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（Western Section）．

The Home Mission Committee，in presenting their Annual Report to the General Assembly， renord their gratitude to the Great King and Head of the Church，for the large measure of success thai has attended their labours during the year．In every department the work has been prose－ cuted with commendable diligence on the part of our Missionaries．Many new fields have be on occupied in the remote Provinces of the Dominion，while in the older mission stistions are advanc－ ing to the status of regularly organized congregations，and augmented congregations are becoming self－sustaining．

The Committee have still to report a lack of funds．The Home Mission fund closes the year with a deficit of $\$ 939.89$ ．That the deficit is not greater，has been accomplished by very special efforts throughout the Church，which have increased the number of special donations，far in advance of former years．But for this，the fund，so far as the regular contributions of congre－ gations are concerned would again have been entirely inadequate to meet its obligations．The Reserve Fund has been drawn upon to the extent of $\$ 1,000$ ．The Augmentation Fund，in spite of the hopes indulged in，that the contributions would at least meet the year＇s expenditure，also shows an indebtedness of $\$ 1,486.27$ ．

In the Report submitted，there will be found notes of the progress of Home Missions and Aug－ mentation，in the different Presbyteries of the Church，certain changes recommended by the Com－ mittee，and a detailed statement of the state of both funds．The reports of the Students＇Mis－ sionary Societies and the Lumbermen＇s Mission are also presented，in a condensed form．In the Appendix，complete statistics of all the mission stations and augmented congregations are given，and the names of all the Missionaries，Probationers and Catechists employed under the direction of the Committee．

## SUMMARTY OF MISSION AND AUGMENTATION WORK．

## PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEO．

## Missions．

Mission work in Quebec is carried on under great discouragements，and the hardships of some of our missionaries are not surpassed in Foreiga Mission work．The Presbytery has to contend with a dominant Church，which overshadows our work almost everywhere．The poverty of many of our people，the departure of many families for new lands，the presence of the French，the wide ares over which the faznilies nominally ours are scattered，and educational problems，all make mission work extremely difficult．Mission effort in this Province is holding the fort，with the hupe that better days are yet in store for us．What is needed is men and means，and the hearty sym－ pathy of the Church at large．Every Presbyterian mission is a means of blessing，both directly and indirectly．Notwithstanding obstacles，seven mission stations were supplied during the sum－ mer－four by Students，and two by ordained Missionaries．During the winter services were main－ tained in three stations regularly，in two fortnightly，and in two occasionally．

The work of the year has been encouraging in some fields，and rather disheartening in others． Metis reports a church almost free of debt，costing $\$ 2,500$ ，and an organ costing $\$ 300$ ，all complete within the last five years．The same report says，＂I have little fears for the future of our cause here．＂Sawyerville is a new field，and prospects here are hopeful．Massawippi and Richby is not so encouraging as it was a few years ago．Many families have left，and the field is cut up into many divisions by Baptists，Adventists，Universalists，Methodists，Episcopalians，etc．Valcartier is not advancing much．Many families also have left here．Mixed marriages prove a hindranee， and the poverty of the soil does not hold out the hope of our cause ever being very strong in this place．Yet these people must be cared for．Kennebec Road，worked by an ordained missionary， reports little change．Here the people are poor，and the men are mostly engaged in lumbering dur－ ing the winter．The Gaelic settlements in Megantic and Compton，are in great need of good mis－ sionaries．From the above brief statement it is evident that in the Presbytery of Quebec there are
many interesting mission fields, and more could be opened if only men and means were provided. Surely, when we realize the amount of good accomplished in this Presbytery, through the Home Mission Committee, by the small outlay of $\$ 1,300$, men of means in the Church will be willing to help the Committee in the prosecution of such good work.

## Augmentation.

The Augmentation Scheme has proved a great help to this Presbytery. Without this Scheme, or some other with the same object in view, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to secure or some pastors for the majority of our congregations. We have ten augmented congregations, suitable pastors doins good work, and contributing liberally for the support of ordinances, and yet without the aid doing good work, and Fund it would be very difficult for them to support their pastors. During the year Levis and Windsor congregations have made extensive repairs on their church property. year Levis and wine manse. Danville is reducing its debt on the manse. Scotstown is showing signs of prosperity. Hampden is holding its own. Inverness promises improvement. St. Sylvester signs of prosperity. Hampden and Lisor asks a reduced grant. Only one congregation, Three Rivers, and Leeds are as formerty. and this is caused by the removal of several of the best supporters of the Church. The liberality of many of the congregations in the Quebec Presbytery, for the Schemes and for ministerial support, will compare favourably with other Presbyteries more favourably situated. The money spent in Augmentation in the Presbytery is put to a good use.

## presbytery of montreal.

## Missions.

There is little change to note in regard to the mission fields of this Presbytery for the past year. The process of depopulation among the English-speaking people of the Province of Quebec continues gradually but surely, and in some districts it becomes increasingly difficult for the people to maintain Gospel ordinances. Strenuous efforts are being made oy che Baptists in certain portions of the western part of the Province, where the been long in the field, and unduly multiplying the ing somewhat other denominations that have been long in the feld, and unduly multiplying the number of missionaries in these districts.

This year we report an increased number of families and communicants, chiefiy owing to the opening, last spring, of a new mission field, in the county of Huntingdon, Trout River Line, where the work of the Missionary last summer was greatly prosperea, and wher
self-supporting charge by a re-arrangement of the the Mille Isles group, a new church building is
At one of the Stations (Cote St. Gabriel), in anpleted and opened free from debt. It is in conbeing erected, which it is expected district, and if the plan suggested is carried out, the result will templation to re-arrange the Avoca distie, are efficient working of the whole district.
be the strengthening of two fields Augmentation.
While most of the augmented congregations in the Presbytery remain stationary, or barely hold their own, there is marked improvement in some of the others. This is especially true of Taylor Church, Montreal, the congregation increastr communicants, and in their contributions for ministerial suppist, and is this summer supplied by a weakened that it has been trane Rockburn and Gore, which has been without a pastor for two years, Student. The congregation of Rockburn anderian College, Montreal. The call has been accepted, has recently called a Graduate of the Presby During the past year, $\$ 2,325$ was drawn by the Presbyand the settlement taken place this mo compared with $\$ 2,933$ the preceding year. The fund has been tery from the Augmentation Fund, $\begin{gathered}\text { of incalculable benefit to this Presbytery and Province, giving heart and courage to our people in }\end{gathered}$ of incaiculable benefle sparsely settled English-speaking districts, and aiding them in securing the regular services of the minister of their choice. When the fund was instituted, in 1883, there were seventeen congregations in the Presbytery contributing less than the minister's salary on stributions towards and the Manse. Four of these congregations are now self-supporting, and the contributery from the salary have increased by fully $\$ 1,600$ per annum. The amount drawn by the Presbytery from the fund in 1884 was $\$ 3,600$ as compared with $\$ 2,325$ last year.

## PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

## Missions.

In January last a new station was erected at the Railway Depot of Apple Hill. It is supplied in connection with Gravel Hill, the two being only six miles apart. Together they promise for the current year $\$ 400$, and it is expected McLennan, ordained missionary, have been engaged for another ing.

## Augmentation.

The congregation of Alexandria have advanced their promise of stipend by $\$ 125$, and expect in a short time to be self-sustaining. The position of the other supplemented congregations remains unchanged.

## PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

## Missions.

fields within the bounds of this Presbytery were regularly and efficiently supplied by Students during last summer. The Presbytery is still unable to overcome the difficulty of obtaining suitable men, as ordained missionaries, to occupy the several fields within the bounds that require the services of such, and, as a consequence of the irregular supply which they receive during
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the winter monthu, the progress is not so rapid as it would otherwise be. Through the kind and generous assistance of the Students of Montreal College, the Presbytery were enabled to give several of the fields a somewhat good measure of service during last winter, while another field received full supply from the Pastors and Ministers without charge within the Presbytery. Two of the fields, however, lie at such a distance, both from any railroad and from any settled charge, that they have received no supply since October last. On the whole there is a fair measure of progress in the mission fields, and the outlook for the future is in a good degree encouraging.

## Augmentation.

This Scheme has been of great benefit to the Presbytery. Its benefits are so manifest that it has secured the approval of all the congregations. And though it is not supportod with that full measecured
sure of liberality which it merits, there are no such objections urged against it as other Presbyteries encounter and complain of. The Presbytery would deeply deplore, not only the failure of the scheme, but any lowering of the standard which it has hitherto maintained.

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## Missions.

The whole field in this Prsbytery has been wrought with more than usual success, as better and fuller supply has been available. Eganville and Scotch Bush Mission district has prospered greatly, a new church having been erected at Scotsh Bush, and a comfortable manse having been provided by the Eganville section. This mission is now transferred to the list of Augmented charges, with good prospects before it.

At Chalk River, in the Alice group, a new church was opened in September, and it is now in contemplation to divide the district, which is too large for one man, and has so prospered, that with the same grant, two men may be placed in the field.

Litchfield has been working onward again, and rearrangements have been made in the interest of the work, which lead ris to hope that it may soon occupy its old place among the regular charges of the Presbytery.

## Augmentation.

The Presbytery keeps steadily in view the reduction of grants, and has been measurably successful this year, notwithstanding the shortage in crops and the general depression in business.

Ross and Cobden, under the faithful ministry of Mr. Blakely, has become a self-sustaining charge. The grant has been reduced in Elmsley, which was erected into a pastoral charge a year ago, under Mr. Neil Campbell, whose labours have been greatly blessed. Bromley has shown evidence of Mr. John Campbell's energy in the building of a handsome church at Douglas, and opening it practically free from debt.

These results are noted as showing that those young men who, with self-denying zeal, take hold of our weaker charges, have at least a reward in seeing the work prospering in their hands. Were there more men such as those mentioned available, much might still be done in extending the boundaries and influence of our Church in this district. Kitley is now transferred to the Brockville Presbytery.

## PRESBPTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

## Missions.

1. Morton :-During the past six months this station has been supplied by Students from Queen's College Missionary Association, and since by a Catechist, who is still in the field, and doing excellent service. This has now become a proper field for the services of an ordained Missionary, with the power of sealing ordinances for the many Presbyterian families who are scattered throughout the district of Delta, Morton and Leeds. Application for the appointment of such*a labourer will probably be made to the Home Mission Committee at their next meeting.
2. Farmersville and Mallorytown :-These stations are being regularly filled by an ordained missionary, and are making considerable progress. During the past year the people at Farmersville have purchased a neat commodious church, formerly occupied by the Methodist brethren, for the sum of $\$ 2,300$, part of which ( $\$ 1,300$ ) has been arranged for, the balance to be placed at interest for the time being. Re-arrai.gements of the ecclesiastical connections of these stations may lead to their transfer, as a settled charge, to the Augmentation list.
3. Merrickville:-This field, limited in area and numbers, continues gaining in strength, and gives promise of better things to come. The congregation of Kitley, have at last been transferred from the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery to this, and the union of Merrickville with Irish Creek, which is part of the Kitley charge, is an event in the near future. From this union we look for a desirable settled charge.
4. North Augusta and Stone's Corners :-This field has been regularly occupied during the past half year by Students of Queen's College Missionary Association and others, with increased success. A student has been appointed for the summer. The prospects here are good.
5. North Williamsburg and Winchester Springs :-This field has been regularly supplied during the past winter with licentiates and others, eligible for a call, but without as yet any satisfactory result. They have a list of $\$ 500$ per annum already raised for the support of a minister, and the promise of $\$ 300$ from the Committee, if the state of the fund will permit. It is hoped that from the number of men who are to be sent in, a suitable selection will soon be made, and settlement effected.

The contributions of our Presbytery towards the Home Mission fund have been a little in excess of those of former years. Our Presbytery feels, however, that múch more might easily be accomplished in this matter.

## Augmentation.

Our contributions towards this fund have been above those of any former year, and although we have not reached our assesament- $\$ 700$ for the past year-yet, taking into account the many charges which have become self-sustaining through the operation of this scheme, since its inception, we have reason to think that our Presbytery has done well, and will yet do better.

For our three augmented congregations we ask the lowest grant possible. To ask less, in any case, would be considerably to impair the efficiency of the service in any of the charges now supplemented.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

## Missions.

There are fourteen mission fields within the bounds. Five of these are manned by ordained Missionaries. The others were supplied during the past summer by Students, and some of them as frequently as possible during the winter.

Reports show earnest work done and progress made in the several fields. Queen's College Missionary Association supplied Matawatchan and Wilbur without any expense to the fund.

## Augmentation.

The nine augmented congregations were visited by members of Presbytery during the winter, when addresses were delivered and conferences held with the office-bearers, in the interests of the fund.

Picton congregation added $\$ 50$ to the minister's stipend, thus decreasing the grant to that extent.
Lansdowne congregation has provided a manse for the minister.

## PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.

## Missions.

No macked change, beyond steady progress, is reported. The new church at Sebright, which was in process of erection when last year's report was presented, has been completed. In this field there are three other points where services are held, the people meeting for worship ir schoolhouses. In Coboconk and associate stations, the work has been advancing. Cambray and Oakwood, which have never required aid from the Committee, are making such progress that it is expected at the close of this summer they shall be placed on the augmented list, with a view of securing a settled pastor. Could the Assembly devise some means for the more regular supply of mission stations during the winter, one of the most serious hindrances to the work would be removed.

## Augmentation.

There were three aid-receiving congregations in the Presbytery up to last March. In two of these, very gratifying progress has been made during the past year. At Leaskdale a handsome and commodious manse has been erected at a cost of upwards of $\$ 2,000$, the greater part of which has already been paid. In consequence of the completion of the manse the grant has been reduced by \$50. Early last June the Rev. W. G. Mills was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Sunderland and Vroomanton. The congregation then required a supplement of $\$ 300$. During the winter there has been a cheering work of grace, and a large number has been added to the membership of the Church. At the meeting of Presbytery held in February last, the congregation came forward and stated no further aid would be required from the Committee, an announcement exceedingly gratifying to the Presbytery. Henceforth they give their minister $\$ 800$ and a manse. To their faithful and zealous young pastor, by the blessing of God, is this marked improvement in a large measure due. No change has been reported from Fenelon Falls, yet the grants to the Presbytery have been reduced by $\$ 350$.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

## Missions.

In (1) Mount Albert and Ballantrae, (2) Stouffille, (3) Bethesda, (4) Malton, work was carried on with very great satisfaction, and the prospects are still more encouraging for the present year.

1. Mission work within the city :-St. James Square congregation established a mission east of the Don River; built a suitable church; sent in efficient Sabbath School workers, and employed a Missionary. The results are a flourishing Sabbath School, and most encouraging Sabbath services. Ere long we hope to see this one of our self-sustaining congregations.
2. Old St. Andrew's Mission, in the north-east of the city :-Here the work was well maintained by the Session of the above church, and promises still larger results in the future,
3. Duchess Street :-This mission is in connection with Knox Church, and has an honourable record. Good work was accomplished last year, and yet the field needs much faithful service.
4. St. Mark's :-Very decided progress was made here. A new building has hecome a necessity, and already those connected with the mission have subscribed over $\$ 2,000$. This is the mission of St. Andrew's Church, King Street.
5. Parkdale Mission :-It is very gratifying to state that whilst the splendid new brick church was only opened in the begining of January, 1888, a mission sprang into existence at the same time, and promises to be one of rapid development. There is already a church on a very desirable lot for the future permanent church. This interesting movement is under the Session of Parkdale Church.
6. Dover Court Village (North of Bloor Street) :-Here a church is being erected, and with a Student in the field good results are looked for. This mission is under the Session of Chalmers Church.
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7. Seaton Village :-A church is being built, and with its presence in a very desirable centre, a large increase both in the congregation and Sabbath School is expected. College Street Session have the oversight of this station.
8. Bloor Street West:-This mission has grown into a most promising congregation. With the beautiful School-room they now have, and a pastor, the prospect is second to none in the city for usefulness. Most of the missions will, in a few years, be more than self-sustaining charges.
9. Central Church Mission, in Elizabeth Street ; (10) Erskine Church Mission, in William Street ; and (11) the Davenport Mission, under the care of Charles Street Church, are doing excellent work in their respective localities.

## Augmentation.

During the past year the following congregations ceused to require any aid from the Augmentation Fund:-(1) Deer Park ; (2) Leslieville ; (3) Sutton and Georgina ; (4) Aurora ; (5) Hornby and Omagh; whilst Queensville was placed on the list of augmented congregations, having obtained a settled pastor on the first of February 1st, 1888. By the above reductions Toronto Presbytery will require about $\$ 600$ less than was needed last year. The cause of this reduction is first, the faithfulness of the pastors, and secondly, the way in which the Presbytery works this scheme.

## PRESBYTERY OF ORANGIVILLE.

## Missions.

A rearrangement of fields and the settlement of an ordained missionary mark some changes. Rev, D. McColl has been placed over St. Andrew's, Proton, and Proton for one year. Corbetton has been thrown in with Horning's Mills and Honeywood under the care of Rev. J. A. MacDonald. Riverview and Gandier are worked with Black's, whilst Waldemar has been detached from Grand Valley and placed with Laurel and Vanatter (a mission in the congregation of St. Andrew's, Orangeville.) Osprey has asked for an ordained missionary, and will probably soon be settled. The rearrangement was made with a view to lessening the grants required from the funds.

## Augmentation.

The annexation of Corbetton to Horning's Mills and Honeywood removes the lattc. © Ids from the list. Dundalk and Ventry are agitating the question of building a manse, and have applied for the same grant as last year. Grand V alley and South Luther were disjoined from Waldemar on account of the necessity of a morning and evening service in Grand Valley, and receive the same grant as last year. Maple Valley and Singhampton are vacant, whilst Caledon East has been settled, requiring a small grant for a short time. Mulmur and Rosemont are progressing satisfactorily under the care of their efficient pastor.

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## PRESBYTERY OF BARRIK.

## Missions.

During the past year, not excepting the winter season, Home Mission work has been vigorously prosecuted. The difficulty of winter supply has been lessened by employing catechists, of whom a number offered themselves for the work and received appointments after having been duly examined by the Presbytery. Twelve of the mission fields have been supplied in winter with the services of these labourers, and three others had ordained missionaries.

Sudbury :--The Rev. S. Rondeau, M.A., was appointed to this field, and entered on the work in June last. "He held services at Copper Cliff and Cartier, and occasionally at two other points. He writes :-"I had the pleasure of instructing two Indian women last week at Pogamasing in the traths of Christianity. They were still Pagans, but wished to become Christians. Through an interpreter I instructed them, and at their request and upon their profession of faith in God and reliance in Christ for salvation, I administered to them the sacrament of baptism." The liberality of cen single of these stations is worthy of notice. Though they number but ten families, and sixteen single persons not connected with those families, they have paid toward the stipend of the deau for the remaining year of his engagement to the more important station of North Bay. RonRev. W. J. Hewits, whe laboured here successfully for thre imas, has been removed, on recoy. The ation of the Presbytery, to Maganetawan.

Parry Sound and Muskoka :-The work in these districts is greatly helped by the Rev. A. Findlay's careful and diligent supervision. The Student Missionaries reports are sometimes very encouraging, as e.g. when Mr. G. W. Logie reports, in the Baysville field, an addition of twenty-four to the membership, twenty of these on profession of faith. The contributions of the people of these districts to the Schemes of the Church have been greatly increased by means of Mr. Findlay's labours. His own report will give a general view of the work in these districts :

Longford and Uptergrove :-These stations were supplied regularly during the year. Mr. J. McKinnon, Student Missionary, reports an addition of twenty-three on profession of faith to the membership of the Uptergrove congregation.

Medonte, Vasey and Victoria Harbour :-The Rev. H. Knox continues in this field, where he has had difficulty on account of dissensions. The burning question of a site for a new church in Medonte having been settled, and the church built, it is to be hoped that peace will be restored and an entrance for the Gospel to the hearts of the people prepared.

Guthrie Church, Oro :-This congregation was united with Knox Church in a pastoral charge and now stands alone, as it was found necessary to separate them. There appears at present no prospect of uniting Guthrie Church to any other station, and it is dealt with as a mission station though not needing aid from the Home Mission Fund. Mr. Joseph Monteath, who passed examination in
the Paris Presbytery as student with a view to the ministry, was appointed catechist here in January, and will remain during the summer.

Airlie and Banda :-The services of Mr. W. W. McRae, Catechist in this field, which is partly new, were successful. He extended his work to Tioga and Silverwood at the request of the people there, and at the close of the season a strong interest was expresse in having an ordained Missionary, for whose stipend the people promised $\$ 420$ per annum. As an ordained Missionary could not be obtained for them, Catechists were sent during winter. Mr. J. C. Stinson is at present labouring there, and it is hoped that the stations may soon become a pastoral charge.

Minesing, Midhurst and Craighurst ; also Knox Church, Flos, Gibson's and Phelpston have had winter service.

Collingwood and Gibraltar made an advance in not requiring aid from the Home Mission Fund. The hope expressed last year of their being united to another station and being formed into a pastoral charge has not been fulfilled, but is still entertained;

Thankful recognition of the labours of the Students' Missionary 'Society, of Knox College, has been frequently expressed by the Presbytery. Last year the society occupied seven groups of stations in the Parry Sound and Muskoka districts, and about the same number of their miesionaries wwill help in the Church's work in outlying fields of this Presbytery.

## Augmentation.

Last year there were seven congregations of the Barrie Presbytery receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund. There are now ten; nevertheless the grants to the Presbytery have been considerably reduced. Three-Midland, Huntsville, etc., and Severn Bridge-receive the same sums as before. Four have the grants reduced, viz. :-Townline and Ivy, from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 50$, grant to cease in October; Bracebridge, etc., from $\$ 300$ to $\$ 200$; Parry Sound, from $\$ 400$ to $\$ 200$; Penetanguishene, etc., from $\$ 300$ to $\$ 250$. The new grants are as follows?-Waubaushene, etc., $\$ 200$ from June last reduced, to $\$ 125$; Knox Church, Flos, $\$ 50$; Esson and Willis Churches, Oro, $\$ 100$.

## Mr. Findlay's Report.

Muskoka and Parry Sound.-Progress in this field has been steady during the past year. Not only is the number of stations increasing, but also the membership in many of the stations shows a gratifying increase. As a rule isithful work always tells in this department. Further progress is being marked by the erection from year to year of places of worship giving greater comfort and more accommodation to the assembled worshippers than can be found in the school house or the private dwelling. Considerable interest in the work of the Church at large is also being manifested, which we take as a further sign of progress. When people look away from themselves and their own needs and think of those less favourably situated, while they give practical outlet to their thoughts, they are in so far "fulfilling the law of Christ." Over sixty missionary meetings were held during the fall and winter months, which not only gave opportunity of disseminating much information as to the progress the Church is making in all the departments of work entrusted to her, but also gave the people opportunity to manifest their sympathy and interest in the work. The result, as shown in their contributions to the Schemes of the Church, is most gratifying. In some stations an average of $\$ 1.88$ per member was realized. One means in securing this result has doubtless been the fact that the editors of our Record have supulied it during the past year to our mission stations at a merely nominal price, bringing within the reach of the poorest of them a monthly supply of wholesome reading matter, and at the same time keeping up their interest in the work. It is a good investinent. If any mis-

This Presbytery has two mission fields, comprising four stations, viz., Cotswold, which was supplied during the last summer by a Student. The services were well attended-and a number were added to the Church. During the past winter occasional supply was given to this field by neighbouring ministers.

Balaklava, Ayton and East Normanby. This field was supplied during the past summer by a Student who preached once a Sabbath, at each of the stations services were well attended. During the past winter an ordained Missionary occupied the field. On account of the long distances between stations, and the short days, he was unable to give more than two services on the Sabbath. Neighbouring ministers and lay help has given to the field about ten additional Sabbath services. Last summer a new Church was built at East Normanby, which was opened free of debt. Occasional evening services have been given at Mildmay-a village a mile from Balaklava.

## Augnentation.

During the past year the different congregations of the Presbytery were assessed, according to membership, for the amount asked of this Presbytery by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. Some of the congregations raised the full amount of their assessment, one (Durham) more, but most fell short ; on the whole, more than half as much again has been raised this year than last year-and we hope that the amount contributed to this fund will still advance, as the claims of the fund become better known.

## PRESBYTERY OF GURLPH.

Missions.
The mission stations in this Presbytary are Eden Mills, under the charge of Mr. Strachan of Rockwood and Elmira, under that of Mr. Hamilton, Winterbourne; Hawksville and Linwood Knox Church; Dracon and Metz, suppliad by stadents during the summer, and by such others as may be available during the winter.

A new station was formed at Waterloo in the beginning of Fobruary
Hawksville and Linwood are the only ones receiving any grant from the Home Mission Fund.

## Augmentation.

The contributions from this Presbytery to the Augmentation Fund came far short of the proportion it was expected to raise, amounting to little more than one-third.

There is no congregation in the bounds in receipt of any grant from that fund.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

## Missions.

Wentworth Church, Hamilton, has now reached the status of a congregation and has called a minister. A new church was built during the year, and substantial progress made.

Cayuga and Mount Healy still continue on the list of mission stations ; but the Presbytery expects to see them formed into a settled charge before another year expires.

A new station has been opened at St. Davids, and is connected with Haynes Avenue Church, St. Catharines. This field promises to grow, and will not long be on the list.

Port Colborne, Port Dalhousie and Louth, have been regularly supplied. The former of these, Port Colborne, is the only mission field in the Presbytery that is not self-sustaining.

## Augmentation.

During the year Niagara and Blackheath, etc., fell vacant, and ask for no assistance during the vacancy.

Merritton, Port Robinson and Dunnville were settled since the date of last report, and are receiving assistance.

The grant to St. Ann's and Smithville has been reduced to $\$ 100$ per annum. will require a small grant for a year or two.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

## Missions.

There are only two mission stations under the care of this Presbytery : (1) Balfour St. Mission, Brantford, which is under the care of and sustained by Zion Church ; and (2) Onondaga, which requires no aid from the fund.

## Augmentation.

Very special efforts were made in this Presbytery during the year to increase the interest and liberality of the congregations in this fund. The amount allocated to the Presbytery was apportioned to the different Churches, and special sermons preached in all. Notwithstanding this, the amount contributed, while in advance of last year, is greatly below what was expected. Many of the country congregations do little for the scheme.

The only augmented congregation in the Presbytery, is that of Mount Pleasant and Burford. During the year, a comfortable manse was erected for the minister, thus reducing the grant by $\$ 50$.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

## Missions.

The number of mission fields in this Presbytery is the same as last year. Springfield and Aylmer have been supplied for the last twelve months by an ordained missionary, and at both places substantial progress has been made. At Aylmer the services have hitherto been held in a rented hall, but steps are being now taken for the erection of a church, which, it is hoped, may be completed before the end of the present year. At Tempo there is not much change. Arrangements have been made to supply East Williams by an ordained missionary for a year.

## Augmentation.

In this Presbytery there are four supplemented charges :-1st. London East, which has suffered considerably, both financially and numerically, from the closing of the car shops, etc., where many ${ }^{\prime}$ of the people were employed. Notwithstanding this, the congregation now promises more than formerly towards stipend. The church debt has been largely reduced, and it is hoped that very soon the grant from the Augmentation Fund will be also reduced. 2nd. Port Stanley, which has increased its contribution to stipend $\$ 50$. 3rd. Kintore, which has also raised $\$ 50$ more for stipend. Through the increased liberality of these two congregations this Presbytery's claim on the Fund is reduced by $\$ 100$. 4th. Wardsville and Newbury, where the necessity for assistance remains the same as before.

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## Missions.

Windfall, Strangfield and Campbell settlements have been detached from their former connections, and erected into a separate mission station.

Tilbury Centre, though deprived of the aid of Windfall, yet, owing to the growth of the town, is discussing the propriety of being erected into a pastoral charge, and calling a minister.

Perce and Renaud Line are in much the same state as they were at this time last year. This is the case also with Buxton.

Leamington and Blytheswood have been reduced to a mission station. This will be a saving to the Augmentation Fund.

Wabash has been added to the number of the Presbytery's mission stations.

## Augmentation

Changes have taken place among the augmented congregations, as well as among the mission stations of the Presbytery. Essex Centre has become self-sustaining. Caven Church and North Dawn have been put on the augmented list, but it is hoped that the grant will be gradually diminished. Duart and Highgate are much in the same condition as formerly.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

## Missions.

In the Presbytery of Sarnia are four mission fields :-1. Sombra Village and Duthel Church; 2 . Marthaville and Page's Schoolhouse ; 3. Inwood ; 4. The Log Church. The last station was opened during the past year. In course of time it is expected that all these fields will become regular charges. The supply given last winter was an average of eleven Sabbaths. All the fields are occupied for the current summer.

## Augmentation.

The number of congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery receiving aid is five. One of these-Guthrie Church, Black Ureek and Wilkesport-was erected into a regular charge during the past year. It lis a rery promising young congregation, and will be self-sustaining in a short time. Owing to the depression in farming matters, the rest of the supplemented congregations occupy about the same position as last year, with the exception of Forest. This congregation advanced very rapidly last year, reduced its claim one-half, and is on the list of supplemented congregations for the last time. With the exception of Point Edward, it is expected that all the supplemented within the bounds will be self-sustaining in a short time.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

There are no mission stations in this Presbytery.

## Augmentation.

There is only one congregation on the Augmented Fund, and as there is every likelihood of a re-arrangement of the field at an early date it is expected that this one also may soon become selfsustaining.

The contributions of this Presbytery for Augmentation are far below its ability.
PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

## Missions.

The only mission station on the fund last year was of Goderich Gaelic. This was removed from the list at last meeting.

## Augmentation.

During the year Exeter and Bayfield Road and Berne have become self-sustaining.
PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.
There are no Mission Stations.

## Augmentation.

The Augmentation Scheme has made but little progress in this Presbytery during the past year The contributions have, with few exceptions, been small, several congregations-and these neither the smallest nor the poorest-giving little or nothiny. Better things, however, are looked for in the future. Dungannon and Port Albert made a substantial advance in contributing to the support of ordinances. amongst themselves, and it is hoped their example will be followed by others.

PRESBY TERY OF BRUCE.

## Missions.

The mission work within our bounds has during the past year made encouraging progress, although we have met with some hindrances. One field occupied by an ordained missionary has been unoccupied during the winter, owing to an unhappy dispute among the elders; while another field, occupied also by an ordained man, has not made the progress expected, on account of misunderstandings between the missionary and some of the people. A number of our fields, worked wholly by the students, made encouraging progress during the summer, but suffer largely from lack of wintersupply. In all the other fields the progress made has been very satisfactory indeed.

A new field of great promise, Spanish River Mills, has been added to those formerly reported,
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and an ordained missionary secured for it for two years. A new district has also been opened up by the completion of the south branch of the C.P.R., as many of our families are entering, and will necessitate the extension of our missionary work.

## Augmentation.

There is no change in the augmented congregations of the Presbytery during the year. Our last year's expectations have been disappointed, and although the Presbytery did its uttermost to reduce the number of grants from the fund they have not been successful. The three congregations receiving help are small and struggling ones, and could not do more than in former times. We are happy to state that the congregations of the Presbytery during this year have dealt much more liberally with all the Schemes than formerly. They have almost doubled the contributions of last year.

## Mr. Findlay's Report.

Algoma.- During the past year the work in Algoma has been progressing quietly. The old fields have all been in the enjoyment of Gospel ordinances, while new fields have for the first time enjoyed this inestimable privilege. During the summer months fourteen labourers were employed, and during the winter ten-a larger number than during any previous winter,-five of them being ordained missionaries and five catechists. The new fields receiving supply for the first time last year are Burpee and Silver Water, on Manitoulin and Spanish River Settlement, in the township of Victoria. An addition of two new fields will be made this year also. Owing to the growing requirements of the field, the Students' Society have divided that known as the Algoma Mills, or Blind River field, sending two men where one formerly did the work. This will admit of either side of the field receiving more supply than formerly, and also allow new points to receive that attention which their growing needs require. Then Spanish Mills, for the first time, will come under the care of this Presbytery. The proprietors of this important industry show their wise interest in the spiritual welfare of their men by supplying them with the means of grace. Hitherto a missionary from one of the American Seminaries has supplied them during the summer months, but something more than this being desired, the proprietors have asked that they be reckoned in as part of our mission field to be supplied by an ordained missionary from the Canadian church. Mr. J. J. Elliott, B. A., a graduate of 1888, Kvox College, has been appointed to this field.

Mr. McLennan, in his large field, Thessalon, continues to enjoy the assistance of a catechist. This field, covering part of some eight townships, is more than one missionary can do justice to, even with such assistance as Mr. McLennan has been able to obtain. Other points might be noted, indicating the importance and progress of this field, did the brief limits of this paper permit. One thing is certain, if we are to keep pace with the increasing requirements of the field, we must keepup and add to the staff of efficient men, for the winter months especially. For the work's sake it is to be regretted that Mr. D. Cameron, who has given two years' of faithful labour on the Manitowaning field, is about to withdraw, under call to a congregation in one of the western Presbyteries. But as from that same Presbytery we are taking Mr. Rennie for the "Sault," our account with the west will be about balanced. Mr. Cameron did good service on this most laborious field. May he long be spared to enjoy the lighter labours of the more compact field to which he is going. Many on the Island, we know, will follow him with their best wishes.

## MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

## (Rev. Dr. Robertson's Report.)

By the action of the last General Assembly, the eastern boundary of the Presbytery of Winnipeg was placed at White River, and the western boundary of the Presbytery of Calgary at the western fold of the Columbia River. The five Presbyteries embraced within these limits present a territory, reckoning by the railway-which traverses their whole length- 1,800 miles long and 350 miles wide. According to the "standard time" division of the continent, four belts in whole or ptrt lie within these lines. Hence, when it is twelve o'clock at Schreiber it is only eleven at Winniper, ten at Regina, and nine at Revelstoke.

Character of the country.
Following the line of the railway, the path lies from White River to Selkirk, through forest, a distance of 650 miles. The country is rough and rocky, full of lakes and muskegs. There are, however, away from the line, large tracts of valuable agricultural land, which railways will revd/ar accessible in the near future. The timber is of great value, and large quantities are cut every year for ties, piles, bridge timbers, lumber and fuel. Gold, silver and iron are found over a wide area. At several points silver-mining is being carried on, and the veins are large and the ore rich. Along the railway are a few towns and villages. Port Arthur is the lake port through which a large part of the trade of the west must pass from rail to steamer. Fort William, in the immediate neighbourhood, will likely become a manufacturing centre. At Rat Portage and Keewatin is one of the finest water powers on the continent, and already it is utilized for manufacturing flour and lumber. There are a few scattered settlements away from the railway, but the most of the people are found along the line. An effort was made to meet the religious wants of this whole district, and with gratifying. suctess.

THE PRAIRIE BELT-AGRICULTURAL.
Continuing the journey westward from Selkirk the prairie is entered on, and for 450 miles a fine agricultural country is crossed. Here the great majority of the settlers who came to the Norti-W est

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during the last seventeen or eighteen years have found a home. The fertility of the soil and its capabilities for raising cereals can be judged from the fact that from ten to twelve millions of bushels of wheat were raised last season for export, while the whole amount of land yet brought under cultivation is not half a million of acres. At least fifty times as much land as has been broken up lies in the immediate neighbourhood untouched by the plough. Along the North Saskatchewan are also found wide areas waiting for settlement, not to speak of the Peace River and Mackenzie basins,

## RANCHING BELT.

The next 450 miles may be said to be the ranching belt. Massive herds are found south and west of Calgary, and their numbers are yearly increasing. The district is equally adapted for raising cattle, sheep or horses. In thia belt, ton, are extensive deposits of coal, extending from near the international boundary northward for 350 miles. At Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, and Anthracite mining is carried on, and the coal is of excellent quality for fuel and for generating steam. At some points the seams are twenty-five feet in thickness, and it is estimated will yield $12,500,000$ tons to the square mile. Anthracite coal is found near or in the Rocky Mountains, and bituminous farther to the east. Good lignite is found within 300 miles of Winnipeg.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN BELT.

This belt is valuable for its timber and minerals. Gold and silver, iron and coal are abundant. Dr. Dawson estimates that more than one-half the metalliferous area of the continent lies north of the 49th parallel. Explorations are going on, and the facilities now afforded of procuring plant and provisions and shipping ore will make development much more rapid. The timber is of great value. Dense forests of cedar, fir, spruce and hemlock are found in all the valleys and covering the flanks of mountain ranges.

Such resources seem to predict a great future for the country lying between Lake Superior and the Pacific. With wide stretches of agricultural land, great mineral wealth, abundance of timber and inexhaustible supplies of coal, it would seem as if the Creator was making provision for a large population. It should be the duty of the Church to lay broad and deep here the foundations of piety, purity and probity in this new land. Settlers are coming in in considerable numbers, and making homes for themselves and their children. Would it not be a pity if these wide plains and mountain fastnesses should become the grave of their early piety? It is a cause for gratitude that along this whole line of 1,800 miles a continuous chain of missionaries has been planted during the past year, and that there is not a settlement of any size west of Lake Superior where our Church is unrepresented.

## RESULTS OF THE GENSUS.

Since the last report was presented the Dominion Government has published the census of Manitoba taken in 1886. The census is for five years, the people having been enumerated on the 31st of July, 1886. A few of the figures and percentages showing the increase in population may be of interest.

| Population of Manitoba in 188 | 108,640 | Increase | eper cent. | in 5 years, | 74.5 |
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| Presbyterians | 28,406 |  |  |  |  |
| Anglicans | 23,206 18,648 | " | " |  | ${ }_{98.7}$ |
| Methodists. ${ }_{\text {R }}$ | 14,651 |  | " |  | 5.4 |
| Baptists | 3,296 |  | " |  | ${ }_{293.1}^{102.3}$ |
| Congregat | 997 |  |  |  |  |

The population and percentages, excluding Winnip9g, are-


These figures show the Presbyterian Church has a lead of 5,200 of any of the other denominations in the Province, and that its rate of increase has been 30 per cent. in advance of the population of the Province, and also decidedly in advance of any of the larger denominations. In the country $\frac{\text { districts, where mission work is chiefly carried on, the advance is still more striking. In the North- }}{W}$ West Territories two-thirds of the white population are Presbyterians. These figures show our progress, our responsibilities and our opportunities for advancing the Kingdom of Christ.

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In the prosecution of mission work in this country there are formidable difficulties. The area is large and the people scattered. Large tracts of land are reserved in the agricultural belt, leaving every alternate square mile unoccupied. An ordinary checker board, with its white and black squares, gives a good idea of the reservations for railway purposes-the white are open for homesteading, the black are reserved. The tenth part of the white squares belongs to the Hudson Bay oompany. The collapse of the boom of 1882 and the unfavourable seasons that followed induced a spirit of restlessness that proved a serious hindrance to permanent work.

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The tide has now turned, however. Vacant lands are being gradually settled. People welcome missionaries, and services are well attended; the accessions to the membership of the Church are many, and congregations are liberal in the support of missionaries and towards erecting church edifices and manses. The crops of last year did a great deal to restore confidence and to determine people to make the country their future home. Debts incurred during the years of depression have been wiped out or greatly reduced, and contentment is now much more general. The change is feit in increased contributions for the support of ordinances, greater promptness in the payment of salaries, and more generous assistance to the Schemes of the Church.

The immigration this spring is larger than for several years, and the incomers are taking up land in districts previously $\varepsilon$ attled. Presbyteries and Synods are resolved to overtake the spiritual wants of the country as far as men and money are available.

The progress of the work in the different Presbyteries will appear from the following statement :-

## PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

## Old Mission Fields.

Fort William congregation called the Rev. H. W. Fraser, and the charge was removed to the augmented list. The prospects of the congregation are encouraging. A church will be erected and a manse built as soon as it is definitely settled where the town is to be located.

Fort Frances. - The outlook of this mission is brightening. Lumbering operations are carrie? on more extensively along the Rainy River, and the settlers are finding a market for the grain and hay they raise.

Greenwood has been reduced in size by uniting one of its stations to Stonewall. Headingly has been in the same way united to Blythfield. By these changes Stonewall and Blythfield have been strengthened, and the grant to Headingly saved.

North Church, Winnipeg, has made considerable progress during the year. The pastor, the Rev. D. B. Whimster, has been obliged, owing to failing health, to seek a milder climate. His departure is much regretted.

Milbrook. -The Plympton station of this field is preparing to build a ohurch. The whole field has advanced during the year.

Keewatin has taken a decided start since the erection of the large flouring mill. A student is to labour there this summer to assist Mr. Nairn. Lots have been secured and money is being collected for building a church this summer.

Dominion City has improved financially, and wishes to call a pastor. Of Morris, Clearsprings, Whitemouth and Meadow Lea there is nothing special to report.

Blythfield was transferred to the augmented list. The congregation built a comfortable manse.

## New Congregations and Mission Fields.

Augustine Church.-In Fort Rouge a church was built last summer, and a good beginning made in a part of Winnipeg formerly without a church. A congregation, with a communion roll of forty, was organized. Mr. Baird, formerly of Edmonton, is in charge of the congregation.

Schreiber lies north of Lake Superior, and the district was occupied for the first time last season. Services are conducted at thirteen different places along the railway. There are fourteen or fifteen families, over sixty young men belonging to our church, and twenty-seven conmunicants. Large gangs of men are employed there during the summer in railway building. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company granted lots for a church this manse at Schreiber, and a church will be built this summer. The mission is self-supporting this year.

Silver Mountain lies south of Murillo about thirty-five miles. The missionary did good service as teacher and missionary. The mine is promising, a permanent work is required.

## New Fields for this Summer

are Clandeboye, on the Red River north of Selkirk; Ignace, a railway field between Murillo and Rat Portage (to save expense this is joined to Murillo this year), and the Icelandic Mission. This deserves a larger reference.

## ICRLANDIC MISSION.

There are several thousands of Icelanders in the Province of Manitoba, for whose spiritual welfare not much is being done. These people were compelled to leave their own country owing to the eruptions of volcanoes-covering wide areas with deep deposits of ashes and the rest-and by the increasing severity of snows and cold. The people are intelligent, fairly educated, and learn the English language easily. They are Lutheran in religion. There is no missionary society caring for them, and it is feared that they must suffer spiritually if not looked after. There are 2,000 of them at Winnipeg, 900 at Gimli-on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg-and about 500 within the bounds of the Presbytery of Brandon. At Winnipeg there is a minister of their own taith, but from several causes a large number of the people do not attend church. It is proposed to employ a missionary to explore and to minister to their spiritual wants, as circian ances may permit. One of themselves, a young man of good ability, of great zeal and Christian earnestaess, is studying in Manitoba College. He has already approved himself as a man of the right spirit, and he is to be our first missionary in this work. He speaks English fairly well.

Gains.
The gains in the Presbytery are two mission fields, advanced to the status of augmented congregations, the organization of three new mission fields, and the erection of a church and a manse. Gretna is supplied from Neché, on the American side, this season. Fifteen missionaries will be employed this year ; the same number as last season.

## PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE, <br> Old Fields.

In this Presbytery are thicteen mission fields, of which three were occupied last season for the first time, viz., Ravenswood, La Riviere, and. Waskada. Another boundary will be occupied this year.

Lintrathen called a minister last year, but unexpected obstacles prevented a settlement.
Swan Lake has been receiving only summer supply, but the congregation has attained such strength that continuous supply is desirable. At the Beaconsfield station a comfortable frame church has been built in place of the one burnt the previous autumn.

Killarney congregation is taking steps to build a church this summer.
Boissevain has increased steadily since the congregation have had a church and continuous supply. Cartwright has made little progress.

Darlingford loses the services of the Rev. H. J. Borthwick this year. He laboured for many years in Southern Manitoba, and did a great deal of education and religion in early times. His parish was wide and his labours abundant. He is retiring from the work of the ministry.

Deloraine. - At the present terminus of the Pembina Mountain branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the new town of Deloraine is built. It is the centre of the group of stations constituting the field, and promises to be an active centre. A church is needed, and will likely soon be built.

Antlers has suffered much through want of a railway. There is no finer farming district in the country, but markets are so distant that settlers are able to make little progress. It is expected that the Pembina Mountain branch of the railway will be built this year, at least as far as the Souris River.

Riverside has developed a good deal, and wishes to secure a pastor of its own.

## Nev Mission Fields.

La Riviere was formed by detaching the eastern and southern portion from the Rock Lake congregation. A church was built at the Central station, and the field has a hopeful future. There are in the group forty families and thirty-six communicants.

Waskada lies between Deloraine and the Souris River. There are said to bc thirty-seven families and forty-eight communicants in the field.

Ravenswood lies north and north-west of the Lintrathen field. From the Lintrathen group, two stations, remote from the centre, were detached, and with them two new stations joining, making a compact and promising field. Fifty-six families and thirty-one communicants are reported.

The gains of the Presbytery for the year are three mission fields, and the erection of two comfortable frame churches. The Boundary field lies south of Pilot Mound. There were twelve missionaries employed last summer, and thirteen this summer, with the probability of another in a new field requiring occupation.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

From this Presbytery twenty-three mission fields proper, and the congregation of Knox Church, Brandon, was reported. Knox Church and the First Presbyterian Church have been uuited. Four of the mission fields called pastors, and were removed to the augmented list.

Of the majority of the fields formerly occupied there is little to report beside a gratifying advance and a more hopeful outlook. The increase to the membership in this Presbytery averaged about ten to each congregation. At Elton, Shanks, Treherne, Tummel, Minniska and Castleavery, churches were built, and preparations are in progress to build this summer at Elkhorn, Newdale, Rosedale, and some other stations.

Arden, the new mission field, promises to be strong. There are about one handred families and eighty-five communicants connected with it, and more settlers are going in. Minniska, fortyfive families ; Lakeside, thirty families ; Hayfield, thirty-five families, and Lake Dauphin, seventeen families, are to be taken up this year.

The gains in the Presbytery were four mission fields, advanced to the status of augmented congregations, and the organization of a new mission field, the erection of six churches, and a manse each by two of the congregations placed on the augmented list. Twenty-three missionaries were employed last year, and the number this season will be the same, the new fields taking the place of those removed to the augmented list.

## PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

In this Presbytery are twenty-five mission fields. The dry season of 1886 and distance from railways operated seriously against growth. The season of 1887 was much more favourable than the preceding, but the crop was not nearly so good as in Manitoba. Seven of the fields had no supply during the winter, and three more only partial supply.

The outlook this season is more cheering. Should the Pembina Mount Branch be extended the congregations of Alameda, Winlaw and Carlyle would be great gainers. The extension of the Manitoba and North-West Railway will greatly benefit the Yorkton and Crescent Lake missions. The land around Indian Head is being disposed of to people who are going to become residents. One of the experimental farms of the Dominion Government is to be located within a mile of our church.

Moosomin, Indian Head and Qu'Appelle wish pastors of their own. Moosejaw congregation is proceeding to renovate and extend the church at a cost of about $\$ 500$. In the Scottish settlement north-east of Regina a church is to be built this summer.

In this Presbytery there are no gains to report. Should this serson prove favourable for farming interests a change would speedily follow.
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## PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

This Presbytery was erected by the last General Assembly. Its territory lies between the 109th parallel of longitude and a line passing north and south at the western crossing of the Columbia River by the Canadian Pacific Ralway. The Presbytery was organized by the election of the Rev, Angus Robertson as Moderator, and the Rev. J. C. Herdman as Clerk. With great energy the Presbytery has taken hold of the mission work within its bounds. There was one self-sustaining congregarmission fields. Four new mission fields were occupied during the summer of 1887, thus giving twelve congregations and mission fields.

## Old Fields.

Medicine Hat and Lethbridge have advanced in numbers and financial resources. A comfortable manse was erected at the latter place.

High River is not advancing. The missionary is rendering faithful service, but there were no accessions to the population. An improvement is looked for this year.

Fort McLeod was without supply during the winter at the request of the people of the McLeod tation. A missionary is to be sent this season.

Points on the Canadian Pacific Railway.-Services were maintained during the summer and autumn at all points on the Canadian Pacific Railway between Gleichen and Anthracite. The ranches, lumbering and mining camps were visited and services were well attended.

Fort Saskatchewan received only partial supply last summer. A catechist is to be sent this spring to remain for sixteen months at least. At Clover Bar and Fort Saskatchewan churches were built.

## New Mission Fields.

Donald is in the valley of the Columbia River and is the western terminus of the western division of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The missionary does a very large amount of hard work, supplying all the railway stations and camps between the top of the Rockies and the top of the Selkirks. About 1,000 men are scattered along the railway betweentry needs mission work has secured as a town an unenviable reputation. No place in place. A neat frame charch was built There are found a number of earnest Christian people last season.

Revelstoke is the headquarters of a district on the western slope of the Selkirks. Mining and lumbering are carried on extensively and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company employ a number of men. The population is of course fluctuating.

Banff and Anthracite are on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. Banff is a health resort, and the principal part of the population are visitors and tourists. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company are moving their workshops up from Canmore, and it is likley the place will increase in importance. The Railway Company have built a hotel for the accommodation of 250 or 300 guests and a private company have erested a sanitarium.

Anthracite is distant about three miles from Banff. The place takes its name from the valuable mine of anthracite coal found there. At Anthracite lots have been secured for a church and the building is to be put up at once. It is proposed to build at Banff as soon as the town site is definitely decided.

Red Deer lies north of Calgary about 100 miles. There are thirty families and fifteen communicants of our church there. The services given were much appreciated. A missionary has not been sent in there this spring yet.

Kootenay.-This field lies south of Golden City and between the Rocky Mountains and Selkirk Ranges. There are computed to be about $2: 25$ white men, many of whom have their families with them. Lumbering, farming, ranching and mining are the principal occupations. Many of these people have resided in that valley for twenty years, and never had even a visit from a Protestant missionary till Messrs. Herdman and Cameron went through the settlement last summer. Two missionaries are needed but only one is to be sent in now.

In this Presby uery the advance consists of the addition of four new mission fields and the occupation of another this spring, a general financial improvement and the erection of three churches and a manse.

Summing up for the Synod six mission fields have become augmented congregations, eleven new fields have been organized, twelve churches and three manses built.

The staff this year will be as follows :-

Missionaries ..... 93
Pastors of augmented congregations. . ..... 13
Pastors of self-sustaining congregations ..... 17Indian missionaries. ..................................
Professors and tutor in Manitoba4149
Total

Of these eighty-one are ordained.

The table here submitted will show our present position and advance as compared with last year. The new fields to be occupied this year are not included.

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These figures present a gratifying advance on last year. The apparent gain however is not all real gain, for as was stated last year the returns from one Presbytery were not accurate. The number of charges is increased by six-no account being taken of those united for economy, for this summer-and of stations by forty-four. There are 109 churches and 26 manses, not including those belonging to the Indian mission work. Two or three churches fell a prey to the flames this year. At Calgary a very fine stone church has taken the place of the humble frame structure that did service for years-cost about $\$ 8,000$. An attempt has been made to give the attendance this year. The seating capacity of the Church in self-sustaining congregations is taken in part as the basis of calculation. The numbers are given irrespective of the frequency of service, but only one service is reckoned for any congregation. With 20,000 waiting on the services of the Church, spiritual results may be expected to follow. The Sabbath supply amounted to nearly one hundred years, or an average of over forty-four Sabbaths to a congregation or mission. There is a gain of 871 , or 17.5 per cent. in families, and 2,283, or 40 per cent. in communicants. There have been revivals of religion in several congregations, and with blessed results. It requires no argument to show how strong a moral and religious force our Church is in the formative period of the life of the North-West.

The growth of the Home Mission work of the Church in the Manitoba and the North-West may be learned from the figures that follow :-

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From the imperfect returns received the contributions from these five Presbyteries exceed $\$ 100,000$ for all purposes, which would give about $\$ 13$ per communicant for all purposes. The average for the whole Church per communicant was \$11.23.

Sabbath School work received earnest attention, and organizations were effected wherever practicable. In country districts many of the schools are what are termed Union Schools. The paucity of children of school age leads people to unite. Such schools rarely report to Presbyteries. It is computed that at least 7,000 children of our Church attend Sabbath schools. Coun generally closed during the winter.

Arrangements were made by Presbyteries for dispensing the Lord's supper in all mission fields; and baptisms were attended to by exchanges with ordained missionaries.

Missionary meetings were generally held last autumn, and much information about the mission work of the Church given. The repponse to appeals for the Schemes were never so liberal.

Missionaries in several districts co-operated for conducting Evangelistic services. These were well attended, spiritual life was quickened and many indifferent persons were led to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. There is a felt need of such services, but the size of mission fields and the arduous weekly work combined with the difficulty of getting help is a serious hindrance in conducting such services.

Acknowledgment must be made of the valuable assistance given in our work by Queen's, Knox and Manitoba College Missionary Societies. These societies have their missionaries in the field this year as usual.

The Church and Manse Board continues to help in the erection of Churches and Manses. Thirteen congregations were aided by the Board, and several other applications have been approved, and grants and loans voted. By legisiation sought and Nobtained West Thenency of the board is to be made co-extensive with the Synod of Manitoba and the th of the fund Ontario and British Colum in

The Church has reason to be thankful for the service rendered by her ministers and missionaries in this field. The work is arduous, and privations in many o zeal and a serious nature. The missionaries are, generally speaking, men or high charac en, orations to come. The succes life for gener are busy laying the foundations of social and relis be earnestly hoped that young men of their spirit may come under God is due to them, and it is to be earnestly hoped that young men of their spirit may come to their assistance. The work is widening and it must be overtaken.

## AUGMENTATION REPORT. <br> Synod of Manitoba and the North-Wrest Territories.

There are six augmented congregations connected with the Presbytery of Winnipeg, Blythfield and Fort William having been added during the year to those already on the list. The Blythfield congregation has been strengthened by uniting Headingly with it. The grant to Headingly is thus saved, and a smaller grant is required for Byythfield. For this summer. The congregation is not towards supporting the pastor., the manent year. By attaching Brant and Argyle to Stonewall the likely to require any aid beyond the current year. By arably reduced. Diminished grants are asked congregation is strengthened, and the grant is considerabions, with 11 stations, 164 families and 247 for Little Britain and Emerson. Lasumbers this year are 6 congregations, 18 stations, 261 families communicants, were reported; the numbers 390 coment per congregation received last year was $\$ 241.25$ ass against $\$ 169.16$ asked this year. The average per family promised for stipend is $\$ 17.93$, and per communicant \$72. For the Schemes of the Church there was contributed over $\$ 350$. A comfortable manse was built at Blythfield during the year.

## PRESBYTERY OF ROOK LAKE.

Four congregations were reported from this Presbytery last year, but the congregation of Rock Lake has since become self-sustaining. From the south-eastern portion of this congregation a section was detached and organized into the mission field of La Riviere, having 4 stations, 40 ramilies, and 33 communicants. The central station of the new group-La Rregation, is building a church this church. Pilot Mound, the leading stationize another mission field in the southern part of the Rock summer. Steps have been taken to organize aloyed there during the summer. The congregation of Manitou has made a very decided financial advance during the year, asking only $\$ 75$ of the $\$ 175$ promised by the Committee for the half year ending 31st March, and making application for $\$ 100$ only this year as against $\$ 350$ last year. The fires in the autumn of 1886 inflicted great loss on members of the Marringhurst congregation, and consequently the congregation has made no financial members of the Marringhurst congregation, and consegth of the congregation. There are thus 3 con-
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## PRESBYTRRY OF BRANDON.

Last year 8 congregations, with 460 families and 560 communicants, were reported. High Bluff and Burnside became self-sustaining during the year and were removed from the list. Oak Lake, with 60 families and 71 communicants; Binscarth. with 47 families and 54 communicants; Birtle, with 30 families and 35 communicants; and Glenboro, with 45 families and 50 communicants, called pastors and were added to the list. The congregations this year number 10, with 36 stations, 509 families and 652 communicants. The amount promised from the Augmentation Fund is $\$ 2,025$, or an average of $\$ 202.50$ per congregation, while the amount received last year was $\$ 198.55$. The average promised for salary per family is $\$ 13.85$, and per communicant $\$ 10.65$. About $\$ 750$ was contributed for the Schemes as against $\$ 364$ last year. The congregations of Birtle and Glenboro built neat and commodious frame churches, and the congregations of Binscarth and Oak Lake, comfortable frame manses. Two of the stations belonging to the Chater congregation are taking steps to build churshes this summer. The Virden congregation has increased beyond the accommodation afforded by the church manse, and the people are proceeding to erect a church. The Breadalbane station of the congregation is also building a church.

## PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

The last General Assembly divided this Presbytery, and left only two augmented congregations connected with it, viz., Prince Albert and Regina. Owing to causes peculiar with the place, there is no diminution in the grant to Regina this year, but after the closing of the current year, the congregation is not likely to require any aid. The pastor does a large amount of mission work in the neighbourhood of Regina without any charge to the Church. The grant to Prince Albert is reduced from $\$ 600$ to $\$ 100$, buit the difference is not made up by the congregation. Connected with these two congregations are 87 families and 189 communicants. The contributions per family are $\$ 21.83$, and per communicant $\$ 10.05$. The average grant last year was $\$ 400$ per congregation, and $\$ 300$ this year. The Schemes received $\$ 177$. Dr. Jardine was absent in Ontario during the winter, raising funds for the erection of the school building at Prince Albert, as authorized by the Assembly, He returned, and was inducted as pastor of the congregation in March. During his absence Mr. A. Hamilton supplied Prince Albert.

## PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

Edmonton is the only augmented congregation belonging to this Presbytery. Mr. Baird having accepted the call of the Foreign Mission Committee to take charge of the Indian Industrial School, to be established at Regina, he demitted his charge at Edmonton. Mr. D. G. McQueen, a Graduate of Knox College, was sent to minister to the congregation, and he has laboured assiduously and with gratifying success. There are twenty-eight families and forty-two communicants connected with the congregation. The grant from the Augmentation is the same as last year, $\$ 500$. An early autumn frost did some damage to the crops, and hence no financial advance was practicable. The Schemes received was $\$ 88.00$.

Summing up, there are connected with these five Presbyteries, 22 augmented congregations, with 71 stations, 1,006 families and 1,428 communicants. They promise $\$ 16,435$ for salary, or $\$ 16.33$ per family, and $\$ 11.50$ per communicant. They receive $\$ 4,915$ in all from the Augmentation Fund, or an average of $\$ 223.4!$ per congregation. The number on the list, at the beginning of last year, was eighteen congregations, and the average grant was $\$ 275.27$. There is consequently a reduction of over eighteen per cent in grants. The salary in Manitoba being twenty per cent higher than in Ontario, and in the North-West sixty per cent higher, the grants asked from the Augmentation Fund will be seen to be moderate, being on an average absolutely lower than the average grants made last year to the augmented congregations in the Presbyteries of Quebec, Montreal, Glengarry, Kingston, Barrie and London. Three congregations have become self-sustainin, during the year, and with the return of prosperity, it is confidently expected that the number will rapidly increase. Two churches and three manses, all frame, were erected. For Schemes was contributed over $\$ 1,700$.

Although no unusual religious interest was shown at any point during the past year, very satisfactory progress was made. In the Presbytery of Brandon the accessions to the communion roll, on profession of faith, averaged nearly ten for each congregation. There is an increasing interest in the missionary work of the Church, and the contributions this year show a decided advance. Every effort $\$$ put forth to organize Sabbath Schools wherever practicable, and the home training of children is encouraged at all points.

It wonld serve no good purpose to discuss the work of individual ministers, but yet testimony ought to be borne to the general fidelity of those engaged as pastors, and their great moral influence in the community. The Church has reason to be thankful to God for the high character of ministers raiserl up to be pastors of the augmented congregations in this Synod.

## Matters Afproting Missions in the North-West.

## PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

At the meeting of the Committee in October a communication from this Presbytery, with a statement of grievances and certain suggestions, transmitted through the Synod's Home Mission Committee, was read and referred to a Sub-committee consisting of Dr. Laing (Convener), Dr. Cochrane and Mr. Warden, with instructions to correspond with the Presbytery and obtain details
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of the alleged grievances-to report to the March meeting of the Committee. At the meeting of the Committee in March, Dr. Laing, Convener of the sub-committee, presented a lengthened report, which was received and the Convener thanked. It was agreed to ask Dr. Laing to communicate the substance of the report to the Presbytery of Calgary. It contained two recommendations which were adopted by the Committee. ©ne one was the the effect that certain fixed regulations should be adopted as to the labour in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West ; and the other Provinces, appointed to lamission be prepared, specifying the terms of engagement, etc., and a copy furprinted form of commission me when appointed. Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Laing, Messrs. Robertson and Warden were appointed a Sub-committee to give practical effect to these two recommendations.

## Appointment of Missionaries.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting in March :-That hereafter no grants from the funds of this Committee be available for ordained missionaries or catechists labouring in any of the mission fields of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, unless the appointment of said missionaries and catechists has been made by this Committee; and that the Presbyteries in that Synod be requested to send to the Committee, prior to the meeting in October next, a list of all the ordained missionaries labouring within their bounds, with their opinion as the acceptability of the services of each of those labourers and their views as to their re-arrangement in specific fields in the North-West.

## British Columbia.

## PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

There are now four self-supporting charges within the bounds' of this Presbytery, viz. :-St. Andrews, New Westminster ; First Church, Victoria ; First Church, Vancouver ; and St. Andrews, Victoria, which was received last September, and is now under the pastoral care of Rev. P. M. McLeod.

## Missions.

Nicola has been removed from the list of mission fields, being at present under the charge of Rev. G. Murray, a minister of the Church of Scotland. It has been deemed advisable to withdraw the missionary labouring at Spence's Bridge, etc. The Comox field was received last year from the Church of Scotland, and is now supplied by Rev. Alex. Fraser, late of Orono, Ontario. New ground is being taken up on the Fraser River to be known as the Mount Lehman Group. To this field Mr. H. R. Fraser has been appointed by the Home Mission Committee. The city of Vancouver is growing so rapidly that a second congregation is becoming a necessity. The Rev. R. Y.
Rubstantial Thow churches have been built during the past year at Kamloops, Chilliwhack and Port Haney. new churches have been The amount contributed to the various fields last year is $\$ 3,586$ compared with $\$ 3,026$ the year
vious. On the whole we believe substantial progress has been made. previous. There are no augmented congregations in this Presbytery.

The new appointments to British Columbia are these :-Rev. J. Cormack, Rev. Alex. Fraser, Rev. R. H. Fraser. It is also worthy of mention, as indicating the exceedingly hopeful condition of our work, that during the year a new church has been erected at Kamloops, and a church and manse at Chilliwhack. The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland have agreed to continue their grant of $£ 50$ to Comox, in the meantime, thus showing their interest in our work in the Province.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1887-88.

This Society, which was established in 1845 for the purpose of evangelizing French-Canadian Roman Catholics, has long since abandoned its original purpose. It now devotes itself to the twofold object of sending the Gospel to places otherwise destitute of it, and of creating and fostering a missionary spirit among its members. All those who are pursuing their studies in Toronto with a view to entering the ministry of the Presbyterian Church are regarded as members.

To accomplish its object, public and ordinary meetings of the Society are held. The ordinory meetings are held semi-monthly, at which reports are read, and the general business of the Socieiy is conducted. There is also provision made for informing the members who attend these meetings in regard to general mission work. There were two public meetings held during the session, both of which were well attended, and very encouraging. The first was held December 9th. At this meeting two papers were read, one on "The Indians in North America," the other on "A Manitoba Mission Field;" also an address by Rev. J. Allister Murray, of London, on "The Highest Type of Heroism a Development of Christian Missions." At the second meeting held February 17th, a "Sketch of Our Work in 1887," was given by G. W. Logie, and addresses delivered by D. McGillivray, M.A., and Rev. Mr. Harte, a returned missionary from China. Both meetings were much appreciated.

During the summer months student missionaries are sent to the different fields to preach the Gospel and establish stations in the most promising centres. When these stations become sufficiently strong they take their place among the regular mission stations of the Church. Little Current and HM2

Baysville, which the Society has worked for a number of years, have passed from our hands into the care of the Presbytery, thus anabling us to take up new fields otherwise destitute of ordinances, During the past summer seventeen fields were occupied by as many students; these fields comprised 62 stations. In 18 of these weekly services was held; 35 had fortnightly services, and 9 had occasional services; 31 stations had organized Sabbath Schools; 12 Bible Classes and 9 prayer meetings were held weekly. Every Sabbath 38 services were held, with a total average attendance of 2,417, representing a membership of 670 . The summer's work shows an addition of 137 new members; while baptism was administered to over 50 .

The expenses of the Society are met largely by contributions from the different fields. But as the revenus derived from this source does not equal the expenditure the Society looks for aid to friends outside the fields, without which it would be impossible to carry on the work. During the past summer the expenditure amounted to $\$ 3,305.42$, and of this sum the fields contributed $\$ 2,823.36$; the balance was met by outside contributions.

In the past the Society's expenditure has been kept within the income, but it trusts that through the co-operation of its members and liberality of its friends, an extension of the work may be possible in the future.

The following is a detailed account of the fields under the Society's care during the past summer:-
SOCIETY'S FIELDS.

## Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

## RIVERSIDE.

## A. R. Barron, B.A.

Riverside is delightfully situated along Laing's Valley and the Souris River, one hundred and eighty miles south-west of Winnipeg. Fortnightly services were held in school-houses at the following stations : Greenfield, Albion, Langvale, Heaslip, Pinkham and Riverbank. During the summer there was another station opened, viz., Alcester, making seven in all. There was a gratifying increase at all the stations, which was very encouraging.

Owing to the good crop and the liberality of the people, it was self-sustaining. The Rock Lake Presbytery has sent in a missionary for the winter. Sabbath schools were conducted in two of the stations. On the 28th August the sacraments were dispensed by Rev. Mr. Cairns, of Marringhurst.

Number of Presbyterian families, 38 ; young men with claims, 30 ; total average attendance, 176 ; number of members, 53 . Total contributions, $\$ 285.25$; total cost, $\$ 249.15$; time six months.

## TIGER HILLS.

## W. M. Haig.

This field, in the Brandon Presbytery, was occupied this summer for the first time by this Society. It lies directly west of Glenboro', which is now the terminus of the Manitoba and Southwestern branch of the C. P. R., extending from the Assiniboine River on the north to Langvale and Pelican Lake on the south, and as far west as the Souris River. Fortnightly services were held at Souris City, Northfield, Stockton, Hilton and Pelican Lake. Union Sabbath schools were conducted at four stations during the summer.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed by the Rev. J. M. Sutherland, of Roseland, on the 18th of September, when six names were added to the roll, two by certificate and four by profession.

Number of Presbyterian families, 25 ; number of members, 41 ; total average attendance, 127 ; total contributions, $\$ 120.15$; total cost, $\$ 203.50$; grant from Brandon Presbytery, $\$ 69$; cost to Society, $\$ 14.35$; time, six months.

## RED DRER,

## William Neilly.

This field lies about one hundred miles due north of Calgary, ${ }^{\text {It }}$ Itakes its name from the Red Deer River, which rises in the Rocky Mountains. It is a beautiful section of country ; the soil is good, the surface rolling prairie, diversified with numerous bluffs of poplar and willow. Summer frosts are prevalent.

This district has been settled three or four years, but very little mission work was done by our Church before last summer. The Methodists occupy a portion of the field, and services have been. conducted by the Rev. Leo Gaetz, assisted by his brother, Mr. J. Gaetz.

Four stations were taken up, two of which were supplied weekly services, and the other two occasionally. Sabbath school work was carried on at two of the stations. Sabbath school literature aud books sent by the Socięty were found very acceptable. A day school was kept open during the summer by the missionary, a suitable building being supplied by Mr. Bannerman. Rev. A. B. Baird visited the field and conducted services at two of the stations.

Number of Presbyterian families, 20 ; total number of families, 60 ; total average attendance, 100 ; total contributions, $\$ 63$; total cost, $\$ 370.50$; cost to Society $\$ 100$; time, six months.

## LONGLAKETON.

## J. S. Conning.

This field receives its name from Long Lake, a strip of water about sixty miles long, and from one to three wide, entering into the Qu'Appelle Valley about twenty-five milea north-west of Regina. Services were conducted fortnightly at Marieton and Long Lake, on east side of the lake, and at Carsdale and Pense, on the south-west.

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Owing to the almost total failure of crops for two years, many families and young men have removed from the field, but it is expected that the favourable harvest of the past year will induce some of them to return in the spring.

Services were well attended at ail the stations. Rev. A. Urquhart, of Regina, visited the field and dispensed the sacraments.

Number of Presbyterian families, 18 ; number of young men, 30 ; number of members, 39 ; total average attendance, 126 ; total contributions, $\$ 157.30$; cost to Society, $\$ 80$; time, six months.

## ARDEN.

## T. R. Shearer, B.A.

Arden Station, from which this field derives its name, is situated on the line of the Manitoba and North-Western Railway, about fifty miles west of Portage la Prairie. Fortnightly services were held in school houses at the following stations :-Roseridge, Florence, Richmond, Salisbury, Acton and North End. Richmond was formerly connected with the pastoral charge of Gladstone- Acton and Salisbury with that at Neepawa. The remaining three stations were supplied with Presbyterian services for the first time.

Sunday schools were opened at these new stations and reorganized at the old stations.
A Bible class was conducted every Wednesday evening at Roseridge with encouraging success.
The sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed at Roseridge and Richmond by Rev. Mr. Stalker, of Gladstone, and at Salisbury, Acton and North End, by Rev. S. C. Murray, of Neepawa. Thirty-eight were added to the Church, thirty-three of whom united by profession of faith. A deep interest tin the services was manifested at all the stations, especially at Acton.

Although under the care of the Society for only six months, this field has become so important as to require a missionary during the whole year.

On the departure of the Society's Missionary, Mr. Thomas Smith, one of our number, was appointed under the Home Mission to take charge of this field for the year.

Number of Presbyterian families, 51 ; total number of families, $110 ;$ number of members, 84 ; total average attendance, 236 ; total contributions, $\$ 169.98$; total cost, $\$ 266.65$; cost to Society, $\$ 80$; time six months.

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## A. E. Mitchell, B.A.

Three regular stations were taken up this year, in each of which there was service every Sabbath. The remaining debt of $\$ 150$ on Knox Church, Little Current, was cleared off. The thanks of the Society are due Mr. James Moore, who, with very little help, erected and paid for a Church, known as St. Andrew's, Bidwell.

Sabbath school is carried on at each of the stations. The Rev. Mr. Findlay visited the field in September, and dispensed the sacraments. Seventy enjoyed the Communion.

Mr. H. McLennan, Catechist, has been appointed to this field for one year ; thus it has passed from our care to the Presbytery of Bruce.

Number of Presbyterian families, 70 ; number of members, 75 ; total contributions, $\$ 132$; total cost, $\$ 170$; cost to the Society, $\$ 38$; time, four and a half months.

## SPANISH RIVER.

## T. Nattress, B.A.

This field is situated on the Spanish River in Algoma, and extends over four or five townships. It was regularly supplied with service this summer for the first time. Two stations were established, one in Vicioria Township (where services were conducted in a school house) and the other at Sable River landing, on the Spanish. Sunday school work was organized and carried on in the firstmentioned station. This, a farming commmuity, is the central ground of operation.

The field raised $\$ 40$ for Sunday school purposes, in addition to ordinary contributions. Land was given for burial and Church building purposes, and between $\$ 125$ and $\$ 150$ subscribed towards the erection of a Church.

The Rev. A. Findlay visited the field in August and dispensed the sacraments.
Number of families, 42 ; number of Presbyterian families, 15 ; number of members, 9 ; number of aptisms, 6 ; total contributions, $\$ 57.40$; total cost of field, $\$ 149.40$; cost to Society, $\$ 72$; time, four months.

## BLIND RIVER.

## W. G. Fortune.

This field, situated on the north channel of the Georgian Bay, contains four regular stations: Blind River, Algoma Mills and Serpent River, on the coast, and Thompson Township, ten miles inland, on the Mississauga River.

Thompson Township is an agricultural district, the other three are engaged in the lumber business. Algoma Mills is one of the stations on the Sudbury branch of the C. P. R., and as this road is in operation, a large influx of people is expected in this part of Algoma. In each of the stations a Sabbath school is conducted throughout the year.

Fortnighly services were given at each of the stations, prayer meeting and Bible class at Blind River, all of which were well attended.

Rev．Mr．Findlay visited the field in August and dispensed the sacraments，
Total number of families， 102 ；number of members， 26 ；total contributions，$\$ 295.60$ ；total cost， $\$ 155.62$ ；time， 4 months．

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## P．J．McLaren，B．A．

This field is situated at the mouth of the French River，on the north shore of the Georgian Bay． The principal industries are lumbering and fishing，which are carried on quite extensively．There are two large saw mills，one owned by the Ontario Lumber Company，of Toronto，and the other by the McLean Brothers，of Owen Sound．Fishing was carried on during the last season to quite an extent，and the prospects are that it will become one of the principal fishing stations on the Bay． The people are all clustered together forming a small village with a population of about 300 ，but of these，about two－thirds are French－Canadians，who are all Roman Catholics．There are only four－ teen Protestant families in the field，of whom seven belong to our Church；the others are Baptists and Methodists，but they all joined heartily in the work．There being no church，services were conducted in the school house，which was neat and comfortable，but too small，Bible class and Sabbath school were held every Sabbath at eleven o＇clock，and preaching in the evening．

The sacrament of the Lord＇s supper was dispensed on August 14th，by Rev．David James，of Midland，when twelve observed the communion．

Number of Protestant families， 14 ；number of members， 12 ；total average attendance， 52 ； contributions，$\$ 143.86$ ；total cost，$\$ 133.50$ ；time， 4 months．

## LORING．

## R．William Ross．

This field，formerly known as McConkey，takes its name from the post office at the convergence of four townships，parts of which compose the field，in the northern part of Parry Sound District．

The settlement is in the midst of a lumbering district，and compares very favourably in extent and fertility with any in that northern country．Owing to difficulty of access，settlers are coming in very slowly，but this year will see a good road completed which will open up communication with the railroad at Trout Ureek，over thirty miles distant．

Seven years ago the first settler entered，and in 1884 the first mfssionary．The entire population numbers about 100．Since no other Church has sent in a missionary，all denominations adhere，and the majority have united with us．

Rev．R．J．M．Glassford，of Waubaushene，dispensed the sacraments of baptism and Lord＇s supper．Fifteen were baptized and twenty added to the Church．

Number of families， 25 ；number of merabers， 35 ；total contributions，$\$ 130$ ；total cost，$\$ 136$ ； cost to Society，$\$ 6$ ；time 4 months ；Xmas work－three Sabbaths－total cost，$\$ 34.25$ ；total contri－ butions，$\$ 11$ ；cost to Society，$\$ 23.60$ ．

## COBOCONK．

## Wm．Cooper：

In this field weekly services were held at Coboconk，and furtnightly at Head Lake，Norland， Rosedale and Baddow．The people in all parts of the field take an active interest in the work，and the cause is steadily growing．Bible classes，which proved profitable and interesting，were conducted at Coboconk and Head Lake．

The Sabbath school at Coboconk is well superintended during the whole year，and the work of sstructing the young is favourably progressing．

The sacraments of baptism and Lord＇s supper were dispensed by Rev．L．Perrin，of Kirkfield． Students have supplied this field weekly during this winter．

Number of Presbyterian families， 28 ；number of memhers， 42 ；total average attendance， 365 ； contributions，$\$ 142.40$ ；total cost，$\$ 211$ ；cost to Society，$\$ 68.60$ ；time， 6 months．

SEBRIGHT．

## James Gilchrist

This field is situated in the northern part of the counties of Ontario and Victoria．There are two principal stations－Sebright and Uphill－and in addition service was held fortnightly at Sadowa． Sabbath schools were held at all the stations，and at Sebright the work is continued throughout the winter．The elders keep up the prayer meeting also，which is well attended．

The sacraments of beptism and the Lord＇s supper were dispensed at Sebright and Uphill by Rev．Mr．Scott，of Cambray．Eieven new members were received．

The services at all the stations were well attended，and at Sebright the church，which was erected the previous summer，was completed inside and formally opened for worship．A good shed has been erected and almost completed．The ministers of Lindsay Presbytery supply Sebright and Uphill with service during the winter every two weeks．On the first Sabbath of February Rev．W．G．Mills， of Sunderland，dispensed the sacraments，when four new members were added to the Church．

Number of Presbyterian families， 69 ；number of members， 62 ；total average attendance， 176 ； contributions，$\$ 173.40$ ；total cost，$\$ 205.05$ ；cost to Society，$\$ 31.65$ ；time， 6 months．

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## BYNG INLET.

## Geo. Needham, B.A.

This field comprises two small villages, one on each side of the Inlet which forms the mouth of the Maganetawan River. Both villages are dependent on the lumber trade, which is carried on in Byng Inlet North by Burton Bros., and in Byng Inlet South by little church as well as for the paythe kindness of this latter company Wess than half this population is Protestant, the majority ment of the missionary's board, The population was considerably increased by a number of tourists, being French Rom fair to become a favourite summer resort.
and the place bids fair sabbath school is held every Lord's day at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., and divine service at $7 \mathrm{p.m}$. ;
Bible class and Sabbath school is prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Thirly attended. While there are many indifferent as the people themselves. Aumber of earnest Christian workers who are doing good service amid many to the work, there are a number of earnest Chable to the missionary.

Rev. Mr. Findlay made two unsuccesstul attempts to reach the field, consequently the sacraments were not administered during the summer.

Number of Protestant families, 20 ; number of members, 15 ; total average attendance, 85 ; total contributions, $\$ 147.50$; total cost, $\$ 140.50$; time, 4 months.

## BETHUNE AND PROUDFOOT.

Wm. Gauld.
This field lies east of the Northern and North-Western Railway in the district of Parry Sound. It contains four stations, viz: : 10th line, Bethune ; Ravensworth, Sand Lake and Blenheim. One station, Birchdale, formerly stations fortnightly services were held. Sabbath schools are connected this year. In each ofld weekly in two, fortnightly in the other two stations.
with all, and Findlay visited this field in October and dispensed the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's supper.

Number of Presbyterian families, 14 ; number of members, 25 ; total average attendance, 92 ; total contributions during summer, $\$ 54.36$; for Christmas 8.99 ; time, including Christmas work, 5 $\$ 133.35$; of Christmas work, $\$ 21.19$; cost to Society, $\$ 85.99$; time, including Christmas work, months.

## KILWORTHY.

This field (better known as the Sparrow Lake Field) extends from near Gravenhurst, south and stretches from Sparrow Lake on the west to the Kashshe, on the east. Some of the soil is good, but great deal of the township is covered with rock and sand. During the previous two years services a great deal in the two school houses, which are about one mile and a half apart. Last year, however, were held in the ected in a central locality, in which we held all the services this year.
a church was erected in a central iocarious denominations, but all give a kindly welcome to our stu-
The and help to sustain the cause by attendance at the various services and by their contributions.
Sabbath schools were conducted at McCormack's school house and at Sparrow Lake, with good attendance at each.
The sacraments were dispensed by Rev. Mr. Findlay.

Number of Presbyterian families, $6:$ number of members, 9 ; total average attendance, 80 ; total contributions, $\$ 133.05$; total cost, $\$ 172.90$; cost to Society, $\$ 39.85$; time, 6 months.

## BAYSVILLE.

## G. W. Logie.

This field lies sixteen miles east of Bracebridge, in the district of Muskoka, and occupies that part of the townships of McLean, McAuley, Oakley, Brunell and Ridout, around Trading Lake. It comprises four stations, viz. : Baysville, Hamilton, Menomenee and Gordon's. During the sumner weekly services were held at Baysville and Hamilton, and fortnightly at Menomenee and Gordon's. Successful Sabbath schools were conducted at all the stations ; prayer meetings at three, and Bible classes at two of them. Six elders were elected and ordained in the field during the summer. At Baysville and Hamilton comfortable churches have been erected-a tion at Gordon's. From the increasing interest in spiritual thisgstaining, we have reason to believe that before long this field will in May by Rev. A. Findlay, and in Septem-

The sarrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed-four new members were added to the roll.
ber by Rev. Dr. Clarke, of Bracebridge, when wiser of members, 88 ; total average attendance, 225 ;
Number of Presbyte total contrihutions, $\$ 152.00$; total cost, $\$ 177.00$; cost to Sosiety, $\$ 25.00$; number of bapti

FRANKLIN.

## Jas. Borland.

This field, lying along the north shore of Lake of Bays, consists of three stations, viz, : McCutcheon, Dwight and Cain's Corners.

At Dwight, the principal station, a neat frame church has been erected. Two elders were ordained by Rev. Mr. Finday in the church on profession of faith.

Prayer meetings were conducted weekly at Dwight and Cain's Corners, and fortnightly at McCutcheon. These meetings were well attended, and a source of much blessing to the people.

Number of members, 49 ; total average attendance, 115 ; contributions, $\$ 88.25$; total cost, $\$ 185.00$; cost to Society, $\$ 96.75$; time, 6 months.

## WINTER WORK.

During the session the Society gave weekly supply to Coboconk, fortnightly to Sebright and Uphill, and occasional to Kilworthy and Dovercourt.

The Society has pleasure in recording its thanks to all chose in the fields who boarded its missionaries free of charge, or who gave them material assistance in their work; also to those outside of the fields who contributed to the funds of the Society, or who supplied literature for distribution in the different fields.

In concluding this report, we would desire to express our gratitude to God for His goodness to our missionaries and to the Society at large, and our prayer is that He will more abundantly bless our efforts in the future than in the past, in winning souls to Christ and in the upbuilding of His kingdom.
A. E. Mitohell, B.A.,
A. J. McLeod, B.A.,
Recording Secretary.
President.

## QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Association of Queen's University present the following report for the year ending March 31, 1888. The object of this Association is to send out student missionaries to the more destitute parts of our own Dominion, and to support one ordained medical missionary in the Foreign Field.

The reason for the existence of such an Association is the necessity of bringing students, while at college, into direct contact with mission work, both home and foreign. In addition to this, we feel that through the Association increased liberality is called forth on the part of students, graduates and other friends.

The following fields were supplied by the Association during the summer of 1887 :-

Ontario.
BEAVER AND RABBIT MT. MINES,

## J. F. McFarland.

This field is situated twenty-five miles west of Port Arthur. It comprises two stations, which were supplied weekly. The services are fairly weil attended, although the population is constantly were supplied weekry. made up of foreigners. Should the mining enterprise be continued in this district this could easily be made a self-suataining field. Handsome support was given to both Home and Foreign Missions.

## matawatohan and griffith.

## James Binnie.

This field is situated in a lumbering district in the County of Renfrew, and comprises about forty-five families. At Matawatchan services were held in a comfortable $\log$ church, at which the average attendance was seventy ; at Griffith in a school house, where the attendance was about eighteen. In many respects this is a difficult field, and it probably receives as much attention as it is possible at present to give it. The people are not able to support an ordained missionary, and it is difficult to send them any supply in the winter season, when nearly all the men are working in the lumber woods. The student is kindly received, and his services are appreciated. In spite of numerous drawbacks the spiritual condition of the people is improving. A woman's prayer-meeting is held during the fall months after the student leaves.

WILBUR, MUNDELL'S, AND OMPAH.

## J. D. Boyd.

This field is situated on the Kingston and Perth Railroad, about seventy miles north of Kingston. It stretches over a large tract of country, which for the most part is very rough. The people attend services well, and assist the cause liberally. The Sabbath schools connected with the several stations are on the whole well attended, and are doing rood work. About $\$ 50$ worth of books have been added to the libraries. It is to be regretted, notwithstanding the good work done by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that so much liquor finds its way to Wilbur and the surrounding district. This traffic has been a very great hindrance to the cause of Christ in this field. About a dozen names were added to our communion roll.

## Manitoba and the North-West.

## ALAMEDA, ETC.

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## J. A. Sinclair.

This mission field is located in the Souris district, along the International Boundary, and about sixty miles west of Deloraine, the present terminus of the South-Western Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It comprises five stations from eight to twenty-five miles apart. At all of these service was held once every two weeks. At three of the stations there are promising Sunday schools. The mission has been founded and maintained so far by Queen's College Mirsionary Associ.ition, and its efforts have been greatly appreciated. The people are exceedingly liberal in helping the cause. With railway facilities the field promises soon to be able to support a permanent pastor. Mrs. J. Carnduff expressed her gratitude to the Association by boarding the missionary last summer free of charge, and another family offers to do the same next summer.

## WINLAW, ETC.

## R. C. $H$. Sinelair.

This field consists of ten townships lying in the south-east corner of the North-West Territory, with four preaching stations. Though the majority of the people had long distances to travel to church, on account of the country being as yet very thinly settled, the attendance upon the services in general was very encouraging. Everywhere high appreciation of the efforts of Queen's College Missionary Society to supply them with the W ord of Life was manifested by the people. A church, with a seating capacity of about two hundred, has been erected at one of the stations. The failure of the crops year after year, from various causes, and the lack of railway facilities, which leaves the settlers from fifty to sixty miles from a market, have had a very depressing effect. But prospects are now brighter. The harvest last year was excellent, and there is a strong probability that the railroad will reach this settlement next summer.

Amount collected and expended, $\$ 1,247.90$.

P. A. McLEOD, B.A., Recording Secretary.<br>J. F. SMITH, M.D., President.

## MANITOBA COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society were unable, during 1887-88, to send out any student missionaries on account of lack of funds. This year they are sending two into the field.

## MONTREAL COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Students' Missionary Society connected with Montreal College have no formal report this year. The students have been devoting their energies to French work, and are raising funds to erect a mission building in St. Jean Baptiste for a French school and Mission purposes.

## MORRIN COLLEGE, QUEBEC.

There is no regularly orgauized Students' Missionary Society in connection with the College, but several of the students ars engaged in mission work in and around the city during the winter months. Four theological str dents are at present in the mission field.

## MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN.

Abstract of the Report of the Mission to the Lumbermen, presented by Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Convener to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, at Ottawa, April 19th, 1888 :-

During the past year there have been distributed among the lumbermen in the shanties over 20,000 tracts, 60 half-yearly volumes, and 500 monthly parts of the Leisure Hour and Sunday at Home, 150 volumes Tract Magazine and Cottager and Artisan, 1,000 unbound numbers of Cottager and Artisan, large quantities of The British Workman, and corresponding French illustrated papers, besides about $\$ 200$ worth of books, Scriptur cards and pictures, the gift of the Religious Tract Society. This literature has been taken to the shanties by our missionaries, by the colporteurs of the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society, and in other ways.

The Rev. D. L. McKechnie, of Mattawa, gave over two months to this work.
In his report he says :- 'I travelled 1,013 miles, visited 38 shanties, 9 lumbering depôts, and 14 topping places, and met about 1880 men, of whom 850 were English, and 1,030 French, and delivered 60 addresses or expositions of Scripture."

Mr. McKechnie speaks of the necessity of providing wholesome literature to supplant the trashy novels that men carry with them to the woods, and says:-"I am satisfied that nowhere are books and papers more thoroughly read than by these men in the shanties."

The Rev. Joseph Gandier, Coulonge, reports that he distributed literature to 27 shanties, 6 depôts, 14 stopping places, 24 families, and held in all 63 services. He says :-"I have enjoyed the work more than usual, and have much reason to thank God for many evidences of success."

The Rev. R. Gavin, Secretary of the Bible Society, says:-"It is the uniform testimony of all our colporteurs that the tracts, and very specially the illustrated periodicals, such as the British Workman are everywhere highly appreciated by the shanty men, and very gratefully received, and that they facilitated very greatly the selling of the Scriptures."

One writes :-"I have met with some Christians in nearly all the shanties; but there were others very careless. However, all listened very attentively when I read or spoke to them, as I did wherever I went ; and I noticed particularly how very much they all seemed to enjoy the religious literature which I distributed."

The Committee would tender their sincere thanks to the Religious Tract Society, of London, not only for their liberal reduction on the literature purchased froni them, but also for a large donation of books, tracts, Scripture cards, etc., also to the Board of French Evangelization for a supply of French literature, and to J. Durie \& Son, of Ottawa, for French literature.

We close this year with a good working balance on the right side. Contributors will bear in mind that this balance is necessary for the ordering of the literature in the early autumn.

The following is the financial statement for the year :-

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| :---: | :---: |
| " Knox Church, Perth | 1400 |
| " Knox Church, Cornwall | 1000 |
| " St. John's Church, Almonte | 2000 |
| " Zion Church, Carleton Place ..... | 1000 |
| "Bank St. Church, Ottawa .. | 1500 |
| "St. Paul's Church, " .. | 2000 |
| " St. Andrew's Church, Ottaw | 5000 |
| " Knox Church, | 1500 |
| " Erskine Church, Rochesterville | 400 |
| " Calvin Church, Pembroke......... | 1000 |
| " Beachburgh........ ............ | 600 |
| " Erskine Church, Montreal ....... | 2500 |
| " Elmsley | 500 |
| " St. Andrew's Ch., Smith's Falls | 1000 |
| " St. John's Church, Cornwall | 600 |
| " Fitzroy Harbour....... | 300 |
| " Knox Church, Roxburgh. | 600 |
| " St. Andrew's, Almonte \& Appleton | 1000 |
| " Union Church, Smith's Falls..... | 1000 |
| " St. Andrew's, Arnprior | 2400 |
| " Richmond . ${ }^{\text {a }}$. . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 500 |
| " Metcalfe and Russell. | 1016 |
| * Georgetown | 125 |
| " Prescott Sunday School.......... | 500 |
| " Fort Coulonge... | 1200 |
| " Collected, Rev. J. Gandier |  |
| "Hon. Geo. Bryson |  |
| " Bronson and Weston | 2500 |
| " J. R. Booth | 2000 |
| "Perley and Patter | 2000 |
| " E. B. Eddy | 2000 |
| Interest | 155 |

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

HOME MISSION FUND, 1887-8.

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|  | \$ c. | \$ c. |
| Balance from last year | 1,359 | 46900 42453 |
|  | 1,314 25 | 2,963 63 |
| " Montreal...................................... | , 20800 | 75623 |
|  | 1,40600 1,710 | 1,50669 1,50017 |
| " Lanark and Renfrew ............ ... . . . . . . . . | 1,732 00 | 1,575 56 |
| " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Krockville................................. . . . . . . | 1,997 75 | 1,51511 |
| " Peterborough.................... . . . . . . . . . | 59965 17600 | 1,554 96 |
| " Lindsay. |  | 71705 |
| " Whitby $\ldots$ Toronto $\ldots$................................ | 7000 | 6,659 18 |
| " Barme. | 4,143 10 | 1,676 76 |
| " Owen Sound | 10000 | 41887 |
| " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Suelph | 14700 | 1,470 05 |
| "\% Orangeville. | 12400 26000 | 49046 |
| " $\quad$ Paris... |  | 2,262 17 |
| " ${ }^{\text {Paris... }}$ | 31200 | 1,678 23 |
| " Chatham | 22600 | 434 585 |
| " Sarnia |  | 1,023 62 |
|  | 10400 | 83570 |
| " ${ }_{\text {\% Mron }}^{\text {Maitland.................................... }}$ |  | 60116 |
| " Bruce... | ${ }_{2}^{2,890} 18$ | 1,039 36 |
| " Winnipeg . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4,168 50 | 53615 |
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| "، Calgary... | 2,136 4,052 74 | 43300 |
| " Columbia ${ }_{\text {\% }}$ (1)................................. |  | 1,930 77 |
| Grants from other Churches |  | 3,706 52 |
|  |  | 2,413 15 |
|  | 2,44700 2,623 |  |
| Travelling Expenses of Missionaries .............. |  |  |
| Committee Meetings, Travelling Expenses of Members, Allowances to Convener and Secretary, etc. | 1,15990 25410 |  |
| Printing and Advertising ................................ | 64000 |  |
| Salary of Agent and General Expenses | 21420 |  |
| Balance of Interest for Advances Paid for Drafts............. | - 3000 | 1,00000 |
| Amount from Reserve Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | . ${ }^{\text {c.......61 i1 }}$ |  |
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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\hline " Rock Lake. \& 1,200
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\hline Donations .................................. \& \& <br>
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\hline Interest for Advance \& 2500 \& 1,486 37 <br>
\hline Balance at Dr ... \& 28,824 83 \& 28,824 83 <br>
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Note.-The actual deficit in the Augmentation Fund is only $\$ 986.37$, as a sum of $\$ 500$ has been charged to Augmentation instead of Missions. This amount has now been placed to the credit of the Augmentation Fund.

## REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON AUGMENTATION.

Although obliged to report a deficit at the close of the year just ended, the position and prospects of the Augmentation Fund are better than they were a year ago. It was necessary at that time to use what renained of the Reserve Fund was no reserve to fall back upon this year, nevertheless result indicated in the Financial Statement to the instructions of the General Assembly, with the result indicated in the -a deficit of $\$ 986,37$.

The amount realized from congregational contributions and donations is $\$ 26,173$, as compared with $\$ 24,473$ in the preceding year - an advance of $\$ 1,700$. It is satisfactory to note that this advance is not the resuit out of thirty show an increase of contributions.
than twenty-one Presbyteries Presbyteries, which have within their bounds a considerable number
It is not surprising that Presty to the claims of this Scheme. Your Committee cherish the of weak charges, respond most readily contributions from the strong charges in some of our western hope that the time will come when the contritle for this object, will show that a deeper interest is Presbyteries, which have hitherto done little for cistricts. Had three or four of the Presbyteries taken in the welfare of brethren are their fair share of the burden, there would have been no deficit this year.

At the suggestion of your Sub-Committee it was resolved by the Home Mission Committee at its meeting in March last to report the following regulation to the General Assembly for its approval :-
"The Home Mission Committee may assign to each Presbytery in the Western Section of the Church a fair proportion of the whole amount annually required for Augmay all grants in full, the funds available at the end of the ecclesiastical Committee shall be at liberty to pay reduc
falls short of the amount assigned to it."

The effect of this regulation would be-
(1) To stimulate local effort in a number of Presbyteries,
(2) To prevent the disappointment which would be occasioned in the Presbyteries whose contributions are liberal, if the ministers within their own bounds should fail to receive the full amount of the grants voted.
(3) To enable Presbyteries within herer than the cost of living justifies to secure that a smaller fixed by the General Assembly is of Augmented congregations within their own bounds.
amount shall be paid to ministers of Aus there will be no occasion to enforce this regulation. It is
Your Committe hope diture for the coming year will be rather less than that for the year just estimated that the expenditure for the deficit into consideration, no very great effort ought to be closed, and therefore, even taking the deficit intiore.
required in order to equalize revenue and expend to show (1) How each Presbytery has been related
The following tables are presented ( The progress which has been made since the scheme was The following tables are pres; and (2) The progress which has been made since
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inaugurated in October, 1883. They may be compa:ed with similar tables presented las

Table I.

| PRESBYTERIES. | Amount asked by the Committee. | Amount actually contributed to the Fund. | Average rate per Communicant to the Fund. | Amount received as Supplement from the Fund. |
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| Glengarry...... .... | 70000 | 41705 | 13 | 1,076 00 |
| Ottawa. | 1,250 00 | 1,186 02 | 30 | 1,052 00 |
| Lanark and Renfrew | 1,400 00 | 1,253 06 | 24 | 1,436 00 |
| Brockville. | 70000 | 44405 | 18 | 49000 |
| Kingston...... | 1,20000 | 1,198 00 | 39 | 1,915 00 |
| Peterborough | 1,200 00 | 66824 | 14 | 974 650 00 |
| Lindsay ............ | 45000 | 41188 | 21 | 65000 |
| Whitby ........... | $\begin{array}{r}70000 \\ 5,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 45530 6,06879 | 22 57 | $\cdots$ |
| Toronto Orangeville ......... | $\begin{array}{r}5,000 \\ 3500 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 6,06879 259 | 11 | 1,260 00 |
| Orangevi | 65000 | 59739 | 11 | 1,905 75 |
| Owen Sound. | 40000 | 24611 | 8 | 65700 |
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| Guelph . . . . . . | 2,000 00 | 54289 | 8 | 702 |
| Hamilton | 2,400 00 | 2,036 29 | 32 | 70235 |
| Paris .. | 1,400 00 | 83748 | 18 | 20000 |
| London | 1,400 00 | 85600 | 18 | 1,100 00 |
| Chatham | 45000 | 35079 | 12 | 64200 |
| Sarnia | 55000 | 42146 42624 | 111 | 725 20000 |
| Stratford | 90000 70000 | 42624 362 | 10 | 55000 |
| Huron | 55000 | 30360 | 9 | 85000 |
| Bruce. . | 50000 | 42272 | 11 | 37500 |
| Winnipeg | 90000 | 71225 | 38 | 1,132 33 |
| Rock Lake. | 25000 | 23369 | 31 | 1,200 00 |
| Brandon... | 40000 | 40905 | 26 | 1,903 00 |
| Regina. | 15000 | 10700 | 12 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}80000 \\ 500\end{array}\right.$ |
| Columbia | 10000 | 12200 | 50 |  |
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

## BRITISH GRANTS.

During the year the Committee have received $£ 200$ from the Free Church of Scotland ; £150 from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and $£ 50$ from the Church of Scotland. The Students of the Free Church College, Glasgow, have also adopted Manitoba and the North-West as their Mission Scheme for the present year.

SPECLAL GRANTS.
In response to an overture from the Quebec Presbytery, the Committee have agreed to grant the sum of $\$ 150$ for the employment of a suitable Missionary to travel in the more destitute parts of this Presbytery for a limited time. A grant has also been made to the Presbytery of Winnipeg to aid in supporting a Missionary for a time among the Icelanders in that city.

PRINCE ALBERT, N.-W. T.
An informal conference on Mission and Educational Affairs in Prince Albert, N.-W. T., was held in March between the Committee and a deputation of the Foreign Mission Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. McLaren, Rev. George Burson and Mr. Hamilton Cassels.

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Committee are glad to report, that in a considerable number of congregations, Woman's Home Missionary Societies are being formed to aid in supporting labourers in the North-West. Valuable boxes of clothing have also been prepared and forwarded during the past winter, and regular correspondence kept up between these Societies and the families of our Missionaries. Several Sabbath Schools are also supporting Students in the North-West during the summer months.

In closing this Report, the Commitee would earnestly urge upon the Ministers and Office-bearers of our Church the necessity of keeping constantly before their several congregations the claimant demands of Home Missions and Augmentation. That the increase of our denomination, as well as the prosperity of all the other Schemes, depends to a great extent upon the liberality extended to Home Missions is acknowledged on all hands. For the present year, 1888-9, it is calculated that the sum of $\$ 26,000$ may meet the demands for Augmentation, but for Home Missions, in view of the constantly widening field in the North-West, and the new ground taken up in British Columbia, there will be required nearly $\$ 55,000$. The entire expenses connected with our work in British Columbia, in sustaining Mission Stations and sending out Missionaries, falls upon the Home Mission Fund. It only needs however that the claims of Missions and Augmentation Committee to hold the stated to the membership of the Church to secure the m
ground already occupied, and advance to newer outposts.

In name of the Committee,

WM. COCHRANE, Convener Home Mission Com.

Brantrord, Ont., June 13th, 1888.
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Brantrord, Ont.,
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ROBT. H. WARDEN ${ }_{r}$
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## APPENDIX I.-MISSION STATIONS.

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| XVI.-Guelph :- <br> 1. Eden Mills ... <br> 2. Hawkesville and Linwood. | 1 | 1 1 1 | 1 <br> 2 <br> 2 | 150 130 290 | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & 31 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r}54 \\ 68 \\ 113 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & 26 \\ & 22 \end{aligned}$ | 52 49 48 | $\$ 30000$ 48300 474 | \$147 00 | $\$ 600$ 690 800 | \$300* | *If settled, Committee will consider favorably an application for grant from Aug. Fund. |
| Total .......... | 1 | 3 | 5 | 570 | 97 | 235 | 74 | 149 | \$1257 00 | \$147 00 | \$20 90 | \$3 00 |  |
| XVII.-Hamilion :- |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26 | 52 | \$312 00 | \$260 00 | \$600 | \$500 |  |
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| 2. Payuga and Malhousie........... | .... | 1 | 1 | 120 75 | 60 40 | 86 36 | 26 24 | 52 50 | 12500 |  | 250 800 |  |  |
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| XXIII.-Heron :- <br> 1. Goderich (Gaelic) | 11 | $1{ }^{1} 1$ | $1{ }^{1} 80$ | 44 | 31 | 26 | 52 | \$102 00 | \$104 00 | \$2 00 |  |  |
| XXIV.-MArtLAND $:-$No Mission Stations. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| XXV.-Bruce :- <br> 1. *Sault Ste. Marie, etc <br> 2. *Tarbut, etc <br> 4. Bruce Mines. <br> 3.*Thessalon, etc.. <br> 5. *Gore Bay <br> 6. Manitowaning <br> 7. Little Current, etc. <br> 8. Providence Bay, etc ..... <br> 10.*Spanish River Mills. <br> 11 St. Joseph's Island |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r}61 \\ 48 \\ 430 \\ 52 \\ 54 \\ 94 \\ 74 \\ 74 \\ 82 \\ 28 \\ \hline 85 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ | 26 $\cdots 26$ 26 26 26 26 24 26 7 15 24 | 52 <br> 26 <br> 52 <br> 52 <br> 52 <br> 52 <br> 52 <br> 50 <br> 52 <br> 20 |  |  |  | 9770 770 770 7800 770 770 300 200 250 250 500 250 | Or $\$ 4$ for Student. |

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| PRESBYTERIES <br> AND <br> CONGREGATIONS. | MINISTERS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | REMARKS. |
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| XIV-OWEN SOUND :- |  |  |  |  | M | \$6 90 |  | \$275 00 | \$225 00 | \$50 00 |  |
| 1. Sydenham, Knox Church . . . | A. McLennan | 48 | 76 | $\$ 47500$ 600 | $\mathbf{M}$ | $\$ 69$ 387 | - | \$10000 | \$225 00 | 7000 | Removed from the list. |
| 2. Kilsyth, etc. <br> 3. Euphrasia and Folland | E. Mullan . . . . . . . . . . . | 73 | 135 | 600 <br> 575 <br> 00 | M | 463 |  | 18000 | 17500 | 5900 |  |
| 4. Suphrasia and Kemble. | D. A. McLean. . . . . . . . . . | 56 | 150 | 70000 |  | 466 |  | 5000 | 10000 | 2100 |  |
| 5. Berkeley and Williamsford | Vacant .. | 55 | 109 | 45000 | R H | 458 |  | 5200 |  |  | \$2 per Sab. till settled. |
|  | Total | 299 | 638 | $\$ 280000$ | 4 | \$470 |  | \$657 00 | \$500 00 | \$200 00 |  |
| XV.-SAugeren :- <br> 1. Cedarville and Esplin. | John Morrison | 64 | 120 | \$ $\$ 00000$ | \% | \$5 00 | ... . . | \$200 00 | \$200 00 | ..... .... |  |
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| XVII.-Hamilion :- | Vacant | 40 | 80 | \$55000 | M | \$7 50 | - ... | $\$ 17600$ |  | $\$ 20000$ |  |
| 1. St. Anns and Smithville.... | Geo. Crombie. | 42 | 130 | 60000 | $\xrightarrow{\text { M }}$ | 500 |  | 12509 | \$100 00 | 12000 2985 |  |
| 3. Dunnville $\ldots$ W........ | R. MacKnight | 40 | 75 | 55000 | R H | 800 | - | 17300 | 20000 9400 |  |  |
| 4. Hamilton, Wentworth Ch... |  | 38 | 115 | 100600 |  | 875 |  |  | 10000 | …3000 |  |
| 5. Merritton and Port Robinson. | Wm. Mowat | 58 55 | 100 | 70000 |  | 780 682 |  | 2500 | 100 | 5000 |  |
| 6. Nelson and Dundas Street. | R. McIntyre | 55 | 110 | 70000 |  | 682 |  | 7500 |  |  | Application deferred. |
| 8. Fort Erie and Ridgeway.... | Vacant | 56 | 50 | 50000 |  | 893 |  | 4635 |  |  | Transferred to Miss. list. |
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| XVIII.-Paris :- | G. Sinclair | 49 | 122 | \$600 00 | M | \$5 33 |  | \$200 00 | 815000 | \$53 75 |  |

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## Appendix III.

## MISSIONARIES—APRIL, 1888.

I.-Ministers and Licentiates.-Messrs. W. A. Johnston, Jas. Ferguson, I. Matthieu, J. McCarter, J. Stewart, D. Findlay, D. L. McKechnie, J. E. Duclo, J. McLennan, J. Robertson, A. Givan, J. Mcllroy, S. Childerhose, G. A. Yeomans, H. Stewart, R. Fairbull, J. Stenhouse, G. Porteous, S. Rondeau, J. W. Hewitt, - Rngerson, A. W. Johnbairn, W Rodgers, E. B. Rodgers, J. Rennie, W. M. Kay, D. McKenzie, A. R. Barron, ston, R. Roagers. H. R. Fraser, G. Dempster, A. J. McLeod, J. L. Hargrave, D. H. McLennan, D. McNaughton, J. L. Campbell, D. Cameron, A. Macfarlane, J. Hamilton, A. B. Baird, H. W. Fraser, S. Polson, H. J. Borthwick, D. Lantrow, W. D. Rees, John Brown, J. Mowat, J. Duncan, J. M. Sutherland, J. McAfthur, J. McKay, R. Gow, J. Hogg, J. Geddes, D. Mc.Millan, A. Campbell, A. Robson, R. Goudie, W. Nicholl, I. J. Taylor, P. F. Langile, J. Halliday, A. H. Cameron, C. McKillop, J. Harold, A. Robertson, J. D. McMillan, J. A. Jaffray, J. Chisholm, G. C. Patterson, A. Tait, J. Cormack, D. Macrae, A. Dunn.- 80
II.-Students.-Messrs. A. G. Jansen, J. C. Madill, T. R. Shearer, John Robertson, Wm. Neilly, L. C. Emes, A. E. Mitchell, J. M. McLaren, A. Wilson, Neil Shaw, J. McMillan, J. P. McQuarrie, J. Crawford, M. P. Talling, W. J. Clark, W. A. J. Martin, F. O. Nicol, J. S. Conning, P. M. McEachern, Hugh Brown, J. A. McConnell, F. W. Paton, H. S. McKitrick, B. Innis, David Carswell, John Little, Wm. Graham, Jas. Madill, R. Harkness, H. B. Fraser, W. W. Craw, A. Stevenson, T. H. Mitchell, W. H. Johnston, W. D. Kerswill, J. D. Edgar, W. W. McRae, T. Logie, W. G. Logie, J. Gilchrist, J. McKinnon, R. Whiteman, T. A. McLeod, E. G. Walker, J. Rattray, R. J. Sturgeon, R. C. H. Sinclair, R. J. Hunter, A. Fitzpati ick, J. Cattenach, W. J. Patterson, J. D. Boyd, D. D. McDonald, D. Strachan, R. M. Phalen, D. R. Drummond, Jas. Hodges, J. McC. Kelloch, A. K. McNaughton, J. MacDougall, J. A. McLean, J. S. MacIlraith, W. Russell, D. L. Dewar, D. Campbell, M. MacKenzie, P. N. Cayer, J. Naismith, W. A. Cook, C. W. White, S. F. MacCusker, N. Lindsay, J. W. McLeod, A. MacGregor, J. R. Dobson, And. Russell, J. W. Fleur, A. Robertson, J. M. Whitelav X. T. Jamieson, T. C. Court, I. McDonald, W. J. Hall, W. Beattie, N. Russell, D. D. MacKay, J. Munroe, T. Beveridge, D. M. Ross, W. O. Wallace, D. G. Connery, R. Paterson, S. W. Thompson, J. Johhson, W. B. Cumming, P. Fisher, G. G. Macheth, D. Campbell, A. Bowman, H. F. Ross, J. C. Hodgins, J. Chisholm, M. J. McLeod, A. M. Patterson, -104 .

III-Catrehists.-Messrs. J. Borland, J. W. S. Lowry, W. A. Markley, H. W. Dunning, J. McLachlan, C. McKerchar, J. Patterson, W.' E. A. Fortune, J. Smith, H. Littlehales, J. D. McMillan, Arch. Matheson, J. Lang, A. G. McKitrick, And. Nelson, W. Wilson, - McRae, T. A. Ambler, J. Garrioch, J. G. Jackson, J. C. Stinson, R. Dryman, R. MacArthur, P. Uzelle, R. Pyke- 31.

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