School workers, 801, an increase of 210.

There were 9 Missionary Associations, a decrease of 1; 27 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 1 of an increase; 46 Christian Endeavor Societies, an increase of 11; besides 3 kindred organizations, with a membership of 1,310, increase 74.

There was an increase of 2 in Mansees, 23 in number, and 3 in Rented Houses, 7. During the year 1 Church was built, against 2 the preceding year. No Mansees either year.

The Presbytery of ALGOMA is properly a mission district, having only 10 pastoral charges in its bounds, whereas the Churches and Stations supplied reckon up to 97, an increase of 5 on the preceding year. In these there are 7,128 sittings, a decrease of 770; 1,359 families, a decrease of 35; 594 single persons, an increase of 179; and 1,654 communicants, an increase of 77.

On profession of faith the additions were 150, a decrease of 36, and on certificate 72, a decrease of 4. The removals amounted to 91, of whom 10 were by death, 3 of a decrease, 47 by certificate, 29 of an increase; 34 without certificate, a decrease of 11; by discipline none either year.

One hundred and seventy-seven persons were baptized, 158 infants, 12 of an increase; and 19 adults, the same increase, 12.

There was 1 fewer in the Eldership, 70; but 13 more managers or deacons, 186. Weekly prayer meetings were attended by an average of 934 persons, a decrease of 179; Sabbath School and Bible Class by 2,094, an increase of 95; while there was a falling off in workers in this field of usefulness of 48, the figures in full being 260.

There were only 2 Missionary Associations, a falling off of 2; 0 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 1 of a decrease; 12 Christian Endeavor Societies, giving no change on the former year, with 321 members, a decrease of 73.

Six Manses and 2 Rented Houses are provided for ministers, against 4, and 3 the foregoing year. Three Churches were built each year, 1 Manse in 1896, 2 in 1897.

OWEN SOUND Presbytery had 30, an increase of 2, Churches and Stations, with sitting accommodation in these 8,845, an increase of 65; 1,685 families, 101 of an increase; 333 single persons, 33 of an increase; and 3,953 communicants, 427 increase. To the rolls of communicants kept by sessions 218 were added on profession, a decrease of 40 as compared with the previous year; 104 on certificate, a decrease of 33.

There was a total of 281 removals, and of these 63 were by death, a decrease of 21; 169 by certificate, 2 of a decrease; 48 without certificate, 12 of a decrease; and 1 by discipline, 3 of a decrease.

Baptism was administered to 202 persons, 176 infants, 70 of a decrease, and 26 adults, 26 of a decrease.

The Eldership numbered 135, an increase of 9; the other office-bearers 219, an increase of 20; weekly prayer meetings were attended by 1,138 worshippers, a decrease of 31; Sabbath School and Bible Class by 3,942, an increase of 368; and there was an increase of 6 in those actively interesting themselves in Sabbath School, their number being 281.

Missionary Associations, 9 in number, had decreased by 1, while Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies had risen from 13 to 18; Christian Endeavor Societies from 13 to 15, and other similar institutions from 3 to 7. The membership of these organizations was 619, an increase of 273.

There were 10 Manses, 0 Rented Houses each of the years; no Church nor Manse was built, 2 Churches the foregoing year.

SAUGEEN Presbytery had 25 Churches and Stations, 1 of an increase; 8,450 sittings, 420 of an increase; 1,803 families, 199 increase; 293 single persons, 116 of an increase; and 3,602 communicants, 54 of an increase.

There was a decrease of 119 in the number added, 211, on profession, and of 11 on certificate, 84. The removals by death amounted to 39, a decrease of 12; by certificate 107, a decrease of 61; without certificate 45, a decrease of 45; and by discipline 22, no cases of this nature being reported for 1896.

One hundred and ninety-five persons were baptized, of whom 167 were infants, a decrease of 31; and 28 adults, an increase of 5.

In the Eldership there were 108, an increase of 6; and other office-bearers numbered 208, a increase of 26.

The attendance at weekly prayer meetings, 925, had fallen off by 90; at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 2,173, by 297; and Sabbath School workers, 266, show a decrease of 29.

Missionary Associations had declined from 12 to 5; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies remained at the same figure, 16; Christian Endeavor Societies had increased from 17 to 19; other such organizations had fallen to 1, there being none such reported for 1897; with a membership, 879, diminished by 68, notwithstanding the increase in the number of organizations.

The number of Manses was the same, 7; Rented Houses, 2, being 1 fewer. 1 Church was built in 1896, 1 Manse in 1897.

The Presbytery of GUELPH reports the same number of Churches and Stations in each of the years, namely, 30. In the sittings provided, 14,049, there is a decrease of 45; in the families, 3,161, an increase of 56; in single persons, 743, of 215; and in communicants, 7,707, of 117. The additions on profession, 263, show a falling off to precisely the same extent, 117; and on certificate, 265, a similar falling off of 49.

The removals sum up to 425, of whom 104 were by death, 22 of an increase; 254 by certificate, 52 of a decrease; and 67 without certificate, a decrease of 32. There were no removals by discipline in 1897, there was one in 1896.

Two hundred and eighteen infants, 19 of an increase, and 24 adults, 13 of a decrease, were baptized.

Of 723 persons having official connection with the 30 Churches or Stations, 253, an increase of 14, were Ruling Elders; and 285, an increase of 6, were Managers or Deacons. The attendance at weekly prayer meetings, 1,743, shows a falling off to the extent of 244; at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 4,460, of 601; with a decrease of 18 in the Sabbath School workers, 519.

Missionary Associations continue the same, 18; and so do Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 25; Christian Endeavor Societies, 17, show a decrease of 1, and kindred institutions, 6, of 3; with an increase of 25 in the membership, 922.

In each year there were 17 manses; in 1887 a rented house, not reported in 1896. No change was made by building either church or manse.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

In the Presbytery of HAMILTON, in this Synod, the number of Churches and Stations supplied by pastors in regular charge was 61, or a decrease of 5 on those of the foregoing year, which had an increase of 62 sittings, making a total of 22,565; and of 37 in single persons, 1,470; but a decrease of 33 in families, 4,544; and of 1,905 in communicants, 9,055.

Communicants added during the year made a total of 836, of whom 497, a decrease of 90, were on profession; and 339, a decrease of 9, were on certificate. Against these additions there were 580 removals; 135, an increase of 5, by death; and 5, an increase of 2, by discipline; with 360, being 46 fewer, by certificate; and 89, which were 157 fewer, without certificate.

Baptism was administered to 298 infants, and 60 adults, being a decrease of 37 and 24 respectively.

While there was a decrease of 3 among the Ruling Elders, who numbered 325, there was an increase of 39 in other office bearers, 497; with a decrease of 50, reducing the total to 1,984, on those attending weekly prayer meetings; but an increase of 8 in the 8,066 in Sabbath School and Bible Class, and of 80 in the 988 workers.

In each year there were 18 Missionary Associations, while the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 41, had increased by 1. Christian Endeavor Societies, 44, had increased by 8, and Young People's Societies 9, by 3, with a decrease of 18 in the 2,030 constituting the membership.

Mansees, 27 in number, had decreased by 8, and Rented Houses 0, by 1. There was 1 Manse built in 1897, in 1896 none, 2 Churches in 1896, in 1897 none.

PARIS PRESBYTERY had 28 Churches and supplied Stations in each year, but there were decreases in the sittings in these, 11,874, of 265; in the families connected with them, 2,722, of 133, in communicants, 5,701, of 102, but an increase of 281, in single persons, 794.

There was a decrease of 17 in those added on profession of faith, who were in all 277, with an increase of 20, in those added on certificate, 274. The removals by death were 82, an increase of 2; by discipline 1, an increase of 1; while those leaving on certificate, 204, show a decrease of 78, and without certificate, 73, of 21.

There were 16 infants baptized in 1897 more than in 1896, the numbers for each year being 171 and 155; the adults 42, being equal in each year.

In the 187 composing the eldership there was a decrease of 7; and of 17 in the 208 other office bearers. Attendance on weekly prayer meetings, 1,473, gave an increase of 11; in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,809, a decrease of 307, and there was a falling off of 16 in the Sabbath School workers, making the total 462.

The number of Missionary Associations, 11, decreased by 5; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies 18, remained without change; Christian Endeavor Societies, 19, increased by 1; Young People's Societies, not to note kindred organizations, 4 by 2, and the membership of these, 1,100, by 96.

Mansees, 13, decreased in number by 2, and Rented Houses, 1, by 1. No Church nor Manse had been built; in 1896 there was 1 Church.

In the Presbytery of LONDON there was an increase of 3 in the 54 Churches and Stations, with a decrease of 75 in the 18,053 sittings, and of 59 in the 754 single persons; with an increase of 84 in the 3,575 families, and of 214 in the 7,655 communicants.

There was a decrease of 4 in those added on their own profession of faith, 435; and of 18 in those added on certificate, 346; while there was an increase in three of the items under which removals are classed, namely of 16 by death, 112, of 16 by certificate, 249; of 104 without certificate, 163; with a decrease of 1 by discipline, no case of this having occurred.

There were also decreases in the baptisms, of 20 in the case of infants, 230, and 14 in that of adults, 62.

The Eldership, comprising 281 has increased by 14, and other office bearers, 414, by 15, but the attendance at weekly prayer meetings, 2,000, showed a decrease of 336; the number in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 6,050, of 427, while there was an increase of 20 in the workers in this field of Church usefulness, making the total 693.

Missionary Associations remained at the same figures, 22; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 31, had decreased by 5, Christian Endeavor Societies had increased by 4, and the membership in these and Home Mission Societies, 8, in number, 1,323, by 102.

Mansees had increased by 4, making the total 32. There were two Rented Houses each year, and one Manse was built in each.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERY added 1 to its Churches and Stations, making the total 30, yet it reports a decrease of sittings to the extent of 255, reducing the former number to 10,790, Families, 2,054, had increased by 11; single persons, 432, by 29; and communicants, 4,174, by 49.

The additions to Communion rolls of Sessions which were 220 on profession showed a decrease of 79, and 119 on certificate, of 53. The removals aggregated 224, of whom 62, increase 16, were by death; 115, decrease 13, by certificate, and 47, increase 8, without certificate. No cases of discipline.

One hundred and forty-one were baptized, 107 of these being infants, decrease 31, and 34 adults, decrease 43.

In the number of Ruling Elders, 137, there was an increase of 6, and of other office bearers, 249, of 7. There were 82 fewer attending weekly prayer meetings, 849, and 414 at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 2,873; and 16 Sabbath School workers, 368.

Missionary Associations, 10, had decreased by 1, and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 22, by the same, there were 23 Christian Endeavor Societies, 2 of an increase, and 3 Young People's Societies, increase 2, with some other kindred organizations each year; and a membership in these of 715, being 114 of an increase.

Manse and Rented Houses remained the same, 15 and 1. A Manse was built, neither Church nor Manse the preceding year.

In the Presbytery of STRATFORD, there were 34 Churches and Stations, giving 4 of an increase, with 10,777 sittings, 3 of a decrease, 2,406 families, and 5,167 communicants, increases of 63 and 143 respectively; and 283 single persons, 45 of a decrease.

The additions were 226 on profession, a decrease of 27, and 179 on certificate, 31 of an increase, 55 were removed by death, a decrease of 12; 162 by certificate, 94 without certificate and 1 by discipline, showing an increase in each of 21, 84 and 1.

Baptism was administered to 178 infants, and 20 adults, decrease 24 and 14 respectively.

In the Eldership 134, and among other office bearers, 213, there were decreases of 21 and 2. But in the attendance at weekly prayer meetings, 1,261, at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,140, and among Sabbath School workers, 340, there were increases of 71, 58, and 25.

Missionary Associations had been reduced from 10 to 8; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies had risen from 22 to 24; Christian Endeavor Societies from 14 to 15, Young People's Societies from 3 to 2, not to mention kindred organizations, with an increase of 32 in the membership, which amounted to 606.

In the number of Manses, 15, there was an increase of 1. One Manse was built, neither Church nor Manse the previous year.

In HURON PRESBYTERY there was the same number of Churches and Stations each year, 27; an increase of 506 in the sittings which these contained, 9,555; of 5 in families, 1,794; of 275 in communicants, 4,563, with a decrease of 7 in single persons, 408.

The additions were 166 on profession, decrease 93, and 121 on certificate, increase 15, while the removals by death, 57, showed a decrease of 6, by certificate, 140, of 2; without certificate 22, of 6, and by discipline 0, of 6.

One hundred and seventy persons were baptized, 157 infants, and 13 adults, decrease 11 and 13.

Ruling Elders, 140, were 6 fewer than in 1896, other office bearers, 200, were 8 more; number attending weekly prayer meeting, 1,630, increased by 7; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,250, decreased by 218, and Sabbath School workers, 402, by 3.

Missionary Associations were in the respective years 8 and 4, a decrease of 4; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies 18 and 17; Christian Endeavor Societies 20 and 22, and membership 1,084, and 1,168.

Manses and Rented Houses remained at the same figure, 13 and 2. One Church was enlarged.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERY contained the same number of Churches and Stations, 30; with a decrease of 60 in the 11,350 sittings, and of 10 in the 2,352 families connected with them, but an increase of 4 in single persons, 173; and of 35 in communicants, 4,525.

Three hundred and seventy-one were added to those previously on communicants rolls as kept by Sessions, 217 on their own profession, 62 of a decrease, and 154 on certificate, 13 of an increase. The removals aggregated 314, and of these 84, an increase of 28 were by death; 175 by certificate, 33 of an increase, 54 without certificate, and 1 by discipline, showing decreases of 42 and 1 respectively.

Two hundred and fifty infants and 24 adults were baptized, increases of 9 and 13.

Among those in official relationship there was a reduction of 8 in the eldership, 151; an increase of 12, in the Managers or Deacons; of 16 in those attending weekly prayer meeting, 1,626; of 426 in those in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,274, and of 9 in those working prominently in the interests of those connected with them.

Missionary Associations were reduced from 10 to 9; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies 23, increased by 1; Christian Endeavor and Young People's Societies 23, by 2, while the membership, 880, fell off by 200.

Manses remained the same numerically, 20; Rented Houses 1, decreased by 1. One Church was built, none the previous year, one Manse the previous year, none in 1897.

In the Presbytery of BRUCE there was an increase of 1 in the number of Churches and Stations, 24; of 75 in that of sittings, 8,485; of 126 in families, 1,694; of 23 in single persons, 167; and of 172 in communicants, 3,571.

On profession of faith there were 70 fewer added in 1897 than in 1896, the full number being 115, and on certificate, 22 fewer, full number 98. The removals were 181, and of these,

38 were by death, 98 by certificate, and 45 without certificate, being decreases of 19, 51 and 7, following the same order.

There were 128 baptisms, 122 of infants, 7 of an increase, and 6 adults, 10 of a decrease.

In the eldership, 122, there was an increase of 12; in other office bearers, 187, of 3; in the number attending weekly prayer meetings, 900, a decrease of 182; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 1,904, of 212, and Sabbath School workers, 253, of 18.

Missionary Associations continued at 3; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 9, had increased by 1; Christian Endeavor and Young People's Societies, 13 of the former, decrease 3, and 3 of the latter, increase 2, had a membership of 580, increase 34.

Manse were reported as 12 in 1896, and 10 in 1897. In the former year 1 Church was built, in the latter neither Church nor Manse.

The Presbytery of SARNIA had 36 Churches and Stations, an increase of 2; with a decrease of 51 in the sittings, 10,550; but increase in families of 192, in single persons of 135, and in communicants of 325, the respective totals being 2,127, 557, and 4,120.

The number of communicants added during the year made a total of 349, of whom 207, a decrease of 39, were on profession, and 142, of 26, on certificate. 216 were removed, and of these, 60, an increase of 22, were by death; 23, of 2 without certificate; and 124, a decrease of 34, without certificate.

There was an increase of 34 in the number of infants, and a decrease of 3 in that of adults baptized, 178 and 27.

Ruling Elders increased from 118 to 141, and other office bearers from 220 to 275; but the attendance at the weekly prayer meeting decreased by 149, the total average being 1,054, while in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,221, there was an increase of 110, and in those engaged in the same, 420, of 54.

Missionary Associations rose from 4 to 15; Woman's Foreign Missionary and Christian Endeavor Societies from 14 to 15 and 18 to 20 respectively; Young People's and similar Societies fell from 5 to 2, but their membership, 919, increased by 25.

There was 1 Manse more, 16, and 1 Rented House, 2, than in 1896. One Manse was built.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

In this Synod there are 9 Presbyteries of which SUPERIOR lies farthest east and comes first in survey. It had 47 Churches and Stations, 10 of an increase, with 2,450 sittings, 550 increase; 581 families, 30 increase; 237 single persons, 66 decrease; and 734 communicants, 85 increase.

The additions on profession, 50, were 31 fewer than the previous year, and on certificate, 88, the same in each. The removals by death, 3, give 2, and by certificate, 24, give 5 of a decrease, and without certificate, 37, an increase of 19.

One hundred and twenty-three infants, a decrease of 8, and 6 adults, an increase of 2, were baptized.

In the Eldership, 16, there was an increase of 3, and in other office bearers, 41, a decrease of 3. The attendance on weekly prayer meetings average 218, an increase of 75; on Sabbath School and Bible Class, 982, increase 200; and workers in these classes numbered 83, an increase of 4.

There were 3 Missionary Associations, an increase of 1; 1 Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the same as preceding year; 8 Christian Endeavor Societies, an increase of 2, with a membership of 246, an increase of 100.

Manse remained the same as to number, 2; Rented House 1, a decrease of 1, and one Church was built.

The Presbytery of WINNIPEG had 82 Churches and Stations each of the years; the sitting accommodation in these was 9,829, an increase of 643; the families numbered 2,214, an increase of 166; the single persons 935, a decrease of 343, and the communicants 4,032, an increase of 70.

Additions were made to the number of 400, half of whom were on profession of faith, a decrease of 25, and half on certificate, decrease 10. The removals were, by death 25, a decrease of 2; by certificate 149, decrease 10; without certificate 189, an increase of 25, and by discipline 8, an increase of 7.

Baptism was administered to 330 infants, increase 88, and 23 adults, increase 14.

The Ruling Eldership embraces 134 persons, 6 of an increase, and other office bearers 283, an increase of 8, while those attending the weekly prayer meeting numbered 1,050, a decrease of 66; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3,933, an increase of 276, with 50 increase on Sabbath School workers, 419.

Missionary Associations, 9, increased by 3; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 13, also by 3; Christian Endeavor, 13, and Young People's 3 Societies, the former 1 of an increase and the latter the same in decrease. The membership of these was 488, increase 212.

Manse and Rented Houses were the same, 11 and 2. One Church and 1 Manse was built each year.

ROCK LAKE with 58 Churches and Stations made 8 of an increase, and there were increases in the number of sittings, 5,240, of 1,050; of families, 1,021, of 210, and of communicants, 1,610, of 300; while that of single persons, 278, fell off by 14.

On their profession of faith 75, an increase of 1, were received to the full enjoyment of Christian privileges, and on certificate 61, a decrease of 21. Those removed were, 15, an increase of 7, by death; 33, an increase of 5, by certificate; 24, the same as in the last year, without certificate, and 1 by discipline.

One hundred and nine were baptized, and of these 107 were infants, 17 of an increase, and 2, increase 1, adults.

In the number of elders, 51, and of other office bearers, 131, there were decreases of 6 and 2 respectively. At the weekly prayer meetings the attendance, 384, had increased by 39; at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 1,607, by 434, while there was an increase of only 17 in the Sabbath School workers, who numbered 185.

There were only 2 Missionary Associations, 1 of an increase, and 1 Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 0 for the previous year; Christian Endeavor Societies, 7, gave 1 of an increase; Young People's Societies had only one each year, but the membership of these, 230, had increased by 21.

There were 6 Manses, 2 of an increase, and 1 Rented House, 2 of a decrease. One Church was built each year.

GLENNORA Presbytery had the same number of Churches and Stations, 31; but there were increases reported in sitting accommodation, 2,600, of 35; in families, 661, of 26; in single persons, 247, of 1; and in communicants, 958, of 239.

The additions on profession of faith, 37, gave a decrease of 12, and on certificate 49, an increase to the same extent. In each of the items under which removals are entered there is a decrease as follows, by death, 6, of 2; by certificate, 12, of 17; without certificate, 2 of 12.

There were 75 infants baptized, a decrease of 5; no adults, the foregoing year 3.

In the eldership, numbering 39, there was a decrease of 1; other office bearers, 114, an increase of 3. Prayer meetings were attended by 255, a falling off by 17; Sabbath School and Bible Class by 1,091, an increase of 334, and the staff of workers in these classes, 124, increased by 6.

There were 0 Missionary Associations either year; 5 Woman's Foreign Missionary, an increase of 1, and 7 Christian Endeavor, a decrease of 3, Societies, not taking account of kindred formations; with a decrease of 30 in the membership, 169.

Six Manses, same as preceding year, were reported, and 2 Rented Houses, being 1 of an increase; 1 Church built each year.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE increased the number of its Churches and Stations from 36 to 50; the sitting accommodations in these to 5,885, by 1,340; the number of families, 1,086, by 229; and of communicants, 1,706, by 248; while in single persons, 306, there was a decrease of 50.

The additions aggregated 233, of whom 129, being 50 of an increase, were on profession; and 104, an increase of 53, on certificate. The removals aggregated 100, and of these 11, an increase of 3, were by death; 49, an increase of 12, by certificate; and 40, a decrease of 18, without certificate.

Baptism was administered to 186 persons, 175 of these, giving 49 of an increase, being infants, and 11, increase 4, adults.

In the Eldership, numbering 44, and in other office bearers, 170, there were increases of 7 and 57; in the attendance at weekly prayer meetings, 341, of 63; in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 1,483, a decrease of 1; and in Sabbath School workers more than half seem to have retired, bringing 274 to 107, or a decrease of 167.

Missionary Associations fell from 20 to 5; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 7, increased by 2; Christian Endeavor Societies remained at 11; while the membership was reduced from 504 to 242.

Manses, 6 in number, gave an increase of 1, and Rented Houses a decrease of 1, standing now at that figure. 1 Church and 1 Mance were built, neither in 1896.

BRANDON, with 46 Churches and Stations, shows an increase of 2, and there are increases as follows:—in sitting accommodation, 4,780, or 175; in families, 1,161, of 107; in single persons, 367, of 16; and in communicants, 1,880, of 143.

The additions on profession were 117 in the former year, and 109 in the latter; and certificate 94 and 89, decreases 8 and 5. There were increases in all the sources of removals, of 2 by death, total 24; 12 by certificate, 89; 7 without certificate, 22; and 1 by discipline, there being but 1 case of this exercise of spiritual authority.

Of 154 persons baptized, 151, increase 46, were infants, and 3, decrease 4, adults.

In the Eldership, comprising a total of 65, there was an increase of 13; and in other office bearers, 170, of 20. Weekly prayer meetings were attended by 600, an increase of 205; Sabbath School and Bible Class by 1,947, an increase of 179; and the staff of Sabbath School workers contained 242 members, a decrease of 13.

Missionary Associations, 4 in number, had increased by 1 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 4, had decreased by 6; Christian Endeavor organizations, 15, by 4; whereas the membership in these, 337, had fallen off by 97.

In 1896 there were 2 Mansees and 1 Rented House ; in 1897 1 of each ; 1 Church was built each year.

The Presbytery of MINNEDOSA had 81 Churches and Stations, being 1 of an increase. There were increases in the sittings, 5,475, in single persons, 410, and communicants, 1,600, of 230, 193, and 120, following that order ; but a decrease of 56 in families, reported at 1,004.

There were also decreases in the additions, 49 in those on profession, 42 in all ; and 15 in those on certificate, 34 in all. The removals by death were the same each year, 9 ; by certificate 16, decrease 14 ; without certificate 36, increase 13 ; and by discipline 4, the same as in 1896.

Twenty-two infants were baptized fewer than those baptized in 1897, the full number being 127, and 2 adults more, the total being 10.

In the Eldership there was an increase of 33, making the total 94 ; in other office bearers 6, total 179. There were 545 attending weekly prayer meetings, a decrease of 3 ; 1,542 at Sabbath School and Bible Class, 261 of an increase ; and 191 Sabbath School workers, 29 of an increase.

Missionary Associations fell from 5 to 3 ; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies rose from 0 to 2 ; Christian Endeavor Societies from 12 to 18 ; and the membership of these from 216 to 323.

Mansees, 5 in number, had increased by 1. There were no Rented Houses either year. 2 Churches, a decrease of 1, and 1 Manse were built.

In the Presbytery of MELITA, with 30 Churches and Stations, there was an increase of 3. In the following items there were increases as noted : in sitting accommodation, 2,400, of 375 ; in families, 403, of 32 ; in single persons, 203, of 21 ; and in communicants, 506, of 14.

The additions made 107, of these 51 were on profession, an increase of 28, and 56 on certificate, the increase being 34. The removals were, by death 4, decrease 5 ; by certificate 20, increase 5 ; without certificate 30, increase 22.

In 1896 there were 91 infants, in 1897, there were 38 baptized, and 5 adults each year.

Ruling Elders numbered 27, an increase of 8 ; other office bearers 98, increase 12 ; those attending weekly prayer meetings 152, increase 33 ; Sabbath School and Bible Class 449, increase 1 ; and those engaged as Sabbath School workers 66, decrease 7.

There were neither Missionary Associations, nor Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in the bounds either of the years. Christian Endeavor organizations, 3, had decreased by 1 ; and the membership had fallen from 45 to 4.

Mansees, 3 in number, had decreased by 1. In 1896 one Church was built, neither Church nor Manse in 1897.

REGINA shows an increase of 14 Churches and Stations, making the full number 124. There are increases in sittings and families, 499 in the former which totals 6,470, and 121 in the latter with an aggregate of 1,647 ; but decreases in single persons of 62, and communicants of 14, the full figures being 770 and 2,053.

One hundred and sixty-three were added on profession of faith, decrease 25, and 121 on certificate, increase 55. By death 25 were removed, 1 of a decrease ; by certificate 107, an increase of 54 ; without certificate 40, a decrease of 20 ; and by discipline 7, an increase of 6.

There was a decrease of 39 in the 243 infants, and of 15 in the 9 adults baptized.

In the Eldership there were only 63 persons, a decrease of 5 ; other office bearers were 253, an increase of 7 ; the attendance at weekly prayer meetings was 608, a decrease of 101 ; at Sabbath School and Bible Class 2,059, a decrease of 44, cared for by 241 teachers and others, a decrease of 7.

There were 7 Missionary Associations, being 3 of an increase ; 5 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 2 of an increase ; 14 Christian Endeavor, and 2 Young People's Societies, a decrease of 2 in the former, an increase of 1 in the latter ; with 306 members, decrease 34.

In the bounds there were 13 Mansees, being an increase of 1. During the year 5 Churches were built, an increase of 3.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Beginning with CALGARY, the Churches and Stations have increased from 20 to 79, but account must be taken of the fact that these stations embrace those which have been formed along the line, or in connection with the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. All credit must be given for the promptitude and energy with which this new field of labor was taken up, and gratitude cherished for the measure of encouragement given to the missionaries who have responded to the call to seek the spiritual welfare of the men who have devoted themselves to the toils and hardships of the railway builder.

The number of sittings, 2,659, has increased by 675 ; of families, 685, by 237 ; and of single persons, 3,347, by 3,152 ; and of communicants, 605, by 105.

The additions to full membership have been 111, of whom 59, an increase of 24, were by profession ; and 52, increase 17, by certificate. The removals by death were the same numerically each year, 7 ; by certificate 38, and without certificate 11, increases of 2 and 4.

Baptism was administered to 137 infants, increase 45, and 10 adults, none of the latter being reported the former year.

Ruling Elders, 28, had increased by 4; whereas other office bearers, 59, had decreased by 8. There was an accession or gain of 7 in those attending the weekly prayer meetings, numbering as they did 173; of 245 in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 778, and of 16 in the workers in these classes, 80.

Each of the years there was 1 Missionary Association; in the latter one 2 Woman's Foreign Missionary, and 4 Christian Endeavor Societies, an increase of 1 in the former, and a decrease of 1 in the latter, with 1 Young People's Society, and a few kindred organizations, having a membership of 124, an increase of 8.

The number of Manses was the same, 3, that of Rented Houses, 0, one less. Neither Church nor Manse was built.

EDMONTON shows a falling off of 1 in its Churches and Stations, 44; while there are increases in sittings, 2,315, in families, 461, in single persons, 166, and in communicants, 535, of 315, 5, 37, and 87 respectively.

To the members in full communion there was the addition of 93, of whom 42, an increase of 4, were on profession, and 51 being 9 of an increase, on certificate. The removals, on the other hand were by death 2, increase 1; by certificate 15, a decrease of 5; without certificate 16, a decrease of 7.

Sixty-seven infants were baptized, giving an increase of 19, and 6 adults, increase 6.

There were only 18 elders, but in these there was an increase of 3; 90 other office bearers, decrease 8; in attendance at weekly prayer meetings, 104, there was an increase of 28; in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 394, a decrease of 26, and in Sabbath School workers, 62, an increase of 4.

There was 1 Missionary Association against 0 the previous year, and 0 Woman's Foreign Missionary Society against 1 the previous year. There were 4 Christian Endeavor Societies, an increase of 1, with 98 members an increase of 31.

Manses remained at the same number, 5; there was just 1 Rented House, none the preceding year, neither Church nor Manse was built, there was 1 of the former and 2 of the latter the year before.

The Presbytery of KAMLOOPS with 60 Churches and Stations, shows a decrease of 8; sitting accommodation for 2,700, of 675: families, 621, an increase of 16, and of communicants 537, of 181, while there is a decrease of 91 in single persons, 526.

The additions were 169, of whom 36, an increase of 23, were on profession; and 133, increase 40, on certificate. The removals aggregated 37, made up as follows: 1 by death, same as preceding year; 20 by certificate, an increase of 15; without certificate, 16, a decrease of 1, and none by discipline either year.

Baptism was administered to 66 infants, an increase of 24, and 8 adults, increase 8.

In the ruling eldership there was 14 of an increase, making the number 25; in other office bearers, of 10, total number 99; at prayer meetings the attendance, 228, had increased 58; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 1030, by 278; and in the staff of Sabbath School workers 128 of 32.

There was 1 Missionary Society each year; no Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in either; Christian Endeavor Societies, 9, has increased by 3, and the membership, 198, by 69.

Manses, 8, has increased in number by 1; Rented House, 1, by 1; 1 church was built in 1897, there were 2 in 1896; 2 Manses were built in the later year, none in the earlier.

The Presbytery of WESTMINSTER increased its 41 Churches and Stations to 45, its sitting accommodation, 7,250, by 900; its families, 1,136, by 110; its single persons, 586, by 100; and its communicants, 1,503, by 83.

The additions made a total of 253, of these 92 being on profession, 22 of an increase, and 161 on certificate, 77 increase. The removals must be set over against these, which were 12, a decrease of 3 by death; 104 an increase of 32, by certificate, and 45, a decrease of 5 without certificate.

Six infants more were baptized in 1897 than in 1896, the total number being 140; and 3 adults fewer, total 2.

There were 60 in the eldership, an increase of 6; 130 other office bearers, a decrease of 2; with 484 attending weekly prayer meetings, increase, 54; 1,543 in Sabbath School and Bible Class, increase 40; and 261 workers in these classes, increase 98.

There were 4 Missionary Associations, giving 1 of a decrease; 2 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies each year; 8 Christian Endeavor, a decrease of 2, and 1 Young People's Society, increase 1; with 278 members, decrease 57.

Manses had increased from 4 to 6; no Rented Houses for either year. 1 Church was built in 1896, neither Church nor Manse in 1897.

VICTORIA fell off by 5 in its Churches and Stations, 24; by 30 in sittings, 4,930; by 63 in communicants, 1,058; while it advanced 68 in families, 924, and 57 in single persons, 665.

The additions on profession were 76, increase 9; and on certificate 48, decrease 39. The removals aggregated 160, and of these 8 a decrease of 10, were by death; 61, increase 6, by certificate; 90, increase 4 without certificate, and 1, increase 1, by discipline.

Baptism was administered to 132 infants, increase 9; and 2 adults decrease 17.

With an Eldership of 47 reported there was a decrease of 5; other office bearers, 91,

increase 6; attending weekly prayer meetings 344, increase 40; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 1,330, decrease 98, with 147, decrease 3, workers.

There were 2 Missionary Associations, being 1 of a decrease, 0 Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; 8 Christian Endeavor, increase 1, and 1 Young People's an increase, with 208 members, increase 34.

Each year there were 3 Manses. There is now 1 Rented House fewer, 0 being reported; neither Church nor Manse was built.

COMPARISON BY SYNODS OF THE YEAR 1897 WITH 1896.

At this stage it may be interesting and useful to compare by Synods the state of the Church, as learned from the statistics that have just passed under review, in the one year as compared with the other. Has she been making progress so far as can be ascertained from these figures; has she been standing still, or going backward? A detailed and minute examination has been made by Presbyteries, a more definite and less distracting exercise may be to take Synods. In doing this, and to keep the thoughts more fixed your Committee will conduct the examination under the two headings INCREASES and DECREASES.

In the Synod of the Maritime Provinces there have been INCREASES as follows: In number of Churches and supplied Stations 30; of sittings 4,710; of single persons 678; of Communicants 376; of additions on certificate 52; of removals by death 90; do. without certificate 61; of infants baptized 112; of elders 2; other office bearers 12; of attendants at weekly prayer meetings 1,003; of Sabbath School and Bible Class Students 514; of those engaged in Sabbath School work 114; of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies 21; of Christian Endeavor Societies 35; of membership in these 1,190 and of Manses 11.

The DECREASES have been in number of families 26; of additions to full communion on profession 637; of removals by certificate 14; by discipline 10; adults baptized 54; Missionary Associations 7; Rented Houses 2; Churches built 17, and Manses 4.

In the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa the INCREASES have been in the number of families 117; of single persons 156; of communicants 808; of removals by death 48; by certificate 113; without certificate 97; by discipline 12; engaged in Sabbath School work 60; Missionary Associations 3; Christian Endeavor Societies 14; Manses 6 and Rented Houses 9.

The DECREASES are, in number of Churches and Stations 8; of sittings 1,500; of additions on profession 374; on certificate 32; of infants baptized 22; of adults 38; of elders 2; other office bearers 38; attending weekly prayer meetings 413; Sabbath School and Bible Class 763; of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies 10; of members in Christian Endeavor and similar organizations 104; of Churches and Manses built 4 and 3.

In the Synod of Toronto and Kingston the INCREASES have been the following; in the number of Churches and Stations 16; of single persons 1,118; of communicants 583; of removals without certificate 98; by discipline 13; of elders 46; of other office bearers 170; of Sabbath School and Bible Class students 283; of those engaged in Sabbath School work 62; of Young People's Societies 19; of members 353; of Manses 8, and Rented Houses 2;

The following are the DECREASES, in the number of Church sittings 1,039; of families 86; of additions on profession 146; on certificate 136; removals by death 27; by certificate 66; of infants and adults baptized 175 and 23; of attendants at weekly prayer meetings 712; of Missionary Associations 16; of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies 2; of Christian Endeavor Societies 23; of Churches 4, and of Manses 2.

In the Synod of Hamilton and London, there have been the following INCREASES: Number of Churches and Stations 6; of families 311; of single persons 398; of communicants 88; of additions on certificate 57; removals by death 52; of elders 10; other office bearers 120; engaged in Sabbath School work 135; of Christian Endeavor and Young People's Societies 23 and 3; membership in these 269; Rented Houses 2, and Manses built 3.

The DECREASES have been—: number of Church sittings 6; in additions on profession 496; removals by certificate 154; without certificate 35; by discipline 4; infants and adults baptized 5; and 108; attending weekly prayer meetings 699; in Sabbath School and Bible Class 976; Missionary Association 2; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies 2; Manses 6; Churches built 3.

In the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories the INCREASES were, in the number of Churches and Stations supplied, 52; of Church sittings, 4,897; of families, 871; of communicants, 1,207; of additions on certificate, 103; removals by death the same each year, 122; by certificate, 42; without certificate, 36; by discipline, 15; infants and adults baptized, 73 and 1; Elders, 58; other office bearers, 108; attending weekly prayer meetings, 228; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 1,640; engaged in Sabbath School work, 12; Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 5; Christian Endeavor organizations, 6; Young People's Societies the same each year, 6; Manses, 3; Churches and Manses built, 4 and 2.

The DECREASES were:—Number of single persons, 304; of additions on profession, 67; Missionary Associations, 8; in membership with Christian Endeavor and kindred societies, 24; Rented Houses, 3.

In the Synod of British Columbia there were the following INCREASES. In number of

Churches and Stations supplied by pastors, 49; of sittings, 1,185; of families, 300; of single persons, 3,255; of communicants, 303; of additions on profession, 82; additions on certificate, 104; of removals by certificate, 50; by discipline, 1; of infants baptized, 103; adults baptized, 4; in the eldership, 22; attending weekly prayer meetings, 100; Sabbath School and Bible Class, 350; engaged in Sabbath School work, 147; in Christian Endeavor societies, 2; and in membership therein, 85; and of Manses built 3.

The DECREASES throughout the Synod were, removals by death, 8; without certificate, 5; of other office bearers, 2; Missionary Associations, 1; Churches 4.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, 4; Rented Houses, 2; and Manses, 2, were without change.

FINANCES.

In their report for 1896 the Assembly's Committee confined their comparison for that year with the foregoing one, to the four items, Stipend paid by congregation alone; total payments for strictly congregational purposes; Schemes of the Church, and for all purposes. Your Committee will pursue the same course in this report.

SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

In the Presbytery of TRURO, \$17,596, an increase of \$4,473, were paid by congregations as stipend; \$28,070, an increase of \$8,063, for strictly congregational purposes; \$8,711, an increase of \$2,563, to the Schemes, and \$40,261 for all purposes, showing an increase of \$11,986.

In the Presbytery of SYDNEY, \$12,985, were paid in Stipend by the congregations in the bounds, being \$499 of an increase; \$28,667 for all strictly congregational objects, or \$63 of an increase; to the Schemes of the Church, \$3,208, an increase of \$147; and for all purposes, \$33,265, an increase of \$460.

The Churches and Stations in the Presbytery of INVERNESS paid \$6,518 in Stipend; \$9,831 for congregational claims and interests, increase \$809; \$1,538, a decrease of \$39, to the Schemes of the Church; and \$11,745 to all purposes, showing an increase of \$690.

The payments to Stipend by the Churches and Stations in the Presbytery of HALIFAX were \$29,386, a decrease of \$5,762; to all strictly congregational objects, \$61,327, a decrease of \$11,529; to the Schemes of the Church, \$13,708, a decrease of \$1,131; and to all purposes, \$81,811, a decrease of \$11,502.

The Presbytery of WALLACE with its 53 Churches and Stations paid by way of Stipend, \$8,894, an increase of \$1,667; for strictly congregational purposes, \$16,484, or \$3,431 of an increase; to the Schemes of the Church, \$3,870, an increase of \$832; and to all purposes, \$21,543, an increase of \$4,725.

PICTOU Presbytery had 52 Churches and Stations, and these paid as Stipend, \$24,812, an increase of \$1,271; for strictly congregational ends, \$40,072, a decrease of \$1,370; to the Schemes of the Church, \$10,905, or an increase of \$303; and for all purposes, \$55,736, an increase of \$867.

The 78 Churches and Stations in the Presbytery of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND paid their pastors in Stipend \$21,580, a decrease of \$1,629; for strictly congregational purposes their payments were \$32,806, a decrease of \$5,012; to the Schemes of the Church, \$6,929, or \$410 of a decrease; and to all purposes, \$41,984, or \$5,267 decrease.

In the Presbytery of LUNNENBURG AND YARMOUTH its 39 Churches and Stations paid as Stipend, \$6,168; an increase of \$1,158; for strictly congregational purposes, \$10,288; an increase of \$886; to the Schemes of the Church, \$1,714, an increase of \$374; and to all purposes, \$12,790, showing an increase of \$1,610.

The Presbytery of ST. JOHN had added 20 to the number of its Churches and Stations, making these 125, and these paid \$27,814 for the supply of Gospel ordinances they enjoyed, which was an increase of \$1,947; to all strictly congregational ends, \$51,895, or \$2,073 of a decrease; with \$6,840 to the Schemes, \$1,004 of an increase; and \$64,038 for all purposes, an increase of \$429.

The Presbytery of MIRAMICHI with its 64 Churches and Stations, paid \$12,252, a decrease of \$1,318 of a decrease; \$19,603 for all strictly congregational objects, a decrease of \$5,194; to the Schemes of the Church, \$3,144, a decrease of \$22; and for all purposes the payments were \$25,142, a decrease of \$3,995.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

QUEBEC, one of the 6 Presbyteries in this Synod, with 25 Churches and Stations, paid \$13,656, an increase of \$1,015, as Stipends to their pastors; \$23,393 to all congregational ends, being an increase of \$2,245; to the Schemes of the Church, \$5,222, an increase of \$1,053, and to all purposes \$31,295, an increase of \$3,425.

MONTREAL Presbytery had 67 Churches and Stations which were 5 fewer than the previous year, and these paid \$50,125, towards the support of those ministering to them in holy things, a falling off of \$1,254; \$98,558 for strictly congregational objects, a decrease of \$26,199; \$29,951, an increase of \$2,306 to the Schemes of the Church; and \$144,787 for all purposes, a decrease of \$19,977.

GLENGARRY Presbytery had 38 Churches and Stations, or 5 more than the previous year, and these paid in Stipend \$16,786, an increase of \$169; to all congregational objects \$30,065, a decrease of \$2,184; to the Schemes of the Church \$8,702, a decrease of \$529; and for all purposes \$42,861, or \$1,375 of a decrease.

The Presbytery of OTTAWA has 8 Churches and Stations fewer in 1897 than in 1896, leaving the number at 71, and the worshippers belonging to these paid their pastors \$29,926, being \$8,961 less than for the previous year; \$61,697 or \$7,680 less, for strictly congregational objects; \$8,820, an increase of \$407, to the Schemes of the Church; and \$77,619, a decrease of \$5,802 for all purposes.

LANARK AND RENFREW, with 54 Churches and Stations, 2 fewer than the previous year, paid as Stipend, \$26,178, being \$404 of an increase; for strictly congregational ends, \$63,001, an increase of \$156,35; for the Schemes of the Church, \$14,088, an increase of \$268; and for strictly congregational purposes, \$80,856, an increase of \$16,556.

BROCKVILLE Presbytery having 36 Churches and Stations, an increase of 1 on the previous year, paid \$14,112 as Stipend, a decrease of \$950; \$30,261 for strictly congregational ends, a decrease of \$813; to the Schemes of the Church, \$3,982, a decrease of \$406; and for all purposes, \$35,884, a decrease of \$946.

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

In the Presbytery of KINGSTON its 42 Churches and Stations, 3 fewer than the preceding year, paid \$21,147 to the support of their ministers, \$2,046 less than in 1896; \$40,086, or \$8,823 less, to strictly congregational objects; \$7,997, being \$865 less, to the Schemes of the Church; and \$53,268, which was less by \$7,905, to all purposes.

PRETORO had 2 Churches or Stations more, making 38 in all, and these raised and paid \$19,296, an increase of \$2,407, for stipend; \$33,488, a decrease of \$3,020, for strictly congregational ends; \$7,541, an increase of \$941, to the Schemes of the Church; and \$42,593, a decrease of \$1,794, for all purposes.

WHITBY with 21 Churches and Stations, an increase of 1, contributed and paid \$9,797, a decrease of \$804, to stipend; \$14,221, a decrease of \$1,265, to strictly congregational objects; \$3,082, increase \$108, to the Schemes of the Church; and \$17,816, a decrease of \$1,244, to all purposes.

LINDSAY had 24 Churches and Stations each year; and the payments by these were \$11,625 to stipend, \$391 of a decrease; \$21,088 to strictly congregational work, \$659 of a decrease; \$4,791, to the Schemes, \$580 of an increase; and \$26,357, a decrease of \$142, to all purposes.

The Presbytery of TORONTO with 79, an increase of 3, Churches and Stations, paid \$69,825, a decrease of \$1,722, to Stipend; \$174,435, an increase of \$11,591, to all congregational objects; \$41,173, an increase of \$3,219, to Schemes; and \$230,739, to all purposes, an increase of \$19,083.

In the Presbytery of ORANGEVILLE there was a falling off of 5 in the number of Churches and Stations, reducing it to 42; but these raised and paid over \$14,843, an increase of \$1,054, as stipend; \$22,626, an increase of \$1,619, to objects strictly within the congregation; \$2,619, being \$483 of an increase, to the Schemes; and \$25,867, an increase of \$2,279, to all purposes.

BARIE Presbytery increased by 10 its Churches and Stations, making 87. The payments by these were \$27,153 to Stipend, \$748 increase; \$51,249, decrease \$4,335, to congregational objects; \$5,373, increase \$125, to Schemes; and \$58,651, decrease \$3,244, to all purposes.

The Presbytery of ALOOMA increased its Churches and Stations from 92 to 97, which paid \$7,388 for ministerial support, a decrease of \$521; \$11,054 for congregational objects,

\$254 of an increase; \$637, an increase of \$7, to the Schemes of the Church; and \$11,804, an increase of \$111, to all purposes.

In the Presbytery of OWEN SOUND 2 Churches and Stations were added, making the number in the bounds 30. These paid \$12,349, an increase of \$18, towards stipend; \$20,540, a decrease of \$2,617, for all strictly congregational purposes; \$3,016, an increase of \$546, to the Schemes; and \$24,919, a decrease of \$1,366, for all purposes.

SAUGEEN had 1 of an increase in its Churches and Stations, making a total of 25, and the payments by these were as follows:—Towards Stipend \$12,179, a decrease of \$25; strictly congregational objects \$20,428, a decrease of \$1,406; Schemes of the Church \$3,044, a decrease of \$130; all purposes \$24,164, decrease \$1,599.

GUELPH had 30 Churches and Stations each year, which paid \$23,568 as Stipend, \$1,212 of a decrease; \$45,665 for strictly congregational objects, a decrease of \$2,878; to the Schemes \$8,751, increase \$132; all purposes \$59,156, decrease \$2,585.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Presbytery of HAMILTON in this Synod had 61 Churches and Stations, 5 fewer than the previous year. By these \$45,857 were paid as stipend, being \$2,146 of an increase; \$85,404 for congregational expenditure, \$172 of an increase; \$16,431, an increase of \$1,921, to the Schemes of the Church; and \$107,907 for all purposes, being \$8,253.

PARIS Presbytery had 28 Churches and Stations each year. By these \$19,990, a decrease of \$1,036, were paid as Stipend; \$78,639, an increase of \$27,147, for strictly congregational purposes; \$5,375, a decrease of \$533, to the Schemes; and \$90,915 to all purposes, which shows an increase of \$25,025.

The Presbytery of LONDON had 54, an increase of 3, Churches and Stations, and the payments by these were \$31,953, a decrease of \$718, to Stipend; \$74,899, an increase of \$7,877, to congregational objects; \$17,846, an increase of \$521, to the Schemes; and \$96,644, an increase of \$12,389, to all purposes.

CHARHAM had 1 more Church or Station in 1897 than in 1896, making 39 in the bounds. These raised and paid \$17,567 for supply of preaching, being \$460 of a decrease; \$36,201, a decrease of \$19,029, in congregational expenditure; \$4,151 to the Schemes of the Church, an increase of \$647; and \$41,521 to all purposes, a decrease of \$18,542.

STRATFORD Presbytery had an increase of 4 Churches and Stations, raising the total to 34. By these \$17,969 were raised as stipend, being \$216 of an increase; \$32,249, an increase of \$2,565, for congregational objects; \$5,871, an increase of \$1,045, for the Schemes; and \$39,864 for all purposes, an increase of \$4,102.

HURON had the same number of pastoral charges in both years, namely, 27. By their own efforts and within themselves they paid \$15,807 as Stipend, which was \$421 of a decrease; \$34,852, an increase of \$188, to strictly congregational objects; \$7,267, an increase of \$465, to the Schemes; and \$44,784 to all purposes, an increase of \$11,636.

The Presbytery of MITTLAND contained 30 Churches and Stations each year. Towards stipend these paid \$16,932, a decrease of \$186; for congregational purposes \$27,634, a decrease of \$124; for the Schemes \$4,962, a decrease of \$231; and for all purposes \$33,588, a decrease of \$260.

BRUCE had 1 Church or Station of an increase, making the total 24. The payments by these towards Stipend, \$12,256, showed an increase of \$594; towards all strictly congregational expenditure, \$18,566, a falling off of \$2,863; towards the Schemes, \$3,233, an increase of \$137; and towards all purposes, \$22,368, a decrease of \$2,795.

SARNIA had 36, an increase of 2, Churches and Stations. These paid \$17,782, an increase of \$1,069, by way of Stipend; \$34,319, an increase of \$2,849, for the congregational outlay; \$5,257, increase \$989, to Schemes; and \$41,602, increase \$904, for all purposes.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

This Synod included 9 Presbyteries, of which SUPERIOR had 47 Churches and Stations, an increase of 10. Towards Stipend these paid \$5,658, being \$45 of an increase; towards congregational claims \$10,919, an increase of \$1,513; towards the Schemes \$648, an increase of \$135; and for all purposes \$11,873, giving an increase of \$1,832.

WINNIPEG had 82 Churches and Stations under pastoral supply, which contributed \$25,046, an increase of \$1,570, for Stipend; \$52,194, an increase of \$1,507, for congregational outlay; \$6,811, an increase of \$482, to Schemes; and \$62,556, increase \$2,949, to all purposes.

ROCK LAKE with 58 Churches and Stations, as against 50 the foregoing year, raised \$10,848, an increase of \$1,693, for pastoral support; \$17,606, giving an increase of \$3,512, for

all the claims of congregations; \$1,257, increase \$221, for the Schemes; and \$10,646 for all purposes, an increase of \$4,246.

GLENBORO had 31 Churches and Stations each year. The contributions of these were as follows: for Stipend, \$8,878, decrease of \$232; congregational outlay \$14,877, decrease \$658; schemes \$872, increase \$104; all purposes \$16,012, decrease \$280.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE increased its Churches and Stations by 14, making them in all 50. These paid \$10,230, being an increase of \$1,458, for Stipend; \$38,700, an increase of \$23,128, for claims of congregations in connection with their own management; \$2,000, an increase of \$405, to Schemes; and \$41,944 for all purposes, an increase of \$23,568.

In the Presbytery of BRANDON there were 46 Churches and Stations, being two of an increase. These paid \$11,008, a decrease of \$30, for ministerial supply; \$22,277, an increase of \$3,737, for congregational expenditure; \$2,353, increase \$904, to the Schemes; and \$25,002, an increase of \$4,800, for all purposes.

MINNEDOSA raised its Churches and Stations from 80 to 81. Payments were made by these of \$8,371, an increase of \$1,102, to Stipend; \$13,811, increase \$2,241, for congregational expenditure; \$1,168 to Schemes, an increase of \$17; and \$15,545, increase \$2,370 for all purposes.

MELITA added 3 to its Churches and Stations, making them 39. These paid \$4,526, an increase of \$427, as Stipend; \$7,541, a decrease of \$1,104, for congregational purposes; 483, increase \$200, to Schemes; and \$8,224, a decrease of \$800, for all purposes.

REGINA added 14 to its Churches and Stations, which made their number 124. Their payments were \$11,028 to Stipend, or \$1,132 of an increase; \$20,536, or \$3,036 of an increase, for congregational outlay; \$1,591, increase \$327, to Schemes; and \$22,481, increase \$1,775, for all purposes.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Presbytery of CALGARY there was an increase from 20 to 79 in the number of Churches and Stations, to be accounted for chiefly, if not wholly, by the influx of persons connected with the construction of the railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, one of the great undertakings of the present age, and likely to be conducive to great commercial activity. \$5,657 was raised by them for the supply of the Gospel among them, being \$1,058 of an increase on the previous year; \$10,263 were collected, of which \$50 were not allocated and laid out in congregational interests, being an increase of \$3,231; for the Schemes of the Church \$585 were raised, an increase of \$120; and for all purposes \$11,261, an increase of \$3,554;

The Presbytery of EDMONTON has 44 Churches and Stations, 1 fewer than the previous year. These paid \$2,695, increase \$328, as Stipend; for all congregational demands \$4,480, a decrease of \$1,238; for Schemes of the Church, \$245, an increase of \$62; and for all purposes \$4,872, a decrease of \$1,141.

In the Presbytery of KAMLOOPS with 60 Churches and Stations there was a decrease of 8. These made the following payments:—For Stipend, \$9,231, an increase of \$4,046; for congregational purposes \$13,818, an increase of \$4,031; for Schemes of the Church \$567, an increase of \$233; and for all purposes \$14,670, an increase of \$4,339.

WESTMINSTER had 45 Churches and Stations, an increase of 4. \$9,760, a decrease of \$444, were paid by these as Stipend; \$21,367, an increase of \$136, for congregational objects; \$1,817, an increase of \$558, to the Schemes; and \$24,150, increase \$1,213, for all purposes.

VICTORIA had undergone a loss of 5 Churches and Stations, reducing the number to 24. \$9,920 were paid by these as Stipend, being \$396 of a decrease; \$21,405, an increase of \$1,559, for the congregational expenditure; \$675, a decrease of \$196 for the Schemes; and \$23,552 for all purposes, an increase of \$2,221.

Dealing with this part of the Report as has been done by the Statistics your Committee now proceed to give in detail the INCREASES and DECREASES by Synods.

In the Synod of the Maritime Provinces the INCREASES have been in Stipend received from all sources, \$631; in Stipend paid by congregation alone, \$3,156; in amounts paid on incidental congregational objects, \$6,301; in amount raised for strictly congregational purposes \$5,841; in amount raised from mortgages and other securities \$4,465; for College Fund \$70; for Augmentation \$330; for Foreign Missions by Congregations alone \$2,945; by Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies \$413; to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund \$67; in total to Schemes of the Church \$3,621; in payments by Sabbath School and Bible Class \$128; by Young People's and Christian Endeavor Societies \$170; to Synod and Presbytery Funds \$274; and to all other religious and benevolent purposes \$7,984.

On the other hand the DECREASES were:—Arrears of Stipend \$186; paid for Church or Manse \$21,393; total amount for strictly congregational objects \$11,936; special payments to College Fund \$47; to Home Missions \$124; to French Evangelization \$101. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund \$14; Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$40; Assembly Expense Fund \$78; to Home Mission Fund by Home Mission, Christian Endeavor or other Young People's Societies \$198; and for ALL purposes \$57.

In the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa the INCREASES were:—To Stipend paid by congregation alone \$423; other incidental and congregational objects \$629; College Fund \$2,512; Foreign Missions by Congregation alone \$4,634; same fund by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society \$918; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund \$49; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund \$620; Assembly Expense Fund \$154, all the Schemes \$3,108; all other religious and benevolent purposes \$7,921.

The long list of DECREASES is made up as follows:—Stipend received from all sources \$3,242; Arrears of Stipend \$830; expended on Church or Manse \$20,048; total amount for strictly congregational objects \$18,096; total amount raised for strictly congregational purposes \$10,279; raised from mortgages and other securities \$2,276; special for College Fund \$2,696; or Home Missions \$1,383; for Augmentation \$249; French Evangelization \$1,303; Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$48; Sabbath School and Bible Class contributions \$604; Young People's or Christian Endeavor Societies \$218; to Home Missions by Home Mission, Christian Endeavor or other Young People's Societies \$126; Synod and Presbytery Funds \$152, and all purposes \$8,110.

In the Synod of Toronto and Kingston the INCREASES were:—To arrears of Stipend \$1,436; other incidental congregational objects \$10,154; College Fund special \$3,376; Home Missions \$90; Augmentation \$428; Foreign Missions by Congregation alone \$2,798; Aged and infirm Minister's Fund \$205; Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$9; total for Schemes \$4,244; amount contributed by Home Mission, Christian Endeavor and other Young People's Societies to Home Missions \$2,871; to Synod and Presbytery Funds \$25; other religious and benevolent objects \$8,864, and for all purposes \$1,594.

Through its Presbyteries the Increases in the Synod of Hamilton and London were:—To Stipend received from all sources \$5,238; Stipend paid by congregation alone \$2,640; arrears of Stipend \$470; expended on Church or Manse \$17,316; on all strictly congregational objects \$18,722; raised for strictly congregational ends \$19,275; raised on mortgages or other securities \$1,738; for College Fund, ordinary, \$174; for College Fund, special, \$772; Home Missions \$1,208; Augmentation \$170; Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone \$6,472; do by Woman's Foreign Mission Societies \$1,482; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund \$228; total for Schemes \$9,571; by Sabbath School and Bible Class \$800; by Young People's or Christian Endeavor Societies \$230; to Synod and Presbytery Funds \$541, and for all purposes \$27,206.

Taking next the DECREASES they are as follows:—On incidental congregational objects separate from Church or Manse building and repairing \$1,234; French Evangelization Fund \$1,148; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund \$65; Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$173; Assembly Fund \$3; by Home Mission, Christian Endeavor or other Young People's Societies to Home Mission Fund \$388; other payments for religious and benevolent purposes \$1,628.

In the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories the INCREASES were:—To Stipend received from all sources \$10,903; from congregation alone \$7,248; arrears \$92; expended on Church or Manse \$28,127; other strictly congregational objects \$3,147; on total for strictly congregational objects \$36,912; on amount raised for strictly congregational ends \$42,910; raised on mortgage or other securities \$17,298; for College Fund, ordinary, \$203; Home Missions \$1,020; Augmentation \$243; French Evangelization \$116; Foreign Missions by congregation alone \$503; Foreign Missions by Woman's Foreign Mission Societies \$568; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund \$100; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund \$8; Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$117; Assembly Fund \$66; total on Schemes \$2,975; contributions by Sabbath School and Bible Class \$284; by Young People's or Christian Endeavor Societies \$395; to Synod and Presbytery Funds \$106; other religious and benevolent objects \$2,004; all purposes \$40,466.

DECREASES are comparatively few. They are on College Fund, special \$56; contributions to Home Missions by Home Mission, Christian Endeavour or other Young People's Societies, \$2.

Synod of British Columbia, INCREASES:—Stipend received from all sources, \$2,493; from congregation alone, \$4,586; paid on other strictly congregational objects, \$4,078; on all strictly congregational objects, \$7,719; raised for strictly congregational ends, \$3,510; raised on Mortgage and other securities, \$19,822; College Fund special, \$96; Home Missions, \$333; Augmentation, \$116; French Evangelization, \$57; Foreign Missions, by congregation alone, \$133; Foreign Missions, by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$32; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$6; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund, \$3; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$22; Assembly Fund, \$45; on total to Schemes, \$777; on contributions by Sabbath School and Bible Class, \$10; to Home Missions, by Home Mission, Christian Endeavor and other Young People's Societies, \$272; to Synod and Presbytery Funds, \$97; other religious and benevolent objects, \$1,587, and all purposes, \$10,180.

DECREASES.—Arrears, \$226; expended on Church or Manse, \$1,001; raised on mortgage or other securities, \$19,822; College Fund, \$78; raised by Young People's or Christian Endeavor Societies, \$53.

On page 486 will be found the aggregates of all the returns from pastoral charges, included delayed reports, some of which may be, and likely are no more than Mission Stations

for those filling up the blank forms sent, are far from careful to distinguish; as they have the suggestion and opportunity of doing, the one from the other. Taking these aggregates, and comparing them with those of 1890, as has been done with Presbyteries and Synods, a view, correct upon the whole, may be obtained of the progress of the Church in the Dominion at large.

Taking first the INCREASES.—On the number of sittings these amounted to 8,028; of families to 1,724; of single persons to 5,390, and of communicants to 3,770. Additions on certificate gave a total of 174 increases; the removals by death, 145; without certificate 213, and by disciplines, 27. In 1897 baptism was administered to 48 infants more than the previous year. Elders had increased by 140; other office bearers by 386; Sabbath School attendance by 1,048, and Sabbath School workers by 565. Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies had increased by 50; Christian Endeavor by 56, and their membership by 1,756, Mansees by 24.

Passing to the DECREASES, there were 155 in the number of Churches and Stations supplied; 1,632 in those joining on their own profession, of whom there were 10,443; 20 in removals by certificate; 178 in adult persons baptized; 462 in the average attendance at prayer meetings; 30 in Missionary Associations; 63 in Young People's Societies, 4 in rented houses, 28 in the Churches and 3 in the Mansees built.

In the Financial department there was an INCREASE of \$13,685, in the Stipend received from all sources, and of \$18,955 in that paid by congregations alone; of \$399 in arrears of Stipend which make up altogether \$15,403, of \$24,775 in the amount paid on other incidental and congregational outlay; of \$27,308, in total payments for strictly congregational objects; of \$2,163 on College Fund, ordinary, and of \$1,445 on College Fund special; of \$1,371 to Home Missions; \$1,234 to Augmentation; \$17,750 to Foreign Missions by congregations alone, \$2,956 to Foreign Missions by Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies; \$737 to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; \$225 to Widows' and Orphans' Fund; \$74 to Assembly Expense Fund, and of \$25,180 to the Schemes of the Church. The INCREASE in contributions to Home Missions by Home Mission, Christian Endeavor and other Young People's Societies was \$2,396; to Synod and Presbytery Funds, \$869; to other benevolent and religious objects \$26,877, and for all purposes \$78,703.

Over against these let the *Decreases* be placed which were \$14,660 in payment on Church or Manse; \$31,952, in amount raised for strictly congregational purposes; \$21,624 in amount raised on mortgage and other securities; \$2,889 for French Evangelization; \$341 to the Endowment Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers; \$88 in contribution to the Schemes of the Church by Sabbath School and Bible Class; \$638, to the same by Young People's and Christian Endeavor Societies.

From this general survey it will be seen that the Church has manifold reason to bless her King and Head for what He has been to her, and enable her to do. He has drawn a large number from the world into her pale, engaged their energies in spheres of Christian activity and usefulness, and prompted His people to honor Him with their substance, and acknowledge that He is worthy of all riches and blessing.

From the following table an opportunity is given of ascertaining average contributions per family and communicant towards some of the principal objects of the Church's existence and operation.

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AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER FAMILY AND COMMUNICANT IN THE DIFFERENT PRESBYTERIES FOR THE OBJECTS SPECIFIED.

PRESBYTERIES.	STIPEND.		CONGREGATIONAL OBJECTS.		SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.		ALL PURPOSES.	
	Fam.	Com.	Fam.	Com.	Fam.	Com.	Fam.	Com.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
1 Huron.....	6 67	3 19	10 64	5 09	3 26	1 57	15 26	7 30
2 Sydney.....	5 11	4 93	11 28	10 81	1 26	1 21	13 10	12 63
3 Inverness.....	4 33	4 25	6 52	6 41	1 02	1 00	7 80	7 66
4 Halifax.....	11 02	5 52	24 07	11 52	5 38	2 57	32 12	15 37
5 Wallace.....	6 08	3 41	11 26	6 33	2 64	1 48	14 72	8 28
6 Picton.....	7 00	3 46	11 30	5 59	3 07	1 52	15 72	7 78
7 Prince Edward Island	6 47	5 65	9 84	5 65	2 07	1 19	12 58	7 23
8 Lunenburg and Yarmouth	7 91	4 21	13 20	7 03	2 20	1 17	16 43	8 74
9 St. John.....	9 23	5 32	17 16	9 94	2 28	1 31	21 32	12 26
10 Miramichi.....	6 51	3 87	10 41	6 20	1 67	1 00	13 57	7 95
11 Quebec.....	9 88	5 80	16 94	9 92	3 78	2 21	22 66	13 27
12 Montreal.....	12 34	5 15	24 27	10 14	7 37	3 08	35 31	14 89
13 Glengarry.....	7 72	4 50	13 63	8 05	4 00	2 33	19 72	11 47
14 Ottawa.....	9 73	4 77	20 07	9 83	2 87	1 40	25 25	12 37
15 Lanark and Renfrew.	8 13	3 80	19 56	9 17	4 37	2 04	25 11	11 75
16 Brockville.....	7 80	4 81	16 73	10 32	2 20	1 36	19 84	12 24
17 Kingston.....	9 60	4 81	18 20	9 13	3 24	1 62	24 19	12 13
18 Peterborough.....	7 55	3 63	13 11	6 65	2 95	1 50	16 67	8 45
19 Whitby.....	10 30	4 08	14 95	6 55	3 23	1 47	18 73	8 50
20 Lindsay.....	8 22	4 28	14 92	7 77	3 38	1 76	18 65	9 71
21 Toronto.....	10 27	4 25	25 65	10 62	6 05	2 50	33 93	14 05
22 Orangeville.....	7 35	3 57	11 21	5 44	1 30	63	12 81	6 21
23 Barrie.....	8 08	4 31	15 26	8 14	1 60	85	17 46	9 31
24 Algoma.....	5 43	4 46	8 12	6 68	46	38	8 68	7 13
25 Owen Sound.....	7 33	3 23	12 19	5 19	1 80	76	14 80	6 30
26 Saugeen.....	6 73	3 38	11 33	5 67	1 68	84	13 40	6 71
27 Guelph.....	7 45	3 06	14 44	5 92	2 76	1 13	18 71	7 67
28 Hamilton.....	10 09	5 06	18 80	9 43	3 61	1 81	23 70	11 91
29 Paris.....	7 34	3 50	28 89	13 79	3 07	1 46	33 40	15 94
30 London.....	9 09	4 17	21 38	9 78	5 07	2 33	27 43	12 60
31 Chatham.....	8 55	4 29	17 62	8 67	2 01	1 00	20 21	9 94
32 Stratford.....	7 47	3 48	13 40	6 24	2 44	1 11	16 57	7 71
33 Huron.....	8 81	3 46	19 42	7 64	4 05	1 60	24 96	9 88
34 Maitland.....	7 19	3 74	11 75	6 10	2 11	1 09	14 28	7 42
35 Bruce.....	7 23	3 45	10 96	5 20	1 96	92	13 21	6 26
36 Sarnia.....	8 35	4 31	16 13	8 28	2 47	1 27	19 56	10 09
37 Superior.....	9 74	7 70	18 80	14 87	1 11	88	20 43	16 17
38 Winnipeg.....	11 31	6 21	23 57	12 94	3 07	1 69	28 25	15 51
39 Rock Lake.....	10 62	6 70	17 24	10 87	1 23	77	19 24	12 13
40 Glenboro.....	13 43	9 26	22 50	15 33	1 31	91	24 22	16 71
41 Portage la Prairie.....	9 43	5 80	35 70	21 95	1 92	1 18	38 62	23 75
42 Brandon.....	10 26	6 33	19 18	11 85	2 02	1 25	21 53	13 30
43 Minnedosa.....	8 33	5 01	13 75	8 27	1 16	70	15 40	9 31
44 Melita.....	11 23	7 60	18 70	14 33	1 20	81	20 40	13 86
45 Regina.....	7 06	5 66	12 47	10 00	96	77	13 65	10 95
46 Calgary.....	8 26	9 35	14 98	16 96	85	96	16 44	18 61
47 Edmonton.....	5 84	5 00	9 71	8 37	51	46	10 56	9 10
48 Kamloops.....	14 86	17 20	22 28	25 71	91	1 06	23 62	27 30
49 Westminster.....	8 58	6 24	18 80	13 67	1 60	1 16	21 25	15 45
50 Victoria.....	10 73	9 38	23 16	20 23	73	64	25 48	22 21

The average payment to attend by congregation alone per family was \$8.07, a decrease of 44 cents; and per communicant for the same purpose was \$4.44, an increase of 1 cent.

The contribution per family for strictly congregational purposes was \$17.04, a decrease of 2 cents; and per communicant \$8.84, a decrease of 4 cents.

For the Schemes of the Church each family paid on an average \$3.04, an increase of 20 cents; and each communicant \$1.57, an increase of 10 cents.

For all purposes the average family contribution was \$21.35, an increase of 40 cents, and each communicant gave at the rate of \$11.08, an increase of 18 cents.

Your Committee adds, as has been done in former years, since the last union of the sections that form the Presbyterian Church in Canada, a statement of Payments for All Purposes.

	Total			Total		
	Income.	Increase.	Decrease.	Income.	Increase.	Decrease.
1875-76....	\$ 982,672	.....	.....	1887....\$1,730,252	\$196,735	.....
1876-77....	986,115	\$ 3,443	.....	1888.... 1,942,723	212,471	.....
1877-78....	1,030,386	44,271	.....	1889.... 2,054,951	112,228	.....
1878-79....	1,110,381	79,995	.....	1890.... 2,002,810	.....	\$52,141
1879-80....	1,162,154	51,773	.....	1891.... 2,003,239	420	.....
1880-81....	1,245,495	83,341	.....	1892.... 2,076,171	72,932	.....
1881-82....	1,409,748	194,253	.....	1893.... 2,056,300	.....	19,871
1882-83....	1,422,783	13,035	.....	1894.... 1,126,987	70,687	.....
1883-84....	1,451,624	30,841	.....	1895.... 2,134,990	8,003	.....
1884-85....	1,558,218	104,594	.....	1896.... 2,140,301	5,311	.....
1885-86....	1,580,818	22,600	.....	1897.... 2,219,004*	78,703	.....
1886-87....	1,553,517	.....	\$47,301			

It will be seen from the above that in the entire period of 23 years covered by these reports there were only 3 in which there were decreases of income on preceding years; and the amount of these was \$119,313. The aggregate of the increases alone was \$1,306,942, or including the year of this report, \$1,385,645. There were only 7 years in which the increases were larger, and none of these was since 1889. God has been extending the boundaries of the Church all this time; increasing her membership; granting outward peace and prosperity, and drawing in as revenue to His Kingdom from the enlarging resources He has been opening.

MISSION STATIONS.

STATISTICS.

In the four Synods of the Maritime Provinces; Montreal and Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston, with the exception of Algoma, a Mission Presbytery, and Hamilton and London, in which the reports of Mission Stations have been kept apart from those of Churches and Stations enjoying pastoral supply, there were 387 Stations an increase of 81 on the previous year; 30,474 sittings, 8,749 of an increase; 5,746 families, 1,355 of an increase; 2,092 single persons, 618 of an increase, and 5,818 communicants, a decrease of 25.

The communicants added during the year were 288 on their own profession, and 121 on certificate, in all 409. Those removed were 60 by death; 117 by certificate; and 47 without certificate, or a total of 224. Baptism was administered to 310 infants and 38 adults.

The number of Ruling Elders, 212, had decreased by 19; and other office bearers, 466, by 49.

In the attendance at weekly prayer meetings, 2,137, there was a decrease of 441; in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 4,036, a decrease of 320, and those engaged in Sabbath School work, 548, of 81.

Missionary Associations numbered 13, an increase of 6; Women's Foreign Missionary Societies 10, a decrease of 13; Christian Endeavor Societies 33, a decrease of 1; Young People's Societies 7, an increase of 4; and membership in these 574, a decrease of 310.

There were 10 Mansees and 2 Rented Houses. 4 Churches and 1 Manse were built during the year.

FINANCES.

\$26,552 were received from all sources for the supply of ordinances, and \$20,657 were raised by the Stations themselves. \$948 are reported as arrears. \$3,666 were paid for Churches or Mansees; \$4,441, for other incidental objects, and \$28,764 for all purposes strictly

*Exclusive of the amount raised by Mission Stations, \$31,597.

connected with the Stations. \$28,764, were raised from all sources for them, and \$11,612 by mortgage or other securities.

The contributions to the Schemes of the Church amounted to \$1,845, of which \$107 were for Colleges ordinary, special \$17. \$659 for Home Missions; \$166 for Augmentation; \$130 for French Evangelization; \$370 for Foreign Missions by the Stations themselves, and \$166 by Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies; \$61 for Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; \$48 for Widows' and Orphans' Fund; and \$49 for Assembly Fund, with \$72 not distributed.

\$44 of the amount for Schemes were raised by Sabbath School and Bible Class; \$84 by Christian Endeavor or Young People's Societies; \$22 for Home Mission Fund, by Home Mission, Christian Endeavor, Young People's and Kindred Societies; \$110 for Synod and Presbytery Fund; \$480 for other religious and benevolent objects and \$31,597 for all purposes, including some amounts not distributed, as, for example \$395 in the Presbytery of Peterborough.

Although no action has been taken by congregations through their Presbyteries, and consequently no report has reached your Committee in reference to the Klondike Mission, yet it has obtained such notoriety, and the members of the Church have entered into it so heartily that it must not be passed over in silence. Crowds have already gone to the regions to brave all its hardships and dangers in the pursuit of gold, and all the spiritual perils inseparable from such an enterprise; but earnest and zealous heralds of the cross have followed closely, and given themselves to their duties with a courage worthy of highest commendation, while those that remain at home are holding up their hands by fervent prayers, and encouraging them by contributing liberally to the furnishing and maintenance of the means of grace. A more extended notice of the operations, and their results, in that region properly belong to the year now running.

An application was received from the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College for recognition of their work in the report of your Committee. An opportunity for its consideration has not presented itself in consequence of the late date at which it was sent in. It will be for the Committee to be appointed to discuss it, and see if a place can be found for such mention of their work on the Statistical Report as they may desire.

The Assembly's Committee have, in past years when the information sought by them was supplied, given details regarding number of pastoral charges and other items which could not be obtained from the line of questions sent out to congregations. A special slip is prepared for this purpose, and one was sent to every Presbytery Clerk on the large sheet issued for Presbyterial tabulation of replies. Last year it was reported that one Presbytery had not filled up this slip and returned it, this year two have to be reported as being in default, namely Sydney in the remote east, and Kamloops in the far west, although repeated applications were made for them. The following summary is collected from the 48 Presbyteries replying.

The number of pastoral charges was 941, an increase of 5 on the foregoing year; of these 51 have not reported, although it may be that some of these appear in the Delayed Returns, of which there are 16, containing 24 Churches and Stations. The Presbytery with the largest number of charges is Toronto 49, Montreal 46, Hamilton 44, Barrie 40, St. John 38, and so down in decreasing numbers. From Regina the return gives 4, which is evidently a clerical error.

Vacant charges are reported at 66; of which 15 are in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces; 7 in that of Montreal and Quebec; 22 in Toronto and Kingston; 14 in Hamilton and London; 6 in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and 2 in British Columbia. Only 6 vacant charges did not report to Presbyteries.

Mission Stations numbered 471, or 23 fewer than that given for the foregoing year, and of these 56 made no report.

On the rolls of Presbyteries there were the names of 1,071 ministers, of which 65 were in the Presbytery of Montreal; 61 in Toronto; 45 in Hamilton; 42 in St. John; 41 in Kingston, and so down to 10 in Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Algoma, Rock Lake, Melita and Victoria, and 7 in Edmonton, Whitby did not report. In 23 Presbyteries there are 49 ministers residing, whose names are not on the roll nor appendix; 1, Hamilton, with 8; 2, Maitland and Winnipeg, with 4 each; Pictou, Prince Edward Island, Toronto, Guelph, 3 each; 5 Presbyteries with 2 each, and the others of the 23 with 1 each.

During the year there were in all 56 demissions of charges, of which 11 were in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, 7 in that of Montreal and Ottawa; 17 in that of Toronto and Kingston; 12 in that of Hamilton and London; 6 in that of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and 3 in that of British Columbia. In 31 Presbyteries there were demissions; the greatest number 6, being in Barrie; the second, 5, in Orangeville; the third, 4 in Halifax and Chatham; and so down. The translations from one charge to another in the same Presbytery were 8, and in other Presbyteries 33.

In 21 Presbyteries students were licensed to preach the Gospel to the number of 58.

The deaths of ministers numbered 16.

Of the 48 Presbyteries reporting, 38 congregations make their year close with the calendar year, whereas all should do so according to the injunction of the Assembly, now of some years

standing; 22 have committees charged with collecting, tabulating, and reporting to their Presbyteries the statistics received from Churches and Stations in their bounds; 33 call for the names of those not reporting, and 40 devote some time to the examination and consideration of the report.

Last Assembly renewed with emphasis its injunction to Presbyteries to be careful, prompt and faithful in having returns from all the charges, whether vacant or settled, and stations in their bounds, procured and forwarded to the Committee in good time, as required by previous injunctions of the Supreme Court. This renewed injunction has not secured its object more than previous ones have done. From 9 Presbyteries there are 16 delayed returns.

Prince Edward Island, Brockville, Kingston, Lindsay, Saugeen, Hamilton and Paris, 1, Barrie, 3, and 1, Montreal the large number of 66. The blame in all these cases cannot be laid on the clerks, for Your Committee are afraid that applications were earnestly, and in some instances, repeatedly made, but Sessions and Boards of Management could not be moved to observe punctuality. The injustice of this unfaithfulness deserves censure. The importance of full returns, made in such time that they can be embodied in the report proper of the Committee, should touch the mind and conscience of all in charge of congregations. Respect for the injunction of the Supreme Court, and for the Committee who are its appointees, should have the same effect. Delays and omissions affect seriously some of the calculations that have to be made, show themselves in the averages struck, and the totals reported, for example, the Presbytery of Montreal, through the lateness of the financial statement of Melville Church, which had sent its statistical report in time to appear in its proper place, appears \$4,753 less in its contributions for all purposes than actually given, and Kingston \$4,735 less from the lateness of the return of St. Andrew's Church, Belleville.

Directions are given in the slips and sheets as to the entries, which if read over would secure accurate returns, but, judging from those sent in, little attention is paid to them by some whose places it is to fill up the blanks. Presbytery clerks can sympathize with this remark in reference to congregations, and the Convener of your Committee can do the same in reference to some clerks. In some cases sheets have been returned without name, date, signature nor addition of columns. In by far the greater number of instances, the additions were not correct, and especially in the financial statement in which, through the checks introduced, it is very easy to detect errors. And this, too, not in sheets extending to two and three, but even with some having a comparatively few entries. In all cases in which the clerk has not attended to the additions; the printed report shows his omission, thus giving it an unfinished aspect.

As to the contents, away from the appearance of the report, there is ground for encouragement and gratitude. Some things call for solemn consideration, for enquiry as to faithfulness in doing all that could be done of what God was laying to our hand in our own localities, such as gathering in souls to Christ. Has the weekly meeting for prayer all the sympathy and interest it should engage? The attendance, taking in Delayed Returns, and Mission Stations, 66,103 shows an average of less than 23 to each station; the eldership gives an average of less than 3, Sabbath Schools of less than 55, with an average of between 8 and 9 scholars to each worker.

Both with regard to this department of the report, and also to the Financial, your Committee feel that there are local circumstances to be considered of which they have no knowledge and this thought keeps them from any detailed summation or positive statement. This fact appears in the report which is now before the Assembly. In certain parts of the Church there has been marked prosperity and increase, of some other parts the same assertion cannot be made, showing that there were favorable influences at work in the one, and less favorable influences in the other. But figures prove that there has been decided progress.

Your Committee, as appointed at last Assembly, was instructed to adopt means for procuring and presenting in summary form information regarding the Church's equipment to prepare students for the ministry, the state and progress of her work in foreign Fields, and such other matters as may be expected in a statistical report, Your Committee have endeavored to carry out these instructions and present the following results of their effort.

They corresponded directly with some of the Missionaries in the Foreign Field, but, owing it may be to want of time, answers have not been received from any of these. Application was also made to the Secretaries of the Foreign Mission Committees, but it is probable it has not reached them as there has been no acknowledgement of it, or, it may be, they have been waiting for returns from the distant quarters with which they are in communication, and which may be slow of coming in. Your Committee, then, cannot present any comprehensive view of the Foreign Field occupied, the number of laborers engaged, the number in Church connection, with the district specification of converts from heathenism, and the extent to which the revenues derived from congregations at home, and these converts abroad, are devoted to the carrying on of the Lord's work in the far off regions of the earth.

As regards College equipment to prepare young men for the life work of the ministry, it must be mentioned in the first place, that there are six colleges at so many points lying between Halifax on the seaboard of the Atlantic to Winnipeg, only so lately attaining the rank of a city, although long known as a Hudson Bay Post by the name of Fort Garry, in a

land of solitude and silence almost unbroken, but which is rapidly becoming populous and prosperous, in the centre of a far-stretching territory into which settlers are flowing from many remote and different localities.

Our information as to the college at Halifax, must be confined to what can be collected from the report of the Presbytery at Halifax upon statistics, as no reply has come to the questions sent out, nor has a copy of the Calendar reached our hands. All that can be collected from the Presbytery returns is that there are four professors in that Institution but no mention is made of the salaries paid. Further information regarding this, the classes conducted, and the students in attendance must be learned from the Report which shall be submitted at this meeting of Your Court.

Morrin College, in the city of Quebec, was founded in 1860 by Joseph Morrin, Esquire, M.D., and is affiliated in Arts with McGill University, Montreal. It is under a Board of Governors of 13, one of whom is appointed by the Session of St. Andrew's Church, and two by the General Assembly, with a Faculty of Arts embracing nine Professors, perhaps the Secretary ought also to be included, and a Faculty of Divinity in charge with courses on Apologetics, Systematic Theology, Church History and Pastoral Theology, and New Testament Exegesis and Criticism. Already upwards of 43 have graduated as Bachelors of Arts, and 24 have graduated in Theology. The number of Professors is seven with three Lecturers. The highest salary is \$2,000. There are three of \$1,200 each, two at \$1,050 each, one is honorary and the Lecturers are not paid. Dwelling houses are provided for the Principal and two of the other Professors. In 1897-98 there were 13 full undergraduate, and about 80 partial graduate students. No graduates the previous session.

The only information we can give of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, is gathered from the Statistical report of the Presbytery, and this gives only the names of the Principal and Professors, five in number, without any record of the salary of each.

In Queen's College and University, Kingston, there are three Professors and a Lecturer in the Divinity Faculty. The subjects taught are Systematic and Biblical Theology; Hebrew, Chaldaic and Old Testament Exegesis; Apologetics and New Testament Exegesis, and Church History by the Lecturer. The aggregate of the salaries paid is \$7,500. The number of students last Session was 42, whose names are given in the report to the General Assembly, 14 of these have completed their course, of whom eight received Testamurs. There is no Preparatory Class.

In Knox College, Toronto, there are four Professors, including the Principal, and two Lecturers. The subjects taught are New Testament Literature and Exegesis; Systematic Theology; Apologetics and Church History; and Old Testament Literature and Exegesis by the Professors; Homiletics, Church Government and Pastoral Theology, by one Lecturer, and Elocution by the other. The salaries of the Professors aggregate \$11,000 and of the Lecturers \$1,450. Altogether there were 74 students in attendance during the last Session; 27 in the first year, 21 in the second, and 26 in the third, and 26 of the graduating class successfully completed their studies. There is a Preparatory Department of first, second and third years, in which there were 30 students, 14 of the first, 8 of the second and 8 of the third, under three Tutors, at salaries aggregating \$450.

The College of Manitoba, situated in Winnipeg, has a staff of four Professors, one Lecturer and two Tutors. By these the following subjects are taught: Exegesis, Biblical Theology and Systematic Theology with German and part of Philosophy, Hebrew, Church History, Introduction and Apologetics, with Logic, Political Economy, Classics and English Science and French. Tutors assist in Mathematics, Classics and English and French. There are also Lecturers who assist in the work of the summer session, but these vary from year to year and receive no remuneration for their services. Elocution is also taught.

Salaries paid amount to \$13,505 to which there will be some increase in 1897-98. During the late session there were 37 Theological students, and in the Arts course and Preparatory Department, 177, of the latter 32 graduated and of the former 5. There are special preparatory classes for students entering upon the study of Theology, and in these there were six in the third year, two in the second, and five in the first. Between 35 and 40 ladies are in the College, and of those trained in the Institution 24 have taken the degree of B.A.

From the fact that on the roll of the Presbytery of Halifax, a name stands and has stood for years described as "Principal, Ladies' College," it was inferred that there was such an Institution connected with the Church, and possibly under the care of the Presbytery or Synod of the Maritime Provinces. But no reply has come to the application made for information.

So also in Toronto there is a Presbyterian Ladies' College, but nothing is known by Your Committee regarding its organization and standing.

In Ottawa there is a Ladies' College whose Literary Course extends over twelve years, comprising the following grades: Kindergarten, Preparatory, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Collegiate,—each grade covering the work of two years. The scope of the curriculum provides for carefully graded instruction from Kindergarten up to University matriculation. There is a music department extending through six grades. When sufficient demand requires it, Art Needlework and Cookery classes are formed. For the Session 1897-98 the average

attendance of boarders has been 22, and of day pupils 68 or a total of 90. Salary expenditure amounts to \$3,401, of which \$396 are paid to four Visiting, and \$3,005 to nine Resident Teachers.

Brantford Presbyterian Young Ladies' College has been established for upwards of twenty years, is under the sanction and auspices of the Church, and reports of its standing and progress are made yearly both to Synods and General Assembly. The Course of Instruction embraces a Preparatory Department for students under fourteen years of age and a Collegiate Department, covering first, second and third year, with a special course in Literature, Art or Music. The teachers number thirteen, and the amount paid as salaries is \$5,500. The course extends over three years in College proper, two in Preparatory to enter College. The average attendance last Session was 100, and twelve graduated. The Conservatory of Music is affiliated with the Toronto College of Music, which places the department equal to the best musical education in the Dominion.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I.—That the Assembly review with emphasis.—As injunction to Presbyteries to be careful, prompt and faithful in having returns from all the charges, whether vacant or settled, as station in their bounds, procured and forwarded to the Committee in good time, as required by previous injunctions of the Supreme Court.

II.—That Presbyteries have reported to them, by their Clerks, or the Convener of their Committee on Statistics, as early in the year as practicable, the returns made, and that they spend some time in considering the same.

III.—That the Committee to be appointed, continue the efforts of the former one, for procuring and tabulating in summary form, information regarding the Church's equipment to prepare students for the ministry, the state and progress of the work in foreign fields, and such other matters as may be expected in a Statistical Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GUELPH, 30TH APRIL, 1898.

ROBERT TORRANCE, *Convener*.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL

1. PRESBYTERY OF TRURO

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Rcd.	No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); on Certificate (C).	No. of Communicants removed during year—By death (D); by certificate (O).	No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (U); by Dis. (D).	No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).			Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer-Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there H.M.S. C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or M.E. Society.	Is there a M. J. or Eccl. House (E.H.) provided for Ministry?	Did Con. build C. or M. during year?	Mission received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.			
											P.	C.	D.																	
1	Retired	Alex. Cameron																												
2	Retired	J. D. McGillivray																												
3	Great Village	James McLean	1	450	85		180	4	6	7		7	1	6	6	70	95	14		ce	67	M			750	780				
4	St. Andrew's, Truro	Thomas Cumming	2	800	157	60	380	3	12	7	4		14	2	9	7	150	200	32	1	ce	60	M		1200	1200				
5	First Presbyterian Church, Truro	J. W. Falconer, B.D	1	1000	150		342	5	34	6	4		13	1	5	10	150	286	28		1	ce	84		1200	1200				
6	Onslow	J. H. Chase, M.A.	2	750	92		231		9	4	2	3		3	4	12	75	165	22	1	ce	60	M		800	800				
7	Milford and Gay's River	A. B. Dickie	3	670	104	16	269	7	3	5	6	1		10	9	8	200	250	30		5	ce	158	M		800	800			
8	Springside	D. S. Frazer, B.A.	2	850	115	11	317	5	11	3	9			7	9	6	130	253	34	1	2	3	ce	113	M		800	800		
9	Middle Musquodoboit	Edwin Smith, B.A.	2	1000	120		285	2	8	2	3			9	9	24	100	250	35		2	2	ce	108	M		750	750		
10	Shubenacadie	John Murray	4	860	150		296	10	10	3	6	1		18	8	10	70	230	29		2	2	ce	106	M		800	800		
11	Riverside	W. H. Noss, B.D.	4	700	110	8	275	3	1	4	9	4		8	1	15	150	250	26		2	3	ce	80	M		1050	1050		
12	Upper Musquodoboit	F. W. Thompson	3	750	143	20	248	10	2	13	6			12	2	4	120	135	20		2	ce	110	M		800	800			
13	St. Paul's, Truro	A. L. Geggie	1	720	151	150	384	10	14	5	8			11	8	5	100	409	24	1	1	3	ce	116	M		800	800		
14	Lower Stewiacke	F. S. Coffin	6	500	129	36	238	3	7	3	4			22	8	9	150	200	24		1	3	ce	87	M		1000	1000		
15	Clifton	L. W. Parker	4	650	129	6	156	5	3	8	12			3	2	8	10	150	126	16	1	4	ce	73	M		750	750		
16	Acadia Mines	J. A. McKenzie, B.A	2	400	108	160	152	5		6	1	16		5	8	6	85	185	21		1	ce	55	M		800	800			
17	Coldstream	A. B. McLeod	4	470	91	6	175	4	3	2	7			10	10	100	135	22		1	2	ce	40	M		750	750			
18	Upper Londonderry	W. Dawson, B.D.	3	1100	130	25	292	4		1				3	1	12	120	175	15	1	3	ce	50	M		825	825			
19	Economy and Five Islands	Andrew Gray	5	1200	140	8	294	6	2	7	2			7	2	12	14	150	182	20		2	4	ce	24	M		800	800	
20	Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield	C. McKinnon, M.A., B.D.	2	850	153	8	289	8	3	9	3			6	2	15	6	100	303	35	2	y	3	ce	103	M		900	900	
21	Quoddy & Maccan River	McLeod Harvey, B.A	7	650	83	21	170	8	3	4		4		24	4	11	100	160	20		1	3	ce	80	M		733	500		
22	Upper Stewiacke	J. B. Maclean, B.D.	2	650	122		220	4	5	1				11	9	8	140	120	18		1	3	ce	45	M		672	672		
23	Sheet Harbor	W. W. McNairn, M.A	5	700	99	23	165	5	4	2	2			15	4	6	9	32	171	26	1	3	ce	60	M		490	315		
24	Lower Musquodoboit	J. F. Poiley, B.A.	3	500	77	20	159	4		3	2			4	1	9	5	70	65	9	1	1	ce	28	M		750	600	146	
MISSION STATIONS.																														
1	North River	Gordon Dickie, B.A	2	300	38		90	3		1				1		4	6													
2	Moose River and Cariboo	F. H. McIntosh	2	150	41		40			2				5	1	5	45	40			1	ce	25							
3	Harmony	H. S. Davison	1	250	44		51									55	55													
Totals			72	16920	2761	578	5698	1111	1133	32	2	219	21	185	227	2392	4440	526	9	31	51	1952	19	19	19	19	19	19		

FINANCES.

18 23 10 11 9 20 12 14 8 7 23 20 7 20 14 27 12 6	Supt. and other Officers. Is there a Missionary Association Is there a Wcm. Fr. Miss. Society? Is there H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation? Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society. Is there a Manse (M.) or Rented House (H.R.) provided for Ministers? Did Con. build C. or M. during year?	Stipend received from all sources.		Stipend paid by Congregation alone. Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year. Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Con- gregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Con- gregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.		Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Minis- ters' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Minis- ters' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Classes?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H. M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.	
		a, b, c, d, e, f.	(1) Ordinary. (2) Special.																									
18		845	845		460	130c.			a	14	17	40	20	21		6			3	121				4	77	1507	1	
23	1 ce 131 M	1000	1000	1718	950	3608	3608		a	30	10	50	45	5					2	281				4	103	4056	2	
10	1 yps 30 M	550	550	50	11	550	550		a	3	17	25	2						2	82	7					632	3	
11	9 1	609	450	210	176	830			a	11	16	30	7	17		8			2	96				3	33	97	5	
20	1 hm ce 46 M	900	900	c 1422	704	3026	3014		a	5	518	70	50	120		12			2	84	125	10		4	110	3970	6	
12	1 ce 22 M	160	160	689	849	849	849		a	40	8	8	4	10		10			4	30				12	110	879	7	
14	1 ce 22 M	700	622	25	100	753			a	1	2	5	22	42		6			2	80				3	25	861	8	
8	1 ce 19 M	227	227	c 86	38	351			a	5	8	10		15		2			1	41		ce	2	3	4	2	368	9
7	1 ce 19 M	344	344	c 134	79	423	476		a	6	17	10		11		9			1	32	17			4		459	10	
23	1 ce 88 M	257	250	c 134	34	418	435		a	5	10	10		11		3			1	40				4		462	11	
20	1 ce 88 M	940	900	100 m 400	140	1440	1440		a	20	14	30		20		5			2	84				4	20	1548	12	
7	1 ce 30 M	1100	1100	170	451	1721	2080		a	10	76	50	38	60	80	6			4	334	28	38	8	6	242	2303	13	
20	1 yps 30 M	800	800	1200	150	2150	2150		a	10	18	30	12	15		3			2	92				4	50	2296	14	
14	1 yps 15 M	900	900	50	150	1100	1100		a	28	95	50	7	38	62	10			1	290	43	12		3	80	1473	15	
7	1 yps 15 M	700	487	m 103	131	721	721		a	8	10	25	4	20	10	2			1	83	3	8	4	9	95	908	16	
14	1 yps 15 M	900	900	c 115	603	1618	718		a	25	25	50	10	31		8			3	160		6		11	220	2009	17	
27	1 ce 82 M	1200	1200	c 2932	670	5002	3502	1500	a	11	62	50	25	64		20			5	5	267	10	12	14	200	5483	18	
12	1 ce 48 M	850	850	c 989	386	2325	2219	500	a	15	60	40	15	50		4			2	3	189	4	34	ce	4	34	2252	19
6		108	80		57						16			4							20					157	1	
																											2	
																											3	

22	1 ce 30 M	800	692	170	396	1519	1519		a	7	18	18	5	22	70	4			3	151	14			17	15	1702	4	
38	1 ce 207 M	750	750	m 256	123	923			a	4	27	38	10	50	64	2			4	198				9	27	1167	5	
3	1 ce 60 M	424	424	30	30	454			a	6	8	16	7	15	30	2			NONO	86				2	14	556	6	
3	1 ce 30 M	327	327	c 38	82	447	447		a	6	10	10		13	9					42		2		4	499			
12	1 ce 30 M	600	510	m 288	163	961			a	13	13	28	43	39	83	5			3	230	43			12	76	1279	7	
1	1 ce 60 M	150	100	c 60	23	183			a	2	1	6	8	6		1			1	24				3	6	218	8	
19	1 ce 112 M	900	900	c 112	191	1203			a	20	24	38	26	50	76	8			8	260				5	45	1513	8	
18	1 ce 74 M	750	634	c 575	126	1335			a	18	25	35	8	38	55	5			3	3	195	20	ce	10	7	83	1620	9
10	1 ce 28 M	750	550	100 c 30	40	620			a	2	6	24	10	7	5	6			2	56				3	5	684	10	
20	1 ce 35 M	600	323	35 m 50	373				a	3	13	5	6	18	13	6			2	68						441	11	

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								P.	C.	D.	C.	I.	A.																
23	Fort Massey Halifax	A. Gandler, B.D.	1	650	110	160	335	15..	18	4..	15	3...	3...	7	13	100	160	25	1	ce	63	500	2500						
24	St. John's Newfoundland	A. Robertson, M.A.	2	1000	193	48	290	11..	4	6..	5	26...	5	10	80	288	30	1	hm	45	280	2680							
25	Kempt and Walton	W. A. Mason, B.A.	5	1250	52	4	97	7..	5	4..	5	3..	2	6	95	42	6	1	ce	58	275	150							
26	Prof. Pres. College	R. A. Falconer, B.D.	1	350	70	20	143	35..	12	1..	4	2...	8..	7	4	3	60	108	12	1	ce	62	167	707					
27	Noel	E. J. Rattee, B.A.	4	850	90	5	201	13..	2	3..	2	1..	0	9	10	9	8	140	160	2b	1..	3	ce	106	750	650			
28	Wolfville and Horton	P.M. McDonald, B.A.	2	500	52	11	88	12..	3	...	4	17..	2	5	8	55	60	2	1	1mb	30	1	ce	30	792	792			
29	Kentville	Geo. McMillan, B.A.	1	350	70	20	143	35..	12	1..	4	2...	8..	7	4	3	60	108	12	1	ce	62	167	707					
30	N.W. Arm and Rockingham	Geo. E. Ross, B.D. R. G. Strattie, M.A.	4	325	67	25	108	9..	9	...	4	9..	2	5	12	45	75	12	1	ce	40	1	ce	40	750	555			
31	Newport	B.D.	7	1000	75	...	165	15...	1..	2	...	8	5	12	90	66	9	1	ce	35	1	ce	35	877	877				
32	Maitland	S.J. McArthur, M.A.	3	900	108	6	245	9...	4..	4	...	4	7	6	120	190	31	1	ce	...	1	ce	...	706	708				
33	Bedford	A. P. Logan	4	600	70	29	125	5..	3	2..	1	2	...	12	110	128	23	...	ce	51	...	ce	51	800	650				
34	Waterville and Lakeville	John Hawley	2	550	39	22	122	4..	1	...	1	3	7	9	50	65	9	1	ce	18	1	ce	18	618	438				
35	Elmsdale	A. V. Morash	2	600	72	10	158	...	4	6	...	1	10	12	120	120	20	2	3	ce	50	1	ce	50	960	600			
36	Cobling Road Halifax	W. M. Fraser, B.Sc.	1	200	40	5	55	3..	9	...	8	4..	1	3	6	25	82	10	1	ce	16	...	ce	16	750	500			
ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.																													
37	Bay of Islands Newfoundland	W. C. Morrison
38	Harbor Grace, Newfoundland	G. S. Milligan, M.A.	1	190	32	9	55	5...	1..	3	...	2	3	2	50	120	19	1	ce	116	...	ce	116	...	ce	116	300	650	
39	Lawrencetown and Cow Bay	R. Murray	2	325	40	4	78	...	1	...	10	5	5	70	33	6	...	22	ce	16	...	ce	16	...	ce	16	700	450	
40	Digby and Bayview	G. F. Johnson, B.A.	2	300	18	8	29	1..	1	...	1	2	6	26	15	2	1
41	Goro and Kennetcook	John MacIntosh	3	600	124	10	169	...	2..	1	...	10	7	6	125	70	11
MISSION STATIONS. STUDENT CATECHISTS.																													
1	Up, Dartmouth and Montague	J. R. Douglas	2	260	40	...	45	100	16
2	Mt. Uniacke	D. McRae	5	385	37	...	49	4	1	...	73	87	7	ce	15	...	ce	15
3	Middleton and Melvern Square	A. D. Sterling	2	450	17	8	25	...	2..	1	2	...	3
4	Labrador	Wm. Forbes	1
Totals			76	18060	2841	811	5441	1358	75.124	70..	8	251,70	180	269	2189	3801	555	7	26

*For 4 mo

FINANCES.

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25	1	ce	63			500	2500				2237	4737					812	330	135	2201	205	00				25	4127	185	72	12	23	1538	10425	23	
30	1	hm	45			2680	2680		5000		3053	10733		1000			230	100		15							345			200		531	11009	24	
6	1	ce	58			275	150		20		22	102					15	10		5	20					2	65			3	30	200	25		
2b	1	3 ce	106			750	650		m 10 c 136		132	928	928				43	31	16	70	20	2		2	2	2	203	11	12	6	13	108	1252	27	
3	1	1 ml	30			792	792				501	2404	1812				42	25	2	64	34	7		7	1	203		39		9	74	2690	28		
12	1	1 ce	62			767	767			227	471	1465	1466				53	25	8	58	27	5		3		3	194	20	13	13	16	347	2022	29	
12	1	ce	40			750	555			203	68	826										34					45						871	30	
9	1	ce	35			877	877			331	41	1249	1249				41	30		34	42	4		4	2		169	1	20	ce 20	5	8	1431	31	
31	1	ce				708	708			631	162	1501	1501				54	05		18	70						207	29	80	ce 20	59	70	1776	32	
23	1	ce	51			800	650			74	131	855	721				19	25	5	32		5					95	30	0		6		966	33	
9	1	1 ce	48			603	438			m 275	40	478					14	20		10		3					47					70	595	34	
20	23	ce	50			1600	600				100	975	975														200	15	35		8	60	1283	35	
10	1	ce	46			750	500			300	554	1414	1418				10	30	2	104						3	165		4	4	5	28	1612	36	
																																		37	
19	1	br	116			800	650			372	384	1406	1529				40			22	20						103					13	1522	38	
6	22	ce	16			700	450				30	480	480				26	13		42		5				2	104		21	10	3	15	602	39	
2	1					490	195		5	c 362	27	584	584						5		5					1	11	2	0		2	17	614	40	
11						1107	107				34	141	201																		4	29	174	41	
16	7	ce	13			290	160			90	198	448					5					5						15				4	467	1	
						254	171				171											20						26					197	2	
							131				131											9						11						142	3
							127				127											5						5						132	4
555	7	26	39c 2bb 2bm 1ms	1265	20m 2RV	3711	29075	211	12700	10329	62204	36879	17620	1194	40	3190	1826	635	4785	1132	329				92	142	13765	1177	702	524	235	6525	82749		

*For 4 months. †Settled in April. ‡Settled in November. §Settled in September. ¶Not distributed.

WARD ISLAND

for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897.

FINANCES.

No.	Sex	Age	Profession	Marital Status	Residence	Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.		Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows' & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M., C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.								
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14	2	ce	58	M		768	768			200	968	968		a	7	31	37	25	175	92	5					372					123	1463	1							
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*Settled only part of year.

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for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897.—Continued.

FINANCES.

Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?
Is there a H.M.S. C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?
Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.
Is there a Manse (M.) or Parson's House (P.H.) provided for Minister?
Did Con. David C. or M. during year?

	Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend's Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M.S. C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.	
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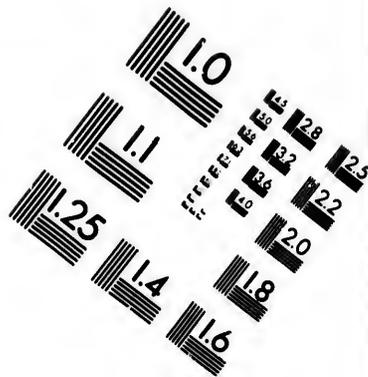
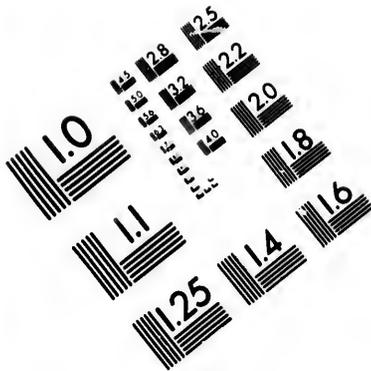
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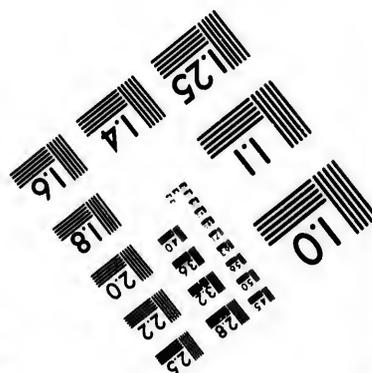
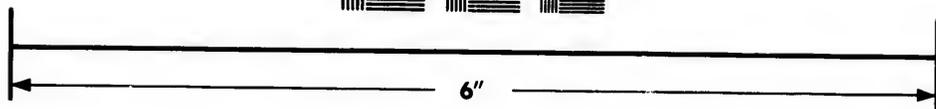
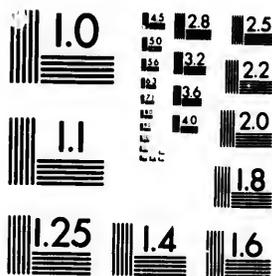
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FINANCES.

Is there a Missionary Association?		Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?		Is there a H. M. S., C. E. or other Y. P. S. connected with Congregation?		Total No. of Members in the Y. P. or C. E. Society.		Is there in Manse (M) or Rented House (R. H.) provided for Minister?		Stipend received from all sources	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	a, b, c, d, e, f.	(1) Ordinary.	(2) Special.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W. F. M. S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S. S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to I. M. F. by H. M. S., C. E., or other Y. P. S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.				
1	1	ce	45	M	800	800	325	170	1295	1300	d	5	81	81	82	5	70	122	5	5	3	390	15	22	8	60	1762	10													
7	1	ce	45	M	750	750	100	100	950	950	c	6	10	11	28	10	70	2	3	2	152	13	8	150	1250	11															
5	1	hm	20	M	375	375	40	415	430	430	c	9	25	10	10	30	50	5	5	5	158	8	37	618	12																
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6	1	ce	25	M	150	150	75	78	603	603	d	1	10	5	1	10	1	1	1	1	31	4	32	670	16																
6	1	ce	25	M	300	300	300	300	300	300	d	13	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	14	2	21	337																	
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28	1	1	ce	18	M	1380	1380	966	828	3174	3174	d	25	150	95	50	136	100	20	118	20	20	750	25	30	12	200	4145	18												
16	1	1	hm	35	M	1250	1250	204	817	2271	d	15	40	200	95	120	135	218	26	35	32	15	986	100	85	15	129	3401	19												
15	1	1	hm	60	M	1000	1000	353	661	2014	1900	d	10	44	250	105	100	175	174	18	71	15	8	1000	55	92	15	58	3087	21											
8	1	1	ce	12	M	750	575	185	125	885	785	150	a	5	40	32	10	12	63	5	5	2	174	5	40	5	15	1079	22												
15	1	1	yps	20	M	750	750	10	190	950	950	c	8	43	38	10	25	32	10	7	4	187	21	5	7	100	1244	23													
6	1	1	ce	M	734	609	16	27	636	636	d	5	68	30	15	12	22	66	2	2	2	164	5	51	856	24															
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15	1	1	ce	31	M	850	840	220	195	1264	1197	d	6	63	35	30	50	56	12	12	4	286	29	5	6	8	65	1623	26												
11	1	1	ce	17	M	423	423	182	605	605	605	c	5	28	18	15	63	5	5	4	127	14	14	5	25	761	27														
8	1	1	hm	35	M	800	800	9857	259	10916	8300	d	5	36	20	15	42	5	5	4	127	14	14	5	19	11062	28														
13	1	1	hm	49	M	1000	1000	1057	2057	2157	d	10	42	145	75	50	116	131	26	10	620	50	118	15	160	2852	29														
17	1	1	ce	14	M	700	500	163	96	761	771	d	10	10	19	7	11	33	3	3	1	94	4	5	864	30															
21	1	1	yps	150	M	1000	1000	304	1510	2822	2822	d	10	120	90	10	55	224	15	10	4	544	45	15	592	3974	31														
6	1	1	ce	M	372	372	118	52	430	430	d	10	15	10	10	5	35	3	3	3	82	4	12	618	32																
6	1	1	ce	M	394	394	375	73	835	835	d	10	15	10	10	5	45	3	3	3	91	3	10	843																	

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.							No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).	No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).	No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).	Number of Elders.	No. of other office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Associate n?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M) or Rented House (RH) provided for Minister?	Pastor Com. build C. or M. during year?				
							P.	C.	D.	C.	C.	D.	I.															A.			
6	Storrington, Pittsburg and Glenburnie.....	Robert Laird.....	3	500	107	10	188	8.	1	4.	4	.....	10	.....	7	18	81	206	24	.....	2	ce	60	M	.....	750	750
7	Principal of Queen's College.....	Geo. M. Grant, D.D. LL.D.....	3000	
8	St. Andrew's Ch. Gananoque.....	Henry Gracey.....	1	620	151	36	250	4.	5	1.	4	.....	8	.....	8	12	50	165	22	.....	1	mb wf ms	.....	M	.....	1300	1300
9	Professor in Queen's College.....	Donald Ross, D.D.....	2000	
10	St. Andrew's Ch., Belleville.....	M.W. Maclean, M.A.....	1	700	M		
11	St. Andrew's Ch., Trenton.....	W. T. Wilkins, B.A.....	1	350	43	10	55	4.	2	1.	4	.....	5	.....	5	10	20	80	10	.....	yps	30	RH	.....	750	600	
12	Cook's Church, Kingston.....	Samuel Houston, M.A.....	1	700	130	20	246	6.	4	3.	2	.....	10	.....	7	9	40	194	23	.....	1	ce	49	.....	1065	1065	
13	Pittsburgh Ch., John Church.....	John Gallagher, B.A.....	1	200	38	3	64	7	.....	2	.....	1	.....	2	8	3	4	.....	25	5	.....	.....	M	.....	750	500	
14	N. York and Queen.....	Joseph Gandler.....	2	460	33	12	93	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4	10	45	101	20	.....	1	ce	.....	M	.....	750	530
15	Lansdowne, Fairfax, etc.....	John Fairlie.....	3	300	70	.....	105	2	.....	3.	5	.....	4	.....	3	10	40	100	15	.....	1	yps	35	M	.....	750	650
16	Chalmer's Church, Kingston.....	Malcolm MacGillivray, M.A.....	1	900	172	135	380	13.	20	7.	12	.....	14	.....	8	9	65	220	34	1	1	ce	30	RH	.....	2000	2000	
17	St. Andrew's Ch., Kingston.....	John Mackie, M.A.....	1	825	245	.....	542	12.	15	3.	17	.....	22	.....	7	11	75	248	37	1	1	hm	42	M	.....	1800	1800
18	Amherst Island.....	J. Cumberland, M.A.....	1	250	50	1	70	5	.....	1.	1	.....	3	.....	4	7	.....	100	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	M	.....	700	600
19	Seymour and Rylston.....	John Moore, B.A.....	1	500	80	.....	184	8	.....	1.	10	.....	8	.....	7	7	30	164	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	M	.....	625	625
20	Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto.....	W.S. McTavish, B.D.....	1	250	35	72	5	1.	3	2	4	6	50	77	9	1	M	250	250			
21	Professor in Queen's College.....	John McNaughton, M.A.....	1000	1000
22	Glenvale, H'smith, and Wilton.....	David Fleming, B.A.....	3	750	45	.....	79	3.	3	2.	3	.....	10	.....	5	9	40	100	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	M	.....	750	600
23	Zion Church, Kingston.....	J. D. Boyd, B.A.....	1	360	68	30	120	31.	15	2.	3	2	2	7	40	110	25	Jr ce	45 24	825	690			
24	St. Andrew's Ch., Pictou.....	D.G. MacPhail, B.A.....	1	300	89	18	179	7.	6	.....	2	.....	7	.....	4	6	55	95	19	.....	1	ce	32	M	.....	800	800
25	McDonald's Corner Elphin and Snow Road.....	Jas. Hinnie, B.D.....	1	250	50	113	3	2.	2	5	4	9	120	95	9	1	M	318	318			
26	Sterling and West Huntingdon.....	S. S. Burns, B.A.....	1	300	55	.....	131	2.	1	2.	1	.....	1	.....	4	9	75	45	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	318	318
27	John St. Church, Belleville.....	T.J. Thompson, M.A.....	1	200	35	.....	76	5.	2	1.	.....	.....	7	.....	1	3	9	60	89	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	294	264
28	St. Col. & St. Paul's Madoc.....	J. A. Claxton, B.D.....	2	575	90	32	146	14.	11	1.	3	.....	22	.....	5	15	35	80	14	.....	1	yps	56	M	.....	800	800
29	Melrose, Lonsdale, etc.....	D. O. McArthur.....	3	700	58	2	175	5.	6	2.	2	.....	11	.....	7	9	50	140	13	.....	3	.....	.....	M	.....	750	750
30	Tamworth, etc.....	R. T. Ballantyne, B.A.....	2	550	57	28	142	6.	2	.....	3	.....	6	.....	7	6	20	70	11	.....	.....	ce	36	M	.....	700	527
31	Napanee.....	W. W. Peck, M.A., LL.B.....	1	375	95	25	178	4.	9	4.	12	.....	1	.....	5	8	60	148	23	1	1	yps	48	M	.....	1025	1025	
32	Tweed and Fuller.....	D. M. Martin.....	2	370	44	10	90	12.	3	1.	2	.....	8	.....	5	14	85	78	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	RH	.....	750	525
33	St. Peter's Church, Madoc.....	E. W. Mackay, B.A.....	1	400	90	29	152	16.	8	4.	4	.....	12	.....	6	12	45	135	16	.....	1	ce	38	.....	.....	800	800

Stipend received from all sources.
Stipend paid by Congregation alone.

\$	¢
750	750
3000	.....
1300	1300
2000	.....
750	600
1065	1065
750	500
750	530
750	650
2000	2000
1800	1800
700	600
625	625
250	250
1000	1000
2000	.....
750	600
825	690
800	800
318	318
318	318
294	264
800	800
1400	1400
750	750
750	750
700	527
1025	1025
750	525
800	800

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																									P.	C.
MISSION STATIONS.																										
1	Sharbot Lake Dis.	Geo. E. Dyde, M.A., (O.M.)	3	300	50	6	50					2	6			15								67	52	
2	Wilbur, etc.	Student	6		50	0	53																			
3	Matawatchan, etc.	D. M. Jamieson, O.M.	2		45		81																	707	307	
4	Poland Field	James McLroy, O.M.	6	600	70		120	6	1	1	3	3	5	20	30	6								707	307	
5	Portsmouth and Collinaby.	Godfrey Shore, (O.M.)	1	2	300	16	2	18	4	3	6	2	6	12	33	4								672	400	
6	Wolfe Island.	Geo. R. Lang, B.A., O.M.	3	160	52	8	13	1	2	2	7	3	9	12	20	5				ce	18	101		508	349	
7	Emerstown, etc.	Student	2	300	35	5	16																			
8	Demorestville, etc.	Student	3	200	25	6	50																			
9	Consecon & Hillier	W. P. Hegg, D.D., (O.M.)	2	300	32	13	48	4	1	5	4	6	25	20	4	1	1	yps	32					567	290	
10	Sidney Mission	§																								
11	Thanet, The Ridge, and Coe Hill	Student	3	150	38		84																			
12	L'Amable, Bancroft, etc.	Student	3	380	51	12	81					5	9													
13	Carlow and Mayo.	John A. McDonald, O.M.	3	300	55	6	83	1	1		12	5	8	15	100	12								385	235	
14	Maynooth, etc.	Student	2	150	19	36	53																			
15	West End Mission, Deseronto.	Student	2	200	155	20	30																			
16	Marmora, etc.	Geo. L. Johnston, B.A., O.M.	3	300	24	30	45	3	2		14	2	12		75	14								700	400	
17	Hay Bay, etc.	Student	1		22	15	20																			
18	Ardoch, etc.	Student	3	100																						
Totals			90	17035	2965	622	5303	1233	65	115	45	5	284	21	166	325	1430	3850	537	320	13	671	21	101	1195	2330

† See delayed returns.
‡ O.M. absent from field through sickness.

* No report for this year.
§ United with Rosslin and Thurlow since January 1, 1898

18. PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH,

1	Retired	James Cleland	1																							
2	Retired	W. C. Windell	1	200	130		120	5	1	2														800	533	
3	Keene	Francis Andrews	1																						267	
4	Without charge	Wm. Bennett	1																							
5	Colborne Lakeport	Peter Duncan	1	250	50		95	2	2			4	5	12	40	7				ce	30	M		816	646	
			1	150	39		40		1			3	3								ce	34			390	
6	Percy	D. Sutherland, M.A.	1	450	74	11	185	14	8	3		18		50	91	9	1	ce				M			750	750

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								P.	C.	D.	C.	G.	D.	I.	A.														
4	Glenarm, Knox	D. McDonald	1	500	100	180	3	2	6	3	8	1	8	6	30	140	20	1	ce	30	M			850	850				
5	Wick	J. M. Cameron	1	350	62	70	148	12	1	3	5	1	6	6	60	60	7	1	yps	30	M			425	425				
	Greenbank		1	350	43	34	118	13	12	3	6	5	5	5	6	75	60	15	1	yps	30	M			375	375			
6	Cannington, Knox	A. E. Duncan, M.A. B.C.L.	1	400	82	14	149	4	4	5	7	3	1	7	10	50	133	12	1	ce	20	M			750	750			
7	Woodville	J. McD. Duncan, B.A.	1	1000	164	20	244	18	10	3	5	11	12	50	153	17	1	ce	42	M			900	900					
8	Sonya & Cresswell	Vacant	2	600	100	208	5	3	17	8	6	30	60	9	1									800	800				
9	Eldon, St. Andrew's	D. D. McDonald	2	600	90	4	159	3	1	2	3	3	7	9	75	265	38	1							800	800			
10	Sunderland and Vroomanton	Geo. MacKay, M.A.	2	150	11	17	26	2	4	1	3	4	7	30	75	9	1								750	600			
11	Beaverton, Knox	K. J. Macdonald, B.A., B.D.	1	800	63	4	125	2	5	2	4	6	12	50	80	9	1	ce	15	M					516	500			
	Gamebridge		1	300	35	3	3	2	8	1	7	3	40	100	9	1	ce	47							304	300			
12	Leakdale	Wm. Murray Reid	1	200	74	20	72	9	3	16	3	6	30	120	10	1										425	425		
	Zephyr		1	200	62	14	74	13	2	1	4	3	2	6	25	82	7	1	ce	12	M					215	245		
13	Lindsay, St. Andrew's	J. W. MacMillan, B.A.	1	1000	250	80	550	42	36	2	30	8	18	5	15	7	250	370	35	1	mb					1400	1400		
14	Cambray	John A. McKenzie	1	250	30	1	5	2	5	1	5	5	6	20	50	5	1	ce	20							500	400		
	Oakwood		2	300	19	30	30	3	1	1	2	1	2	5	40												200	200	
15	Kirkfield	Hugh Currie	1	350			59	1	1	4					98	6	1	ce									284	284	
	Bolsover																												
MISSION FIELDS.																													
1	Coboconk & Kilmount	Mr. McEwin	2																										
2	Minden & Haliburton	J. Steele, B.D.	4	550	100	183	143	13	1	2	1	25	1	6	20	60	9	1	yps	60	M					400	270		
3	Sebright & Uphill	P. J. Uzelle	3	350	28	15	50	6	2	1	1	1	3	5	6	40	40	6											
MINISTERS ON ROLL.																													
1	A. Currie, M.A.																												
2	S. Macdonald																												
Totals																													

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Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.	
300	300	307	50	70	320	120			1	1	1							5						325	1	
428	428	c103		130	730	730		e 3 e 5 e 3	16	9	6	8	30	5			5	80	33	12		10	42	868	2	
322	322			51	376	376		f 3	12	3	2	6					1	33				8	49	460	2	
	1000	200	10	300	1180			e 5 e 9 e 2	40	5	5	8	123	1			4	100	40					1079	3	
750	750			454	1204	1904	700	f 2 e 7 e 4	35	13	17	32	43	7			7	172	17	10		12	67	1455	4	
288	288	12	13	44	315	345		e 4	5	2	2	4		2			2	24	5			11	380	4		
186	312			150	462	486		e 4	4	6	6	4		1			3	33				3	2	500	5	
308	312		12	324	360	360		e 2	4	8	4	4		2			4	30						354	5	
138	128			85	213	168		e 2									2	2						215	2	
485	485		226	133	841	383		c 2 d 2 e 2 f 3	2	1	2	12		1			4	2	33					877	6	
192	158		c481	48	687																			687	6	
475	475		422	212	1109			e 6 f 10 e 8 e 2 e 1 d 1 e 1 f 2 e 1	71	30	14	48	36	15			11	5	206	15		36	9	5	1380	7
425	425			68	493			e 8 e 2 e 1 d 1 e 1 f 2 e 1	40	20	28	30	20	12			8	3	195	23			0	15	707	7
267	267			44	311			e 1 d 1 e 1 f 2 e 1	13	2	5	12		2			2	2	41				4		356	8
267	267			58	325			e 2 d 2 e 1 f 1	22	3	5	8		2	2		2	2	51				3		379	8
266	266			266	266			f 1	10	1	2	4		1			1	3	24				4		304	9
286	286	66		15	301			e 4	5	4	5	7					4	4	33	8	2		0	4	244	9
301	283			8	291			e 3	3	2	3	6					1	3	21				5	77	304	9
475	475		221	165	801			e 3 f 3 e 2 f 2	31	16	17	47	53				3	173		10		9	30		1073	10
550	550			136	686			f 2	15	12	12	10	15				3	71		4	4	9	11	777	10	
1200	1200			779	1979	2074		f 2										*350	26	53	53		13		2351	11
515	515		m172	260	1033	1033		f 3	21			10	24					58	27	8		11		1102	12	
153	153		c77	130	405	405			3									3						408	12	
375	290		29	60	379	471		c 2 f 2 d 2 e 2 f 2	1	10	7	5	15		2		2	2	48	6	5		4	18	449	14
385	300		121	55	476	506		e 6 f 10 e 8 e 2 e 1 d 2 e 2	10	7	5	15		2			2	3	50	5	6		4	22	552	15
400	400		224	280	905	904		e 5	2								3	3	51			5	28	988	15	
410	410		25	138	603	603			9		7	7	18				2	3	51	18		6	10	670	15	
1	35			55	220	231			6			4						12					4		236	16
1	33			60	334	340			17		6	7	21					12						5	590	16
1	20			310	310	330			17	3		8						12						2	362	17
1	30			200	190	160			16	2		5						12						1	186	17
1	45			212	212	110			15			4	31					15						6	378	18
1	35			561	402	m105		e 1		3	4	20	31				7	66				6	12	16	643	18
1	40			318	290	333	348	e 8	15		5	12					2	42				3		3	378	18
1	40			300	300	420		e 3	7		7	5	28					66				10		3	396	19
1	40			150	450	147	75	e 17	10	5	10	10	58		5	15	5	135	20	15		10	5	5	984	19

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			P.	C.	D.	C.				C.	D.	C.	D.		I.	A.																		
13	Alliston	J. R. S. Burnett	2	260	79	10	135	14	7	2	9	3	2	3	2	4	11	30	125	15	1	ee	30	M					765	410				
	Carlake	J. R. S. Burnett	2	175	23	3	66	11	1	1	6	1	2	3	2	9	30	30	30	4	1	ee	18	M					325	325				
14	Angus	John Leishman	2	250	35	3	50	4	10	14	3	5	20	70	11	3	5	20	70	11	1	ee	30	M					650	200				
	New Lowell	John Leishman	2	350	40	3	46			9	3	5	50	30	5	6	5	50	30	5	1	ee	30	M					400	400				
15	Collingwood	D. L. McCrae, M.A. Ph.D.	1	850	151	39	269	43	28	17	30	12	20	9	10	7	100	400	29	5	1	co	57	M					1200	1200				
16	Airlie	W. Gallagher	3	300	30	4	35			3	3	1	1	2	2	5	30	30	5	1									700	200				
	Blackbank	W. Gallagher	3	200	30	4	21	2	3	1	1	1	1	5	25	35	6													100	100			
	Banda	W. Gallagher	3	100	13	4	20	2	2	1	1	1	1	5	25	35	6																	
17	Creemore	John K. Henry	3	250	31	4	52	1	3	2	3	7	3	9	25	9	1	1	1	1	1	ee	30	M										
	Dunedin	John K. Henry	3	120	30	1	52	1	3	2	3	3	3	9	20	52	11	1	1	1	1	ee	30	M										
	East Nottawasaga	John K. Henry	3	250	30	2	85			2	12	1	2	6	70	8	1	1	1	1	1	ee	30	M							244	244		
18	Magnetawan	Thos. Davidson, M.A., (O.M.)	4	150	9	1	16					1	1	2	5	12	30	5	1	1											20	20		
	Spence	Thos. Davidson, M.A., (O.M.)	4	100	10	2	30	2	2			2	2	5	20	30	6															750	125	
	Croft and Missionary Road	Thos. Davidson, M.A., (O.M.)	4	100	14	10	19	4	2			2	1	1	8																	75	75	
19	Cookstown	G. B. Grelg	3	350	34	7	56	12	2	1	11	7	6	9	30	58	9																275	275
	Town Line, Essa	G. B. Grelg	3	250	39	6	73	5	2	2	2	4	4	13	45	50	6																907	332
	Ivy	G. B. Grelg	3	250	38	6	53	1	2	1	1	4	3	8	40	50	6	1															300	300
20	Emsdale	Robert B. Smith (O.M.)	3	80	20	5	4	3	2			3	5	25	4																		170	170
	Novar	Robert B. Smith (O.M.)	3	125	14	2	23					1	3	5	20	3																	750	50
	Kearney	Robert B. Smith (O.M.)	3	175	22	45	26			3	3	6	6	20	25	3						ee											115	115
21	Churchill	Jas. A. Ross, B.A.	2	450	35	70	113	3	8	3		7	4	9	50	91	10	1	1	1	ee											850	550	
	Stroud	Jas. A. Ross, B.A.	2	200	20		58	2	2			3	3	7	20	70	7					ee	20										200	200
22	Central Ch. Oro	Neil Campbell, M.A.	3	725	160		260	9	11	3	16	19	2				15	23	120	32	27	1	1	ee	12	M						1000	1000	
	Oro Station	Neil Campbell, M.A.	3	725	160		260	9	11	3	16	19	2				15	23	120	32	27	1	1	ee	12	M						1000	1000	
23	Parry Sound	S. Childerhose, B.A.	1	200	65	30	95	12	8	1	3	11	6	2	8	50	150	15															800	800
24	Severn Bridge	S. Childerhose, B.A.	1	200	30		54	11	2	3	5	4	4	2	4	120	8																125	125
	Ardara	W. I. Hewitt	3	450	15	12	20	3				1	1	1	21	4	1					ee											750	130
	Gray Church	W. I. Hewitt	3	35			41	7				7	3	3	45	8	1																113	113
25	Allandale	W. R. McIntosh, M.A. B.D.	1	200	100	12	144	13	3	3	3	9	1	10	1	5	9	30	150	17	1	ee	38										800	800
	Penetanguishene	W. R. McIntosh, M.A. B.D.	2	325	45	10	88	12	5	3	3	3	1	6	30	90	10	1	1	1	mb												750	150
	Wyebidge	W. R. McIntosh, M.A. B.D.	2	200	20	10	27			1	1	1	1	6	10																		150	150
27	Midhurst	Thos. Paton, (O.M.)	3	225	38	5	56					6	1	2	4	25	50	5				ee	16										350	201
	Minesing	Thos. Paton, (O.M.)	3	125	13	4	23	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	40	8						ee											169	91
	Edenville	Thos. Paton, (O.M.)	3	109	32	8	38					2	4	4	40	8						ee											212	137
28	Victoria Harbour	George I. Crow, (O.M.)	3	300	35	25	30	5				5	3	35	40	6																	150	150
	Yasey	George I. Crow, (O.M.)	3	150	40	10	35	2	1	1	2	1	2	5	30																		750	175
	Moonstone	George I. Crow, (O.M.)	3	150	35	15	35	4	2	2	2	2	1	3	35	6																	200	200
29	Esson Church, Oro	A. F. Webster	2	200	40	20	84	12	2	3	3	3	4	4	25	60	8	1															750	375
	Willis Church, Oro	A. F. Webster	2	200	45	25	73	9	1	4	3	4	4	6	30																		375	375
30	Callander, Nipissing Junction & Wessawassa	W. G. Smith, (O.M.)	3	250	49	30	35	2			2	18	3	6	18	75	8					ee	10										750	150
31	Stayner	Robert Pogue	2	450	100	150	187	9	9	2	17	2	22	2	5	9	70	135	16	1	ee	79	M										850	550
	Zion Ch. Sunnisdale	Robert Pogue	2	150	40	25	106	21	2	3	7	1	8	5	75	70	8	1				ee	40										300	300
	Hillsdale	Robert Pogue	2	400	42	1	97	5	4	1	11	10	2	3	9	30	100	9				ee	39	M									800	600
	Craighurst	James Skono	2	125	17	5	44	3	1			1	3	9	20	20	5					ee	27										200	200

* Recently settled.

Stipend received from all sources. Stipend paid by Congregation alone.

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FINANCES.

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Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M) or Rectory House (R.H.) provided for Ministers?	Did Con. build C. or M. during year?	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	a, b, c, d, e, f.	(1) Ordinary.	(2) Special.	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	
1	ce	30	M			765	440	11	167	618	646	e	7		10	8	7	17	37	11	9	5	111	9	6		6	108	823	13	
	ce	12				325	124	40	40	489	489	e	1		5	4	3	5	5	3	4	2	30	30	9	6	3	17	522		
	ce	30	M			650	450	30	30	730	730	e			3	3	3	5	5	3	4	2	60	60	9	3	4	17	757	14	
	ce					400		30	430			c	10		5	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	8	8	6	3	3	40	481		
1	ce	57	M			1200	1200	846	603	2649	2649	d	10		48	36	31	50	181	15	20	5	411	10	25	8	12	160	3232	15	
	ce					200	200	400	12	612	612	e	3		3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	18	10	6	5	2	632	16	
	ce					700	200		45	245	245	e	3		5	10	5	3	3	3	3	20	20	20	25	3	2	270			
	ce	30	M			100	100		12	112	112	e	2		4	2	2	2	2	2	12	12	12	12	12	1	1	125			
1	ce											d	2		6	4	3	4	4	2	2	2	27	27	27	5	5	20	346		
1	ce					244	201	220	65	294	285	f	2		22	3	1	1	1	2	2	26	26	10	5	1	1	512	18		
	ce					750	125	35	4	129	129	e	2		6	3	1	1	1	2	2	9	9	9	1	1	1	139			
	ce					75			1	76	76	e	2		10	3	1	1	1	2	2	10	10	10	1	1	1	87			
	ce											e	5		15	8	4	11	20	2	2	2	71	71	71	2	2	24	545	10	
	ce					907	332		108	440	618	e	2		10	4	4	10	20	2	2	2	42	42	42	3	3	18	503		
1	ce					300			48	992	1043	e	4		10	4	2	20	2	2	2	47	47	47	3	3	25	1067			
	ce					170	170		42	1062	1406	e	1		12	5	2	2	2	2	2	12	12	12	12	12	8	1074	20		
	ce					750	56	57	33	89	89	e	5		8	2	2	2	2	2	2	8	8	8	8	8	5	96			
	ce					115	115	822	8	915	915	e	1		8	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	7	7	7	7	3	953			
1	ce					850	550	128	131	809	820	e	10		55	12	10	25	30	8	8	8	165	165	165	15	17	9	1050	21	
	ce					200	200	10	55	265	275	e	5		20	6	3	8	8	1	1	1	44	44	44	10	20	67	1050	21	
	ce											d	11		46	14	16	21	106	9	4	5	214	214	25	25	13	20	2518		
1	ce	12	M			1000	1000	794	447	2241		e	7		46	14	16	21	106	9	4	5	214	214	25	25	13	20	2518		
	ce	10	M			800	800	127	291	1218		d	6		30	9	21	27				8	5	106	106	6	6	5	10	1339	23
	ce	18				125	125	8	8	133	133	e	6		14	2	2	10	5	1	1	36	36	36	40	40	4	25	909	26	
	ce					750	130		7	137	137	e	1		11	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	138		
	ce					143	143	16	95	239	239	e	10		14	2	2	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	239		
1	ce	38				800	800		187	987		f	2		47	10	7	45	53	1	5	5	185	185	2	38	18	7	66	1245	25
	ce					750	150	36	253	755	809	e	1		18	6	4	49	25	1	1	4	2	116	116	40	4	4	25	909	26
	ce					150	150		9	159	159	e	1		14	2	2	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	162	
	ce	16				350	200		93	293		e	1		13	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	310	27
	ce					169	91	26	5	99		e	1		11	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	131		
	ce					212	137	27	5	142		e	1		10	3	3	6	7	2	2	3	27	27	27	2	2	1	13	216	28
	ce					750	175		25	175	175	e	1		10	3	3	6	7	2	2	3	27	27	27	2	2	1	6	240	
	ce					200	200	2	20	215	215	e	1		10	4	4	7	7	3	3	3	32	32	32	3	3	2	12	291	
	ce					750	375		115	492	492	e	5		15	5	5	7	53	3	3	8	32	32	32	8	4	27	611	29	
	ce					375	375	4	57	436	436	e	7		5	5	7	20	20	2	2	2	39	39	39	3	3	11	489		
8	ce	10				750	150	38	52	540		e	10		16	10	10	51	5	5	5	16	16	16	3	3	10	569	30		
6	ce	79	M			850	550	385	442	1377	1388	e	10		20	10	10	51	5	5	5	4	115	115	4	4	9	50	1551	31	
8	ce	1				300	300	42	42	342		e	5		10	5	5	15	2	2	2	46	46	46	4	4	4	4	302		
9	ce	30				800	600	699	455	1754	1754	e	7		15	13	29	29	2	2	4	68	68	68	3	5	5	1827	32		
5	ce	27				150	150		53	403	416	e	7		11	12	20	20	2	2	2	15	15	15	10	10	10	160			

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FINANCES.

Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation? Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society. Is there a Manse (M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister? Did Cong. build C. or M. during year?

	Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation above.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	a, b, c, d, e, f.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.P.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M., C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.		
M	680	680	70		158	817			e f		14	3	0	14	10	3		2	4	18					8	24	948	8	
M	520	520			413	933			c 20		50	18	20	20	74	8		8	7	235	18				13	60	1241	9	
yps	350	350		m	90	440			e f		10	2	3	10		2		2	3	34					0	1100	580		
yps	590	550			255	827	870		e 25		55	15	10	62	41	10		2	5	229	37	7			10	5	1065	10	
	450	450			516	958	1224		e d 45		73	25	31	73	71	10		7	5	340	18				0	50	1620		
M	1000	1000			600	2297	2237		e d 5		01	15	22	70	100	3		12	0	335	30				28	70	2670	11	
									e d 5																				
ce	2000	2000		c	800	4655	4622		e d 10		240	00	90	233	340	15		33	18	1200	04	37	16		34	170	5877	12	
ce	1100	1100			661	2061	2132		e d 10		40	5	5	47	20	4		6	1	141	21	37	ce	15	8	128	2338	13	
ce	1000	1000			1124	2124	3487		e d 10		131	51	00	216	242	20		19	11	840	100	28			21	110	3005	14	
mb	1600	1600			729	3395	3420		e f 10		221	78	83	1332	107	30		28	10	1080	154	77	62		21	300	4805	15	
ce	350	350		c	153	77	580		e f 10		17	3	3	16	37	2		2	3	87	5				0	5	678	16	
	350	350			60	410			e 2		13	3	2	11	25	2		2	2	62	5				4	5	481		
									e d 2																				
ce	900	900			571	1471	1471		e d 4		50	7	17	60	80	11		6	7	250					13	172	1015	17	
ce	273	273				273			e 4											6					4		283	18	
ce	516	417			124	541	540		e 20						20				3	23		12			5		500		
	825	825			252	1077	1077		e 4		46	9	9	50	103	4		3	2	226		17	ce	17	4		1307	10	
ce	800	800			92	892	957		e f 2		45	10	10	43	41	4		4	6	175	25	10	5		15	49	1131	20	
ce	450	450		c	275	196	921	925	e f 1		11	2	4	10	38	2		2	4	97		4	ce	3	8	15	1041	21	
									e f 1																				
	250	250		c	102	61	413	481	e f 1		2	1	1	2	19	1		1	2	30					4		447		
yps	475	475			340	1165	1195		e 10		25	5	5	28	32	5		5	4	119		7			8	65	1357	22	
	275	275			27	302			e 5		8	4	4	8		3		2	2	36	1				4	73	415		
									e d 11																				
ce	1000	1000			719	580	2308	2308	e f 16		60	24	65	57	85	12		10	8	346	25	16			15	235	2004	23	
yps	500	250		m	120	23	333		e 12		12							2	14						3	10	420	24	
									e 8		3																		
ce	750	500			17	167			e f 20		36	14	5	17	59	4		4	5	164					2		173		

* \$100 retiring allowance to D. Wardrope. † Including India famine fund. ‡ Bequest for Jewish Mission in Palestine. § Indian Famine Fund.

27. PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

for the Ye

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION	NAME OF PASTOR	No. Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Atheists, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on R.C.I.	No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); on Certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).	No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).			No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).	Number of Elders.	No. of other Officers—deacons.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Did Con. build C. or M. during year?		
								P.	C.	D.		C.	D.	I.													A.	
26	Galt, Knox Church	Vacant.....	1	1400	500	100	1138	9.	11	17.	32	.....	21.	1	21	21	300	461	53	1	2	3	ce	122	M	.....	
27	Rockwood	Vacant.....	1	225	65	.....	143	?	2	2.	19	.....	7	.....	4	10	.....	30	8	1	.....	hm	.....	M	.....		
MISSION STATIONS.																												
1	Dracon, Knox Ch..	Supplied in connection with Winterbourne.....	1	250	36	.....	83	3.	3	1	.....	.....	3	.....	2	6	40	65	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Elmira Gale Ch..		1	150	27	23	.....	50	6.	1	1	1	.....	2.	2	4	6	30	30	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Eden Mills	Supplied in connection with Rockwood ..	1	160	30	3	62	4.	3	1.	7	.....	1.	1	2	3	.....	70	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Baden, Livingston Church.....		1	250	32	15	94	1.	1	.....	5	6	.....	4	.....	2	6	.....	.....	5	1	ce	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MINISTERS RESIDENT IN BOUNDS.																												
	Probationer	B. B. Williams, Guelph, P.O.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Probationer	D. Anderson, B.A., Guelph, P.O.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Retired.	Donald Strachan, Guelph, P.O.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	35	15650	3308	803	8033	282282	109275	74	.....	.....	234	29	265	315	1333	4676	556	18	26	18	952	17	.....	.....	.....
																						cc	7	yp	2	hm	1	mb

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.
\$ 1660	\$ 1660
131	434
217	217
143	143
150	150
350	350
571	472
25180	24900

28. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,

for the Y

1	Saltfleet	Wm. P. Walker	1	120	28	4	68	7.	5	2	.....	.....	3.	2	.....	3	.....	45	5	1	.....	.....	.....	M	.....	.....
	Binbrook		1	300	48	4	100	3.	6	.....	1	.....	.....	3	.....	6	6	.....	92	7	1	ce	20	M	.....	.....
2	HAMILTON, McNab Street	D. H. Fletcher, D.D.	1	1000	210	.....	479	19.	14	7.	12	4	.....	6	.....	10	11	90	230	26	1	ce	70	M	.....	.....
3	Dundas	John Laing, D.D.	1	730	125	48	247	15.	16	2.	8	1	.....	13	.....	9	12	40	188	28	1	yp	25	M	.....	.....
4	St. Catharines, First Church	J. H. Ratcliffe	1	600	90	34	230	6.	8	3.	13	2.	2	.....	3	5	75	174	24	1	ce	20	M	.....	.....
5	Hamilton, Central	S. Lyle, D.D.	1	1380	300	200	693	13.	9	12.	21	5.	1	14	12	50	528	52	1	ce	

250	250
500	500
2400	2400
4400	4400
4200	4200
4000	4000

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FINANCES.

Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation? Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society. Is there a Manse (M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister? Did Con. build C. or M. during year?	Stipend received from all sources.		Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	a, b, c, d, e, f.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.		
	Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	a, b, c, d, e, f.	(1) Ordinary.	(2) Special.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.		
23 ce 122 M ...	1660	1660			3661	5321	6678		e	50		302	38	103	223	127	22		22	30	937			154	63	440	6761	26		
hm ... M ..	434	434			91	528	551		f	20		4		6	4	2		2	2	23							551	27		
	217	217			91	308	308		e	5											5						313	1		
	143	143			97	240			e	5											8						255			
	150	150			89	239															2						4	15	260	2
1 ce ...	350	350			51	401	502		d	12		8	3	6	6	18	4		3	3	57					6	50	514	3	
y ps 30 ...	574	472		57	16	545		e	12		20				4					2	26				3		574	4		
6 18 ce 7 y ps 2 hm 1 mb	25180	24900	180	5062	17436	47308	30004	3	741	48	1855	546	758	1903	2270	2744			2834	214	8849	652	343	356	420	4405	61072			

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	250	250	4	98	352	542			d	3		35	5	26	56		8		5	2	146	12			2	3	503	1
ce 20 M ...	500	500		41	541	735			e	3		21	5	12	25		6		5	3	84		2		4	29	658	
ce 70 M ...	2100	2400		1996	4396				f	55		260	101	80	230	51	114		30	24	1315	75			14	347	6102	2
y ps 25 M ...	1400	1400	258	690	2348	2348			c	7																		
ce 20 M ...	1200	1200	747	766	2713				d	18		172	55	78	496	288	26		14	10	1192	109			9	193	3742	3
2 ce ...	4000	4000		4647	8647	8647			e	9		110	50	46	169	67	25		15	10	522	128			9	41	3285	4
									f	80		385	250	140	187	301	50	100		15	1798	381	39		45	499	10989	5

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); or Certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).			No. of Communicants renounced during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).			No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).			Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supp. and other Off'ers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.F. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.F. Society.	Is there a Manse (M.) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Dist. Con. build C. or M. during year?
								P.	C.	D.	C.	D.	I.	A.	I.	A.														
6	Beamsville	D. C. McIntyre, { Ph.D.	1	300	141	7	12	2	4	2	15	5	8	30	130	16	1	ce	15	M	500	500								
	Clinton		1	250	30	2	76	1	1	1	1	1	5	12	50	8	1	ce	20	M	250	250								
7	Burlington	R. H. Abraham, { Sc.D.	1	400	69	18	160	13	3	2	6	2	4	4	7	6	43	135	14	1	ce	25	M	800	800					
8	Flamboro	S. W. Fisher, { B.A.	1	300	77	8	180	9	4	4	7	5	7	20	25	175	19	1	ce	28	M	700	700							
	Lynden		1	220	34	3	68	3	1	5	2	2	3	9	20	75	11	1	ce	300	300									
9	Hamilton, Knox	M. Fraser, D.D.	1	1200	310	140	29	20	14	70	6	24	21	9	200	600	54	1	ce	188	3000	3000								
10	Welland	F. McCuaig	1	350	65	12	120	4	2	2	2	2	4	6	30	68	9	1	ce	41	1016	741								
	Crowland		1	175	20	15	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	40	6	1	ce	40	252										
11	Simcoe, St. Paul's	W. J. Dcy, M.A.	1	400	74	30	156	8	3	3	11	3	5	3	4	12	40	102	16	1	ce	30	1000	1000						
12	St. Catharines, Knox	Jas. Murray, B.D.	1	800	125	50	295	19	21	3	5	5	4	12	70	175	23	1	ys	50	M	1500	1500							
13	Hamilton, Erskine	J. G. Shearer, B.A.	1	900	300	75	547	21	21	9	25	6	26	4	15	12	150	534	50	1	ce	200	1500	1500						
14	Niagara, St. Andrew's	N. Smith	1	400	50	4	90	7	5	2	3	2	3	2	6	8	1	ce	36	M	750	750								
15	Port Dover	J. Robertson, { M.A.	1	280	54	22	29	5	1	7	1	8	7	8	18	1	1	ce	36	M	650	650								
	Victoria		1	200	28	10	86	1	1	2	1	1	4	6	18	122	12	1	ce	250	250									
16	St. Anne's	W. M. Cruik-shank	1	250	27	4	86	7	1	6	5	1	3	4	4	9	65	10	1	ys	28	M	315	315						
	Welland Port		1	250	30	4	74	4	3	2	2	2	3	8	40	8	1	ys	21	M	375	375								
17	Strabane	D. G. Cameron { F. L. Turnbull,	1	400	65	4	147	4	5	2	11	5	2	6	6	35	100	10	1	ce	32	M	600	600						
	Kilbride		1	250	21	2	45	1	2	1	1	1	4	6	20	5	1	ce	210	M	210	210								
18	Onelda	M.A.	1	400	80	30	207	12	4	3	4	9	1	6	3	30	90	12	1	ce	16	M	800	800						
19	Hamilton, Locke St.	T. G. Thomson	1	250	30	15	77	5	5	2	1	7	1	10	4	7	25	130	13	1	ys	906	300							
	Barton		1	250	23	18	57	3	3	1	1	1	3	5	75	10	1	ce	25	M	312	312								
20	Niagara Falls, St. Andrew's	J. Crawford, B.A.	1	500	90	40	199	15	9	2	10	2	2	12	1	6	10	40	180	18	1	ce	48	M	1000	1000				
21	Nelson	J. P. McQuarrie	1	300	75	25	125	1	1	1	1	1	6	7	70	77	1	ce	40	M	400	400								
	Dundas St.		1	200	25	90	85	7	5	5	5	4	18	109	5	1	ce	24	M	350	350									
22	Caledonia	J. S. Conning	1	350	130	40	294	21	1	4	11	8	7	2	8	12	40	180	15	1	ce	58	M	1000	1000					
23	Waterdown	P. M. McEachern	1	200	37	6	58	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	65	9	1	ce	40	M	700	53								
24	Port Colborne	W. Morrin, M.A.	1	200	37	6	58	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	65	9	1	ce	40	M	700	53								
25	Jarvis	G. A. McLennan { M.A.	1	450	70	2	168	20	2	2	6	10	4	9	12	50	112	15	1	ce	50	M	500	500						
	Waipole		1	250	40	2	107	14	2	1	1	1	10	6	8	9	20	30	5	1	ce	25	M	300	300					

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.
\$ 500	\$ 500
250	250
800	800
700	700
300	300
3000	3000
1016	741
252	252
1000	1000
1500	1500
1500	1500
750	750
650	650
250	250
315	315
375	375
600	600
210	210
800	800
906	300
312	312
1000	1000
400	400
350	350
1000	1000
700	53
500	500
300	300

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		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	a, b, c, d, e, f.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
1	ce	15	M	500	500	25	157	682	682	d e	5	5	5	62	3	3	3	8	99	10				8	10	790	6	
	ce	20		250	250		8	258	258	e	5	2							82	14							272	
1	ce	25	M	800	800		352	1152			25	5	5	23	21	5	5		89	11				12	214	1467	7	
1	ce	28	M	700	700	mc	88	197	985	1064		50	16	18	35	85	10	10	8	253	35	7	4	7	10	1255	8	
				300	300		20	63	383	382		12	8	5	12		4	4	3	57				3	9	452		
1	ce	188		3000	3000		3561	6561	6230		500	93	104	349	119	55	44	40	1138	243	43	16	80	503	8582	9		
1	ce	41		1016	741		811	1583	582	71	50	6	6	91	23	5	7	5	190		7	5	5	13	1797	10		
1	ce	40		252	252	9	25	277			6			9	1			10							298			
1	ce	30		1000	1000	c	15	581	1596	1943		70	30	30	70	69	15	10	7	326	28			6	81	2012	11	
1	ce	50	M	1500	1500	m	100	1348	2948	2970		283	95	68	288	124	50	20	10	1028	153	18		10	255	4241	12	
1	ce	200		1500	1500		1022	1925	4447		12	12	179	40	75	260	190	20	12	20	847	102	76	24	20	445	5759	13
1	ce	36	M	750	750		45	185	980	980		11			38	25		2	18	94	12	11			7	1081	14	
1	ce		M	650	650		270	214	1134	1134		30	14	2	48	31	4	2	13	152				13	136	1435	15	
1	ce	28	M	315	315	m	14	103	353	428	48	15	6	4	43	15	3	3	3	95				6	52	506		
1	ce	24		375	375	m	162	97	634		16			9	10			8	43						6	640		
1	ce	32	M	600	600	c	16	113	750	763		27	12	35	51	154	5	5	6	302	25	14	7	6	20	1087	17	
				210	210			226	286	280		7	4	4	6	21	1	1	2	48				2	13	289		
1	ce	16	M	800	800		100	900	933		48	3	5	52	50	3	3	4	7	175	12			7	130	1212	18	
1	ce	25		906	394		285	679			6	7	1	5		2	3	1	25	2	8	4			17	721	19	
1	ce	48	M	1000	1000	c	297	404	1701		10	4	2	14		1	1	1	34						27	460		
1	ce	40	M	400	400		73	473			31	3	3	33	74	3		9	160	5	14					633	21	
1	ce	24		350			350				16	6	3	10		2		3	2	52		10			7	4	413	
1	ce	58	M	1000	1000	m	125	372	1497	1669		230	30	125	278	64	10	10	12	772	50			12	182	2463	22	
1	ce	40		700	550		47	597	599		18	12	5	20		4		2		63				5	23	688	24	
1	ce	50	M	500	500	c	212	462	1174	1120		28	4	4	26	9	4	4	5	91	8	10		5	70	1340	25	
	ce	25		300	300		92	30	422	434		10	5	16				39		39				8	8	477		

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No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sitzings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (househ. lds) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); on Certificate (C).		No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).	No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).		No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).	Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.F. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.F. Society.	Is there a House (M) or Parished House (R.H) provided for Ministers?	Did Con. build C. or M. during year?	Stipend received from all sources.		Stipend paid by Congregation alone.		A rearer of or for Steward, actually due
								P.	C.		D.	C.													I.	A.	\$	\$	
26	Beverly	F. Ballantyne, M.A.	1	400	80	5	152	5	3	2	2	1	7	9	60	180	17	1	1	ce	20	M		800	800				
27	Lynedoch Silver Hill	A. Barclay	1	200	28	4	47	5	1	5	1	3	2	4	5	10	64	9	1	yp	20	M		300	300	250			
28	Port Dalhousie	S. C. Graeb	1	300	31	16	79	8	4	1	2	6	3	2	6	30	135	18	1	ce	103	M		750	550				
29	Drummond Hill	James Wilson	1	400			188	5	8	6	3	7	2	5	12	40	150	20	1	ce	30	M		900	900				
30	Chippawa	B.A.	1	250	34		57	3		1		3	1	3	9	30	90	12	1	ce	20	M		300	300				
30	Hamilton, St. Paul's	N. McPherson, B.D.	1	800	240	75	472	21	60	5	16	6		12	12	125	426	63	1	ce		M		2000	2000				
31	St. Catharines, Haynes Ave.	W. H. Geddes, M.A.	1	300	47	19	109	10	3	1	5	4		3	7	35	170	17	1	ce	41	M			662				
32	Blackheath	D. B. Marsh	1	250	30	55	83	1	2	1	8	3		5	7		90	10	1	yp	30	M		255	270				
	Abingdon	Ph.B.	1	200	23	7	50							4	7		85	8	1			M		214	230				
33	Grimbsy	J. Muir, M.A.	1	300	52	9	141	4	14	2	3	5		3	8		60	10	1			M		835	800				
34	Smithville	A. J. Mann	2	350	48	20	98	5	3			2		2	1	4	14	26		1	ce	30	M		750	621			
35	Muir's Settlement	M.A.																											
35	Hagersville	C. H. Lowry	1	250	47		90	6		1	2	3	1	6	7	20	70	8	1	ce	25	M		913	688				
36	Cayuga	J. D. Edgar, Ph.B.	1	250	63	7	136	2	2	2	2	4	1	6	6	15	65	6	1	ce	36	M		800	800				
37	Hamilton, St. John's	J. Young, M.A.	1	765	250	50	503	18	18	6	20	13	3	14	12	100	382	38	1	ce	162	M		1800	1800				
38	Thorold	W. A. Cook	1	400	79	12	174	3	12	1	2	5		4	8	30	122	15	1	yp	20	M		900	900				
39	Carlisle	E. B. Chestnut	1	200	80	10	181	9	1	1	2	1		6	7	30	128	11	1	ce	48	M		800	800				
40	Hamilton, Wentworth	A. McWilliams, B.A.	1	750	180	90	417	25	13	1	12	8		9	15	90	500	47	1	yp	120	M		1400	1400				
41	Merriton	J. L. Robertson	1	200	26	16	74	1	2		5	5		4	9	15	50	10	1	ce	25	M		800	564				
42	Port Robinson	B.D.																											
42	Bridgeburgh	F. D. Roxburgh	1	200	50	10	53	3	2		4	3		4	6	30	60	10							471	384			
42	Fort Erie	M.A.	1	125	10	5	14							2	3	12	40	7							106	106			
43	Ancaster	Vacant	1	300	88	15	111	9	5	1		4		5	6		156	12		1	ce	25	M		410	410			
44	Pelham	Vacant	1	220	44	10	55	1	1	1	3	4		2	5	42	66	6							204	204			
44	Louth	Vacant	1	220	44	10	55	1	1	1	3	4		2	5	42	66	6											
45	Dunnville	Vacant	1	250	80	15	104		1	9		2		6	8	35	70	10	1	ce	20	M			617				
46	St. David's	Vacant	1		33	61	90							4	6	20	85	12	1	ce	30	M		453	449				
Total			61	22565	4544	1470	9055	497P 330C	1350	89	5	298.69	325	497	1984	8066	988	18	44	2039	27	M		45883	45837				

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								P.	C.	D.	C.	C.	D.	I.	A.																			
1	Knox Ch., Woodstock	W. T. McMullen, D.D.	1	1150	200	463	22	29	8	20	9	10	13	45																		1500	1500	
2	Zion Ch., Brantford	W. Cochran, D.D.	1	1100	400	200	862	50	66	13	48	23	23	7	23	22	150	707	89	1	1	all	175								2400	2400		
3	Chalmers Ch., Woodstock	W. A. McKay, D.D.	1	750	175	412	30	25	10	17	8	15	4	13	9	150	280	30	1	1	ce	120	M								1200	1200		
4	Knox Ch., Ayr	John Thomson, M.A.	1	674	110	320	1	5	3	5	6	8	10	6	25	141	19	1	1	ce	50	M								1000	1000			
5	Glenmorris	R. Pettigrew, M.A.	1	230	35	160	9	8	1	5	1	1	4	6	30	120	15	1	1	ce	20	M								750	750			
6	Paris	E. Cockburn, M.A.	1	1000	228	75	550	16	27	9	20	6	17	1	13	125	380	33	1	1	ce	75	M							1600	1600			
7	Innerkip	P. Stralath, M.A.	2	400	70	130	4	1				1	5	9	15	112	11			ce	80	M								400	400			
8	Ratho	Alex. Leslie, M.A.	2	290	37	76	2	1		5		5	3	7	25	65	5	1	1	ce										400	400			
	East Oxford		2	200	48	83	1	1		2	3	5	8	9	24	75	11	1	1	ce	36	M								388	388			
	Bienheim		2	200	40	76	5	4		1		2	1	5	6	24	75	9	1	1	ce	45	M							335	335			
9	Knox Ch., Embro	G. C. Patterson, M.A.	1	1000	251	21	367	18	12	5	4	11	3	12	7	260	417	47	1	1	ce	49	M							1100	1100			
10	St. George	D. Y. Ross, M.A.	1	250	61	13	159	14	8	4	8	7	2	5	6	20	76	10	1	1	ce	25	M							800	700			
11	Tilsonburg	M. McGregor, M.A.	1	350	100	60	143	12	12	2	14	2	2	6	7	25	145	18	1	1	ce		M							900	900			
12	Stanley St., Ayr	J. S. Hardie	1	600	146	20	348	13	3	3	5	13	1	11	14	120	172	21	1	1	ce	90	M							1000	1000			
13	Drumbo	W. K. Shearer	2	240	60	105	2	2		3	1	2	2	4	6	20	65	9	1	1	ce	36	RH							500	500			
	Princeton	B. A.	2	225	54	70	7			4	1	4		5	6	25				ce										400	400			
14	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	E. R. Hutt	1	850	240	60	423	11	18	4	12	13	3	14	12	80	250	32	1	1	ce	87	M							1500	1500			
15	First Ch., Brantford	R. M. Hamilton, B.A.	1	550	200	95	424	33	32	8	20	17	14	5	13	12	150	231	26	1	1	ce	73	M							1000	1000		
16	Chesterfield	W. H. Johnston, B.A.	1	300	78	60	230	3	3	1	6	3	5	8	85	208	35	1	1	ce	130	M								1000	1000			
17	Norwich	J. M. Millar, B.A.	2	250	50	30	110	3	3	2	1	1	4	3	6	20	65	11	1	1	ce	35								600	600			
	Bookton		2	125	30	35	90	5	2			1	1	4	6	40	8			ce										400	400			
18	Vereshovle	J. A. Cranston, B.A.	2	300	40	50	50	9	6	1		9	3	3	6	25	60	8			ce	40								350	350			
	Culloden		1	250	40	40	5	4	3	2		2	2	3	6	30	65	7			ce	30								350	350			
19	Mt. Pleasant	P. W. Anderson	2																		ce													
	Burford		2	160	29	45	2	2					1	2	6						ce									217	217			
20	Windham Centre, Delhi	E. C. Currie	1																															
MISSION STATIONS.																																		
1	Onondaga and Alberton																																	
2	St. Andrew's, Brantford																																	
3	Balfour st., Brantford																																	
Total			28	11374	2722	794	5701	277274	82204	73	1	171	42	187	208	1473	3809	462	11	18													20090	19990

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	(1) Ordinary.	(2) Special.																										
ce 25 M	1000	1000	370	100	1470				e 50		100	50	30	115		50		25	10	445	10				11	40	1966	3
hm ce 30 M	550	550	61	127	738				e 12		37	10	15	34	68	10		10	5	201				20	7	946	4	
ce 50 M	200	200	37	69	306				e 12		19	2	11	26	63			2	2	125		33		15	7	431	5	
ce 60 M	600	600	10	70	680				e 12		25		10	20	49	6	4	6	4	138				7	52	875	5	
ws y 12 M	375	375	125	76	576	619			e 4		46	10	8	3	22	4		3	2	106	10			34	4	686	6	
pm ce 27 M	400	400	186	56	642	656			e 1		35	9	5	10	102	3		2	1	171				15	5	818	7	
ce 1 28	555	555	723	524	1802	831			e 20		88	34	20	89	159	20		6	5	441	45	30		25	11	2254	7	
ce 1 28	415	445	290	290	735	735			e 10		55	24	14	46	143	12		4	4	312	25	20		15	7	1057	7	
ce 116 M	800	800		277	1077	1098			e 50		245																	
y ps 20 M	400	400	258	173	831				e 12		61	90	95	278	198	56		20	14	1125	114	17		13	36	2251	8	
y ps 20 M	750	750	161	173	1084	1120			e 4		50	30	20	30	72	10		5	8	229	18			6	32	1698	8	
ce 50 R.H.	1000	1000			1000				e 10		50	25	12	25		10		9	5	146	13	20		20	9	1253	9	
y ps 75	2100	2100	1062	3568	6728				e 5		5	5	5	5	40	3		3	2	68							1068	10
y ps M	576	500	50	266	816				e 102		418	189	85	605	183	72		24	20	1804	213	10		18	561	0111	11	
ce 26 M	349	300	248	106	654	742			e 8		40	19	10	52	315			5	5	463				10		1289	12	
ce 20 M	390	590	107	697					e 9		17	2	6	17				4	5	51	4	8				705		
ce 20 M	200	200	362	19	581	581			e 40		20	11	10	38	31	6		3	6	165		11		9	35	906	13	
ce 20 M	400	400	180	580	606				e 5		8	2	1	3	11	1		1	1	33				7	47	614		
ce 20 M	400	400	180	580	606				e 5		59	13	5	83	35	4		4	3	211	12			7	7	845	14	
ce 20 M	375	375	66	28	409	406			e 5		28	10	6	42		6		4	2		6			3	3	18	533	
ce 20 M	416	446	133	303	882				e 3		40	8	10	38		3		9	2					2	34	1031	15	
y pm 35 M	300	300	51	351					e 3		22	8	4	12		2		2	1					4	12	421		
ce 59 M	646	646	60	706	676	39			e 3		36	5	4	20		2		2	1	75	22			6	38	825	16	
ce 32 M	402	402	65	351	818	853			e 6		11	4	4	4	73	4		4	2	112		7		10	24	954		
ce 19 M	918	918	163	229	1310				e 10		178	44	20	91	183	22		25	8	591	34	96	72	11	11	1902	17	
ce 64 M	750	550	200	60	810				e 8		8	20		7				3	3	38	15	3		3	3	15	866	18
ce 64 M	1000	1000	1001	937	3028	1748	188		e 4		200	81	27	75	169	25		10	10	622		131	100	17	117	3784	19	
y ps	425	425	300	100	825				e 10		40			15		5		5	3	91		15					916	20
hm M	425	425		70	495				e 5		25	8	11	25		4		7	92		40			7		594		
hm M	578	578	259	129	966				e 4		54	8	10	39	36	3		3	2	168		10		6	26	1166	21	
hm M	243	243	610	71	924	280			e 13		5	5	4	17	18			1	49					2		975		
y ps 24 M	335	260	33	65	358	404			e 2		6	6	2	8		3		3	3	33		12		2	19	412	22	
y ps 24 M	300	400	164	65	629	668			e 2		5	6	2	10		3		2	2	32				10	5	10	676	
y ps	700	350	76	189	615	318			e 1		4	5	1	4	32	1		1	1	49				3			667	23
y ps		250	143	37	430				e 1		2	8	1	2		1		1	1	18				3			451	

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.		Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); on Certificate (C).					No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).	No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).					No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).	Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.		No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.F.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.F. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M) or Rental House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Did Con. build C. or M. during year?	\$	\$
			No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.				P.	C.	D.	C.	D.		I.	A.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.																
1	Motherwell	R. Hamilton, D.D.	1	300	54	136	4	1	3	2	10	5	25	64	9	1	ce	19	M	500	500												
	Avonbank		1	300	43	120	4	4	3	5	8	1	5	28	70	9	1	ce	37		350	350											
2	Knox Ch., St. Marys	Alex. Grant, M.A.	1	650	158	30	316	12	8	4	8	10	4	8	10	38	150	15	1	ce	16	M	1200	1200									
3	Milverton Wellesley	Vacant	1	400	75	150	12					5	9	25	80	7	1	ce		M	500	500											
4	Hibbert		Peter Scott	2	600	107	233	8	5	3	7	20	19	2	5	13	20	145	13		yps	71	M	800	800								
5	St. Andrew's, Stratford	E. W. Pantou	1	550	141	22	203	15	10	4	8	8	5	6	7	50	169	21	1	hm	55		1200	1200									
6	Knox Ch., Millbank	W. M. Haig	1	287	80	5	150	2	6	2	4	3	5	6	9	30	50	6	1		M		610	700									
	Boyd Ch., Crosshill		1	250	26	2	34							2	6	25	40	7			M		200	200									
7	North Mornington	J.D. Cameron, B.A.	1	350	100	5	192	3	6	3	4	6	4	10	200	165	10	1	ce	50	M	800	800										
8	Knox Ch., Harrington	A. G. McLachlin, B.A.	1	360	85	115	3	5	2	4	1	3	6	9	50	106	7	1	ce	12	M	800	800										
9	Burns Ch., E. Zarra	J. D. Ferguson, B.A.	1	300		87	4	2	6	3	3	4	7	30	100	7	1	ce	12	M	400	400											
	Brookesdale		1	250	32	2	51	6	5	8	1	2	6	30	47	6	1	ce	9		400	400											
10	Knox Ch., Stratford	M. L. Letch	1	900	350	60	758	27	48	8	26	30	21	15	9	200	500	43	1	yps	53		2000	2000									
11	Avonton	Jno. H. Graham, B.A.	1	480	94	4	224	8	3	3	3	6	17	3	70	118	9	1		M	1000	780											
	Carlingford		1	31	3	65	4	3	3	5	3	6	18	75	8	1						250	220										
12	St. Andrew's Shakespeare	Rlchd Pyke	2	500	60	24	150	5	2	16	1	4	1	2	9	20	140	20	1	ce	39	M	783	500									
13	Mitchell	W. A. Bradley, B.A.	1	550	155	15	259	33	10	4	10	1	10	2	6	9	50	261	21	1	ce	35	M	1000	1000								
14	1st Ch., St. Mary's	T. A. Cosgrove, B.A.	1	600	181	20	353	8	3	5	4	5	2	8	12	50	150	20	1		M	1200	1200										
	N. Nissouri		1	200	30	2	65	2	2	4	3	3	6	20	60	8	1					300	300										
	S. Nissouri	B.A.	1	250	50	2	116	6	2	8	5	1	4	12	45	80	12	1	ce	40	M	500	500										
16	Listowel	Wm. Cooper, B.A.	1	750	140	50	407	15	15	3	13	7	11	3	5	9	70	225	24	1	ce	75		1120	1120								
17	North Easthope	R. F. Cameron, B.A.	2	200		64	4	3	2	13	1	4	3	2	6	32	30	3	1		M	450	450										
	Hampstead		2	175	20	3	39	3	3	2	2	6	32	30	3	1						250	250										
18	Granton	Ed. F. M. Smith, B.A.	1	250	58	10	112	3	8	3	2	5	3	6	30	50	10	1	ce	30		500	700										
	Lucan		1	150	30	7	60	11	15	1	8	6	2	6	45	54	7	1				200	200										
	Flaser Church		1	200	19		25	2	2	4	3	6	35	70	15	1	ce	37	M	100	100												
19	Atwood	P. A. McLeod, M.A., B.D.	1	450	175	5	372	12	8	2	5	10	2	4	6	35	70	15	1	ce	37	M	416	416									
	Monckton		1	200	70		130	3	8	2	2	3	9	50	7	1	1	ce	28		300	300											
20	Tavistock	Vacant	1	225	42	5	91	9	2	7	4	6	25	54	12		ce	28		283	283												
Total			34	10777	2406	282	5167	226	176	55	162	94	1	178	20	134	213	1261	3140	340	824	15	ce	606	15	M	18162	17963					

Stipend received from all sources

Stipend paid by Congregation alone

FINANCES.

Is there a w. m. r. or. ass. Society? Is there a H. M. S., C. E. or other Y. P. S. connected with Congregation? Total No. of Members in the Y. P. or C. E. Society. Is there a Manse (M.) or Rented House (R. H.) provided for Ministry? Dit Con. build C. or M. during year?		Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Con- gregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Con- gregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	a, b, c, d, e, f.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W. F. M. S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Minis- ters' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Minis- ters' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S. S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed in H. M. F. by H. M. C. E. or other Y. P. S. respectivel- y connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1	ce	91	M	1580	1580	165	1055	2800	2800	c	67	181	37	98	212	264	20	17	12	908	62	45	40	82	3830	1		
1	ce	100	M	1000	1000	40	390	1430	1470	d	3	152	38	30	83	107	12	10	7	464	31	50	18	142	2054	2		
			M	500	500	8	77	585		e	11	16	11	8	43	8	8	7	4	110	5		6	4	705	3		
1	ce	35	rn	400	400	4	65	519		f	14	20	13	8	37	8	7	5	113	9	5	9	5	646				
1	ce	65		381	381	19	39	420		c	3	13	5	13	17	20	6	3	80	5	37	5	37	585	4			
	ce	45	M	750	750		470	1220		f	3	16	4	9	16	21	4	4	5	82	6	3	57	565				
				200	200	30	20	250		e	1	4	2	3	4	1	1	1	2	18	4	4	16	8	1392	5		
m b.	ce	80	M	1200	1200	802	462	2464	2495	e	25	215	60	33	66	189	10	5	4	617	20	25	ce	25	18	344	3443	6
ce	40	M	600	600	16	129	745	745		f	4	29	4	8	14	24	4	5	4	140	19		12	127	1024	7		
				200	200	130	44	374	374	e	3	4	2	3	5	2	3	2	26	7	30	7	30	437				
1	ce	113	M	550	550	m 66	323	939	939	e	25	90	40	45	175	165	12	3	3	565	78	15	15	12	30	1546	8	
1	ce	37		350	350		176	526	537	e	10	50	20	56	75	56	10	7	4	288	30		9	25	848			
1	ee	84	M ch en	1400	1400	10407	1212	13019	14247	d	15	140	70	85	179	225	25	20	15	948	112	14	4	61	950	14978	9	
	ce	56	ch en	500	300	465	131	496	896	c	1	6	8	6	5	3	3	4	3	44			4		944	10		
	ee			300	150	200	70	420	420	e	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	14			3		437			
1	ce	82	M	1200	1200	8	412	1620	1717	e	28	183	39	73	311	179	34	21	13	881	100	50	21	112	2634	11		
1	ce	62	M	534	534	21	112	667	597	f	10	71	25	41	75	35	6	6	3	284	33		7	88	1046	12		
1	ce	39		267	267		67	334		e	9	26	6	15	23	16	6	5	3	109		10	5	94	542			
1	ce	33		370	295	73	10	305		f	2	2	2	6	20			1	35			2		342	13			
1	ce	35		375	300		60	369		e	4	13	8	2	9	12	2	2	2	56	9	10	5	2	10	428		
1	ce	43	M	400	400		109	509		c	2	46	16	10	41	31	5	5	3	163		25	ce	25	7	679	14	
	ce	42		400	400		59	459		d	1	27	14	3	40	43	4	5	3	147		2	ce	2	7	613		
1	ce		M	1047	1000	e 130	246	1376	1423	e	10	120	22	45	229	84	25	10	5	599	37	123	ce	10	15	68	2058	15
1	ce	46	M	800	800	277	364	1441	1412	f	12	54	16	30	75	111	14	10	3	1341	8	16	ce	16	16	78	1876	16

Including retiring allowance to Wm. Barr.

† Including \$7 for Jewish Mission.

33. PRESBYTERY OF HURON,

STATISTICS.

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.		Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—By profession (P); on Certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dig. (D).			No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).			Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S. C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M.) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Did Con. build C. or M. during year?
		No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.				P.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	I.	A.															
No. 17 St. Andrew's Bayfield	Wm. Graham...	1	200	30	50	83	7	5	3	2	4	4	3	6	25	35	5	m	b	ce	40	RH							
Bethany		1	200	10	7	32	2	2	3	3	1	1	2	6	30	35	5	b	ce										
Total		27	9555	1794	408	4563	166121	57140	22	157	13	140	200	1630	3250	402	4	17	22	1168	13	M	2	RH					

Stipend received from all sources.
\$ 400
200
15404

34. PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,

1 Kincardine, Knox Church	J. L. Murray, M.A.	1	1000	211	20	343	12	16	8	18	23	1	12	14	220	440	44	1	1	ce	85	M								
2 Craobrook	J. B. McRae	1	350	50	2	169	12	2	2	4	3	3	3	8	54	7	7	1	1	ce		M								
Ethel		1	200	30	2	95	2	9	2	1	4	4	2	5	30	104	10	1	1	ce		M								
3 Melville Church Brussels	John Ross, B.A.	1	600	220	20	421	8	14	7	22	18	9	12	12	100	427	32	1	1	ce	70	M								
4 Pine River	John McFarlane	1	250	65	7	112	2	2	1	2	5	7	4	9	30	77	10	1	1			M								
5 Lucknow	Angus MacKay	1	700	146	30	264	13	5	5	13	19	1	9	14	130	175	18	1	1	p	b	ce	77	M						
6 South Kinloss	F. A. MacLennan	1	400	98	4	111	5	10	7	2	5	2	4	7	150	70	7	1	1			M								
7 Walton	David Forrest	1	250	40	2	153	9	2	1	2	2	1	4	2	4	9	15	60	13	1	ce	59	M							
8 Dungannon	Robt. Fairbairn, B.A.	1	250	60	2	110	4	5	2	10	8	2	5	8	20	45	7	1	1	ce		M								
Port Albert		1	200	16	2	42	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	3	4	75	9	1	1	ce	60	M								
9 Teeswater	James Malcolm	1	750	208	18	397	14	7	8	10	21	2	8	12	85	205	23	1	1	mb	ce	65	M							
10 Wingham	David Perrie	1	900	140	20	354	9	25	3	21	7	2	6	8	60	165	14	1	1	ce		M								
11 Molesworth	Geo. Ballantyne	1	300	100	2	185	14	2	2	6	6	3	6	8	25	100	11	1	1	y	p	ce	18	M	C					
12 Whitechurch	Andrew Mac- nab, M.A.	1	350	60	2	103	4	2	1	2	1	1	5	9	30	85	7	1	1	ce	34	M								
Langside		1	240	50	4	53	1	1	1	1	8	5	9	5	9	50	70	8	1	1	ce		M							
13 Wroxeter	R. S. G. Anderson, M.A., B.D.	1	450	87	2	209	3	4	5	5	6	10	4	14	30	9	1	1	ce	30	M									

for the
1300
500
300
1200
625
950
800
694
186
1100
1100
750
263
413
700

OF HURON,

for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897.—Continued.

FINANCES.

Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	ce	40	RH
Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	22	1168	
Is there a Manse (M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	13	M ₂	RH
Did Con. build C. or M. during year?			

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M., C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.
400	400			50	450	450		e	12	25		25				1	65	20				5	50	570	17
200	200			61	261	261			3	10		7					20					2	283		
15404	15807	92	12769	6276	34852	30783	10000	451	160	1555	497	639	1844	1604	226	167	117	7265	544	389	115	319	2346	44782	

MAITLAND,

for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897.

1 ce 85 M	1300	1300	270	564	2134	2134																			
1 ce M	500	500	22	195	718																				
1 ce 70 M	300	300		41	341																				
1 ce M	1200	1200		695	1895	1912																			
1 pbc 77 M	625	500		26	526																				
1 ce 59 M	950	950	374	322	375	1647	1655																		
1 ce M	800	800	40	116	956																				
1 ce M	694	600	118	61	779	779																			
1 ce 60 M	471	35	8	73	552																				
1 mb ce 65 M	186	186	4	5	195	195																			
1 ce M	1100	1100		369	1469																				
1 yps 18 M	1100	1100	715	781	2596	2596																			
1 ce 34 M	750	750	1982	162	2894																				
1 ce M	263	263	245	82	465	421																			
1 ce 30 M	413	413		34	447	447																			
	700	700	100	373	1073	1137																			

5	10	165	25	30	58	200	13	6	6	535	50	50	50	16	130	2815	1	
d	5	27	20	20	22		9	8	5	121				5	10	854	2	
e	10	8	3	6	8	21	2	2	1	56				3		400		
f	5																	
g	35	20	106	30	60	108	136	20	10	5	536	33	23	12	17	124	2572	3
h	6																	
i	4	8	15	8	13	28	5	5	2	90	15			5	23	644	4	
j	2																	
k	34																	
l	7	39	15	12	65	69	13	12	8	274				11	114	2046	5	
m	5	10	5	5	22	62	5	5	3	122	5			8	55	1141	6	
n	2	2	14	5	5	21	2	2	2	53	3	14		4		836	7	
o	2	2	1	2	2	7	2	2	2	22	2			5		579	8	
p	1																	
q	1	3	3	2	2		1		2	1	16			2		215		
r	5																	
s	10																	
t	10	127	79	61	110	202	17	18	16	655	33	28		16	60	2200	9	
u	13																	
v	5	45	17	14	19	114	5	2	2	239				13		2848	10	
w	2	28	4	3	27	68	2	2	2	138	11	17		9	34	3075	11	
x	6																	
y	7	29	10	15	29	49	8	4	4	165		7		4		634	12	
z	2	14	3	5	11	7	2	2	2	48				3		496		
aa	6																	
ab	6	67	10	8	37	87	8	3	4	239	54			7	17	1336	13	

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supported.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); on Certificate (C).										No. of other Office-leavers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Dut. Con. build C. or M. during year?						
								P.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.											D.	C.				
14	Belgrave.....	W. T. Hall.....	1	250	54	2	123	8.	1	3.	5	.....	10	.....	5	9	30	80	10	.....	1	ce	56	M	.....							
	Calvin E., Wawanosh.....		1	300	44	.....	132	7.	2	2.	7	3	.....	5	.....	4	9	31	64	7	.....	ce	36	.....	.....						
15	St. Helens.....	S. M. Whaley, B.A.....	1	320	72	9	190	5.	10	7.	9	.....	7	.....	6	13	80	75	9	1	1	pb	.....	M	.....							
	East Ashfield.....		1	250	30	3	88	4.	6	1.	10	.....	7	.....	2	6	65	54	6	.....	1	mb	.....	.....	.....					
16	Huron Ch., Ripley.	Roderic McLeod, B.D.....	1	500	120	4	132	6.	2	5.	1	2	.....	14	.....	5	9	40	120	12	1	1	.....	M	.....							
17	North Kinloss.....	John Maxwell.....	1	250	25	.....	50	5.	1	.....	1	.....	6.	1	3	5	25	50	5	.....	1	ce	20	M	.....							
	Riversdale.....		1	250	30	.....	65	7.	1	.....	3	.....	10.	3	3	5	30	50	5	.....	1	ce	33	.....	.....						
	Enniskillen.....	Alexander Miller.....	1	250	14	.....	18	5.	1	.....	1	.....	6.	3	1	5	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	M	.....							
18	Ashfield.....		1	300	103	151	24.	14	1.	6	5	13	8	9	70	273	6	1	M							
19	Bluevale.....	Wm. J. West, M.A.....	1	320	95	10	149	17.	4	3.	4	7	.....	12.	4	6	9	75	95	11	.....	ce	29	M	.....							
	Eadies.....		1	220	41	4	74	5.	2	.....	2	.....	2	.....	4	4	60	40	4	.....	1	ce	.....	.....	.....					
20	Knox Ch, Ripley	Vacant.....	1	500	76	8	97	3.	3	3.	6	.....	10	.....	7	5	73	100	12	1	1	ce	40	M	.....							
	Bervie.....		1	150	22	.....	51	5.	1	.....	1	.....	4	.....	2	.....	2	8	15	35	6	.....	u	65	.....							
21	Chalmers, Kincardine Tp.	Vacant.....	1	300	45	2	84	3.	2	2.	2	.....	12.	2	3	9	35	86	11	.....	1	ce	103	M	.....							
22	Retired.....	John MacNabb.....	1							
APPENDIX.																																	
1	Retired.....	John Stewart.....																															
2	Without charge...	K. McDonald.....																															
3	Without charge...	George Law.....																															
4	Without charge...	George McKay.....																															
Total.....			30	11350	2352	173	4525	217P	84.	175	54.	1	250.	24	151	255	1626	3274	333	9	23	18	ce	2	mb	1	yp	1	pb	1	y	pb	23

Stipend received from all sources.

472
378
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268
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STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—By profession (F); by Certificate (C).				No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).				No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).	Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-leavers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse(M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Did Con build C. or M. during year?																						
								P.	C.	D.	C.	C.	D.	C.	D.													I.	A.																				
1	Retired	Andrew Tolmie																																															
2	Retired	John Anderson																																															
3	North Brant	Daniel Duff	1	240	25	75	4	1	1	2	3	4	12	5	20	15	3	ce	42	M																													
	West Bentinck		1	120	12	28										29	6																																
4	Knox Ch., Paisley	John Johnston	1	800	164	330	9	7	9	8	14	1	10	12	65	180	23	1	yps	72																													
5	Allenford	William Mowat	1	375	65	182	6	1	2	5	1	4	6	50	86	10	5	ce		M																													
	Elsmore		1	250	33	71	7	1			1	5	6	60	60	5																																	
	Skipness		1	225	20	43			1	1			2	6		25																																	
6	Underwood	James Fitzpatrick, B.A.	1	300	65	134	1	2	1	3	8	4	12	30	60	8	1	ce	20	M																													
7	Centre Bruce	James R. Craigie	1	250	50	87	3	3	1	4	9	4	9	30	20	4	1	ce	25																														
	Hampden		1	200	49	11	3	9	2	11	6	5	6	20	80	0		hm																															
		M.A.	1	225	38	98	3		2	2	7	5	9	20	51	11	1	ce																															
8	Pinkerton	Geo. McLennan	1	350	47	2	119		1	2	10	6	9	20		4				M																													
	West Brant		1	400	40	3	110	2		1	4	2	7	5	20	30	3	1	ce	20																													
9	North Bruce, St. Andrew's, Saugueen	Hector McQuarrie	2	600	95	204	10	3	5	8	4	10	1	13	64	110	10		ce	50	M																												
10	West Arran, Dunblane	John Bell, B.A.	2	300	60	147	2	3	3	4	6	1	4	7		16		ce	40	M																													
11	Geneva Church, Chesley	E. A. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.	1	850	220	40	538	18	17	2	12	4	11	2	9	13	200	400	40	1	ce	44																											
12	Knox Church, Tara	A. H. Kippam	1	400	80	201	6	9	1	6	3	9	7	10	40	100	13	1	hm	yps		M																											
13	Knox Church, Walkerton	Donald Gnthrie, B.A.	1	800	210	50	417	20	29	4	22	6	11		12	16	100	235	29	1	ce	70																											
14	St. Paul's Church, Gammis	Isaac McDonald, B.D.	2	650	140	6	218	7	2	2		6	10	14	40	110	16	1	co	40	M																												
15	Port Elgin	A. H. Drumh	1	400	109	23	192	13	9	1	7	11	5	2	7	9	90	188	22	1	yps	62	M																										
16	Tiverton	Kenneth McLennan	1	400	100	176	3	3	5	2	3	9	12		90	8		ce	45	M																													
17	Southampton	Vacant	1	350	72	35	90					2	5	40	35	13		ce	50																														
18	Dobinton	Mission Station	1			20				2		1	3		40	3																																	
	Gillis Hill		1		23	100	47	7	3		4	3	1	3		57	5		ce	43																													
To al.			27	8485	1729	267	3638	122	101	44	104	45	125	7	125	190	909	2001	261	3	9	14	623	10																									
																						ce	3																										
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Stipend received from all sources.

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FINANCES.

Is there a Home S. C. E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (or Rented House R.H.) provided for Ministers?	Did Con. build C. or M. during year?	Stipend received from all sources.		Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.		Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Entowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by Y.P.S. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.	
				(1) Ordinary.	(2) Special.																							
yp	M			360	360	15	283	658		5	30	18							5	5	113	12		15	5	18	794	1
ce	42			350	350	15	102	467		10	27	6	19	29		6			5	4	123	ce	10		112	702		
ce	52			750	600	52	121	773	792	18	19	15	12	23		7			6	2	92	12	ce	7	6	154	1025	2
1	bc			1800	1800	527	1886	4213		25	184	50	60	100	103	30			25	15	1166	110		119	20	20	5428	3
1	hm			750	750	70	170	990		7	58	10	17	21	17	4			4	4	142			40	10	210	1352	4
1	ce	40	M	475	475	84	337	896	778	4	35	10	36	25	147	4			4	4	265	29	52		8	30	1208	5
				325	325		22	347		7	10		15	10		5				2	49				5	28	429	
	ce	35	M	100	400	38	213	651	740	3	3		2	7					4	16	16				16	600	6	
				425	425	38	118	581		9	9		12	23		7			8	8	50				8	20	668	
1	ce	111	M	1200	1200		896	2096	2170	12	70	22	33	85	55	9			10	6	302	26	18		17	127	2542	7
1	yp	35		800	800	354	442	1596	520	2	17	10		22	100					149	16				4	83	1828	8
1				308	308	141	22	471		2	3		4	18						27	16					502		
1	ce	82	M	628	578	180	400	1158	1200	2	39	14	10	56	26						153		16		8		1319	9
	ce	40		308	308		268	693		2	40		14	30		2			3	89	13			5		402		
	ce	41	M	425	425		268	693		6	86	6	8	85					10	5	206	58	71	ce	40	40	939	10
	ce	40		375	375	650	103	1128		3	42	4	5	34		6			3	4	105	8	20			114	1347	
1	ce	53	M	500	506	62	66	673		5	62	10	10	78	43	5			5	4	232	10	21		7	38	950	11
						45				5																		
	ce			900	900		76	976	1010	10	20	35	5	26							96	5	12	8	6	237	1335	12
1	ce			500	476	56	308	840	840	5	34		16	40	152	4			6		266	10		12	6	25	1137	13
										3																		
1	ce	52	M	450	450	14	115	579	579	3	28	9	28	204	136	5			7		423	11	21	ce	4	6	1008	
	ce			700	700	2733	338	3771	4058	3	35	25	37	22						1	120		3	ce	4	5	3806	14
				200	200	27	19	246	3000	4	4			11					1	20					2	8	276	
						13																						
1				525	475	600	155	1243		d	4	125		16							170				4		1417	15
				228	225	100	70	395		d	4			6							20				2		417	
	ce	43	M	422	375	36	78	489		f	3			26	5	6				3	51		26	ce	6	35	581	16
				350	350	46	396	425		f	3			7	6	5				2	30		30	ce	5	41	472	
1	hm			575	575		50	625	750	e	5	5	40		7						126		51			36	737	17
	ce	61	M	125	125	38		163		e	10										10					9	182	
	ce	20	M	250	250	24	59	333		e			3	6							9				2	8	352	18
	ce	30		450	450	118	39	607		e	7	5		20						5	37		15		5	15	664	
	ce	15	M	375	375	1878	47	2300	2420	e	4		12	8	40					5	84				4	26	2414	19
				225	225	100	325	325		e	4		8	7	6					2	31					125	481	

36. PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,

for the

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.				Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—(in own profession (P); on Certificate (C).)			No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).			No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).	Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Dist. Con. built C. or M. during year?	
			No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.				P.	C.	D.	C.	D.	I.	A.															
20	Petrolia	Angus A. Graham, B.D.	1	550	220	50	316	7.	4	6.	3	15.	3	7	9	70	337	30	1	1	ce	65	M								
21	Plum Creek, Black Creek, Guthrie	}	1	144	27	2	49	2.				4	12	15	24	7	1	1	ce	35	N										
22	Corunna		1	200	25	4	26					1.		12	30	4	1	1	ce	21											
	Mooretown, Knox Church, Courtright		1	230	20	25	30	1.	2			1.		5	20	45	5	1	ce												
Total			30	10550	2127	557	4120	207	1420	09.	124	23.	178.	27	141	275	1054	3221	420	15	15	20	919	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	

Stipend received from all sources.
 \$ 1000 10
 175
 200
 268
 18104 17

37. PRESBYTERY OF SUPERIOR,

for the

1	Rat Portage	R. Nairn, B.A.	1	300	110	60	213	10.	53	1.	4	15.	30.	3	6	40	234	17	1	1	ce	50	M							
2	Fort William	W. L. H. Rowland, B.A.	1	250	82	30	125	7.	13	1.	6	9.	22.	2	9	20	120	14	1	1	ce	25	RH							
3	Port Arthur	S. C. Murray, B.A.	1	380	80	16	124	10.	5	3	10.	15.	15.	4	8	40	175	16	1	1	ce	23	M							
4	Kewatin	} J. L. Small, B.A.	1	300	68	20	84	11.	12	1.	1	11.	2	2	6	30	115	15	1	1	ce	35								
	Norman		1	120	24	6	42	9.	5	10.	2.	10.	10.	2	6	20	50	6												
MISSION STATIONS.																														
1	Schreiber	James Russell	16	800	90		23	3.				17.	1	1	20	47	6				ce	12								
2	West Fort William																				ce	41								
3	Ignace		10		46	55	55								5		65	9			ce	60								
4	Fort Francis		2		30	30	24					4				15	59				ce									
5	*Rainy River		5		300	40	20	44				14				33	86				ce									C
6	†Rat Portage Mines		5														16													
7	†Mine Centre		4		11												15													
Total			47	2450	581	237	734	50.	88	3.	24	37.	123.	6	16	41	218	982	83	3	18	ce	246	2M	1	1	1	1	1	1

* Service for nine months of the year. † Service for six months of the year.

1000
 1200
 1200
 950
 518
 267
 250
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 198
 211
 6214

OF SARNIA,

for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897. - Continued.

FINANCES.

1	ce	65	M	...
1	ce	35	M	...
1	ce	21		...
15	20	919	16	1
	ce		M	C
	2		R	1
	yp		R	M
	1		M	
	hm			

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.
1009	1009	0	500	1060	2500	2977			82	40	20	82	116	25	25	3	467	20	hm	50	250	3286	20		
175	175	m	30	26	231	231							9				9							21	
200	200	11	53	264	263	263																		263	
268	268			268	268	268																		268	
18104	17782		8540	7938	34319	20861	4008	328	639	1082	325	392	1160	987	133	123	82	5257	370	380	326	163	1863	41602	

F SUPERIOR,

for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897.

1	ce	50	M	...
	ce	25	RH	...
	ce	35	M	...
	ce	12		...
	ce	41		...
	ce	60		...
	ce	320		C
	ce	198		
	ce	211		
18	ce	246	2M	1c
			1RH	

1000	1000	100	842	1942	1606	336	f	30	55	15	15	49	57	5	12	3	241	48	7	17	135	2335	1	
1200	1200	1185	2385	2392	2273	2273	f	25	25	15	5	8	10	3	2	93	20	20	5	24	2507	2		
1200	1200	1073	2273	2273	2273	2273	f	30	35	15	15	15	2	1	100	20	30	5	53	2431	3			
950	650	40	c 415	150	1215	1215	f	25	25	10	5	20	2	2	87	35	7	9	33	1344	4			
	245	15	c 247	76	568	568	f	5	10	5					22	7		9	12	605				
518	518	500	40	1058	1058		f	15	60	8							83			6		1147	1	
367	185			185	283	283	f	5	5	2							12			3		200	3	
250	250	33		283	283		f	7	3								10					294	4	
320	168	600		768																		768	5	
198	181			181																		181	6	
211	61			61																		61	7	
6214	5658	55	1862	3399	10919	9395	336	f	142	218	70	25	92	57	17	17	10	648	130	34	30	49	257	11873

WINNIPEG.

for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897.—Continued.

FINANCES.

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ce	15	C	\$ 271	\$ 271	65	951	83	1305	697	f	4	3	9	4	4	4	18	18	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	1329	3
1	cc	32	M	104	104	31	135	171	152	f	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	201	4
			57	57			57	57	57	f	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	59	5
			510	400		50	110	560	485	f	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	566	5	
			235	260		5	265	265		f				15					6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	280	6	
			405	230			230	230						6					6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	238	7	
			20	20			20	20						1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	7	
			406	127		350	4	481	487					3					3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	484	8	
				46			46	46	46					2					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	48	8	
				59			59	59	59																					59	8	
				50			50	50	50					4					4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	54	9	
				20			20	20	20																					20	9	
			332	100		3	103	50	50	f	6	6	11	1					17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	120	9	
			140	50			50	50	50					1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	10	
				30			30	30	30	f	5	5	5	1					5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	32	11	
			171	111			111	72	72	f	4	4	4	4					4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	116	11	
			144				42	42	42	f									5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	77	12	
			150	72			12	12	12	f																				42	13	
				42																										12		
			20	20	45		98	118	118					5					5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	123	14	
			220	160			160	160	160																					160	15	
13	13	488	11	2						1824	384	1894	574	205	876	767	137	83	67	6811	596	250	185	3366	62556							

ROCK LAKE.

for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897.

ce	25	RH	1000	1000	125	405	1530	1600		f	20	25	8	4	15	3	3	5	83	9	1622	1
yps	50		1200	1200	c 1164	381	2745	2745		f	75	186	16	123	6	406	26	15	129	3295	2	
ce	20	M	1032	1032		369	1401			f	12	20	30	62	20	30	5	20	1488	3		
ce	15		800	800	c 818	102	1720			f	35	50	20	5	21	5	5	3	144	12	1876	4
1	ce	25	1919	1001	c 280	530	1811	350		f	6	23	77	106	23	1917	5					
ce	38	M	850	700	126	85	911			f	20	20	15	5	75	1279	6					
ce	35	M	575	581	c 1603	100	2234	1603		f	20	20	20	13	10	2456	7					

40. PRESBYTERY OF GLENBORO,

for the Year

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.		Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); on Certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).			No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).	Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse(M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Dist Con. build C. or M. during year?	
			No. of Sitings in these Churches and Stations.	No. of Sitings in these Churches and Stations.				P.	C.	D.	C.	C.	D.	I.	A.														
VACANCIES.																													
1	Glenboro.....	A. McD. Haig.....	1	200	52	18	70	10	3	2	14	4	8	25	125	12	1						mb						
MISSION FIELDS.																													
1	Nesbit.....	R. M. Croll.....	4	400	40	12	53	3															ce	22					
2	Ravenswood.....	F. B. Stewart.....	3	300	30	2	73	2														ce							
3	Cypress River.....	A. O. Macdonald.....	3	40	20	36																ce	16						
4	Indianford.....	John Mowat.....	3	150	25	11	35	5	2													ce	10	RH					
1	Retired.....	G. Bremner.....																											
	Total.....		31	2600	661	247	958	37	49	6	12	2	75	39	114	255	1091	124	5	7	1	7	169	6M	1C	2	1	1	

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due
800	800	
676	676	
54	524	
704	704	
525	325	
9228	8878	

41. PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE,

for the Y

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sitings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); on Certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).			No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).			No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).	Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse(M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Dist Con. build C. or M. during year?	
1	Knox Church, Portage la Prairie.	P. Wright, D.I.....	1	850	215	70	426	18	22	3	16	35	27	1	8	12	120	575	1	1	1	oe				M	C		
2	High Bluff and Prospect.	James Douglas.....	2	400	50	12	99	7	3	1			7	4	8	25	130	9	1	1	1	ce	50			M			
3	Burnside.....	Farquhar McIrae, M.A.....	1	200	30	10	52	10	2	1			8	2	6	25	50	8	1	1	1	ce	24			M			
4	McGregor.....	L. C. Emsen.....	4	600	90	80	155	13	2	1	2	1	10	4	16	24	100	10	1	1	1	oe	42			RH			
5	Austin.....	J. H. Jarvis.....	4	450	80	30	84	3	1				5	4	18	33	100	10	1	1	1	oe							
6	Macdonald.....	Jos. White, B.A.....	4	400	45	10	64	12	4	1	1		12	3	8	15	60	1	1	1	1	oe							
7	Gladstone.....	J. E. Munro, B.A.....	2	400	75	30	165	11	10	1	1		14	6	9	40	110	14	1	1	1	oe	35			M			
8	Knox Ch., Neepawa	R. Paterson, M.A.....	1	500	102	41	218	11	14	1	16		6	5	11	25	182	26				ce	51			M			
9	Rosedale.....	J. N. Guthrie.....	3	175	60	10	75	8	4	1	7	4	40	5	3	9	7					oe	40						
10	Franklin.....	J. McKenzie.....	3	370	80	10	140	2	2		4		2	2	9	17	35	8				ce							
11	Dauphin.....	J. S. Gourlay.....	3	400	50	30	87	4	22	1	1		7	4	14	20	70	12								M	M		
12	Arden.....	Vacant.....	3	340	36		55	3	5		2		6	1	2	11		54	8										
MISSION FIELDS.																													
1	Meadows.....		6	300	38	16	68	3	9	1			24		18														
2	Ochre River.....		5		25		33	7	2				7		5			30	2										
3	Mekewin.....		4	300	60																								
4	Sylvester.....		4	200	50	15	45							1	16							o							
5	Gilbert Plains N.....																												
6	Gilbert Plains S.....																												
	Total.....		50	5885	1086	366	1766	129P	104C	11	.49	40	175	11	44	170	341	1483	107	5	7	11	242	6M	1C	1	1	1	

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due
1800	1800	
900	900	
750	750	
1000	1000	
600	600	
796	68	
900	68	
855	68	
800	68	
575	57	
793	47	
417	35	
10576	102	

42. PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON,

for the Year

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.			Total No. of Communicants on Roll.			No. of Communicants added during the year—by profession (P); by certificate (C);			No. of Communicants removed during the year—by death (D); by certificate (C);			No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).		Number of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S.S. work, including Suppt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a W.M.S. Socy.?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Messrs (M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Did Con. build C. or M. during year?
					Single Persons, Communicants	Couples	Communicants	P	C	D	C	D	I	A															
1	Wellwood and Brookdale	T. Collins Court	5	380	65	5	80	12	6	1	5	1	15	2	8	60	60	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	C	
2	Rounthwaite	T. R. Shearer, B.A.	3	350	38	8	100	7	2	2	9	4	11	30	135	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
3	Carberry, Knox Ch	D. Carswell	1	250	84	15	132	7	17	2	11	3	1	18	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
4	Brandon	E. A. Henry, B.A.	1	650	240	50	382	21	24	3	35	29	1	1	90	475	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
5	Elkhorn	J. Hood	3	200	40	25	89	1	2	5	6	3	3	6	25	25	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
6	Chater	J. Ferry	1	150	14	11	23	5	9	2	20	3	3	6	20	46	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	Humboldt		1	250	45	30	55	8	12	1	1	1	1	3	35	80	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	Zion		1	150	18	10	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	25	40	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
7	Oak Lake and St. David's	W. A. Maolean	2	300	58	70	135	13	14	1	8	3	12	50	125	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	M	
8	Douglas and Greenford	E. Mason	1	150	30	4	60	3	4	1	14	1	8	23	40	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
9	Virden, Carmel Ch	P. Strang	1	100	14	5	30	2	2	1	10	2	1	15	55	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
10	Alexander	J. A. G. Calder	1	300	100	22	150	4	12	1	6	1	5	25	140	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	Roseland		1	375	75	20	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	80	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	Kenmay		1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	25	46	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
MISSION FIELDS.																													
1	Griswold	Allan Moore, B.A.	1	100	15	3	27	2	2	1	5	2	3	15	30	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	Menteath		1	100	22	10	44	2	2	9	1	4	3	4	40	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Huntingdon		1	50	9	3	16	2	2	3	1	4	1	1	15	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	Breadalbane	J. Fowle	3	150	78	45	87	1	4	1	18	1	18	30	80	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
3	Hargrave	J. R. Conn, (student)	3	125	29	22	50	5	1	1	18	1	7	27	60	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
4	Tarbolton	A. Matheson, (student)	4	250	41	65	7	1	3	10	10	10	10	70	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
5	Petrel	J. Foote, (student)	2	100	55	47	5	2	2	13	2	10	25	40	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
6	Parklasmio	G. Dunn, (student)	3	120	25	5	55	6	2	6	6	6	25	40	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
7	Pipestone	A. N. McQuarrie, M.A. (O.M.)	4	120	66	4	79	1	2	1	1	6	1	5	6	30	100	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
8	Without charge	G. Roddick	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total			46	4780	1161	367	1880	109	89	24	89	22	1	151	3	65	170	600	1947	242	4	11	15	337	1	1	1	1	

* Roll decreased through purging.

43. PRESBYTERY OF MINNEDOSA,

for the Year

1	Minnedosa	W. J. Herbison, B.A.	1	200	60	15	76	1	6	8	4	7	16	80	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Clanwilliam		1	100	15	5	30	1	6	6	5	5	5	25	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Russell	D. M. McKay, B.A.	3	340	86	35	206	4	2	2	3	12	10	19	90	275	35	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
3	Hamiota	Cunningham Moore B.A.	3	440	53	15	144	5	2	10	8	12	50	150	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
4	Rapid City		3	300	46	6	78	1	3	1	1	3	8	20	75	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	Birtle	Vacant	4	325	38	30	58	1	1	3	4	5	20	90	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
FIELDS IN CHARGE OF ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.																												
6	Beulah	J. McArthur	2	125	18	3	49	8	1	3	3	12	9	3	9	45	65	9	1	2	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Indian Mission		1	75	20	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

for the Year

601	601
234	234
1000	1000
720	720
796	796
920	796
900	34

675	650
900	800
1046	1046
1500	1500
81	993
900	273
373	373
353	353
963	963
565	565
248	248
712	712
370	370
765	248
147	147
291	291
248	248
100	100
541	541
265	265
270	270
500	420
294	294
656	600
1223	11908

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FINANCES.

connected with Congregation?		Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	a, b, c, d, e, f.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows' & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments to benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.		
675	650	1400	50	2100	2100	f	15	15	10	5	10	5	60	221	270	14	30	14	30	15	28	20	5	10	70	2103	2			
900	806	958	46	1804	1804	f	20	50	20	5	7	110	5	68	100	5	5	3	221	270	14	30	14	30	15	28	20	2103	2	
1046	1046	673	414	2133	2683	550	f	25	160	60	40	70	150	20	15	4	2	303	650	92	110	17	17	10	28	20	2418	3		
1500	1500	1500	1420	4420	4220	200	f	135	160	60	40	70	150	20	15	4	2	303	650	92	110	17	17	10	28	20	5118	4		
81	603	64	104	797	797	f	10	50	35	10	25	172	5	4	2	1	1	4	303	650	92	110	17	17	10	28	20	814	5	
900	271	265	170	706	265	f	10	50	35	10	25	172	5	4	2	1	1	4	303	650	92	110	17	17	10	28	20	1018	6	
900	373	834	25	1232	898	f	10	50	35	10	25	172	5	4	2	1	1	4	303	650	92	110	17	17	10	28	20	1232	6	
900	353	200	58	611	411	f	10	50	35	10	25	172	5	4	2	1	1	4	303	650	92	110	17	17	10	28	20	1232	6	
963	963	c100	537	1600	1600	f	11	80	30	10	76	36	5	5	2	200	36	12	125	200	36	12	125	200	36	12	125	2027	7	
555	505	e200	160	865	875	f	25	18	12	3	6	59	5	1	1	121	36	4	4	121	36	4	4	1	1	1	1	990	8	
248	248	111	359	306	306	f	9	13	8	2	4	1	1	1	39	23	3	3	39	23	3	3	10	27	3	3	401	9		
712	712	175	313	1200	1302	f	13	17	15	10	2	16	32	2	2	85	27	4	4	85	27	4	4	1	1	1	1	1227	9	
765	376	480	90	480	797	f	7	17	15	10	2	16	32	2	2	38	3	2	2	38	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	535	10	
147	147	147	147	147	147	f	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147
291	291	57	348	348	348	f	1	15	10	3	15	5	5	5	53	5	5	5	53	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	401	1
248	248	58	306	306	306	f	1	7	5	1	5	1	1	1	21	1	1	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	341	1
100	100	1	101	101	101	f	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	163	1
541	541	107	73	721	721	f	8	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	791	2
265	265	265	265	265	265	f	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	272	3
270	270	140	120	530	270	140	c	10	10	10	20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	560	4
500	420	420	294	450	450	f	14	15	10	2	16	32	2	2	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	561	5
294	294	294	294	294	294	f	5	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	321	6
656	600	600	600	600	600	f	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
122	11908	64	6552	3817	22277	17245	890	f	307	21	509	224	91	329	737	55	49	10	2353	152	181	hm34	ss10	cc59	82	290	25002	8		

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601	601	125	726	726	f	20	126	3	6	861	1										
234	234	38	272	272	f	40	114	14	304	2198	2										
1000	1000	440	300	1640	1640	f	40	70	30	20	40	20	10	5	5	240	55	14	304	2198	2
720	720	880	220	1820	1820	f	22	32	26	5	5	2	2	2	2	96	22	4	13	1933	3
796	796	309	1105	1105	f	12	12	11	1	10	3	3	3	3	1	53	22	6	16	1180	4
920	795	305	1100	1100	f	9	30	25	6	30	3	3	3	3	2	108	22	9	30	1247	5
900	345	26	371	371	f	25	25	7	4	17	32	3	3	3	1	117	22	6	50	544	6

*\$120 not specified.

†Not appropriated.

for the Year Ending 31st December, 1897.

FINANCES.

Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.			Is there a Manse (M) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?			Did Con. build C. or N. during year?			Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Employment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.
ce	18	M	...	1500	1500	060	2400	2400	f	50	140	10	2	8	...	5	5	...	5	225	50	50	...	12	...	2007	1
ce	17	M	...	104	104	170	370	1543	f	10	15	10	2	8	...	5	...	4	1	55	11	3	...	10	40	1057	2
ce	15	M	...	750	750	250	1220	1220	f	20	52	10	3	35	...	2	2	...	2	142	20	10	...	2	40	1373	3
...	...	...	...	800	770	...	...	500	1021	1021	...	...	...	...	...	f	20	25	10	3	10	...	2	2	...	3	75	...	10	...	1700	4	
...	...	...	...	800	300	...	...	58	448	450	...	...	...	...	...	f	8	18	2	1	3	...	2	3	...	1	38	...	2	...	488	5	
m	20	M	...	750	500	...	...	105	237	942	1075	...	...	...	...	f	15	20	10	5	10	...	2	2	...	1	80	15	...	6	14	1042	6
...	...	M	C	800	400	...	...	150	100	2146	2140	700	...	...	...	f	15	12	2	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	23	...	0	45	2223	7
...	...	M	C	456	190	...	...	12	208	208	...	...	...	...	...	f	6	20	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	32	...	4	...	244	8	
...	...	M	C	675	304	...	...	145	509	410	...	...	...	...	...	f	10	30	2	4	5	...	2	1	...	1	50	...	4	...	500	9	
...	...	...	...	700	550	...	...	1440	34	1083	1883	...	...	...	...	f	15	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	5	0	2030	10	
...	...	...	...	503	232	...	...	...	232	232	...	...	...	...	...	f	2	29	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	37	...	3	12	284	11	
...	...	...	...	...	55	...	...	...	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	f	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	12	
...	700	416	150	230	790	886	f	15	20	45	10	2	11	...	1	1	...	100	10	2	...	4	17	923	13
ps	10	...	...	350	350	...	...	...	350	288	...	...	...	...	...	f	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	390	14
...	...	...	...	1450	225	85	...	...	225	225	...	...	...	...	...	f	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	235	15
...	...	...	...	...	254	...	...	...	404	404	...	...	...	...	...	f	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	444	16
...	...	...	...	...	117	...	...	...	151	150	...	...	...	...	...	f	2	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	201	17
...	...	...	...	...	795	57	...	...	138	870	902	...	...	...	...	f	10	20	5	3	10	...	1	1	...	5	1	55	...	5	...	930	18
...	...	...	...	...	300	300	...	...	80	711	...	...	...	...	...	f	2	24	3	1	1	...	1	2	...	2	1	37	...	2	...	763	19
...	...	...	...	...	535	...	...	...	5	365	363	...	...	...	...	f	10	18	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	401	20
...	...	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	65	510	647	...	...	...	...	f	8	35	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	408	21
...	...	...	...	...	384	...	...	...	30	238	238	...	...	...	...	f	3	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	245	22
...	...	...	...	...	490	236	78	07	76	400	490	...	...	...	...	f	0	25	2	2	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	44	...	5	...	323	23
m	16	...	...	413	257	...	...	49	70	378	376	...	...	...	...	f	7	29	2	2	5	...	2	...	2	1	50	...	20	7	...	433	25
...	190	190	f	190	27
...	...	...	...	...	117	...	...	50	167	107	...	...	...	...	...	f	3	25	2	1	13	...	2	...	1	1	48	...	...	...	...	217	28
...	...	...	...	...	216	73	...	...	73	73	...	...	...	...	...	f	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	29
...	...	...	...	...	393	198	...	15	213	213	...	...	...	...	...	f	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	221	30
...	...	...	...	...	120	35	...	...	120	120	...	...	...	...	...	f	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
ce	30	...	C	1345	260	...	...	50	23	351	351	...	...	...	...	f	3	5	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	32
...	...	...	...	425	278	...	...	126	158	562	562	...	...	...	...	f	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	368	33
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	f	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	585	34
ce	50	M	...	1200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	f	5	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	15	1
ce	10	M	...	1000	1000	...	...	12	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	f	3	4	...	4	100	30	...	...	...	...	147	90	...	1	8	150	3
...	...	M	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	f	5	5	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	31	4	
...	...	M	...	1250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	f	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
14 ce 2 ps 2 m	306	13 M	5 C	18085	11628	787	5612	3296	20536	20574	2200	254	20	722	87	36	243	50	37	6	53	46	1601	196	65	39	113	241	22481	7

* Includes balance due from last year.
 † Part of year.
 ‡ New stallion added.

a Not distributed.
 b \$17 not specified.

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FINANCES.

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.		Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to H.M.F. by H.M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.		
								(1) Ordinary.	(2) Special.																			
1300	1300		165	1120	2885	2903		f	22	63	11	5	21	37				5	5	174	20	12	10	13	42	163	3209	1
1200	1200			516	1716			f	16	49			33	46						144	10	19	20	192	2072	2		
740	740	60	110		850	1271		f		60	10		9						2	81	360	19		950	3			
775	365	165	c 121	81	567	567		f	5	18	3		5						2	33			6		606	4		
738	322	12	c 100	22	444	444		f	4	13	2	1	4						1	25			5		174	5		
716	350		110	52	512	712		f	5	23	3	1	5						2	39			6		357	6		
925	400		230	90	740	740		f	5	10	3	1							1	19			6		765	7		
749	49		1250		1299	49																				1298	8	
	390			75	59	375		f	8	20	2	2	4						1	37			5		50	9		
600	120				120	120		f	1	4	1	1								7			1		417	10		
240	131		c 34		165	165		f	1	1	1									6					228	11		
250	131				185	185		f	3	6										9			2		171	12		
220	124		c 120	25	186	186																				135	13	
191	41		c 15		90	90				6	1	1	1							11						186	14	
225	75																									102	15	
140	140				140																						140	16
9089	5657	237	2275	2281	10263	7526		69		276	35	12	84	83	6		6	14	585	20	22	382	113	300	11261			

*Not distributed

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1000	1000		c70 m536	396	2002	2003		f	13	50	15	5	ypsee	5					8	2	98	ypsee	10	24	50	2174	1
780	260	70	182	4	446	482		f	3	13	2									1	19		5		470	1	
411	297	80	51		348	667	300	f	5	17	5									2	29		11		388	2	
610	271			63	331	334		f	5	15	3												6		347	3	
840	320	10	250	12	582	582		f	2	8	2									1	25		15		628	4	
651	100	52		3	103	103		f	2	6	2										12		4		122	5	
95	95	52	e27		122			f	2	6	2									1	11		1		134	6	
460	107		m11	10	128	128		f	2	8	2									1	13		9		150	7	

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FINANCES.

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Amounts of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from Mortgages and other Securities.	Payments to College Fund.		Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation of Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payment to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this was contributed by S.S. and Bible Class?	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society?	Amount contributed to N.M.F. by U. M. C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Congregation.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for ALL Purposes.	Number.		
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	a, b, c, d, e, f.	(1) Ordinary.	(2) Special.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
234	111	42	22	133	22	f	2	4	2	2	1	1	2	16	149	1	
146	62	12	.....	9	61	.....	.....	f	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	2
314	63	5	099	47	209	160	.....	f	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	217	3
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	f	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	4
.....	9	5	
86	9	9	6	6	
5627	2695	323	1226	559	4880	4461	300	30	133	37	7	9	1	9	10	245	10	82	65	4872	

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22	M	1000	1000	834	1834	1400	240	f	10	36	10	54	2	4	114	35	16	55	2019	1	
30	M	1200	1200	c 221	215	1636	1636	f	25	25	25	4	10	4	4	101	10	60	1807	2	
28	RH	1275	1275	.....	.....	1069	2344	2369	.....	f	3	.....	13	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	2	50	2422	3
15	M	978	765	.....	[ m 163 o 69 c 49 m 47]	187	1184	1185	.....	f	8	.....	30	30	.....	13	.....	.....	2	83	8	15	.....	8	27	1302	1
.....	M	925	650	.....	.....	97	843	880	.....	f	5	.....	10	10	5	5	.....	2	2	1	40	.....	.....	8	.....	891	2
.....	M	799	449	.....	c & m 106	.....	555	555	.....	f	2	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	24	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	589	1
.....	M	98	98	.....	.....	23	121	121	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	121	2
.....	.....	900	380	.....	.....	35	415	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	440	3
.....	4	4
.....	.....	.....	386	.....	.....	76	98	590	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	10	20	7	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	623	6
9	M M	590	390	.....	.....	159	601	.....	300	f	2	.....	10	2	.....	.....	2	2	1	19	10	.....	6	.....	626	7	
.....	8	8
.....	.....	600	300	.....	.....	.....	300	344	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	9

*Report incomplete—only for portion of year.

STATISTICS.

No.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Churches and Stations supplied.		No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.		Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.		No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.		No. of Communicants on Roll.		No. of Communicants added during the year—On own profession (P); on Certificate (C).		No. of Communicants removed during the year—By death (D); by certificate (C).		No. of Communicants removed during the year—Without Certificate (C); by Dis. (D).		No. of Baptisms—Infants (I); Adults (A).		Number of Elders.		No. of other Office-bearers.		No. attending Weekly Prayer Meeting average.		No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.		No. engaged in S.S. work, including Supr. and other Officers.		Is there a Missionary Association?		Is there a Wom. For. Miss. Society?		Is there a H.M.S., C.E. or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?		Total No. of Members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.		Is there a House (M.) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?		Did Con. build C. or M. during year?	
			P.	C.	D.	C.	C.	D.	C.	I.	A.	P.	C.	D.	C.	I.	A.	P.	C.	D.	C.	I.	A.	P.	C.	D.	C.	I.	A.	P.	C.	D.	C.	I.	A.	P.	C.	D.	C.	I.	A.	
MISSION STATIONS.																																										
1	Donald	R. A. King, B.A.	9	100	43	17	20	21	3	2	2	2	2	5	50	5	oe	33	M																							
2	Ashcroft	M. McKee	4	230	20		12	5	7	1	3	3	15	23	4	oe	33	M																								
3	Golden	J. R. Harcourt	2	80	50	100	13	16	3	29	4	13	6	18	14	2	oe	36	M																							
4	Ainsworth	Wm. Jno. Inglis	2	175	35	100	32	3	29	4	13	6	18	14	2	oe	36	M																								
5	Slocan City	W. E. Knowles	1	300	27	75								8	65	13	oe	25	M																							
6	New Denver	W. J. Booth	3	175	20		20	7																																		
7	Greenwood	T. C. Guy	1																																							
8	Kelowna	— Strachan	3																																							
9	North Bend																																									
Total																																										

†In church—camps not included.

‡No session formed.

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.
43	31
27	27
15	15
645	64
37	37
488	24

49. PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER,

1	Without charge	Thomas Scouler	1	850	275	75	504	32	59	2	21	26	36	1	5	9	70	425	54	1	ce	72																					
2	St. Andrew's	E. D. McLaren, B.D.	1	600	40	12	62	8	11	5	6	3	3	4	9	44	40	10			ce	51	M																				
3	Cook's Church, Chilliwack	John Knox Wright, B.D.	3	600	40	12	62	8	11	5	6	3	3	4	9	44	40	10			ce	51	M																				
4	First Church, Vancouver	Wm. Meikle, B.A.	1	850	130	200	220	23	40	2	13		23	1	9	9	70	225	23	1	ce	40	M																				
5	St. Andrew's, Westminster	Albert E. Vert	1	600	117	35	186	1	18	2	29		7	5	9	40	180	16	1	1	yp	20	M																				
6	Richmond	John A. Logan, M.A.	3	200	40	25	49	2	2	1			11	4	7	25	70	5			ce	23	M																				
7	Delta	Alex. Mogee	4	400	43	13	37	1	5	1	1		17	1	12	15	92	15			ce	6																					
8	Wharlock and Haney	Alex. Dunn, M.A.	4	350	33	4	34		2	1			2	3	6																												
9	Sapperton and West Church	M. H. McIntosh, B.A.	3	500	80	12	98	5	8	2	9	11	3	5	14	45	119	14	1		ce	19																					
10	Zion Vancouver	J. M. MacLeod	2	800	50	25	63	4	3	2	15		16	5	7	30	125	16			ce	20																					
11	Mount Pleasant	S. S. Gordon, M.A.	1	400	100	20	160	6	12	10			12	4	7	30	125	10			1	ce	27																				
12	Surry	Adam Jamieson	6	700	70	45	40	4					1	5	14	35	37	6																									
13	Mission & Agassiz	C. E. A. Pocock, Student	5	400	20	40	18						1	1	7																												
14	Langley	W. F. Gold, Student	6	300	78	35	50	6					3	4	17	30	35	8																									
15	Mount Lehman	A. D. Reid, Student	5	300	60	45	42		1				2	5	3	50	70	82																									
Total			45	2500	1136	580	1563	92	161	12	104	45	140	2	60	130	484	1543	261	4	2	8ce	278	6M																			

The Committee on Statistics is pleased to report that all the congregations and mission stations within the bounds schemes of the Church as well as for all purposes, ministers' salaries excepted. The amount given for the schemes of the last year. The amount contributed per family for the schemes of the church is \$1.58 and the amount per communicant communicant.

Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.
2500	27
797	6
1200	12
933	9
808	8
845	8
602	6
486	4
955	9
484	4
625	6
481	4
272	2
1098	10

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NAME OF SYNOD.	No. of Churches and Stations supplied.	No. of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total No. of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	No. of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	No. of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year.		No. of Communicants removed during the year.					
						(1) on own profession.	(2) on Cer.	(1) by Death	(1) by Cer.	(3) without Certificate	(4) by Dis.		
Synod of the Maritime Provinces	610	150604	23237	4037	40125	2140	600	758	830	401	13	2578	32
" Montreal and Ottawa	291	80360	15716	4308	31807	1288	900	408	823	400	30	1840	60
" Toronto and Kingston	515	141287	27305	9735	58024	3440	2520	738	2304	1271	40	2455	311
" Hamilton and London	333	114105	23208	5037	45331	2300	1760	604	1027	610	8	1700	207
" Manitoba and the Northwest Territories	558	45120	9778	3813	15307	850	802	122	500	420	21	1300	60
" British Columbia	252	19854	3827	5200	4208	305	445	30	238	178	1	542	28
" Delayed returns	24	3846	806	154	1692	54	54	16	46	10	....	83	42
	2583	555134	103037	33274	200174	10443	7180	2850	6377	3476	122	10567	1140
Mission Stations	387	30474	5746	2092	5818	288	121	60	117	47	....	310	38
Total Summation:	2070	585608	100683	35366	205002	10731	7310	2916	6494	3523	122	10877	1178

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Baptisms.

Infants.	Adults.
2578	32
1840	60
2455	311
1700	207
1300	60
542	28
83	42
10567	1140
310	38
10877	1178

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NAME OF SYNOD.	Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Arrears of or for Stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year	Amount paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other Incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from mortgage and other securities.	Payments to College Fund	
									(1) Ordinary	(2) Special
Synod of the Maritime Provinces	\$ 182937	\$ 168005	\$ 2338	\$ 57608	\$ 73430	\$ 299043	\$ 220341	\$ 21338	\$ 4243	\$ 234
" Montreal and Ottawa	161485	150783	1044	70329	85863	306975	177227	8677	6586	3897
" Toronto and Kingston	250028	229170	4998	64569	161141	454880	291181	6308	6491	6091
" Hamilton and London	195409	196113	2279	109371	117279	422763	233523	50508	4394	1310
" Manitoba and the Northwest Territories	122859	97102	2837	68018	33410	198530	115365	23729	3617	425
" British Columbia	45317	37263	1867	15977	18043	71333	57731	1790	288	108
" Delayed Returns	11752	10562	40	2798	4347	17707	10512	....	174	....
	978787	888998	15403	388670	493513	*1771231	1105880	112350	25793	12065
Mission Stations	26552	20657	948	3666	4441	28764	11612	....	107	17
Total Summation:	1005339	909655	16351	392336	497954	1799995	1117492	112350	25900	12082

* \$50 not allocated.

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Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation
\$ 12909	\$ 9
11525	6
16651	5
16827	5
5033	1
1396
512
64853	31
659
65512	31

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of Communi-
removed dur-
the year.

(1) by Cer.	(3) without Certificate	(4) by Dis.
339	491	13
223	400	39
304	1271	40
327	610	8
500	420	21
238	178	1
46	10	....
377	3470	122
117	47	....
404	3523	122

Baptisms.		No. of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers (Managers or Deacons).	No. attending Weekly Prayer Meetings (average).	No. in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	No. engaged in S. S. work, including Supt. and other officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society?	Is there a H. M. S., C. E., or other Y. P. S. connected with Congregation.	Total No. of members in the Young People's or Christian Endeavour Soc'y (Y. P. or C. E.)	Is there a Manse (M.) or Rented House (R. H.) provided for Minister.	Did the Congregation build Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.
Infants.	Adults.											
2578	324	1581	1020	21279	31701	3880	41	184	275CE7YPS8HM	10205	170 M 5 RH	4 C 5 M
1840	69	1102	1502	8823	22801	2717	49	111	99 CE 18 YPS 14 HM	4403	124 M 10 RH	3 C
2455	311	1068	3195	15205	15753	5313	90	220	223CE41 YPS	10132	151 M 21 RH	4 C 3 M 2
1700	297	1618	2498	12885	35587	4259	100	200	107CE31YP9HM	9420	161 M 8 RH	1 C 5 M
1360	69	530	1439	4159	15183	1658	33	88	90 CE 6 YP	2345	53 M 8 RH	13 C 3 M
512	28	178	469	1333	5075	678	9	4	33 CE 3 YP &c	906	25 M 2 RH	2 M
83	42	64	93	192	902	129	3	4	5 CE 1 YPS &c	142	8 M	1 M
10567	1140	7047	11176	63066	157152	18043	325	811	928CE 107 YP &c	37559	692 M 54 RH	25 C 19 M
310	38	212	466	2137	4086	548	43	10	33 CE 7 YPS	574	10 M 2 RH	4 C 1 M
10877	1178	7259	11042	66103	161188	19191	338	821	961 CE 104 YPS	38133	702 M 56 RH	20 C 20 M

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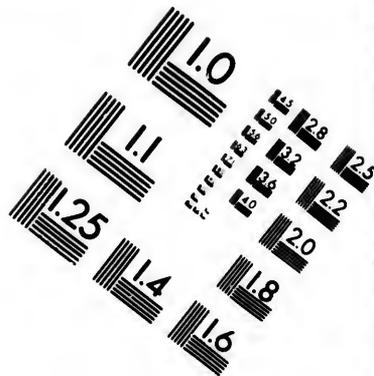
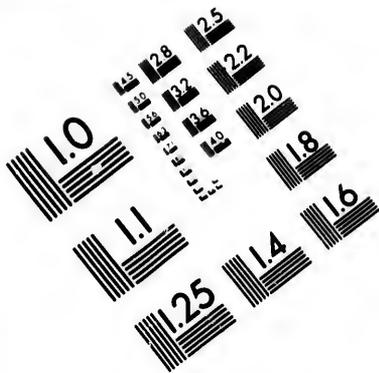
Payments to College Fund

(1) Ordinary	(2) Special
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08	6491
08	4394
29	3617
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50	25793
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50	25900

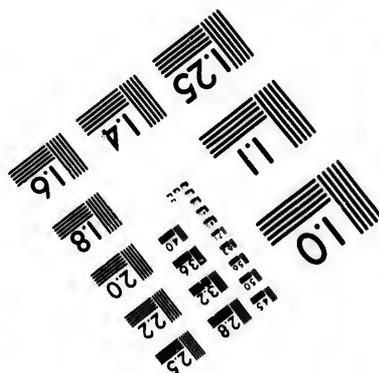
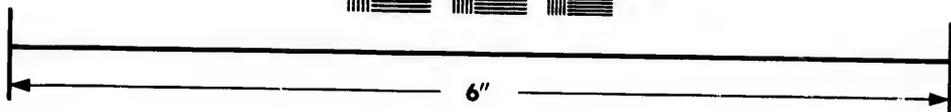
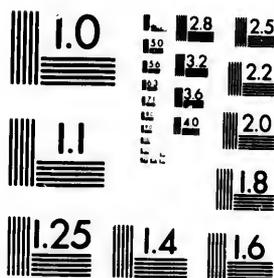
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12909	9419	3743	18685	8762	1370	4	341	657	60567	4645	3207	1583	1580	27125	388315
11525	6265	6024	20319	10800	1663	1374	1467	845	70765	4949	1677	1357	1349	34213	413302
16651	8158	5054	21059	16059	2897	624	2221	1324	87161	6551	2284	3945	2515	30778	575334
16827	5398	5236	18365	16278	2239	114	1758	1366	73393	5753	3099	1884	2645	20392	519193
5033	1545	622	2569	2337	369	8	312	249	17273	1799	949	225	819	6661	223283
1396	422	188	873	326	88	3	96	101	3889	363	294	464	554	2729	78505
512	318	373	528	302	138	...	139	37	2512	257	63	3	39	814	21072
64853	31525	21240	82398	54864	8764	2127	6325	4579	315560	24317	11574	9461	9501	122712	*2219004
659	166	130	370	166	61	..	48	49	*1845	44	84	22	110	480	31597
65512	31691	21370	82768	55030	8825	2127	6373	4628	317405	24361	11657	9483	9611	123192	2250601

* Several sums do not appear in pre-ceeding columns.





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SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR PAS

SYNOD OF THE

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NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches and Stations supplied.	Number of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total Number of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	Number of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	Number of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year.		No. of Communicants removed during the year.			
						(1) On own profession.	(2) on Certificate.	(1) by Death.	(2) by Cer.	(3) without Certificate.	(4) by Dis.
1 Truro	67	16220	2638	578	5517	111	133	108	101	32	2
2 Sydney	41	14028	2530	114	2633	408	56	54	61	44	.....
3 Inverness	24	7540	1506	32	1533	93	17	40	43	11	.....
4 Halifax	07	17025	2517	803	5322	354	130	73	123	68	.....
5 Wallace	53	10840	1463	186	2002	154	30	53	65	42	.....
6 Pictou	52	22100	3545	837	7108	209	147	147	158	31	4
7 Prince Edward Island	78	21495	3335	258	5804	277	52	111	142	52	3
8 Lunenburg and Yarmouth	30	6050	770	450	1403	49	12	19	24	10	1
9 St. John	125	22060	3063	1422	5220	216	87	91	72	148	.....
10 Miramichi	64	11146	1882	257	3163	119	26	62	50	53	3
Total	610	150004	23237	4037	40425	2140	609	758	830	491	13

SYNOD OF MONT

11 Quebec	25	8141	1381	324	2358	142	55	65	84	29	.....
12 Montreal	07	10373	4060	1605	9721	382	305	149	272	205	11
13 Glengarry	38	12227	2173	439	3734	181	71	53	50	26	4
14 Ottawa	71	16978	3074	928	6275	308	215	83	181	114	15
15 Lanark and Renfrew	54	15382	3220	690	6878	186	135	98	160	88	5
16 Brockville	36	8208	1808	313	2931	80	59	50	67	34	4
Total	291	80300	15716	4308	31897	1288	900	498	823	496	39

SYNOD OF TORONTO

17 Kingston	42	13205	2202	453	4380	211	120	57	125	40	5
18 Peterborough	38	11564	2555	534	5036	243	156	65	110	138	.....
19 Whitby	21	6250	951	235	2005	115	76	24	80	32	1
20 Lindsay	24	9550	1413	376	2712	178	80	29	70	28	1
21 Toronto	79	33386	6800	4142	16420	930	1165	191	874	571	4
22 Orangeville	42	9650	2018	783	4160	395	137	69	158	111	3
23 Barrie	87	20120	3358	1250	6206	526	252	87	310	157	3
24 Algoma	97	7128	1350	594	1654	150	72	10	47	34	.....
25 Owen Sound	30	8845	1685	333	3953	218	104	63	160	48	1
26 Saugeen	25	8450	1803	203	3602	211	84	39	107	45	22
27 Guelph	30	14049	3161	742	7707	263	265	104	254	67	.....
Total	515	141287	27305	9735	58024	3440	2520	738	2304	1271	40

TOTAL CHARGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

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Certificate.	(4) by Dia.	BAPTISMS.		Number of Elders.	Number of other Office-bearers (Managers or Deacons).	Number attending Weekly Prayer Meetings (average).	Number in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	Number engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Is there a H.M.S., C.E., or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total number of members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M.) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Did the Congregation build Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year?
		Infants.	Adults.											
32	2	213	21	180	216	2492	4345	520	9	31	51	1927	19M	1C
44	.....	313	49	155	186	2302	3075	269	2	8	8CE3YPS2HM	545	14M	.....
11	.....	169	35	89	121	1437	1246	173	.....	12	18CE	564	10M 1RH	.....
68	.....	251	70	176	269	2116	3714	532	7	26	38CE2HM2MB 2BB1MS	1250	20M 1RH	1M 2C
42	.....	143	29	115	88	1367	2187	267	2	15	25	792	11	2M 1C
31	4	357	19	253	236	3415	4988	554	2	33	42CE 2MB	1242	18M 1RH	1M
52	3	442	40	232	256	3356	4630	444	6	15	37CE1YPS1LA 1HH	1715	31M	.....
10	1	78	5	53	62	485	714	122	2	4	9	274	10M	.....
48	.....	323	28	203	306	2322	5196	670	6	28	27CE3YP5HM	1370	20M 1RH	.....
53	3	289	28	125	180	1897	2506	338	5	12	20CE	526	17M 1RH	1M
491	13	2578	324	1581	1920	21279	31701	3889	41	184	275CE 7PYS 8HM etc.	10205	170M 5RH	4C 5M

REAL AND OTTAWA.

20	.....	172	2	88	142	917	2364	238	8	2	12	433	17M	.....
205	11	588	26	291	351	1536	6838	850	16	21	24CE 7YPS 3HM	988	22M 1RH	.....
26	4	201	10	167	202	1740	2901	324	6	20	19	824	19M 2RH	.....
114	15	405	14	219	364	1787	3963	567	8	24	14CE 4YPS 1HM	617	23M 4RH	1C
88	5	335	15	223	344	2220	4759	493	8	32	16CE 5YPS 10HM	1098	30M	2C
34	4	139	2	114	159	623	2066	245	3	12	14CE 2YPS	443	13M 3RH	.....
196	39	1840	69	1102	1562	8823	22891	2717	49	111	99CE 18YPS 14HM	4403	124M 10RH	3C

AND KINGSTON.

40	5	242	18	142	260	1346	3642	481	3	12	12CE 6YPS	651	19M 3RH	.....
138	.....	209	12	168	226	856	3375	395	13	20	26CE 5YPS	932	13M	.....
32	1	85	14	78	138	590	1471	183	5	16	12CE 1BC	359	9M 3RH	.....
28	1	121	15	116	133	945	2211	253	2	19	11CE 2YPS 1MB	325	14M	.....
571	4	520	38	471	748	3072	14192	1516	20	49	30CE 14YPS 3HM 2MB 1LAW	2935	15M 2RH	2Parts
111	3	170	57	160	271	1498	2653	358	4	17	23CE 1YPS	879	18M 1RH	.....
157	3	389	60	267	521	2278	5540	801	9	27	46CE 3HM	1310	23M 7RH	1C
34	.....	158	19	70	186	934	2094	260	2	.....	12CE	321	6M 2RH	2M 3C
48	1	176	26	135	219	1138	3942	281	9	18	15CE 7YPS 4HM	619	10M	.....
45	22	167	28	108	208	925	2173	266	5	16	19CE	879	7M 2RH	1M
07	.....	218	24	253	285	1743	4460	519	18	25	17CE 6YPS 1HM 1MB	922	17M 1RH	.....
271	40	2455	311	1968	3195	15295	45753	5313	90	220	223CE 41YPS	1032	151M 21RH	4C3M2Parts

SUMMARY OF PAS
SYNOD OF HAMILTON

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NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches and Stations supplied.	Number of Sittings in these Churches and Stations.	Total Number of Families (households) under pastoral oversight.	Number of Single Persons, Communicants or Adherents, in Congregation.	Number of Communicants on Roll.	No. of Communicants added during the year.		No. of Communicants removed during the year.			
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28 Hamilton	61	22565	4544	1470	9055	497	339	35	360	89	5
20 Paria	28	11374	2722	794	5701	277	274	82	204	73	1
30 London	54	18653	3515	754	7655	435	346	112	249	163	....
31 Chatham	39	10790	2054	432	4174	220	119	62	115	47	....
32 Stratford	34	10777	2406	282	5167	226	176	55	162	94	1
33 Huron	27	9555	1794	408	4563	166	121	57	140	22	....
34 Maitland	30	11350	2352	173	4525	217	154	84	175	54	1
35 Bruce	24	8485	1694	167	3571	115	98	38	98	45	....
36 Sarnia	36	10556	2127	557	4120	207	142	69	124	23	....
Total	333	114105	23208	5037	48531	2360	1769	694	1627	610	8

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND

37 Superior	47	2450	581	237	734	50	88	3	24	37	....
38 Winnipeg	82	9829	2214	935	4032	200	200	25	149	189	8
39 Rock Lake	58	5240	1021	278	1619	75	61	15	33	24	1
40 Glenboro	31	2600	661	247	958	37	49	6	12	2	....
41 Portage la Prairie	50	5885	1086	366	1766	129	104	11	49	40	....
42 Brandon	46	4780	1161	367	1880	109	89	24	89	22	1
43 Minnedosa	81	5475	1004	410	1669	42	34	9	17	36	4
44 Melita	39	2400	403	203	596	51	56	4	20	30	....
45 Regina	124	6470	1647	770	2053	163	121	25	107	40	7
Total	558	45129	9778	3813	15307	856	802	122	500	420	21

SYNOD OF BRITISH

46 Calgary	79	2659	685	3347	605	59	52	7	38	11	....
47 Edmonton	44	2315	461	166	535	42	51	2	15	16	....
48 Kamloops	60	2700	621	526	537	36	133	1	20	16	....
49 Westminster	45	7250	1136	586	1563	92	161	12	104	45	....
50 Victoria	24	4930	924	665	1058	76	48	8	61	90	1
Total	252	19854	3827	5200	4298	305	445	30	238	178	1

TOTAL CHARGES.—Continued.
AND LONDON.

STATISTICS.

	Baptists.		Number of Elders.	Number of other Office-bearers (Managers or Deacons).	Number attending Weekly Prayer Meetings (average).	Number in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	Number engaged in S.S. work, including Supt. and other Officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.F., or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total number of members in the Y.P. or C.F. Society.	Is there a Manse (M.) or Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Did the Congregation build Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year?
	Infants.	Adults.											
298	69	325	497	1984	8066	988	18	41	44CE ... 9YPS 2HM	2039	27M	1M	
171	42	187	208	1473	3809	462	11	18	19CE . 4YPS 1HM	1196	13M.. 1RH	.....
239	62	281	414	2099	6050	693	22	31	18CE .. 8YPS	1323	32M. 2RH	1M	
107	34	137	249	849	2873	368	10	22	23CE... 3YPS 3HM 5MB	715	15M.. 1RH	1M	
178	20	134	213	1261	3140	340	8	24	15CE... 2YPS 1HM	606	15M	1M	
157	13	140	200	1630	3250	402	4	17	22CE	1168	13M.. 2RH	C enlarged.	
250	24	151	255	1626	3274	333	9	23	23	880	20M	1C	
122	6	122	187	909	1904	253	3	9	13CE... 3YPS 2HM	580	10M .....	.....
178	27	141	275	1054	3221	429	15	15	20CE 2YPS etc	919	16M.. 2RH	1M	
1700	297	1618	2498	12885	35587	4259	100	200	197CE. 31YPS 9HM	9426	161M. 8RH	5M..... 1C 1 C enlarged	

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

123	6	16	41	218	982	83	3	1	8CE	246	2M... 1RH	1C
330	23	134	283	1056	3933	419	9	13	13CE... 3YPS 1HM	488	11M.. 2RH	1C... 1M
107	2	54	131	384	1697	185	2	1	7CE... 1YPS	230	6M... 1RH	1C
75	....	39	114	255	1091	124	....	5	7CE 1MB 1BB	169	6M... 2RH	1C
175	11	44	170	341	1483	107	5	7	11CE... 1MB	242	6M . 1RH	1C
151	3	65	170	600	1947	242	4	4	15CE... 1HM	337	6M . 1RH	1C
127	10	94	179	545	1542	191	3	2	18CE	323	6M	2C
38	5	27	98	152	449	66	....	....	3CE	4	3M .....	.....
243	9	63	253	608	2059	241	7	5	14CE... 2YPS 2HM	306	13M	5C
1369	69	536	1439	4159	15183	1658	32	38	96CE 6YPS etc	2345	53M.. 8RH	13C..... 3M

COLUMBIA.

137	10	28	50	173	778	80	1	2	4CE... 1YPS 2HM	124	3M .....	.....
67	6	18	90	104	394	62	1	....	4CE	98	5M... 1RH	.....
66	8	25	99	228	1030	128	1	....	9CE... 1ME	198	8M... 1RH	2M
140	2	60	130	484	1543	261	4	2	8CE... 1YPS	278	6M .....	.....
132	2	47	91	344	1330	147	2	....	8CE... 1YPS	208	3M .....	.....
542	28	178	469	1333	5075	678	9	4	33CE... 3YPS 2HM... 1ME	906	25M.. 2RH	2M

SUMMARY OF PAS
SYNOD OF THE
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NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Areas of or for stipend actually due by Congregation at close of year.	Am't paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year.	Amount paid on other incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from mortgages and other securities.	Payments to College Fund.		
									a, b, c, d, e, f,	(1) Ordinary. (2) Special.	
1 Truro	\$ 18141	\$ 17596	\$ 192	\$ 5042	\$ 5432	\$ 28070	\$ 13800	\$ 75	...	\$ 618	\$ 14
2 Sydney	13070	12985	50	10443	5239	28667	19254	2000	...	278	12
3 Inverness	7559	6518	738	m644	1461	9831	3096	...	a	87	7
4 Halifax	31848	29386	211	c1208	19331	61327	36679	17620	...	f	11
5 Wallace	10249	8894	...	4190	3400	16484	16435	43	...	1183	40
6 Picton	25870	24812	...	4900	10360	40072	41040	700	...	269	3
7 Prince Edward Island	22412	21580	391	4828	6398	32806	33219	100	...	a	388
8 Lunenburg and Yarmouth	7301	6168	75	1796	2414	10288	10425	...	...	f	20
9 St. John	32365	27814	481	8966	15115	51895	46393	800	...	...	73
10 Miramichi	14122	12252	...	3071	4280	19603	...	...	...	488	116
Total	182937	168005	2338	57608	73430	299043	220341	21338	...	4243	234

SYNOD OF MONT

11 Quebec	15283	13656	204	3866	5871	23393	12566	300	...	127	120
12 Montreal	54433	50125	222	11901	36532	98558	45647	80	...	4795	2087
13 Glengarry	15942	16786	59	6951	6328	30065	24800	1347	...	279	83
14 Ottawa	35082	29926	424	14633	17138	61697	34813	300	...	533	437
15 Lanark and Renfrew	27097	26178	16	25168	11655	63001	45192	4250	...	648	1170
16 Brockville	13648	14112	119	7810	8339	30261	14209	2400	...	204	...
Total	161485	150783	1044	70329	85863	306975	177227	8677	...	6586	3897

SYNOD OF TORONTO

17 Kingston	37440	21147	135	8932	10907	40086	40510	150	...	654	1785
18 Peterborough	20314	19296	674	4316	9876	33488	16446	568	...	435	48
19 Whitby	9797	9797	286	2164	2260	14221	15008	500	...	160	20
20 Lindsay	11925	11625	135	3892	5571	21088	15513	275	...	272	2
21 Toronto	79902	69825	1002	19866	84744	174435	100640	1413	...	3381	4167
22 Orangeville	14840	14843	983	2832	4951	22626	14347	700	...	178	1
23 Barrie	30893	27153	267	10617	13479	51249	28396	2593	...	341	25
24 Algoma	4306	7388	368	m660	1417	11054	900	...	...	12	...
25 Owen Sound	12873	12349	462	1915	6276	20340	21227	106	...	157	...
26 Saugeen	12692	12179	497	3681	4568	20428	...	...	...	151	...
27 Guelph	24046	23568	189	5005	17092	45665	38194	3	...	750	43
Total	259028	229170	4998	64569	161141	454880	291181	6308	...	6491	6091

TORAL CHARGES—Continued.
MARITIME PROVINCES.
NOVES.

	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation or Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W. F. M. S.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.	Payments to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Employment Fund.	Payments to Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	Now much of this (No. 19) was contributed S. S. and Bible Class.	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society.	Amount contributed to H. M. Fund by W. F. M. S. and Y. P. S. respectively connected with Cong'n.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for all purposes.
2078	1182	550	2435	1529	195	...	...	83	8711	369	666	184	144	3336	40261
1031	593	231	702	189	105	...	...	22	45	3208	334	170	60	95	33265
184	244	125	317	483	41	4	7	28	1538	57	29	10	73	303	11745	
3183	1826	635	4746	1332	329	...	92	142	*13708	1177	702	524	255	6521	81811	
782	595	242	1231	653	61	...	7	27	3870	329	246	126	70	1119	21543	
2173	1376	867	3557	1958	210	...	27	89	10905	1036	570	200	230	4529	55736	
1137	1114	478	2708	781	156	...	53	94	6929	566	319	18	153	2096	41984	
348	417	53	603	168	36	...	3	10	1714	190	115	35	81	707	12790	
1488	1426	243	1471	1322	177	...	32	77	6840	464	325	409	312	4991	64038	
505	646	319	915	347	60	...	71	62	3144	123	65	17	167	2228	25142	
12909	9419	3743	18685	8762	1370	4	341	657	60567	4645	3207	1583	1580	27125	388315	

*200 not distributed.

REAL AND OTTAWA.

1002	616	636	1601	111	121	680	135	73	5222	176	120	165	134	2546	31295
3530	1972	2311	11688	2220	514	143	414	277	29951	2300	271	69	339	15939	144787
1271	491	1061	2493	2409	257	4	245	109	8702	708	381	113	99	3995	42861
2414	1135	565	1703	1296	298	...	260	179	8820	687	80	328	259	6843	77619
2702	1515	1075	2093	3543	355	521	312	154	14088	780	761	664	293	3474	80856
606	536	376	741	1221	118	26	101	53	3982	298	64	18	225	1416	35884
11525	6265	6024	20319	10800	1663	1374	1467	845	70765	4949	1677	1357	1349	34213	413302

AND KINGSTON.

1030	626	269	965	1155	168	176	196	74	*7134	225	175	61	217	5831	53268
1581	672	754	1799	1612	268	41	184	147	7541	784	200	265	250	1314	42593
681	320	222	530	941	97	5	72	34	3082	179	107	88	124	389	17816
976	229	262	1270	1422	132	...	119	107	4791	396	198	85	120	358	26357
6842	4615	1828	11646	5348	1458	331	973	428	+41173	3448	606	454	601	14530	230739
508	175	186	401	553	73	33	71	81	2619	246	133	119	169	453	25867
1419	420	305	1023	1306	203	30	171	130	5373	337	215	323	265	1764	58651
450	85	24	27	2	9	8	7	13	637	30	16	1	33	80	11804
715	249	184	800	691	91	...	82	47	3016	135	158	116	211	1152	24919
622	224	268	705	777	128	...	110	59	3044	119	133	2077	125	567	24164
1827	543	752	1893	2252	270	...	236	204	8751	652	343	356	400	4340	59156
16651	8158	5054	21059	16059	2897	624	2221	1324	87161	6551	2284	3945	2515	30778	575334

* \$36 not distributed. † \$156 not distributed.
‡ \$359 not distributed in Orangeville Presbytery.

SUMMARY OF PAS
 SYNOD OF HAMILTON

FINA

NAME OF PRESBYTERIES.	Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by congregation alone.	Arrears of or for stipend actually due by congregation at close of year.	Am't paid on Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year	Amount paid on other incidental and Congregational purp ses.	Total Amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total Amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from mortgage and other securities	Payments to Collejo Fund.	
									a, b, c, d, e, f,	(1) Or linary. (2) Specul.
28 Hamilton	\$ 45883	\$ 45857	\$ 92	\$ 8894	\$ 30653	\$ 85404	\$ 47367	\$ 126	\$ 1023	\$ 447
29 Paris	20090	19990	160	40755	17804	78639	38761	30729	564	....
30 London	32913	31953	....	18715	24231	74899	28260	3512	1076	20
31 Chatham	18112	17567	243	7352	11282	36201	15071	....	235	5
32 Stratford	18162	17969	....	6028	8252	32249	23566	1075	262	....
33 Huron	15404	15807	92	12769	6276	34852	30783	10000	451	160
34 Maitland	15550	16932	1234	4884	5818	27634	19642	968	279	39
35 Bruce	11191	12256	458	1425	4885	18566	9212	....	176	....
36 Sarnia	18104	17782	....	8549	7988	34319	20861	4098	328	639
Total	195409	196113	2270	109371	117279	422763	233523	50508	4394	1310

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND

37 Superior	6214	5658	55	1862	3399	10919	9395	336	f 142	....
38 Winnipeg	37749	25046	388	14615	12533	52194	21676	400	f 1824	384
39 Rock Lake	10044	10848	....	4420	2338	17606	4945	1953	f 258	....
40 Glenboro	9228	8878	646	3389	2610	14877	11956	....	f 105	....
41 Portage la Prairie	10576	10239	235	25973	2557	38769	9373	17650	f 376	....
42 Brandon	12243	11908	64	6552	1817	22277	17245	890	f 328	21
43 Minnedoso	12723	8371	299	3546	1894	13811	13809	....	f 226	....
44 Melita	5397	4526	363	2049	966	7541	6392	300	f 104	....
45 Regina	18685	11628	787	5612	3296	20536	20574	2200	f 254	20
Total	122859	97102	2837	68018	33410	198530	115365	23729	3617	425

SYNOD OF BRITISH

46 Calgary	9089	5657	237	2275	2281	*10263	7526	....	69	....
47 Edmonton	5627	2695	323	1226	539	4480	4481	300	f 39	....
48 Kamloops	9298	9231	766	1580	3007	13818	10580	840	....	55
49 Westminster	10988	9760	124	4731	6876	21367	17722	400	f 115	....
50 Victoria	10315	9920	417	6165	5320	21405	17422	250	f 10	108
Total	45317	37263	1867	15977	18043	71333	57731	1790	288	108

* \$50 not allocated.

TOTAL CHARGES—Continued.
AND LONDON.

NOCES.

Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation or Stipend Fund.	Payments to French Evangelization Fund	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Co-gregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W. F. M. S.	Payments to aged and Infirm Minister's Endowment Fund.	Payments to Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expense Fund.	Total Payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this (No. 19) was contributed S. S. and Bible Class.	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society.	Amount contributed to H. M. Fund, by H. M., C. E. or other. Y. P. S. respectively connected with Cong'n.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	Total Payments for all purposes.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
3532	1238	1297	4019	3477	572	108	337	381	16431	1906	505	116	475	107907
2812	587	523	1741	1650	198	177	123	8375	799	339	256	213	3688	90015
3709	1428	1028	5541	3791	572	4	404	247	17846	1168	656	475	344	96644
696	376	251	828	1409	134	104	113	4151	182	217	190	131	1038	41521
1583	419	490	1488	1112	151	2	191	98	5871	409	257	141	548	39864
1555	497	639	1844	1004	226	167	117	7267	544	389	115	319	2346	44784
973	323	361	937	1683	153	128	86	4962	261	194	100	196	796	33588
885	205	255	801	565	100	127	119	3233	114	162	165	256	313	22368
1082	325	392	1166	987	133	123	82	5257	370	380	326	163	1863	41602
16827	5398	5236	18365	16278	2239	114	1758	73393	5753	3099	1884	2645	20392	519193

* \$26 not distributed. † \$75 not distributed. ‡ \$7 for Jewish Mission.

THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

218	70	25	92	57	17	17	10	648	130	34	30	49	257	11873
1894	574	205	876	767	137	83	67	6811	596	250	185	3366	62556	
445	107	49	330	17	17	17	34	1257	46	83	77	706	19646	
201	89	30	121	245	25	34	20	872	105	62	201	16012		
608	197	96	284	429	37	35	28	2090	485	209	53	107	978	41944
509	224	91	329	737	55	49	10	2353	152	181	103	82	290	25002
259	149	63	210	52	27	35	17	1168	113	22	77	489	15545	
177	48	27	84	17	17	9	17	483	81	67	133	8224		
722	87	36	243	50	37	33	46	1591	196	65	39	113	241	22481
5033	1545	622	2569	2337	369	8	312	249	17273	1799	949	225	819	6661

* \$130 not distributed. † \$57 not distributed.

COLUMBIA.

276	35	12	84	83	6	6	14	585	20	22	382	113	300	11261
133	37	7	9	1	1	9	10	245	10	10	82	65	4872	
251	106	29	94	8	10	14	567	53	15	93	192	14670		
530	172	113	520	243	47	46	28	1817	212	216	65	121	845	24150
206	72	27	166	26	25	35	675	78	41	7	145	1327	25352	
1396	422	188	873	326	88	3	96	101	3889	363	294	464	554	2729

MISSION STATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

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(4) By Dis.	BARRISMS.		Number of Elders.	Number of other Office-bearers (Managers or Deacons).	Number attending Weekly Prayer Meetings (average).	Number in Sabbath School and Bible Classes.	Number engaged in S. S. work, including Supt. and other officers.	Is there a Missionary Association?	Is there a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society?	Is there a H.M.S., C.E., or other Y.P.S. connected with Congregation?	Total number of members in the Y.P. or C.E. Society.	Is there a Manse (M.) or a Rented House (R.H.) provided for Minister?	Did the Congregation build Church (C) or Manse (M) during the year?
	Infants.	Adults.											
6	1	5	11	100	95	6	1	CE	25				
2	4	73	187	23	6	1	CE	15					
8	2	11	51	62	6	3	CE	29					
15	9	7	4	208	484	16	3	CE		2 C			
32	9	19	34	547	878	57	3	8 CE	69	2 C			
29	6	12	37	177	280	45	4		3 M 1 RH	M			
5	4	3	47	70	10	6			1 M				
20	1	7	4	45	78	6							
2	2					1							
56	7	25	44	269	428	62	4		4 M 1 RH	M			
42	3	24	65	84	338	56	1	2 CE	50	2 M 1 RH			
26	4	11	26	40	100	15	1	4 YPS	60	M			
11	1	27	40	141	457	56	1	3	94	1 M			
5	4	15	80	110	31	31	1	CE 1 MB		2 C			
62	3	51	106	482	669	113	1	9 CE 1 HM	161				
40	20	44	251	475	72	9	3	5 CE	42	1 M			
3	1	6	12	45	69	11		2 CE	10				
16	5	12	30	90	216	37	1	1 CE 1 YPS	30				
205	17	155	338	1213	2434	391	13	7	447	5 M 1 RH	2 C		
14	4	8	47	108	199	30		1 YPS	15	1 M			
3	1	5	3		97	8		1 CE	43				
17	5	13	50	108	296	38		1 CE 1 YPS	58	1 M			
310	38	212	466	2137	4036	548	13	10	574	10 M 2 RH	4 C 1 M		

NAME OF PRESBYTERIES.	Stipend received from all sources.	Stipend paid by Congregation alone.	Amount of or for stipend actually distributed by congregation at close of year.	Am't paid on Church (C.) or Manse (M.) during year.	Amount paid on other incidental and Congregational purposes.	Total amount paid for strictly Congregational purposes.	Total amount raised for strictly Congregational purposes.	Amount raised from mortgage and other securities.	Payments to College Fund.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	a, b, c, d, e, f.	(1) Ordinary.	(2) Special.
SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES :											
1 Truro	580	442			220	602					
2 Sydney	108	80			57	137					
3 Inverness	863	580		90	108	877				11	
4 Halifax	887	887		21		908	908		a	4	
5 Walface											
6 Pictou	887	887		21		908	908				
7 Prince Edward Island											
8 Lunenburg and Shelburne	1204	1204		950		2214	2014			10	
9 St. John		786				786				5	
10 Miramichi											
Totals	3702	4048		1061	475	5584	2922			30	
SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA :											
11 Quebec	3435	1902	81	100	307	2309	1014			5	
12 Montreal	1275	177	10		100	277	110				
13 Glengarry											
14 Ottawa	1300	368		25	47	440					
15 Lanark and Renfrew											
16 Brockville		220	36		23	243	244				
Totals	6010	2667	127	125	477	3269	1368			5	
SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON :											
17 Kingston	3606	2183	248	226	320	2729	2739			16	
18 Peterborough											
19 Whitby											
20 Lindsay	490	270		c20	45	335	335		d	5	
21 Toronto	2789	2505	33	764	767	4036				32	
22 Orangeville	800	735	168	75	166	976	691				
23 Barrie	3584	3499		891	616	5006	577				
24 Algoma											
25 Owen Sound	2066	1649	355	8	513	2170	2170			8	
26 Saugeen	385	385		4	59	448					7
27 Guelph	1434	1332		57	344	1733	810			11	5
Totals	15244	12558	804	2045	2830	17433	7322			72	12
SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES :											
28 Hamilton											
29 Paris											
30 London											
31 Chatham	1349	1137		435	639	2211					5
32 Stratford											
33 Huron											
34 Maitland											
35 Bruce	247	247	17		20	267					
36 Sarnia											
Totals	1596	1384	17	435	650	2478					5
Totals	26552	20657	948	3666	4441	28764	11612			107	17

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Payments to Home Mission Fund.

MISSION STATIONS.—Continued.

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	Payments to Home Mission Fund.	Payments to Augmentation or Stipend Fund.	Payments to Preach Evangelization Fund.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by Congregation alone.	Payments to Foreign Mission Fund by W.F.M.S.	Payments to Aged and Indigent Ministers Fund.	Payments to Aged and Indigent Ministers Employment Fund.	Payments to Widows' and Orphan's Fund.	Payments to Assembly Expenses Fund.	Total payments to the Schemes of the Church.	How much of this, No. 19, was contributed S.S. and Bible Class.	How much by Young People's or Christian Endeavour Society.	Amount contributed to H.M. Fund by H.M.C.E. or other Y.P.S. respectively connected with Cong'n.	Payments to Synod and Presbytery Funds.	All other Payments for Benevolent and Religious purposes.	TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES.
	%	%	%	¢	%	¢	%	¢	%	%	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
12	10			33	50	1				105						805
11	7			4						20						157
4	11			30						57					4	938
10	15			28	7					50						958
5	9			43	5					73			5			2287
30	70			147	71	1				319			5		42	5945
5	74	24	39	28		13		12	6	201	2	2		27	121	2658
			3							3						280
	10		5							15					3	458
5	84	24	47	28		13		12	6	219	2	2		27	121	3639
16	63	21	11	22	10	17		12	7	a201				15	60	3005
5	17	1		3												6395
32	105	34	34	101	50	17		12	16	6451	32	51		6	97	464
	236	69	2	1					2	5		7		8	2	991
8	42	10	22	51	16	7		8	6	170	3	15	7	13	21	2374
7	8	4	4	5		2		1		31				2	2	483
11	28	3	6	10	18	4		3	10	98				20	65	1916
2	499	142	79	195	95	47		36	41	1290	42	82	17	82	312	19512
										13						2224
									2	4				1	5	277
5	6		4						2	17				1	5	2501
17	659	166	130	370	166	61		48	49	*1845	44	84	22	110	480	+31597

a \$22 not distributed. b \$50 not distributed. c Not distributed in proper columns.
 * \$72 not distributed. + Some sums not allocated.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1897-98.
(WESTERN SECTION).

To the Venerable, the General Assembly:—

By action of last Assembly, the Church year now terminates on the 31st March, one month earlier than usual. It was anticipated that because of this action, the receipts of the several Schemes for the year now closed would be much less than the average. It is gratifying, however, to report that almost a full year's revenue was obtained during the eleven months. The amounts received by the Rev. Dr. Warden, General Agent of the Church, for the principal Schemes, not including interest on investments, were as follows:—

Knox College.....	\$ 9,379 86
Queen's College.....	1,962 43
Montreal College	8,594 75
Manitoba College	3,746 50
Home Missions.....	82,126 56
Augmentation	21,907 36
Foreign Missions	104,123 44
" " Special Funds	5,056 72
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	6,092 52
" " " Ministers' rates.....	5,256 33
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	7,973 95
" " " Ministers' rates.....	2,186 07
Assembly Fund.....	4,482 70
French Evangelization, including Pointe-aux-Trembles Fund.	29,242 00
Total	\$292,131 19

Including interest on investments, repayments of loans, etc., the total amount received for the eleven months, by the Agent of the Church, was \$460,302.26. While fears were entertained, during the closing months of the year, regarding several of the Schemes, it is encouraging to report that, with one exception, all of them closed the year without debt. It ought, however, to be borne in mind that while the receipts were nearly the equivalent of a full year, the expenditure of many of the Schemes was only that of eleven months.

Largely increased contributions should be forthcoming to enable the respective Committees to carry on their work, on its present basis, not to speak of extension, which is urgently demanded on every hand.

Your Committee direct attention to the desirability of congregations forwarding their Missionary money quarterly to the Agent of the Church. By so doing, not only would a large amount be saved in interest, but the respective Committees would be in a better position to form an opinion as to how far the work could be expanded. During the past year, three-fourths of the total contributions towards the Schemes were received in the closing three months. In the month of March alone, upwards of \$100,000 was received. It is gratifying to know that a much larger number of congregations than heretofore, now forward their contributions quarterly to the Agent, unapportioned, so that the

money is available for carrying on the work of the Church, and at the end of the year the total sent by these congregations is apportioned according to their desire. In the case of congregations having no organized Missionary Association, your Committee respectfully suggest that the collections for the Schemes be taken up upon the Sabbath recommended by the General Assembly, and promptly forwarded immediately thereafter. It is to be regretted that quite a number of congregations fail to contribute to one or more of the Schemes of the Church. Your Committee recommend that Presbyteries be requested, at their first meeting after the Assembly rises, to consider this matter, with a view to securing the organization of an efficient Missionary Committee in every congregation and Mission Station within their bounds, so that a contribution may annually be obtained for every Scheme.

In connection with the publication of the Book of Forms, some eight or nine years ago, there remained an indebtedness of \$138.68. Your Committee thought it better to have this discharged. This has been done, the amount being taken from the Assembly Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. HENDERSON,
Chairman.

TORONTO, May 17th, 1898.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
(WESTERN SECTION).

IN ACCOUNT WITH REV. R. H. WARDEN, D.D., AGENT,
For the year ending 31st March, 1898.

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$239,593 57	
Contributions	110 00	
Interest from investments	9,049 96	
		<u>\$248,753 53</u>

Disbursements.

Interest credited to Ordinary Fund	\$ 9,049 96	
Balance of mortgage on building	5,000 00	
Taxes, repairs on properties, etc.	820 80	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	233,882 77	
		<u>\$248,753 53</u>

ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 249 70	
Congregational contributions, donations and fees	6,941 38	
Interest from Endowment Fund	9,049 96	
		<u>\$ 16,241 04</u>

Disbursements.

Salaries of Professors, Lecturers, etc.	\$ 12,725 00	
Late Rev. W. Burns, salary and expenses	386 99	
Interest on mortgage	133 42	
Fuel	855 92	
Gas	280 57	
Water	82 62	
Insurance	30 80	
Printing	210 42	
Repairs and furnishings	543 09	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses	800 00	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	192 21	
		<u>\$ 16,241 04</u>

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 15,402 67	
The John King Scholarship	1,200 00	
"A Friend," per Dr. Caven	200 00	
Interest from investments	611 49	
		<u>\$ 17,414 16</u>

Disbursements.

Interest credited to Scholarship Ordinary Fund.....	\$	611 49	
Taxes, repairs, etc., on Hamilton property		199 46	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898		16,603 21	
			<u>\$ 17,414 16</u>

SCHOLARSHIP ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

Contributions	\$	505 00	
Balance of loan repaid, Knox College monthly		243 48	
Interest from Scholarship Endowment Fund		611 49	
Balance at Dr., 1st April, 1898		480 87	
			<u>\$ 1,840 84</u>

Disbursements.

Balance at Dr., 1st May, 1897.....	\$	390 34	
Scholarships.....		1,450 50	
			<u>\$ 1,840 84</u>

LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$	20,000 00	
Interest from investments		678 44	
			<u>\$ 20,678 44</u>

Disbursements.

Interest credited to Library Ordinary Fund.....	\$	678 44	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898.....		20,000 00	
			<u>\$ 20,678 44</u>

LIBRARY ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$	1,058 60	
Interest from Library Endowment Fund		678 44	
			<u>\$ 1,737 04</u>

Disbursements.

Books, reviews, etc.....	\$	537 30	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898		1,199 74	
			<u>\$ 1,737 04</u>

BUILDING FUND.

Transferred from College Endowment Fund.....	\$	5,000 00	
Balance at Dr., 1st May, 1897.....		5,000 00	

FELLOWSHIP FUND.

Contributions	\$	180 00	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898.....		180 00	

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HOME MISSION FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 4,099 22
Contributions from congregations.....	43,995 50
" " Sabbath Schools	3,490 56
" " C. E. S. and Y. P. H. M. S.	2,993 99
" " the Maritime Provinces.....	2,420 89
Contribution from Farringdon Church.....	345 35
Contributions from friends in Canada.....	4,917 70
Proceeds, sale of Gauld Church, Griersville.....	70 00
Bequests.....	12,006 30
Interest	132 00
Contributions from British Churches.....	2,183 47
Contributions from congregations and friends in Britain.....	9,622 32
Grants returned.....	80 48
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	\$ 86,357 78

Disbursements.

Grants to Presbyteries	\$ 57,085 80
Special payments, advance grants, etc.....	938 91
Travelling expenses, Missionaries to N. W. and B. C.....	5,091 91
Salary and expenses, Missionaries to Klondike.....	3,115 26
Rev. Dr. Robertson, salary and expenses.....	2,432 30
Rev. A. Findlay, salary and expenses.....	1,792 64
Expenses Synodical H. M. Committee, B. C.....	239 00
Proportion of expenses Committee on Y. P. Societies.....	135 00
Printing, including reports, leaflets, proportion blue book, etc.	831 71
Expenses in connection with British contributions.....	223 45
Annuity to Mrs. McD.....	81 00
Interest on advances	302 75
Augmentation Committee, proportion of British contributions.	2,589 90
Legal expenses and sundries.....	37 98
Expenses of Committee, allowances, etc.....	1,605 80
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	1,100 00
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	8,754 37
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	\$ 86,357 78

STIPEND AUGMENTATION FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 2,066 72
Contributions from congregations.....	20,357 31
" " Sabbath Schools	575 07
" " C. E. Societies.....	347 67
Donations.....	527 31
Bequest	100 00
Proportion of British grants.....	2,589 90
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	\$ 26,563 98

Disbursements.

Grants to Presbyteries	\$ 21,957 73
Printing, including proportion of blue book.....	218 84
Expenses of Committee, allowances, deputations, etc.....	806 30
Proportion of expenses Y. P. Societies Committee.....	10 00
Interest on advances	138 08
Advanced Lond. and Ham. Synodical Committee.....	30 85
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	400 00
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898.....	3,002 18
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	\$ 26,563 98

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Receipts.

Contributions from congregations.....	\$ 34,136 52	
" " Sabbath Schools.....	3,675 91	
" " C. E. Societies, etc.....	2,300 10	
Donations from individual friends.....	4,284 35	
Bequests.....	6,793 52	
Farringdon Church.....	32 75	
Interest and dividends.....	270 75	
Glengarry Presbytery.....	854 60	
Glengarry Presbytery, S. S. Association.....	220 00	
Knox College Alumni Association.....	900 00	
Queen's College Students' Missionary Association.....	650 00	
Manitoba College Students' Missionary Society.....	250 00	
Central Church, Toronto, on acc. Rev. H. N. Russell's salary.	675 46	
Toronto, St. James' Sq., salary of Rev. D. MacGillivray....	750 00	
Montreal, Crescent St., salary of Dr. W. McClure.....	1,200 00	
Montreal, Crescent St., for Dr. McClure's Hospital and house.	2,500 00	
Montreal, Erskine Ch., salary and outfit, Dr. P. C. Leslie...	950 00	
Mr. David Yuile, Montreal, salary of Rev. M. McKenzie....	1,200 00	
Nairn and Beechwood, on acc. Rev. J. A. Slimmon's salary..	482 65	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Toronto.....	40,099 58	
" " " " Special.....	1,368 00	
" " " " Montreal.....	700 00	
Proceeds, Prince Albert property.....	100 00	
		<u>\$104,394 19</u>

Disbursements.

Balance at Dr, 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 9,685 67	
India.....	38,724 46	
Honan.....	13,373 78	
Formosa.....	10,004 49	
Northwest Indians.....	17,068 73	
British Columbia Indians.....	3,275 00	
Chinese in British Columbia.....	3,810 00	
Chinese in Montreal.....	1,540 00	
Salary of Secretary.....	2,000 00	
Expenses of Committee.....	507 85	
Printing, including annual reports, leaflets, etc.....	694 37	
Missionaries rates for W. & O. and A. & I. Funds.....	294 00	
Interest on advances.....	1,130 99	
Water pump for Alberni.....	97 37	
Travelling expenses Missionaries in Canada.....	370 77	
Medical, fees, Bibles, etc.....	46 66	
Legal costs <i>re</i> bequests.....	17 95	
Proportion of expenses, Committee on Y. P. Society.....	122 25	
Cablegrams and exchange.....	32 45	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	1,100 00	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898.....	497 40	
		<u>\$104,394 19</u>

JEWISH MISSION.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 3,230 08	
Contributions.....	183 35	
Interest.....	89 00	
		<u>\$ 3,502 43</u>

Disbursements.

Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898.....	\$ 3,502 43	
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BHEEL HOSPITAL.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 1,396 90	
Contributions	3,021 45	
Interest	81 25	
		\$ 4,499 60

Disbursements.

Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	\$ 4,499 60
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MACAO MISSION.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 383 35	
Contributions	177 75	
		\$ 561 10

Disbursements.

Salaries of native Missionaries	\$ 139 20	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	421 90	
		\$ 561 10

INDIA FAMINE FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 10,698 63	
Contributions	1,674 17	
Interest	316 25	
		\$ 12,689 05

Disbursements.

Remitted Dr. J. Fraser Smith	\$ 2,427 77	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	10,261 28	
		\$ 12,689 05

MRS. GOFORTH TRUST.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 2,614 76	
Interest	71 90	
		\$ 2,686 66

Disbursements.

Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	\$ 2,686 66
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AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$140,457 06	
Contributions	1,955 50	
Legacies	150 00	
D. M. Wright Estate	300 00	
Interest from investments	5,452 29	
		\$148,314 85

Disbursements.

Interest credited to Ordinary Fund	\$ 5,452 29	
Taxes, repairs, etc., on properties	177 79	
Loss sustained by investment made in 1894	2,000 00	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	140,684 77	
		\$148,314 85

ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

Congregational contributions and donations.....	\$ 7,973 95	
Interest from Endowment Fund.....	5,452 29	
Ministers' rates.....	2,186 07	
Balance at Dr. 1st April, 1898.....	3,233 64	
		\$ 18,845 95

Disbursements.

Balance at Dr., 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 1,763 56	
Annuities paid.....	14,962 20	
Rev. W. Burns, salary.....	\$ 970 00	
Rev. R. C. Tibb, salary.....	225 00	
Travelling and other expenses of Secretary.....	111 85	
		1,306 85
Printing, including proportion of blue book.....	55 24	
Expenses members attending Committee.....	102 10	
Annuity to Miss B. (Wright Estate).....	200 00	
Contribution, designated by mistake to Ordinary Fund last year.....	16 00	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	440 00	
		\$ 18,845 95

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897.....	\$122,107 50	
Interest from investments.....	5,095 68	
		\$127,203 18

Disbursements.

Interest credited to Ordinary Fund.....	\$ 5,095 68	
Taxes, repairs, etc., on properties.....	199 20	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898.....	121,908 30	
		\$127,203 18

ORDINARY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 238 42	
Congregational contributions and donations.....	6,092 52	
Interest from Endowment Fund.....	5,095 68	
Ministers' rates.....	5,256 33	
		\$ 16,682 95

Disbursements.

Annuities paid.....	\$ 15,250 50	
Printing, including proportion of blue book.....	98 64	
Legal expenses.....	4 00	
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	850 00	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898.....	479 81	
		\$ 16,682 95

ASSEMBLY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897.....	\$ 495 58	
Congregational contributions.....	4,482 70	
Received from other Funds, on account printing, etc.....	1,130 11	
Received from other Funds, expenses Y. P. Soc. Committee.....	257 25	
		\$ 6,365 64

Disbursements.

Printing Assembly Minutes, reports, etc	\$ 3,009 40	
Packing, freight and postage, sundry Minutes	121 18	
Sundry expenses, Winnipeg Assembly	50 28	
Engrossing loyal addresses and sundry accounts	96 20	
Clerks of Assembly	500 00	
Expenses of Committee on Church Life and Work	35 75	
" " Distribution of Probationers	100 65	
" " Statistics	126 50	
" " Young People's Societies	257 25	
Expenses of Presbyterian Alliance	300 00	
Old indebtedness re Book of Forms	138 68	
Proportion of general expenses	542 04	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	1,087 73	
		<u>\$ 6,365 64</u>

CHEYNE FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 2,150 00	
Interest	59 22	
		<u>\$ 2,209 22</u>

Disbursements.

Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	<u>\$ 2,209 22</u>
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PRINCE ALBERT ACADEMY.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 7,206 52	
Interest	262 15	
		<u>\$ 7,468 67</u>

Disbursements.

Paid Sec.-Treas. of Academy for taxes	\$ 100 00	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	7,368 67	
		<u>\$ 7,468 67</u>

BOOK OF FORMS.

Transferred from Assembly Fund	\$ 138 68	
Balance at Dr., 1st May, 1897	<u>138 68</u>	

McCALL MISSION.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 10 00	
Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	<u>10 00</u>	

WARDEN KING CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Receipts.

Balance at Cr., 1st May, 1897	\$ 9,000 00	
Interest	225 00	
		<u>\$ 9,225 00</u>

Disbursements.

Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898	<u>\$ 9,225 00</u>
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ALEXANDER McKINNON FUND.

Receipts.

From Executors Estate late Alex. McKinnon, Huron.....	\$ 1,418 97	
Interest.....	18 95	
		\$ 1,437 92

Disbursements.

Balance at Cr., 1st April, 1898		<u>\$ 1,437 92</u>
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PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

Receipts.

Contributions received.....		\$ 2,076 13
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Disbursements.

Proportion of general expenses.....	\$ 60 00	
Remitted to College Treasurer	2,016 13	
		<u>\$ 2,076 13</u>

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

Receipts.

Contributions received.....		\$ 1,962 43
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Disbursements.

Proportion of general expenses.....	\$ 60 00	
Remitted to College Treasurer.....	1,902 43	
		<u>\$ 1,962 43</u>

MANITOBA COLLEGE, WINNIPEG.

Receipts.

Contributions received.....		\$ 3,746 50
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Disbursements.

Proportion of general expenses.....	\$ 120 00	
Remitted to College Treasurer.....	3,626 50	
		<u>\$ 3,746 50</u>

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION FUND.

Receipts.

Contributions received		\$ 19,918 14
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Disbursements.

Proportion of general expenses.....	\$ 350 00	
Remitted to Treasurer of Board	19,568 14	
		<u>\$ 19,918 14</u>

POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS.

Receipts.

Contributions received.....		\$ 9,533 00
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Disbursements.

Proportion of general expenses.....	\$ 300 00	
Remitted to Treasurer of Board	9,233 00	
		<u>\$ 9,533 00</u>

LUMBERMEN'S MISSION.

Contributions received	\$	31 00
Remitted to Treasurer of Lumbermen's Committee		<u>31 00</u>

TRINIDAD.

Contributions received	\$	75 00
Remitted to Rev. Dr. Morrison		<u>75 00</u>

NEW HEBRIDES.

Receipts.

Contributions received	\$	393 25
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Disbursements.

Remitted to Dr. Morrison	\$	205 25
Remitted to Dr. Cosh		188 00
		<u>\$ 393 25</u>

ASSEMBLY'S SABBATH SCHOOL FUND.

Contributions received	\$	375 07
Remitted to Rev. T. F. Fotheringham		<u>375 07</u>

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Contributions received	\$	572 71
Remitted to Treasurer		<u>572 71</u>

CARDSTON MISSION BUILDING.

Contributions received	\$	126 60
Remitted to Treasurer, Church and Manse Building Fund		<u>126 60</u>

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Home Mission Fund	\$	1,100 00
Augmentation		400 00
Foreign Mission Fund		1,100 00
Knox College, Ordinary and Endowment Funds		800 00
Widows' and Orphans', Ordinary and Endowment Funds		850 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers', Ordinary and Endowment Funds		440 00
Assembly Fund		542 04
French Evangelization		350 00
Pointe-aux-Trembles		300 00
Queen's College, Kingston		60 00
Presbyterian College, Montreal		60 00
Manitoba College, Winnipeg		120 00
		<u>\$ 6,122 04</u>

Disbursements.

Salary of Agent	\$	3,000 00
Salary of office staff		1,232 50
Office rent		650 00
Mrs. Reid, annuity		400 00
Auditor's fee		120 00

Disbursements—Continued.

Typewriter and office furniture	\$245 00
Stationery and postages	282 76
Bank commissions	52 73
Telegrams	24 67
Telephone service	49 00
Printing accounts	46 75
Light and sundries	18 63
	<u>\$ 6,122 04</u>

BALANCE SHEET.

1st April, 1898.

	Dr.	Cr.
Knox College Endowment Fund		\$233,882 77
“ “ Ordinary Fund		192 21
“ “ Scholarship Endowment Fund		16,603 21
“ “ Scholarship Ordinary Fund	\$ 480 87	
“ “ Library Endowment Fund		20,000 00
“ “ Library Ordinary Fund		1,199 74
“ “ Fellowship Fund		180 00
Home Mission Fund		8,754 37
Augmentation Fund		3,002 18
Foreign Mission Fund		497 40
Jewish Mission Fund		3,502 43
Bheel Hospital Fund		4,499 60
Macao Mission Fund		421 90
India Famine Fund		10,261 28
Mrs. Goforth Trust Fund		2,686 66
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Capital Account		140,684 77
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Ordinary Fund	3,233 64	
Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Capital Account		121,908 30
Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Ordinary Fund		479 81
Assembly Fund		1,087 73
Cheyne Fund		2,209 22
Prince Albert Academy		7,368 67
Warden King Church Extension Fund		9,225 00
Alex. McKinnon Fund		1,437 92
Balance	586,370 66	
	<u>\$590,085 17</u>	<u>\$590,085 17</u>

The above balance—\$586,370.66—is thus invested :

Knox College Endowment Fund	\$222,296 08
“ “ Scholarship Endowment Fund	16,334 67
“ “ Library Endowment Fund	20,000 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Capital Account	128,267 82
Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Capital Account	117,586 95
Warden King Church Extension Fund	9,000 00
Cash on hand	72,885 14
	<u>\$586,370 66</u>

I beg to report that I have audited the books of the Rev. Dr. Warden, Agent of the Church, for the Church year ending April 1st, 1898, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify them to be correct. The accompanying statements showing the details of the investments have been compared with the Ledger, and agree therewith. I also verify the foregoing balance sheet as being in accordance with the books of account, and the cash balance as agreeing with the balance in the Bank.

ANDREW JEFFREY,

Auditor.

TORONTO, April 29th, 1898.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' ENDOW-
MENT CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Mortgages :—

Invest. No. 1...	\$2,300 00
" 3...	750 00
" 4...	1,200 00
" 5...	1,800 00
" 8...	325 00
" 10...	1,300 00
" 16...	4,000 00
" 18...	450 00
" 19...	900 00
" 21...	800 00
" 25...	500 00
" 27...	2,000 00
" 29...	500 00
" 30...	6,000 00
" 31...	3,500 00
" 32...	5,400 00
" 33...	6,800 00
" 34...	2,300 00
" 37...	4,000 00
" 38...	1,800 00
" 39...	2,100 00
" 40...	1,400 00
" 53...	10,000 00

KNOX COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
FUND.

Mortgages :—

Invest. No. 602..	\$ 218 00
" 603..	250 00
" 604..	200 00
" 605..	400 00
" 606..	600 00
" 608..	2,500 00
" 609..	280 00
" 610..	600 00
" 611..	500 00
" 613..	1,000 00
" 614..	600 00
	<u>7,148 00</u>

Properties reverted to the
Church on which loans as
follows had been made :—

Invest. No. 607.. 1,200 00

Debentures :—

Invest. No. 616..	\$ 500 00
" 617..	486 67
" 619..	7,000 00
	<u>7,986 67</u>

Total..... \$16,334 67

KNOX COLLEGE LIBRARY FUND.

Mortgages :—

Invest. No. 701..	\$5,000 00
" 703..	7,500 00
	<u>\$12,500 00</u>

Property reverting to the
Church on which loan as
follows had been made :—

Invest No. 702.. 7,500 00

Total..... \$20,000 00

Properties reverted to the
Church, on which loans as
follows had been made :—

Invest. No. 11...	\$3,400 00
" 12...	900 00
" 13...	7,500 00
" 17...	1,500 00
" 20...	1,250 00
" 22...	4,000 00
" 23...	750 00
" 24...	9,033 50
" 28...	550 00
" 41...	4,000 00

\$32,883 50

Debentures :—

Invest: No. 42...	\$5,000 00
" 43...	2,940 00
" 44...	489 00
" 45...	3,948 09
" 47...	2,581 36
" 48...	7,000 00
" 49...	2,000 00
	<u>23,958 45</u>

Stock :—

Invest. No. 50... 600 00

Note :—

Invest. No. 52... 20 00

Total..... \$117,586 95

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS'
CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Mortgages :—

Invest. No. 201..	\$ 700 00
" 203 ..	850 00
" 204..	1,425 00
" 206..	600 00
" 207..	500 00
" 208..	5,000 00
" 211..	4,000 00
" 212..	1,775 00
" 213..	4,000 00
" 214..	500 00
" 215..	890 00
" 217..	700 00
" 219..	4,000 00
" 221..	368 00
" 224..	4,500 00
" 225..	1,570 00
" 226..	1,050 00
" 227..	1,600 00
" 228..	3,000 00
" 229..	3,500 00
" 230..	850 00
" 232..	4,000 00
" 233..	1,500 00
" 234..	1,700 00
" 235..	2,500 00
" 236..	2,000 00
" 237..	2,000 00
" 242..	1,200 00
" 252..	8,000 00
" 253..	3,000 00
" 254..	6,000 00
" 256..	1,100 00
" 257..	1,100 00
" 261..	8,000 00
" 262..	4,000 00

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Forward..... \$87,478 82

Properties reverted to the
Church, on which loans as
follows had been made :—

Invest. No. 205..	\$1,800 00
" 209..	411 00
" 216..	6,000 00
" 218..	10,000 00
" 220..	2,500 00
" 239..	2,578 00
" 241..	1,300 00
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	24,589 00

Debentures :—

Invest. No. 243..	\$1,000 00
" 244..	5,000 00
" 246..	2,200 00
" 247..	2,000 00
" 248..	3,000 00
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	13,200 00

Stock :—

Invest. No. 249..	\$1,000 00
" 250..	1,000 00
" 251..	1,000 00
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	3,000 00

Total..... \$128,267 82

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (EASTERN SECTION), 1997-98.

To the Venerable the General Assembly:

Your Finance Committee at Halifax find that the giving of our people last year to the principal Schemes was well up to the average of the years preceding, as the following comparative statement shows:—

	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.
Foreign Missions	\$25,233 23	\$28,008 70	\$27,443 82
Home Missions	12,803 90	15,094 69	14,245 38
Augmentation Fund	8,270 92	9,858 22	9,483 42
College Fund	10,808 37	11,218 97	10,336 66
Bursary Fund	1,181 41	1,181 43	1,101 67
Aged Ministers' Fund	4,190 28	4,223 17	3,871 58
Totals	<u>\$62,488 11</u>	<u>\$69,585 18</u>	<u>\$66,482 53</u>

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Agent of the Church and find them correct in every particular. The securities for invested funds are as follows:—

College Fund—

Bank Stock	\$ 40,791 50	
Debentures	5,386 79	
Mortgages	69,632 59	
	<u> </u>	\$115,810 88
College Building		30,000 00

Bursary Fund—

Bank Stock	\$ 1,312 50	
Debentures	2,457 49	
Mortgages	5,566 68	
	<u> </u>	\$ 9,336 67

Home Mission Fund—

Bank Stock	\$ 6,777 90	
Mortgages	4,750 38	
	<u> </u>	\$ 11,528 28

Aged Ministers' Fund—

Bank Stock	\$ 1,072 50	
Mortgages	28,129 59	
	<u> </u>	\$ 29,202 09

Geddie Memorial Fund—

Debentures	\$ 4,000 00	
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Dalhousie College—

Bank Stock	\$ 22,887 00	
Debentures	4,000 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 26,887 00

Dr. Lawson Memorial Fund—

Stocks	\$ 4,321 30	
Mortgages	4,889 96	
	<u> </u>	\$ 9,211 26

Grand Total..... \$235,976 18

The accounts, certified as correct, are appended.

J. C. MACKINTOSH, *Chairman.*
D. BLACKWOOD.
GEO. CUNNINGHAM.

ACCOUNTS.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Acknowledged in "Record"	\$ 27,443 82
Balance due Treasurer April 1st, 1898.....	4,541 11
	\$ 31,984 93
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Balance due Treasurer May 1st, 1897.....	\$ 4,228 10
*On account of New Hebrides.....	6,192 56
*On account of Trinidad, Demerara and St. Lucia	20,342 80
Remitted Dr. Warden.....	98 06
Remitted Dr. Smith.....	25 00
Expenses of Committee.....	71 45
Printing, etc	87 93
<i>Interest—</i>	
To Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 89 17
To W. F. M. S. East.....	117 36
To Miss R. Tupper.....	8 50
To T. P. Jones	150 00
To Mrs. S. Murray.....	6 00
	371 03
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	568 00
	\$ 31,984 93

*For particulars see Foreign Mission Report.

KOREAN MISSION FUND.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Acknowledged in "Record"	\$ 3,165 40
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Printing	\$ 4 00
Balance on hand April 1st, 1898	3,161 40
	\$ 3,165 40

HOME MISSION FUND, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Acknowledged in "Record"	\$ 14,245 38
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Balance due Treasurer May 1st, 1897	\$ 1,597 69
Paid for temporary supply	608 31
Paid Ordained Missionaries	6,692 84
Paid Catechists	2,402 03
Dr. Warden, special contributions for Northwest, of which \$227.51 were given to Manitoba College to bring the amount up to \$500 promised by Synod.....	2,363 88
Dr. Warden, special contributions for mission to Klondyke..	27 01
Books for Labrador Mission.....	13 06
Expenses	172 64
Interest.....	17 00
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	338 25
Balance on hand April 1st, 1898	12 67
	\$ 14,245 38

AUGMENTATION FUND, 1897-97.—(EASTERN SECTION).

Receipts.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1897.....	\$ 3,522 94
Acknowledged in "Record".....	9,483 42
	<u>\$ 13,006 36</u>

Expenditure.

Grants to Presbytery of Sydney.....	\$ 534 75
" " Inverness.....	511 47
" " Pictou.....	540 59
" " Wallace.....	817 50
" " Truro.....	472 00
" " Halifax.....	1,880 86
" " Lunenburg and Yarmouth.....	603 50
" " St. John.....	1,888 88
" " Miramichi.....	1,100 50
" " Prince Edward Island.....	807 85

Expenses—

Printing, etc.....	41 84
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	338 00
Balance on hand April 1st, 1898.....	3,468 62
	<u>\$ 13,006 36</u>

COLLEGE FUND, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

Receipts.

Acknowledged in "Record".....	\$ 10,336 66
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Expenditure.

Balance due Treasurer May 1st, 1897.....	\$ 998 14
Salaries—Presbyterian College.....	\$5,850 00
Rev. J. Carruthers' course of Elocution.....	200 00
Salary—Dalhousie College.....	1,312 50
	7,362 50
Printing.....	\$ 147 25
Insurance.....	40 00
Taxes and other charges.....	359 53
Furnishing and repairs.....	302 79
Committee.....	39 50
Interest.....	52 00
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	423 00
	1,364 07
Balance on hand April 1st, 1898.....	611 95
	<u>\$ 10,336 66</u>

BURSARY FUND, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

Receipts.

Acknowledged in "Record".....	\$ 1,101 67
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Expenditure.

Balance due Treasurer May 1st, 1897.....	\$ 219 70
Bursaries.....	260 00
Aid to Boarding Department.....	615 00
Care of Rev. A. Campbell property, bequeathed to Bursary Fund.....	3 00
Balance on hand April 1st, 1898.....	3 97
	<u>\$ 1,101 67</u>

COLLEGE LIBRARY, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance on hand May 1st, 1897.....	\$ 60 40
Acknowledged in "Record".....	97 31
	\$ 157 71
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
For Books and Magazines	\$ 126 30
Balance on hand April 1st, 1898.....	31 41
	\$ 157 71

MANITOBA COLLEGE, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Acknowledged in "Record"	\$ 272 49
Transferred from contributions to Home, Northwest.....	227 51
	\$ 500 00
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Remitted Dr. King	\$ 500 00
	\$ 500 00

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance on hand May 1st, 1897.....	\$ 10 60
Acknowledged in "Record"	3,871 58
Balance due Treasurer April 1st, 1898.....	204 32
	\$ 4,086 50
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Annuities	\$ 3,810 00
Expenses	26 50
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	250 00
	\$ 4,086 50

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Acknowledged in "Record"	\$ 525 82
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Remitted Dr. Warden.....	\$ 525 82
	\$ 525 82

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION FUND, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Acknowledged in "Record"	\$ 3,113 22
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Remitted Dr. Warden.....	\$ 2,913 22
Proportion of Agent's salary and general expenses.....	200 00
	\$ 3,113 22

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Acknowledged in "Record".....	\$ 187 85
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Remitted to Treasurer.....	<u>\$ 187 85</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES, 1897-98.—(EASTERN SECTION).

Agent's salary (11 months).....	\$ 1,833 33
Office rent, stationery, printing, etc.....	426 29
Discounts.....	40 38
Telegrams.....	7 99
Postage.....	69 26
	<u>\$ 2,377 25</u>
Apportioned as under—	
Foreign Missions.....	\$ 568 00
Home Missions.....	338 25
Augmentation Fund.....	338 00
College Fund.....	423 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	250 00
French Evangelization Fund.....	200 00
Hunter Fund.....	260 00
	<u>\$ 2,377 25</u>

GENERAL BALANCE.

Dr.		Cr.
\$ 4,541 11.....	Foreign Missions.....	
	Korean Mission.....	\$ 3,161 40
	Home Missions.....	12 67
	Augmentation Fund.....	3,468 62
	College Fund.....	611 95
	Library Fund.....	31 41
	Bursary Fund.....	3 97
204 32.....	Aged Ministers' Fund.....	
	Fund for new mission vessel.....	1,767 00
4,311 59.....	Balance.....	
<u>\$ 9,057 02</u>		<u>\$ 9,057 02</u>

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