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**THE SUPPLY OF MINISTERS.**

It is well to look facts fairly in the face, so that we may seek wisely to act as circumstances may require, and may not murmur and blame others for things which either cannot be helped, or for which we are equally responsible with others.

The inadequate supply of ministers is a matter calling for serious notice in all Evangelical churches. In the Canada Presbyterian Church quite as much as in any other, we cannot but feel that we have too few men for our work. This indeed is the chief cause of our slow progress. By this time we ought to be convinced of the vanity of the hope we once cherished, that the Home churches would send us men. They cannot find men for their own Missions. The increase of home work in Britain, and the success of her Foreign Missions affords cause of thankfulness, and the increase in the stipends of Ministers in Scotland is very encouraging; but we ought to remember that these two circumstances reduce most seriously our chances of obtaining good men from Scotland or Ireland. Besides this, Australia and New Zealand are felt to have a stronger claim on the Home churches, just because they are younger daughters, and are not as yet able to walk alone.

Now when we turn to Canada what do we find? A slight increase in the number of Ministers indeed; and a slight increase in our Mission work. But on the other hand we find not a few of our fathers, who have nobly borne the burden and heat of thirty or more years in the field, fast giving way, and their places will soon need to be filled. We find also some resignations of younger men, and some instances of men in the vigor of manhood going to the United States to labor. At the same time our supply of students is not increasing. In 1866 nine or ten young men were ready for license; in 1867, thirteen; in 1868, ten. The prospect for

1869 is six or seven ; and for 1870 there is no appearance of any great increase. These will not do much more—if they do that—than keep the number of Ministers up to what it is. The same prospect is forced upon us when we look at the lists of vacancies and Probationers :—

In October last	there were	45	Vacancies	and	20	Probationers.
In January	“	37	“	“	16	“
In April	“	41	“	“	13	“
In July	“	46	“	“	13	“

Thus notwithstanding all the happy settlements of the past year, and the reception of several Ministers from other churches, there is still an increase in the number of vacancies, and no increase in the number of Probationers. *If all our Probationers were settled to-day, there would still be THIRTY-THREE vacancies for which there are no Ministers.*

While this state of things continues, it is in vain that we labor to increase the stipends of our Ministers, or by liberal grants foster weak congregations with a view to settlement. If we could pay every man \$600 with a manse, still for every congregation that would obtain a settlement, nearly three would be doomed to remain vacant. *The church has not the men.* Congregations cannot all be supplied, however much they may desire to hear candidates. It is useless to deceive Presbyteries or congregations. The only question which really will be decided is, which congregations shall be fortunate, and which shall be unfortunate, *for all cannot obtain Ministers.*

We write strongly in the hope that something may be done. There is reason to hope that after 1870 we shall see the happy result of what is being done to bring students through the literary course. But even then we shall not have such a supply as the church will require. Immediately, then, steps should be taken to secure suitable men. May not the present need justify a departure from the ordinary course of training? Are there not men in our eldership, and in our membership, endowed with gifts and graces, who, if asked, nay, pressed with christian earnestness, would undertake the work? Though such men may not have passed through a curriculum of literary study, they may be called of God, and sufficiently trained in other pursuits. We put these questions as suggestions. Let Presbyteries and Sessions do what they think for the best. Without men the Lord's work cannot be done. And let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers.

## Missionary Intelligence.

### OUR OWN MISSIONARIES.

RED RIVER—REV. J. BLACK.—Recent intelligence has been received from Mr. Black. He is earnestly calling for additional labourers. As will be seen elsewhere, there is the prospect of another missionary going at once to the Red River country. But, on the other hand, Mr. Matheson has received a call from Osnabruck, and there is the possibility of his return.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—APPOINTMENT OF A MINISTER.—The Foreign Mission Committee have invited the Rev. W. Aitken, formerly of Smith's Falls, to proceed to British Columbia, and we rejoice to announce that Mr. Aitken has seen it to be his duty favourably to respond to the invitation. All who know Mr. Aitken will, we are assured, receive this intelligence with satisfaction and with confidence in Mr. Aitken, as a most worthy

thy representative of the Church in British Columbia. He will labour, we presume, in New Westminster, vacant since the departure of Mr. Duff.

RED RIVER.—The Foreign Mission Committee have invited the Rev. W. Fletcher, of Carlisle, to labour as a missionary in the Red River settlement. The matter was before the Presbytery of London at its last meeting, and the result has been the addition of another labourer to the staff of missionaries in that region.

REV. JAMES NISBET.—The Rev. J. Nisbet has left Canada on his return to his distant field of labour. We trust he will be remembered by our people, in his journey, as in his arduous labours in his remote sphere. His visit has been the means of increasing the interest of our congregations in the mission to the Indians. We trust it has been the means of refreshing his own spirit, by giving him an opportunity of seeing again his aged father and other relatives, many of his brethren in the ministry, and especially his brother, for upwards of a quarter of a century a devoted and successful missionary in Sarnia. We trust that he will be carried back in safety to his sphere of labour, and that he may be long spared and abundantly blessed as a missionary of the Cross.

A circular prepared by Mr. Nisbet, and addressed to the Sabbath Schools of the Church, will be without delay printed and circulated.

## MISSIONS OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

### CHINA.

The July number of the *Messenger* contains a large amount of interesting information as to the progress of mission work in China in all the districts occupied by the missionaries, the work is most encouraging. At Formosa there has been another outbreak of the populace, leading to the destruction of the mission premises at Pe-taou, and the scattering of the little band of native Christians. But with this exception the work is going on quietly and successfully.

We give some extracts from a letter of the Rev. C. Douglas, giving an account of a tour of inspection which he had made.

#### *Tour of Inspection:*

On Friday, after breakfast, and a numerously-attended morning worship, we went out to visit the places beyond—where inquirers live; but before we had gone more than two miles, rain came on. We took refuge in a small village, and preached for awhile till the sky seemed to clear, when we went forward, but the rain soon came on heavier than before. However, as we must be drenched anyhow, we pushed on to a village where an inquirer lives. There we had a large and attentive audience in a sort of public room, generally found in villages, which is usually employed for singing and playing their wretched songs; we preached for more than two hours, and having declined the offer of dinner, we made all haste in an interval of the showers to reach Tang-soa, much the largest of the villages where interest had been awakened in that region. The rain was too heavy and the hour too late for us to preach, or even see properly the extent of Tang-soa; it is said to have two or three thousand inhabitants, and being the centre of a populous region, it has a very busy market on four days out of every ten. We are in much doubt whether to open a chapel there or at Kie-iai, where there are already more than twenty professing Christians, but which appears to be too small (only about 150 inhabitants), and

too lonely, and too near Khi-boey [six or seven miles) for setting up a regular chapel; we trust we shall be guided to choose the place which the Master will be pleased to use for gathering in His sheep that are scattered abroad.

#### *Highland Scenery.*

By the time we had got within a mile of Kio-lai, we found a stream so swollen by the rains, that our guide—who had carried me on his back over a good many torrents during the day, and over this same stream lower down in the morning—said (and rightly) that no one could attempt to carry me over; so I had to wade, though the water was almost up to the waist, and the current strong. The scenery at the ford is the most like a Highland river scene that I have yet found in China; the rapid stream fringed on both sides by richly varied trees, the hills through which the river winds its way rising rapidly, clothed with abundance of brushwood, and all with a setting of fine mountains of many shapes and sizes; but for the waving bamboos and my companions, I might have thought myself on the banks of the Tummel or the Garry.

#### *Examination of Candidates, and Meeting with Inquirers at Kio-lai.*

On arriving, near dark, at Kio-lai, we found there four candidates from Liong-nia, on their way to the communion, and a long time that evening and next morning was spent in examining and instructing them, and the inquirers who belong to the village itself. How delightful to hold these large and refreshing meetings in the hamlet from which the little company of Christians had been almost driven into exile by their persecutor!

#### *Examination of 45 Candidates at Khi-boey—and Baptism of nine.*

After a mile or two we got into a lonely path, like a sheep-walk, among high mountains, till, having reached the summit level, and enjoyed the magnificent panorama, we rapidly descended to Khi-boey, where I found a number more candidates for baptism waiting to be examined. Early on Sabbath we were again at the same work, till the whole number examined in all, amounted to 45, besides some more for whom we could not find time: out of these we selected nine, and I with much joy baptised them in the forenoon. I have never seen the chapel so crowded before.

#### *Remarkable Awakening at a Distant Village.*

A remarkable movement has just begun at a village still further off, called Chhantau-po, about six miles beyond Au-liau. Several of the villagers having heard the Gospel at the Amoy Hospital, began to set up the worship of God in their houses and to forsake idolatry. When brother Chey of Au-liau heard of it, he went over and encouraged them, one of them being a relative of his own. Their fellow-villagers then began to persecute them, and they had to hold their worship among the trees on the hillside. Opposition became yet stronger, and some of them went to Chang-chew to ask a visit from some preacher. There they were told to apply at Khi-boey, as it is nearer. So two of the Khi-boey brethren went to see them, gave them some instruction, and spoke to the head men of the village in such a way that the persecution ceased. They twice came to Khi-boey Chapel, and the brethren there twice visited them: but the distance (nearly thirty-five miles), much of it over steep and rocky passes, was found too much, and we learned that, though further from Chang-chew, they were much more accessible from it, water communication reaching within seven miles of their position. So last week, Mr. Kip, of the American Mission, visited them, found the road quite easy, and their

number being about a dozen, arrangements are made for their having supply of ordinances by means of the preachers at Chioh-key and Chang-chew. How deeply interesting to find the outposts of the mission work at Khiboey and Chung-chew, respectively, thus actually meeting each other in such distant parts!

#### *Interesting Conversion.*

The manner in which Chey at Au-liau (the connecting link in that quarter) himself first received the Gospel was quite remarkable. He has a sister at Liang-nia who had begun about two years to join with the inquirers there in worshipping God. Her relatives at Au-liau were exceedingly enraged, and deputed Chey to go and compel her to stop such absurd behaviour. He went, but, instead of gaining his purpose, was himself caught in the Gospel net, and has become instrumental in spreading the savour of Christ's name around.

#### *Closing Appeal.*

What a solemn call for more self-devotion and self-sacrifice on the part of the home Churches that may give themselves to the work in this land of darkness, when the dawn is beginning to streak the mountains with beams of hope and promise—give themselves, if God has given them the gifts for the work, and give of their wealth, yea, or out of their poverty, to support the labourers. And if they do that, doubtless they will offer their prayers too.

## General Religious Intelligence.

### SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

We may state, in addition to the brief notice in last number, that Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. J. M. King, both of Toronto, were introduced to the Synod, and gave addresses, which were very favourably received.

The resignations of both the Missionary Secretaries were tendered and accepted. The Rev. Mr. McGill, formerly Home Missionary Secretary, was appointed Foreign Secretary, and Dr. Scott, Manchester, was appointed Home Missionary Secretary. Dr. Somerville was nominated an honorary member of the Mission Board, and it was agreed that he should have a retiring allowance of £150 per annum. It was also arranged that he should give a series of lectures on evangelistic missionary subjects.

### MEETING OF ASSEMBLIES, IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the Assemblies of the O. S. and N. S. churches the subject of union was the prominent question. In both Assemblies there were majorities in favour of the basis of union, which is now sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries. In the O. S. Assembly there was a protest against the basis, signed by a number of influential members, including Dr. A. A. Hodge. The protest is calm and temperate in its tone.

In the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the suspension, for singing hymns, of Mr. G. H. Stuart, whose name is well known as a most devoted christian worker, on both sides of the Atlantic, has drawn forth much comment. An influential minority have published a protest against the action of the Synod, which they condemn as "unjust in principle, unconstitutional in form, unkind in the circumstances, unworthy of the ecclesiastical body by which it was passed, and undeserving of regard by the christian world."

The Assembly of the Southern Church met at Baltimore. In the reports presented to the assembly, there were evidences of the sad effects of the war, in the burning of churches, and impoverishing of ministers and people. It is to be hoped that time will greatly heal the wounds thus made.

### MEETING OF SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Synod met this year in Kingston. The Rev. Mr. Dobie was elected Moderator. Various subjects of importance engaged the attention of Synod. There was an unusually large attendance of ministers and laymen. In the course of the proceedings of Synod, a handsome testimonial was presented to Mr. Croil for his valuable services in connexion with the various schemes of the church. It was agreed to sustain the endowment scheme, extending its operations to Home Missionaries as well as the pastors of charges. A feeling was expressed in favor of the affiliation of Queen's College with the Provincial University on its original basis. During the sittings of the Synod there was a pleasant interchange of christian courtesies with the Wesleyan Conference, through deputations mutually sent. It is pleasing to find indications of increased christian sympathy and unity.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Assembly met at the usual time, in Edinburgh, the Earl of Haddington being Lord High Commissioner. The Rev. Dr. Barty, of Bendochy, was elected Moderator. There was a discussion on the subject of the Irish Establishment, and a motion in favor of the Irish Church as it is was carried by a vote of 212 to 81.

The Patronage question was discussed at some length. Dr. Pirie, of Aberdeen, moved for the appointment of a committee, with the view of having the law of patronage repealed, and securing to the male communicants of full age a voice in the appointment of ministers. This was opposed by an amendment by Dr. Bisset, of Bourtie, who did not think that there was any sufficient ground shown for any alteration in the law of patronage, but which was afterwards withdrawn in favour of a modified motion by Principal Tulloch, who moved for a committee to consider whether any modifications of the law of patronage are called for, or can be made. Principal Tulloch's motion was carried over Dr. Pirie's by a vote of 154 to 150.

Dr. N. McLeod in an able address described the visit made by him and Dr. Watson, of Dundee, to the churches and mission stations in India. The Assembly Hall was crowded in all parts, and deep interest was felt in the address of Dr. McLeod.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND.

This Assembly met on the 1st of June. The Rev. C. L. Morrell, of Dunganon, was elected Moderator.

The question of instrumental music in public worship was before the Assembly. It was disposed of by a motion proposed by Dr. Cook, to the effect that the common law of the church excludes the use of instrumental music in the public worship of God; and that Presbyteries be instructed to see that congregations conform to this law. This was carried by a large majority over a motion to appoint a commission to examine the whole question and report to next Assembly.

The endowment and Regium Donum question occupied a considerable share of the Assembly's attention. A motion was adopted in favor of religious endowments against an amendment by a vote of 210 to 180.

From the report of statistics it appeared that there was an increase during the year of 80 families, 119 Sabbath school teachers, and 2,200 scholars, but a decrease of 116,329 communicants, and 376 stipend-payers. Some remarks were made as to the decrease of communicants. It appears that the reason was that in the year previously there were a great many communicants added by the revival. The ordinary funds appeared to be in a satisfactory state, there being an increase on the aggregate of about £10,488 over the preceding year.

The missionary reports referring to their operations, both at home and in the

foreign field, were interesting and encouraging. The new China mission has called forth much sympathy and liberality.

Dr McCosh took farewell of the Church, as he has accepted the position of President of Princeton College, N. J. All sections of the Assembly united in a warm tribute to his ability and services.

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### SYNOD OF PREBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

The Synod lately held in Halifax was the largest ever held, there being present ninety-eight ministers and forty-nine elders. The Rev. J. Watson, of New Annan, was appointed Moderator. The meeting is described not only as being the largest ever held in the Lower Provinces, but as being one of the most interesting. The missionary and educational reports were encouraging, although in some of the departments there had been a falling off in the funds. There was an interesting and lively discussion on the diminishing number of Theological students, and the probable causes, which were believed to be a low state of religion, the intensely secular spirit of the age, neglect of family religion, deficiency of pastoral support, want of pastoral care and earnest dealing with young men while studying at schools and colleges. Dr. Smith, Professor of Biblical Literature, resigned his chair, and a suitable testimonial was placed on Record to the value of his services in past years. The state of religion, temperance, the necessity of missionary efforts among the French population, and other subjects occupied the attention of the Synod.

Not the least interesting of the proceedings was the reception of the deputation from the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Rev. A. Topp, Moderator of Synod, and Rev. W. B. Clark, of Quebec. The addresses of these deputies on the progress, resources, and educational and missionary efforts of the Church, were well received and cordially responded to. Joseph McKay, Esq., of Montreal, who accompanied the deputation, was invited to address the Synod, and gave various incidents of travel in Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land, and described the state of Protestant Christianity in Jerusalem, Rome, Florence and other places.

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## Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

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### CALLS, INDUCTIONS, &c.,

**CAMDEN AND SHEFFIELD.**—The Rev. James Pritchard has received a call from the congregations of Camden and East Sheffield.

**NORTH AND WEST BRANT.**—On the 19th May the Rev. D. Duff, formerly of New Westminster, British Columbia, was inducted into the pastoral charge of North and West Brant. The Rev. R. C. Moffatt preached and presided. The congregation gave Mr. Duff a hearty welcome, and in testimony of their earnestness, paid one half-year's stipend in advance.

**WEST'S CORNERS.**—The Rev. P. Musgrave was ordained and inducted on the 20th May. The Rev. R. Hamiltc, Moderator of Presbytery, presided, Rev. A. Findlay preached, Rev. A. A. Drummond addressed the minister, and Rev. R. Renwick the people. A congregational soiree was held in the evening, at which the Moderator presided. Suitable addresses were delivered by ministers and others. On the following evening the young people were gathered together, and, after partaking of tea and cake, were addressed by the pastor, and by others interested in the spiritual training of the young.



In this case, also, the trustees of the congregation paid the pastor one half-year's stipend in advance.

**THAMESVILLE. &c.**—The Rev. J. Becket was, on the 27th of May, ordained and inducted by the Presbytery of London, as pastor of the congregations of Thamesville, Botany, and Indian Reserve. Rev. A. W. Waddell presided, Rev. W. C. Caven, of Ridgetown preached, Rev. W. Wilker addressed the minister, and Rev. R. H. Warden the people. The services were interesting, and the prospects of the new pastor is encouraging. One quarter's stipend was paid in advance.

**ELMIRA, ILLINOIS.**—The Rev. A. McKay, formerly of Trenton, was on the 31st July inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation at Elmira, Illinois. The Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D., conducted the services. The attendance was large, and the services impressive and interesting. The congregation paid one half-years' stipend in advance. They have a neat church, and have also built and partly furnished a manse, to which is attached a glebe of seven acres improved land. They set a noble example to other congregations. It may be mentioned, as an interesting token of the good feeling prevailing in the region, that four ministers were present connected with the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.**—The Rev. Prof. DeSola, LL.D., has presented to the library of the Presbyterian College, Montreal the following works :—

1. Parkhurst's Greek Lexicon.
2. Leighii Annotationes in Nov. Testament.
3. Sigonius DeAntiquo Jure Romanorum, et Antiquo Jure Italiae.
4. Terentius Christianus.
5. The Sanatory Institutions of the Hebrews, by A. DeSola, L.L.D.
6. Valedictory address to the Graduates in Arts of the University of McGill, by Dr. DeSola.

**PROFESSORSHIP IN THE COLLEGE AT MONTREAL.**—The Rev. D. H. McVicar has accepted the appointment of Professor of Theology in the Presbyterian College at Montreal. Students proposing to study at Montreal during the ensuing session, may apply for any needed information to Dr. McVicar.

**SHERBROOKE.**—The money collected by Mr. Hector Morrison for the erection of a church at Sherbrooke, is deposited in the City and District Savings' Bank, Montreal. A site has been purchased. Mr. M. has now ceased to solicit further subscriptions for this object.

**MUSKOKA.**—The Rev. Walter Wright begs to acknowledge the receipt of £10 sterling, (nearly \$50) from Robert Barbour, Esq., Manchester, England, in aid of the building funds of the North and South Falls, Muskoka, being £5 to each. Further donations are urgently required, and will be thankfully received, and promptly acknowledged. It is very necessary that both buildings should be ready for occupation before the coming winter. But this cannot be done without large additions to the local funds.

**REV. J. NISBET.**—Mr. Nisbet begs to acknowledge the following sums received by him :—

For the Indian Mission Saskat hewan, Two Friends, per Rev. A. McBean, Nairn Church.....	\$5 00
Per P. Fenwick Metis, proceeds of two children's Mission- ary Boxes, and a Friend's donation.....	1 50
Mrs. R. Montreal.....	5 00
Per Rev. P. Fenwick, collected by a few friends in Mon- treal .....	23 38
A Widow's Mite, per Mr. Galbraith, Toronto.....	1 00
Miss M. Hamilton.....	2 00
Mrs. H. Toronto.....	1 00
Miss Phebe Humphreys.....	2 00
“ “ .....	A pair of small boots.
Friends, per J. Court, Esq., Montreal.....	10 00

These contributions have been employed in procuring a Magic Lantern and slides, a stereoscope and views—and school materials for the Mission.

Also, a collection from Beaverton for the Manse found at Little Britain, Red River settlement—less discount \$14.57.

**PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.**—The Presbytery of Barrie held its first meeting at Barrie on the second Tuesday of July. There were present twelve ministers and six elders. The Rev. W. Fraser was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year, the Rev. J. Gray was appointed Clerk, the Rev. W. Fraser, Barrie, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, and John Ross, Esq., Allendale, Treasurer. The Presbytery is to meet quarterly on the first Tuesday in the months of February, May, August, and November. A special meeting is to be held on the first Tuesday of September. The members of Presbytery were hospitably entertained by Mr. Ross, Allendale station.

**PROOF LINE.**—The congregation of Bethel Church, Proof Line, one of the charges of the Rev. G. M. Milligan, has exhibited towards their pastor, since his settlement a most praise-worthy liberality. A short time ago they presented him with a Horse, Carriage, Harness, &c., amounting to about \$300. The value of this gift is greatly enhanced by the consideration that the ministers salary has been prepaid for the current year. May the congregation long continue to afford such an example of christian generosity!

**BOWMANVILLE AND ENNISKILLEN.**—On Monday Evening, 6th July, a large number of persons from the Bowmanville and Enniskillen congregations met at the Canada Presbyterian House, Bowmanville, and presented their pastor the Rev. T. Smith, with a purse containing \$351, as a token of esteem. These congregations have generously given their pastor some months vacation, in order that he may for a short time enjoy rest, and the salt-water breeze on the Atlantic Coast. Peter Murdoch, Esq., on behalf of the congregations, read an address, expressive of sympathy and esteem, to which Mr. Smith made a suitable reply.

**SYNOD MINUTES.**—The Minutes of Synod will be ready for distribution in the course of a few days. When ready, they will be forwarded by express to the respective Presbytery Clerks for distribution among the congregations. Parties requiring additional copies, will please send orders to Rev. W. Reid, Toronto.

**STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RETURNS.**—In last number we intimated that in consequence of the late period, at which some of the returns were

received, they did not appear in the Record. In the returns, as printed in the Minutes, those omissions have been supplied. Among those omitted we may specify the following :

CHICAGO.—Families, 150 ; Communicants, 169 ; additions to the rol, 117 ; Stipend promised, \$2500 ; Stipend paid, 2,703 ; all other congregational contributions \$6929 05 ; for College, \$30 ; Home Mission, \$20 14 ; Foreign Mission \$51 20 ; Widows' Fund \$20 ; Synod Fund \$10 ; French Canadian Mission, \$42 ; Kankakee Mission \$15 ; other contributions \$25 Total \$9845 39.

ALYMER AND NEPEAN. Families, 100 ; Communicants 180 ; Stipend, \$460 ; other contributions \$100 50 ; Total \$560 50.

PEMBROKE.—Families 100 ; Communicants 110 ; Stipend \$600 ; other contributions \$526 ; Total, \$1126

ELMA CENTRE, &c.—Stipend promised \$500 ; paid \$400 ; other contributions \$303 80 ; Total \$703 80.

SOUTHAMPTON, S. ARRAN AND TARA.—Families 150 ; Communicants 218 ; Stipend \$850 ; other contributions \$1281 72 ; Total \$2131 72.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW CONGREGATION IN GUELPH.—In accordance with a memorial presented at a former meeting, the Presbytery of Guelph have agreed to organize a new congregation in Guelph. The Rev. J. Middlemiss was appointed to make up a communion roll, and organize the congregation.

DEATH OF THE REV. W. C. BURNS.—We notice with deep sorrow, the death of the Rev. W. C. Burns, who, for a number of years, has been a most devoted laborer in China, in connection with the Mission of the English Presbyterian Church. Mr. Burns was a nephew of Dr. Burns, and visited this country upwards of twenty years ago.

DEATH OF A MINISTER.—The Rev. T. Henry, of Lachute, has been removed by death. A short memoir of Mr. Henry will appear in our next number.

DEFERRED ARTICLES.—Several articles and communications are deferred. These, with other reports of Synodical Committees, will appear in the next number of the *Record*. The minutes of several Presbyteries came to hand too late for insertion.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—The Presbytery of London met on the 7th July. There was not much business of general interest. Mr. J. A. F. McBain passed his public probationary trials, and was licensed to preach the Gospel.

A special meeting of Presbytery was held on the 22nd July, in connection with the call to Rev. W. Fletcher, to proceed to Red River. The call of the Foreign Mission Committee was accepted by Mr. Fletcher, and the Presbytery agreed to loose him from his charge at Carlisle. The Presbytery agreed to record their high respect for Mr. Fletcher, and their regret at parting with him, and also their sympathy his congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on 14th July. The Rev. J. Porteous was appointed Moderator. The Rev. J. G. Murray, asked and obtained leave of absence for two months on account of the state of his health. Application was made for the congregation of the Stone Church, Barton, to be received into connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church. A committee was appointed to examine students, to meet in the vestry of McNab Street Church, on Monday, before the opening of Knox College, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery met on the 7th of July. The Rev. J. R. Scott, was appointed Moderator. On application made to the Presbytery, it was agreed to separate Cambray from Islay, and to join the latter with Kirkfield. Mr. Binnis was appointed to moderate in a call to a minister, at Cambray, on an early day.

**PRESBYTERY OF GREY.**—The Presbytery of Grey held its regular quarterly meeting at Paisley, on the 14th and 15th July. There were present ten ministers and four elders. Mr. James Cameron was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. Excuses for absence were sent in by Messrs J. Cameron and Moffat, and were sustained.

Complaint having been made by the Presbytery of Guelph, that Mr. Hay had not carried out the injunction of this Presbytery, by refraining from preaching in the village of Clifford, which lies within the bounds of the Presbytery of Guelph; and that the people of Clifford had not, as instructed, petitioned the Presbytery of Guelph to be regularly transferred to this Presbytery, as agreed on in conference between the Presbyteries, Mr. Hay being present, was heard in explanation, and a paper read from the Clifford people, when it was moved by Mr. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. Bremner, and carried,—That the Presbytery having taken up the Clifford case, deeply regret to find that Mr. Hay and the people of Clifford did not carry out the instructions given them at a former meeting of this Presbytery, and so have delayed the harmonious settlement of these difficulties; be it therefore resolved, that our former instructions be given to Mr. Hay and the Clifford people: viz., that Mr. Hay refrain from preaching in Clifford, and that the people of Clifford send forward their petition to the Guelph Presbytery.

Home Mission matters were then considered, and arrangements made for the supply of the mission field. Mr. Frazer was appointed to dispense the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper at Webster's Station, and the Diagonal on the first and second Sabbaths of August. Mr. Bremner at Big Bay and Sarawak on the second and third Sabbaths; Mr. Duff at W. Bentinck before next meeting of Presbytery; Mr. Moffat at Hanover, on the second Sabbath, Mr. Moffat also to attend to the election and ordination of elders at Hanover.

Mr. Frazer asked and obtained the appointment of assessors to sit with the Session of Port Elgin, on a case of discipline. Mr. J. Cameron was, by request, appointed Moderator p. t. of the Session of Knox Church, Sydenham.

Papers were read from Egremont, praying that they be allowed to fall from the call given to the Rev. W. Wright—when it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded and agreed to,—That inasmuch as Mr. Wright has failed to give his decision within the required time, and thereby done great injury to the interests of the congregation at Egremont, and inasmuch as the congregation has fallen from the call, the Presbytery declare the call null and void, and free the congregation from all further obligations to Mr. Wright; and further, that arrangements be made to give the congregation supply of preaching.

Mr. Tolmie brought before the Presbytery a case of reference from the Kirk Session of W. Arran, asking whether, in the case of a fama, affecting the moral character of a person residing within the bounds of that congregation, but a member of the congregation in Owen Sound, the Session of W. Arran should notify the session of Owen Sound congregation or not? The question contained in the reference was answered in the affirmative.

A paper was read from the congregation of Mount Forest asking leave to sell certain church property. Leave was granted, on condition that the proceeds of sale be applied to the increasing or improving of congregational property. A committee was appointed to look after the interests of certain church property belonging to the congregation of South Elderslie, an effort being made to alienate said property to the Old Kirk.

Mr. Bremner reported, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit W. Bentinck, that nothing had been accomplished—the committee was re-appointed with the addition of Mr. Duff as Convener. The Session books of Paisley and Normanby congregations were examined and attested.

The following notices of motions for next meeting were given in by Mr. Dewar, that he would move for the annulling of the minutes of the Durham meeting regarding Knox Church, Sydenham—by Mr. Brown, that he would move that the Presbytery meet at Johnstown, or some central place; by Mr. Dewar, that he

would move to take steps for dividing the Presbytery. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Owen Sound and within Division St. Church, on the fourth Tuesday of September, at 3 o'clock p.m.

A. FRAZER.

*Presbytery Clerk.*

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Your committee, in pursuance of the design of their appointment, corresponded by the medium of a printed Schedule with the congregations in the bounds, in reference to the condition of Sabbath Schools, and would now beg to submit the following information on this interesting subject. The queries submitted were the following :—

1. Number of Stations ?
2. Number of Sabbath Schools ?
3. Number on Roll ?
4. Average attendance ?
5. Number of Teachers ?
6. Teachers' Meetings, how often ?
7. Text-Books used ?
8. The Psalms or Hymns used ?
9. What Children's Paper taken ?
10. Number of volumes in Library ?
11. Have you a Missionary Box ?
12. Is there an Annual Meeting ?
13. Do you prepare an Annual Report ?
14. Do all the children of your charge attend the Sabbath School ?
15. Number of Bible Classes ?
16. Number of Union Schools ?
17. What special hindrances to the efficient operation of the School ?

The information obtained is as follows :—

**ST. HELEN'S.**—1 Sabbath School ; Roll, 83 ; Average Attendance, 50 ; Teachers, 5 ; Teachers' Meetings, occasionally ; Edinburgh Scheme of Lessons ; Singing, Psalms ; no Children's Paper ; Library, 225 volumes ; no Missionary Box ; no Annual Meeting ; Bible Class, 1 ; Attendance, 15.

**EAST KINLOSS.**—1 Sabbath School ; Roll, 41 ; Average Attendance, 28 ; Teachers, 5 ; no Teachers' Meetings ; Edinburgh Scheme ; Psalms ; no Children's Paper ; Library, 108 ; no Missionary Box ; no Annual Meeting ; Bible Class, 1 ; Attendance, 16.

Parents do not appear to feel a right interest in the Sabbath Schools. Some of the children are at an inconvenient distance. There are 96 families at these two places ; 124 children in Sabbath School presents a fair proportion, with 31 under Bible Class instruction.

**AINLEYVILLE.**—6 Sabbath Schools ; Roll, 140 ; Average Attendance, 80 ; Teachers, 20 ; no Teachers' Meeting ; Bible only ; Psalms ; Sabbath School Messenger ; Library, 500 ; no Missionary Box ; no Annual Meeting ; in Summer nearly all attend ; no Bible Class.

Teachers properly qualified not easily found. There is observable an increasing interest in the work on the part of the Teachers. There are 120 families in this pastoral charge ; the average attendance of 80 is very disproportionate.

**NORTH AND CENTRE BRUCE.**—5 Sabbath Schools ; Roll, 82 ; Average

Attendance, 71 ; Teachers, 11 ; Bible and Catechism ; Psalms and Hymns ; Sabbath School Messenger ; Library, 144.

Special hindrances, "poverty and ignorance." The number of families in these two Stations is 50 ; so that a large proportion of children is in Sabbath Schools.

PINE RIVER.—3 Sabbath Schools ; Roll, 54 ; Average Attendance, 50 ; Teachers, 6 ; no Teachers' Meetings ; Bible and Catechism ; Psalms and Hymns ; no Children's Paper ; Library, 95 ; Annual Meeting, 1 ; Bible Class, 1 ; Attendance 7.

Special hindrances, "distance, bad roads, unsuitable clothing."

KINCARDINE, WEST CHURCH.—1 Sabbath School ; Roll, 69 ; Average Attendance, 49½ ; Teachers, 7 ; Hymns ; Bible and Catechism ; Sabbath School Visitor ; Library, 214 ; 1 Annual Meeting ; 1 Annual Report.

There are 73 Families at these two Stations ; showing a fair proportion of children in Sabbath Schools ; an increase since last report, Roll, 15 ; Average Attendance, 16.

EGMONDVILLE.—1 Sabbath School ; Roll, 37 ; Average Attendance, 24 ; Teachers, 3 ; no Teachers' Meetings ; Psalms ; Library, 95.

The number of families in the pastoral charge is not reported in the Synodical Statistics ; but judging by the church accommodation, it cannot be less than 160. The Sabbath School attendance is therefore very small ; apparently but ¼ of the juvenile population.

HULLETT.—1 Sabbath School ; Roll, 30 ; Average Attendance, 20 ; Teachers, 3 ; No Teachers' Meetings ; Bible, Mothers' and Shorter Catechism ; Psalms ; "Child's Paper" ; Library, 240 ; 1 Bible Class ; Attendance, 15.

MANCHESTER.—1 Sabbath School ; Roll, 70 ; Average Attendance, 60 ; Teachers, 7 ; no Teachers' Meetings ; Bible, Mothers' and Shorter Catechism ; Psalms ; "Sabbath School Visitor" ; Library, 300 ; 1 Bible Class ; Attendance, 20.

Special hindrances, "scattered state of congregations." Suspension in Winter months. There are 100 families in this charge, with an average attendance of 80 children in Sabbath Schools and 35 in Bible classes ; showing that a considerable proportion is not receiving religious instruction from these sources. There is also a falling off since last report.

TIVERTON AND GREENOCK.—1 Sabbath School ; Roll, 90 ; Average Attendance, 215 ; Teachers, 25 ; no Teachers' Meetings ; Bible, S. Catechism ; Psalms and Hymns ; "Canada S. S. Advocate" ; Library, 390 ; 1 Annual Meeting at Tiverton ; no Annual Report ; Bible Class, 3 ; Attendance, 30.

Five of these Sabbath Schools are "Union." "A vast amount of indifference on the part of parents to Sabbath School instruction." "Unsuitable clothing." There appears to be great Sabbath School activity in this pastoral field.

BLUEVALE.—1 Sabbath School ; Roll, 90 ; Average Attendance, 45 ; Teachers, 7 ; no Teachers' Meetings ; Bible and Catechism ; Hymns ; "Child's Paper" ; Library, 250 ; 1 Annual Meeting ; no Annual Report.

**WINGHAM.**—2 Sabbath Schools; Roll, 90; Average Attendance, 70; Teachers, 13; no Teachers' Meetings; Bible and Catechism; London Sunday School Union Lessons; Psalms and Hymns; "Sabbath S. Messenger"; Library, 280; 1 Missionary Box; no Annual Meeting.

**EADIE'S STATION.**—1 Sabbath School; Roll, 70; Average Attendance, 35; Teachers, 6; Bible and Catechism; Hymns; Library, 250;

There has been growth here since last report; the Roll showing an increase of 30, and Average Attendance of 7. There are also 7 additional Teachers. But the Bible Class reported last year appears to be extinct. The School at Bluevale is "Union." The Report complains of the paucity of "good Teachers." The number of families in this charge is 124. The total average attendance in Sabbath Schools 150; a good proportion, but leaving a margin.

**AINLEYVILLE, KNOX CHURCH.**—

No Sabbath School or Bible Class has yet formed in this congregation; the sister congregation providing in the former respect for both. The Pastor was recently settled.

**BLYTHE AND MORRIS.**—2 Sabbath Schools; Roll, 259; Average Attendance, 170; Teachers, 18; no Teachers' Meetings; Scripture Lessons and Catechism; Hymns; "Messenger"; Library, 100; no Annual Meeting; 2 Bible Classes; Attendance, 40.

The work has increased in this field since last report; this is an additional School. The Roll has mounted from 117 to 250; and the Average Attendance has gained 104. There are 10 new Teachers. A Bible Class is also now in operation. The number of families is 125. There is, however, a marked disproportion between the number of children on the Roll, and the Average Attendance in Sabbath Schools, 259,—170. "Special hindrances," want of efficient Teachers, and indifference of parents.

**McKILLOP.**—3 Sabbath Schools; Roll, 180; Average Attendance, 150; Teachers, 8; Teachers' Meetings, occasionally; Bible; Psalms and Hymns; "Sabbath School Visitor"; Library, 200; 1 Bible Class; Attendance, 50.

Only 1 Sabbath School was reported in this charge last year, there are now 3, of which 1 is a Union School. The attendance has increased as per Roll by 105, while the number of Teachers is reduced from 12 to 8. There is also an increase of 10 in the Bible Class. The number of families in this charge is 62; which shows that the instruction of the young is prosecuted with remarkable energy.

**THAMESROAD AND KIRKTON.**—2 Sabbath Schools; Roll, 100; Average Attendance, 60; Teachers, 12; Teachers' Meetings, weekly; Bible and Catechism; Hymns; "Sunday School Visitor"; Library, 300; 1 Missionary Box; no Annual Meeting; no Bible Class.

There is an increase of 1 School since last year, and 2 additional Teachers; but the number on the Roll is unchanged, and so is the Average Attendance. The Bible Classes have been suspended because the pastor is residing in a very inconvenient part of his charge. The people are very scattered. The Sabbath School lately formed is as yet too recent to afford statistics. The families in this pastoral charge are 125, and ought to supply an attendance in Sabbath Schools of about 200.

**CLINTON.**—1 Sabbath School; Roll, 180; Average Attendance, 125; Teachers, 18; Teachers' Meetings monthly. "Edinburgh Sunday School

Union"; Hymns and Psalms; "Sunday School Visitor"; Library, 825; 1 Missionary Box; Annual Meeting; 1 half-yearly Report; Bible Class, 3; Attendance, 82.

The School and Bible Class have increased since last Report. The Average Attendance in Sabbath Schools by 17. There are 2 additional Teachers. Half of the congregation is in the country, and on that account shut out from Sabbath School instruction. The number of families is 120; there is a difference of 55 between the number on the Roll and the Average Attendance. The Clinton Sabbath School is upon the whole in a flourishing condition.

WROXETER AND HOWICK.—1 Sabbath School; Roll, 75; Average Attendance, 53; Teachers, 6; Edinburgh Series; 1 Bible Class; Attendance, 16.

There has been no report from this charge. The above is last year's report. The number of families being 90, the Average Attendance of 50 is small.

CULROSS.—1 Sabbath School; Roll, 80; Average Attendance, 60; Teachers, 4; Bible and Short Catechism.

This charge has sent no report. There is a large population in Culross, offering a fine field for Sabbath School operations.

RIVERSDALE, ENNISKILLEN AND N. KINLOSS.—3 Sabbath Schools; Roll, 103; Average Attendance, 60; Teachers, 8; Bible Lessons and Catechism.

This charge sent no report. It has 116 families. There is a want of Teachers.

WARRENSVILLE AND FRANCESTON.—2 Sabbath Schools; Roll, 121; Average Attendance, 80; Teachers, 13; Meeting, monthly; Bible Lessons and Shorter Catechism; 2 Bible Classes; Attendance, 40.

The Roll is small for so large a congregation, 251 communicants. There is no report from this charge.

GODERICH.—1 Sabbath School; Roll, 150; Average Attendance, 100; Teachers, 19; Teachers' Meetings, regular; Edinburgh Series; 2 Bible Classes.

There is no report from this congregation. The Sabbath School is proportionally attended. The number of families being 128.

McKILLOP.—1 Sabbath School; Roll, 160; Average Attendance, 70; Teachers, 5; Bible and Short Catechism; 1 Bible Class; Attendance, 30. There are 60 families here, which shows a large attendance.

KINCARDINE, KNOX CHURCH.—2 Sabbath Schools; Roll, 150; Average Attendance, 100; Teachers, 17; Teachers' Meetings, occasional; Bible and Shorter Catechism; Edinburgh Series; Psalms; "Child's Paper"; Library, 325; 1 Missionary Box; 1 Annual Meeting; 1 Bible Class; Attendance, 50.

"Special hindrances," want of Teachers. There are about 200 families in this congregation, so that the attendance in Sabbath Schools is not above one-half of what it ought to be. A Sabbath School Teachers' Association has been recently formed in the Village of Kincardine; it appears to have aroused a lively and general interest in the work.



It will be observed that Reports have not been received from six of our congregations: Bayham, Brucefield, Ashfield, Huron, Lucknow, and Langside. In the two last a pastor was but recently settled. The committee know nothing of the condition of Sabbath School work in the others.

Forty-one schools are in operation; some of these, however, are usually suspended during the winter months. The committee have reason to believe that such suspension is unavoidable in the later settlements, where roads are impracticable.

There are 239 teaches; 2,307 children on the rolls; 1,386 of an average attendance. Total increase on rolls since last report, 275; total increase on average attendance, 128; difference between rolls and average attendance, 92.

The total number of families in all our congregations is about 3,000. That ought to give, at the rate of 2 children per family, an attendance in Sabbath Schools of 6,000; according to this estimate 3,696 children are not receiving Sabbath School instruction.

The "special hindrances" in the prosecution of the work are "poverty," "indifference of parents," "paucity of suitable teachers," and the "scattered state" of families in the districts. The committee are not disposed to believe that poverty exists in such a degree as to prove a real difficulty in respect of Sabbath School operations. As a general thing our farming population is in a state of high prosperity. It is deeply to be regretted that parents should manifest so little concern about the religious instruction of their children. It is to be feared that such indifference and neglect are very prevalent; nor is the reason to believe that parents who despise the privilege of the Sabbath School are careful to discharge their solemn obligations in the family. The committee is encouraged to think that the coldness so painfully felt will gradually be displaced by a better sentiment, according as these precious institutions will vindicate their claim to public regard, by their increasing vigor and beneficial results. The future is full of hope; brightened, as it is, by the promises of God. In the meantime an address by the Presbytery, or by the Synod, on the importance of Sabbath Schools as an evangelical agency, would, with the divine blessing, be very seasonable and effective. The scarcity of teachers is a general complaint. In connection with this feature, the committee would express regret that Bible classes are so few. Let such classes be a nursery or training-school for teachers. No other method appears to be available for supplying the deficiency. A conference in Presbytery on the best mode of conducting Bible classes with a view to the preparation of Sabbath School teachers might be of signal benefit.

The committee would urge the holding of an annual Sabbath School celebration, and the reading of an annual report, embodying all matters of interest in the management of the school. In congregations where such a practice is observed, the effect is excellent. The report might be printed in a local newspaper; and also a copy be sent to the Sabbath School committee appointed by the Presbytery. Only six schools hold annual meetings.

The Missionary Box, or Missionary Collection, appears but rarely in the report. This is to be regretted. Children are equally disposed to take a lively interest in the subject of Missions. The glorious enterprise is well entitled to take a place in the programme of Sabbath School studies. That the attention of our youth should be early directed to the great field of a world's evangelization is of incalculable importance in view of the

future extension and activity of the church. The history of Missions reflects a strong light on the influence in that particular direction of the Sabbath School. In every school there ought to be a Missionary map; and how desirable that such a chart were accompanied with a small treatise, presenting a complete view of the history and condition of the Mission work at each separate locality—compiled with special adaptation to Sabbath Schools.

It is gratifying to find that the Shorter Catechism is so extensively used. The Edinburgh series of Scripture lessons is highly commendable. It is hoped that such schools as have not yet adopted them will be induced to make a trial of the advantages of these excellent methods of instruction. They are cheap and accessible. Your committee may take an opportunity on a future occasion of maturing an opinion on the subject of Text-Books.

Your committee are impressed by the magnitude and importance of this department of christian duty. The efforts hitherto put forth are far from being adequate to the demands of the field. It is startling to find that so large a proportion of our youth is not under the salutary influence of the Sabbath School. It would relieve our anxiety if we could persuade ourselves that parents are assiduous in the discharge of their moral obligations at home; but the sad "indifference" they manifest in reference to these valuable institutions is by no means an assuring indication. Happy for us if the good old domestic piety of Scotland were conspicuous in all our households—when on a quiet Sabbath eve the father would collect with patriarchal gravity his children around him, to catechise, to exhort, and to pray! With all its utility, the Sabbath School can never take the place of the family circle in the moral training of the young. The latter is God's own school. Its influence is supreme. It is there—in the immediate range of a parental rule and a parent's example—that a moral power is at work which tends more than any other element on earth to mould the character of our little ones for time and eternity. O that parents were alive to the greatness of their responsibility! Pious homes are the root of a natural moral grandeur and felicity! In the rural districts the establishment of a Sabbath School at a select central point would be a blessing to a neighborhood. In such localities the population is usually of a mixed character; and any church would be able to attract within the pale of her ordinances the children of families who have no religious habits or connections of any kind. This offers a fine opportunity for aggressive action.

Upon the whole, your committee feel that there is a loud call for diligence, resolution, and prayer that God would pour out His Spirit for the revival of our borders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. FRASER, *Convener.*

# REPORT

OF

## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Committee have endeavoured during the past year to carry on the Home Mission work of the Church as entrusted to them, and are happy to be able to state that a satisfactory degree of prosperity has by God's blessing accompanied their work. The following results are laid before the Synod for approval.

The half-yearly meetings have been held, and in general have been well attended, also quarterly meetings of a sub-committee for the distribution of the Probationers for the vacancies among the several Presbyteries.

The returns from Presbyteries are on the whole satisfactory. In some cases, as will be apparent from the tables appended, the required information has not been furnished and it may be necessary to withhold grants from such stations and congregations till they make the required returns. In other cases, where statistical information is not fully given, Mission Stations are not sufficiently organized to afford it.

### I. STATIONS AND CONGREGATIONS.

The Table in Appendix I, exhibits every Mission Station in the Church, and that in Appendix II every congregation receiving supplement from the Central Fund. In these lists are found the names of Stations and Congregations, which it has been resolved to remove; but as they were connected with the Committee's operations during the year, they fall to be reported. It is expected that, in accordance with the resolution of last Synod, Presbyteries will revise these lists at their first regular meeting after this Synod, and making such changes as they see fit. From the Returns of Presbyteries, as received in October next, amended Lists of Stations and Congregations will be made out as the basis of operation for next year. The following are the summaries of the Lists:—

### SUPPLEMENTED SUMMARY.

	Congregations.		Mansees.	Debt on Church Property.		Families adhering.	Communicants.	Attendance.	Amount of Salary contributed by Congregations.		Amount granted by H. M. Committee.		Arrears of Stipend.	
	Churches.			\$	c.				\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1 Montreal .....	7	8	6			141	517	120	1778	13	870	00	280	00
2 Ottawa .....	4	4	3			112	146	420	900	00	275	00		
3 Brockville .....	5	4	1	350	00	241	332	600	1505	00	350	00	300	00
4 Kingston .....	6	8	2	1930	00	345	371	745	1303	00	690	00		
5 Cobourg .....	3	5	2	400	00	151	332	520	1165	00	235	00		
6 Ontario .....	4	6		1060	00	214	248	539	1581	00	475	00		
7 Toronto .....	4	7	2	200	00		291	510	1281	50	330	00	70	00
8 Hamilton .....	2	5				100	141	220	820	00	140	00		
9 Guelph .....	1	2				60	60	170	400	00	50	00		
10 Stratford .....	1	2		170	00	80	115	200	400	00	100	00		
11 Paris .....	1	1				39	68	100	400	00	100	00		
12 London .....	11	9	2	335	00	22	619	1305	2500	00	1050	00		
13 Huron .....	3	6		100	00	172	164	330	625	00	225	00		
14 Grey .....	4	3					278	1841	950	00	400	00	424	22
Total .....	56	67	18	5045	00	2077	3586	7670	15908	13	5290	00	1074	22

MISSION STATIONS—SUMMARY.

	Aid required.	Gaelic needed	Preaching Stations	Average attendance	Families adhering	Communicants.	Attendance at Prayer Meeting	Atten. at B. Class and S. School.	Number of Sabbath-schools supplied.	Amount to be paid by Stations.	Amount paid by Stations during the year.	Amount paid for Building.	Home Mis. Grant per Sabbath.	Amount paid by H M Committee during year.
										\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
1. Montreal	9	3	21	826	271	246	12	178	192	8 00	347 76	350 00	24 00	621 60
2. Ottawa	6	•	17	682	187	191	•	95	95	13 75	216 51	•	12 00	191 15
3. Brockville	3	•	9	215	146	156	•	•	81	•	478 00	•	5 50	146 00
4. Kingston	5	•	8	375	95	97	•	•	108	•	262 79	•	11 04	294 00
5. Cobourg	7	•	14	410	203	202	32	•	138	•	314 50	•	23 00	400 00
6. Ontario	1	1	2	100	•	14	•	•	52	2 00	•	•	4 00	208 00
7. Toronto	10	•	21	970	352	441	•	•	339	•	1424 00	•	22 00	695 00
8. Hamilton	3	•	5	458	114	209	15	115	115	11 00	382 00	•	5 00	114 00
9. Guelph	3	•	9	380	82	115	44	25	143	7 00	456 00	153 00	9 00	390 00
10. Stratford	1	1	1	100	30	25	12	25	28	2 50	189 31	•	2 00	24 00
11. Paris	3	•	2	190	40	47	•	55	55	8 50	420 00	1405 00	5 50	149 00
12. London	14	3	25	1695	525	498	88	230	488	57 50	2188 00	2574 00	24 25	624 50
13. Huron	4	1	5	590	117	118	155	60	177	11 50	420 00	•	9 00	413 00
14. Grey	8	•	11	500	201	104	40	•	90	13 00	105 50	•	14 00	124 50
Grand Total	77	9	150	7121	2432	2469	339	783	2096	134 75	7154 28	4402 00	171 20	4293 75

From these Tables we learn that connected with the Committee's operations there are 77 mission fields, with 150 preaching stations, and 56 supplemented congregations. These represent altogether 4509 families, an adult membership of 6155, and an average attendance of 15091. These Mission Stations and Congregations contribute locally, besides board for Missionaries \$22,762 41, and received in aid \$9,583 75.

Comparing these results with those of last year, we find a slight decrease in the number of Mission Fields, but an increase in the supply given to them, in the aid received to the amount of \$1,184 25, and in the amount contributed of \$3,374 33.

Of Supplemented Congregations we have an increase in number of 11, with 510 additional communicants. It is to be regretted that arrears due by congregations exist to the amount of \$,074 22. The increase in the Supplemented Congregations compared with the decrease of Mission Stations, indicates that by means of the assistance afforded by the Committee, several stations have been so strengthened that they have been able to obtain a settled pastor, or feel themselves prepared to call. The amount paid from the Central Fund is in such cases almost necessarily increased, but the Committee, believing that the building up of congregations by settlement with liberal supplements, is the best way of advancing the Home Mission work of the Church, rejoice in this evidence of progress.

## II. MISSIONARIES.

In Appendix IV. will be found the list of Missionaries.—It contains the names of 11 Ministers, 4 Lay Catechists 22 Divinity Students and 14 Student Catechists. The necessities of the Mission Work have led Presbyteries still to employ the last named class of valuable labourers. The demand for Missionaries by the Presbyteries this spring was however less than last year, being 49 as against 61, and the supply was so nearly equal to the demand that Presbyteries have not seen fit to employ Students of other Theological seminaries, to the same extent as in former years. The cases in which Ordained Ministers are employed in mission districts for long periods are more numerous this year, and the Committee are of opinion that this method of cultivating our mission fields, may be more extensively adopted by Presbyteries with success, where good men can be obtained for work.

During the winter months some of the Presbyteries, with laudable diligence, endeavoured to give occasional supply to mission stations in sending the members of the Presbytery for one or two Sabbaths at a time. And much good would result if this plan were adopted throughout the church.

## III. FUNDS.

Besides the regular grants to Mission stations, the Committee has paid, in accordance with the resolutions of last Synod, for Kankakee \$100; towards the reduction of the Buxton arrears \$100, and to the payment of arrears in the Presbytery of Grey \$100; sundry expenses in addition, amount \$156.70. In all \$156 70. All the money due to Missionaries and Ministers, so far as known to the Committee, is paid.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The following is the Condensed Financial Statement:—

PRESBYTERIES.	Aml. Contributed.		Increase.		Decrease.		Rate per Member	Amount Expended.				Increase.		Decrease.		Excess of Expenditure over Contribution		Excess of Contribution over Expenditure	
	1867.   1868.							1867.   1868.											
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1. Montreal .....	573	10	953	30	880	20	22	1636	92	1652	04	21	12	698	74	84	49	556	93
2. Ottawa .....	326	24	382	42	56	13	17	248	75	395	92	147	17	13	50	235	09	266	96
3. Brockville .....	149	41	242	38	92	97	11	517	95	665	70	147	75	423	32	84	00	224	67
4. Kingston .....	790	30	711	41	78	89	51	483	50	776	20	292	70	64	79	132	70	266	96
5. Cobourg .....	651	62	581	12	70	51	24	718	70	586	09	96	45	4	88	84	49	556	93
6. Ontario .....	503	63	574	49	71	27	28	410	55	537	00	191	35	112	22	84	49	556	93
7. Toronto .....	1311	23	1491	78	150	55	28	743	50	934	85	191	35	84	00	112	22	235	09
8. Hamilton .....	1137	50	912	28	235	28	22	424	75	312	53	127	67	799	02	266	96	224	67
9. Guelph .....	730	90	704	19	26	87	15	553	00	469	07	145	67	799	02	266	96	224	67
10. Stratford .....	513	21	412	63	99	42	11	18	00	162	00	162	00	799	02	266	96	224	67
11. Paris .....	509	54	385	67	173	87	13	1850	39	2012	40	162	01	799	02	266	96	224	67
12. London .....	919	28	1213	38	294	10	31	814	01	724	00	162	01	130	15	90	50	266	96
13. Huron .....	425	29	593	85	168	56	11	521	00	610	50	9	50	413	53	243	30	266	96
14. Grey .....	219	65	196	97	22	18	9	50	00	256	70	243	30	266	96	224	67	266	96
15. Other sources .....	86	00	457	69	461	60	..	5	00	256	70	243	30	266	96	224	67	266	96
Total .....	8677	02	9844	57	1174	85	23	9465	51	10240	51	1457	72	662	72	2547	93	2151	79

From this table it appears that as compared with last year *Eight* Presbyteries have increased their contributions to the amount of \$1313 25, while the contributions of the other *six* have decreased by \$607.50. Deducting this last sum from the former, and adding \$461.60 of increase from other sources, we have a net increase of contributions from the whole Church of \$1167.35 *Ten* Presbyteries have increased their expenditure by \$1439.72, while the remaining *four* have decreased theirs by \$439.52 This last sum together with \$244.30 decrease in sundry expenses deducted from \$1439 72 shews a net increase of \$775 00. *Eight* Presbyteries expend more than they contribute, amounting in all to \$2547 93, while *six* Presbyteries contribute \$1910.89 more than they expend. This sum with \$240.90 contributed from various sources, and in excess of sundry expenses, when deducted from the above mentioned excess of expenditure, leaves \$396.14 total excess of expenditure above contributions. That is, during last year \$396.14 more was paid out of the fund than came into it ; a sum very nearly equalled by the extraordinary expenditure mentioned above.

It further appears that the Presbyteries contributing the greatest amounts are the largest Presbyteries, viz., Toronto which pays in \$1491 78, London which pays in \$1213.33, Montreal which pays in \$953 30, and Hamilton which pays in \$902.28. At the same time the rate of contribution per number by these Presbyteries is, in Toronto, 28 cents, London 31 cents, Montreal 22 cents, and Hamilton 22 cents; the Presbytery of Kingston shows the highest rate of contributions, viz., 51 cents per member. Ontario with 28 cents and Cobourg with 24 cents, rival the larger Presbyteries.—while Grey contributes only 9 cents, Huron and Brockville 11 cents, Paris 13 cents, and Ottawa 17 cents. The largest amount expended by any Presbytery is \$2012.40 by the Presbytery of London, this, however, includes \$400 for Huxton, and \$100 for Kankakee. The next largest amount is \$1652 expended by Presbytery of Montreal. The Presbyteries which pay most into the fund, after defraying their own expenses, are Hamilton, which shews an overplus of \$589 75, and Toronto, which shews \$556 93. The Presbyteries receiving the largest sums over their contributions are, London, which receives \$799.02, and Montreal, which receives \$698.74. The Presbytery of Grey receives more than three times what it contributes, Brockville more than two and a half times as much, Montreal and London not far from twice the amount.

The church in Ireland has not, as in former years, favoured us with a grant. The Committee, also, has considerably increased both the number of grants and their amount. The result has been that the expenditure has exceeded the income, as shown above, and consequently the balance on hand at the end of the year is less than last year.

The state of the fund is .....	\$2713.17
Balance on hand April 1, 1867 .....	9504.62
Congregational and other contributions .....	\$12,517 19
Deduct amount paid to Presbyteries, &c .....	10,350.16

Leaving Balance on hand April 1, 1868 .....

2,167 03

The Presbytery of Montreal has during the year kept a separate treasury, receiving and disbursing its own contributions. The payments made to stations by this Presbytery have been for the most part in accordance with the grants of the Committee, and the balance on hand has been paid over into the Central Fund.

There is a pleasing decrease in the number of congregations which have not contributed to the fund. The following is a list of such:

- Montreal.—Quebec, (2 years,) Indian Lands; St. Joseph Street, Montreal
- Richmond and Winslow, 5.
- Ottawa.—Pembroke, Fitzroy and Tarbolton, 2.
- Kingston.—Two vacancies.
- Cobourg.—Springville and Lakevale, 1; with two vacancies, 2.
- Ontario — One vacancy.

Toronto.—Streetsville, Stayner and Bowmore, 2, with nine stations.  
 Guelph —Doon and Hespeler; Woolwich and Berlin, 3; with one station.  
 Hamilton.—Flamboro, Dunnville and Cayuga, 2; with two stations.  
 Paris.—Two mission stations and a vacancy.8  
 London —St. Thomas; Ridgetown, 2; two stations.  
 Stratford.—One station.  
 Huron.—St. Helen's, 1.

Grey —Paisley; Rocky Saugeen, 2; two vacancies.

in all twenty settled charges, and thirty-two mission stations, or vacancies, have not contributed. (Several of the above have since contributed.)

Though there is a decrease in some, in others a gratifying increase meets us. Still, however, it is to be regretted that such cases occur as the following:

From a congregation receiving a very large supplement, and having 111 communicants, the munificent sum of \$2 is received; while another congregation receiving a little more than one-third what the former does as supplement, and with 116 communicants, contributes \$55. A self-sustaining congregation in one of the best districts of the Province of Ontario, having 134 communicants, sends in \$2, while another one adjoining, with 68 communicants, sends in \$20.

One of our city congregations for two years has contributed nothing; another with 563 communicants pays in \$115, or 20c. per member; a second wealthy city congregation with 375 communicants, pays in \$385, or 11c per member. A third city congregation with 273 communicants, pays in \$20, or 7½cts. per member; a fourth with 425 communicants, pays in \$25, or at the rate of 5½cts per member; while in one of our large towns a congregation with 222 communicants, pays in \$350, or a Dollar and a half per member; a city congregation pays at the rate of 80c. per member, and many of our small country congregations contribute at the rate of 50c. per member. These are only illustrations of the unequal manner in which the burden of our home mission operations is borne. This inequality of contributions is a serious evil, and the attention of Presbyteries is invited to it, that it may be remedied. With an average liberality throughout the whole church, our income would be almost doubled, and a just cause of dissatisfaction would be removed.

On review of the whole state of the finances it is manifest, that unless there is an increase in contributions throughout the church, the Committee must curtail its operations, and reduce the grants which have been made.

#### IV. GRANTS IN AID

As already stated, the amount of the grants have been in a great number of cases increased during the year. In a few instances they have been reduced, and in one case the congregation has by an effort become self-sustaining, and the last half-year's supplement was paid back by the minister. Such unselfish conduct, both in people and minister, forms a pleasing contrast with the tendency too often manifested by congregations to lean on the Central Fund, and take as much from it as possible, sparing themselves. It would aid the Committee very much, if Presbyteries before transmitting the application of congregations for supplement, would *invariably* make careful enquiry as to what is being done by the people. The Committee have had during the year, in a few instances to delay to make grants, as they had no evidence to satisfy them that due enquiry had been made by the Presbytery; and in some cases when the attention of the Presbytery had been directed to the matter, the applications have not been followed up, as these courts found another course of procedure called for.

The addition to the lists during the year have been ten mission stations and sixteen supplemented congregations. While as has been already observed it is desirable that settlements should be effected in our mission stations as quickly as possible, and the Committee are disposed to do all in their power by liberal grants to accomplish this, the attention of the Synod is respectfully called to a serious drawback in the prosperity of our work, unless Presbyteries use discretion. Last Synod empowered the Committee to make, when they saw fit, the



salary of supplemented congregation \$600, at the same time the Committee told the Synod that the funds accruing would not warrant them in promising a *minimum* of \$500; the Synod, however, saw fit not in connection with the operations of this committee, but independently to instruct Presbyteries to endeavour to raise all the stipends of our ministers to a *minimum* of \$600 with a manse. The consequence has been that several Presbyteries have found it all but necessary in order to secure the settlement of some of our probationers to make salary of supplemented congregations exceed \$500 and even come up to \$600, and have asked the Committee to aid them in so doing. In one or two instances this was done, and immediately, as might have been foreseen, dissatisfaction arose among ministers and congregations, whose stipend is less than the amounts secured to these newly ordained men in supplemented charges, which at the same time contribute to the supplement. Unless a stop be put at once to this course of procedure, the Committee will find it impossible to consent to the application of Presbyteries, for unless the income of the Fund be more than doubled, we cannot raise the salary of all our ministers to a *minimum* of \$600. It is unpleasant when the Committee appears to call in question the wisdom, and to disregard the express wishes of a Presbytery, and therefore there is the greater reason for Presbyteries considering well what may be the consequences of unduly raising the stipend in one place, even if it is desirable to secure the services of a superior man. In view of this difficulty it has been suggested that the supplemented congregations should be separated from the Home Mission scheme proper, and that a separate fund be raised and separately administered for their benefit leaving only mission stations with the Home Mission Committee.

In order to work our Mission fields it has been found necessary to make the grants in some new settlements comparatively large. It is, however, believed that a liberal outlay at first will prove to be true economy, as thereby congregations will be more quickly established.

#### V. VACANCIES AND PROBATIONERS.

Another matter entrusted to the Committee by last Synod, was the distribution of the probationers of the Church among the Presbyteries, so that they might visit the several vacancies with a view to settlement. The Committee submit with much satisfaction the result of their labours in this department. In appendix III will be found a list of all the vacancies reported to the Committee since July last, in all 58 also of all the probationers who were in the list during the year, in all 30, from the same paper it will be seen that fifteen vacancies have been settled, and twelve probationers. That the number of the former exceeds the latter is owing to three vacancies having called ministers—whose names were not on the roll of probation. The large number of settlements—and the fact that only five out of twenty whose names were on the roll—in October last are now unsettled, afford the best evidence possible of the practical utility of the present mode of distribution. Although there may have been cases of individual hardship or inconvenience, which no plan could prevent, the Committee have reason to believe that parties concerned are generally well satisfied, and that a solution has been found of a difficult practical question in the working of the Church. The distribution of probationers has been made quarterly and the Committee are happy to be able to report that with the exception of two cases of sickness and one of wilful disregard, which, however, the Presbytery concerned resolved not to prosecute, the appointments given to the probationers have been fulfilled. In some Presbyteries probationers were employed part of the winter half year in the mission field, this the Committee regard as in perfect harmony with the wish of the Synod, as expressed in 1866.

#### VI. WORK DONE.

The Committee are sorry to have to say that no reports of special interest have come in during the year. Presbyteries have been satisfied with giving such information as the printed forms contain.

In the Presbytery of Montreal great efforts have been made to get the stations and congregations into better order. The success which has attended these efforts is highly gratifying. Every encouragement should be given in the endeavour made by the Presbytery to overtake and cultivate the large scattered, desolate and difficult field of labour before the Church in the Province of Quebec.

Two settlements have taken place during the year; one new mission field has been opened up, and several stations have been revived.

The Presbytery of *Ottawa* has worked well. There are here four vacancies. It is most desirable to have these well filled with a view to further progress.

In the Presbytery of *Brockville* much labour has been expended to good effect during the last year, and much yet remains to be done. The congregations here are much weakened, and the things that remain call for strengthening and fostering care. Four vacancies are waiting for settlement, and will be found attractive to those who desire a wide field and plenty of work for the Master.

The Presbytery of *Kingston* goes on satisfactorily. The northern region has engaged the attention of the Presbytery; it has been visited by a missionary with good results. There are four vacancies within the bounds.

The Presbytery of *Cobourg* works away quietly, and is giving supply as it can to the settlements in the northern parts. There are three vacancies looking for settlement.

The Presbytery of *Ontario* has made three settlements during the year. Two of them in new congregations. The work goes on steadily and well. There are still two vacancies.

The Presbytery of *Toronto* has made great progress during the year. There have been nine settlements during the year, with three other in immediate prospect. Three of these, including Muskoka, where Mr. W. Wright labours as an ordinary missionary, are in places which have been hitherto only mission stations. Three others are in congregations receiving supplement. The largeness of the number of settlements may fairly be ascribed to the operation of our Home Mission scheme, in the liberal aid which it extends to mission stations and weak congregations. In the city of Toronto, the mission work progresses favourably. The Yorkville station is building a commodious place of worship, and a missionary has been appointed to labour in the east end of the city where a mission Sabbath School is in successful operation. In the *Muskoka* district steps are being taken for the erection of churches at three points; and in the *Mulmur* and *Welanethon* group it is proposed to build two churches. There are still five vacancies.

In the Presbytery of *Hamilton* one new mission station has been opened up. There are at present three vacancies.

The Presbytery of *Guelph* is diligently cultivating its mission field. There is one vacancy. No information has been received regarding the German mission. Mr. Leutzinger's labours have been withdrawn from Berlin and he now preaches at New Hamburg and Preston. The Committee is not informed as the cause of the change, nor the result of his labours during the year. No other German missionary has been procured, and no progress can be reported.

In the Presbytery of *Paris*, the mission stations have been supplied, but there is no special report. There is one vacancy.

In the Presbytery of *Stratford* there is nothing to report. It has four vacancies.

The Presbytery of *London* has made marked progress during the year. There have been several settlements, and a decided advance may be noticed in several congregations and mission stations. There are still three vacancies reported, two of them being in the United States. Of the Buxton mission there is no report.

In the Presbytery of *Huron* there has been progress. One settlement has taken place. There are two vacancies still.

The Presbytery of *Grey* is working its new and somewhat difficult field, and progress, though slow, is noticeable. There are four vacancies.

The Bruce Mines were visited during last summer, and partially supplied but the Presbytery has not been able to extend to the people there that aid and en-

couragement which they require. It would be well if a suitable man could be found, to send him there for a lengthened period.

In taking a review of the whole interests committed to their care, the committee see reason to be thankful to God for the past, and hopeful for the future. The church is evidently making progress. Resignations on account of inadequate support are becoming less frequent. Weak congregations are gathering strength. New congregations are being formed, and settlements long neglected are being overtaken. The supply of labourers is becoming more nearly commensurate with our wants. The liberality of our people is becoming better developed.

At the same time the Committee desiderate, greater care on the part of Presbyteries before drawing on the funds of the church, and more steady efforts to secure contributions and stir up congregations to a sense of their duty. Let every minister feel that he has an interest in sustaining the Committee in its operations and lend a helping hand. The Committee would also ask for more full information on all matters of interest, and the regular transmission of such intelligence for publication. Too often even matters affecting the work of the Committee are not officially reported; but left to be found out by accident, or verbally stated by some person who happens to know the facts. This should not be; and the representatives of Presbyteries are particularly requested not to overlook this suggestion.

The attention of the Synod is respectfully directed to a few points.

1. Something should be done *at once* to prevent the accumulation of arrears in supplemented congregations. What steps may be necessary Presbyteries must decide; but no minister should be allowed to remain in a place where, for any reason, the people neglect the duty of contributing, as the Lord enables them, for his support.

2. The Synod will render assistance to the Committee, if it will give instructions whether expenses incurred by Presbyteries in doing mission work within their bounds, are to be defrayed from the Central Fund, or from a separate fund to be raised by each Presbytery.

3. The Committee beg of the Synod to enjoin Presbyteries to take decided and prompt action in reference to congregations and stations within their bounds, which either neglect to send contribution to the Fund, or contribute inadequately.

4. The Committee requests the Synod to repeat the instructions of last year to the effect, that the names of students who may be licensed during the summer, and ministers or probationers who may be received after this Synod, be not put on the roll of probationers till October next, but that these men continue to labour in the Mission Field all that time.

Respectfully submitted by

JOHN LAING,

*Convener.*

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FROM 1ST MAY, 1867, TO 30TH APRIL,  
1868, AS AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION TO SYNOD.

## KNOX COLLEGE—1867-68.

## RECEIPTS.

Amount received from congregations, &c.....	\$5753 80
Balance due at close of year.....	629 52
	<u>\$6,383 22</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

Amount due at beginning of year.....	\$ 721 46
Paid on account of salaries.....	4977 00
“ to Mr Willing.....	250 00
“ accounts for repairs, &c .....	197 74
“ for Library.....	102 19
“ Printing, advertising, stationery.....	76 00
“ Insurance.....	106 40
“ Interest on mortgage.....	146 55
“ “ for advances for ordinary expenditure..	75 85
“ City Improvement Rate.....	30 13
	<u>\$6,383 13</u>
Amount at Dr. as above.....	\$629 52
Due Professors at date.....	931 65
	<u>\$1561 17</u>
Total amount due on ordinary fund.....	\$1561 17
Total amount due on ordinary fund on 1st May, 1867, was.....	1129 46
	<u>\$431 71</u>
Greater this year by .....	\$431 71

## BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$ 5 05
Received as per statement.....	1887 14
	<u>\$1,392 19</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

Amount invested—Goldie Scholarship.....	\$ 500 00
Bursaries and Scholarships paid.....	835 60
Paid for Elocution Class and Literary Society.....	44 00
Balance in hand.....	13 19
	<u>\$1,392 19</u>

## COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Amount at Dr. as last year.....	\$ 537 64
“ on Mortgage.....	1625 93

## SYNOD FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Amount received .....	\$2,147 88
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## EXPENDITURE.

Balance due at begining of year .....	\$ 221 65
Paid expenses connected with Synod meeting in Toronto .....	323 05
“ For Printing, including Synod minutes.....	394 10

" Express charges on minutes .....	21 60
" Rev. W. Fraser, salary .....	100 00
"          Postage account .....	3 77
" Rev. J. Gray, convener of committee on Statistics .....	60 00
" Advertising, &c. ....	15 04
" John Lovell, Montreal, balance of account.....	49 71
" Credited to arrears of Buxton Mission .....	100 00
" Proportion of general expenses .....	53 85
"          "          Salary of Gen. Agent .....	700 00
Balance.....	100 10
	<hr/> \$2,147 88

## FOREIGN MISSION.

Balance from last year.....	\$1809 16
Received from congregation, &c .....	4341 18
	<hr/> \$9,150 34

## EXPENDITURE.

Paid on Acct. of Miss. to British Columbia .....	\$2050 00
"          "          "          Red River.....	753 55
"          "          "          Saskatchewan.....	2774 37
"          "          Printing expenses of convener, &c .....	87 33
"          "          Proportion of general expenses .....	45 00
"          "          "          Salary of General Agent .....	80 00
Balance at end of year.....	3360 29
	<hr/> \$9,150 34

## HOME MISSION.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year .....	\$2713 17
Receipts from congregations, less expenses of deputation, &c .....	9804 02
	<hr/> \$12,517 19

## EXPENDITURE.

Paid Presbytery of Montreal (including \$688 75 paid directly to treasurer in Montreal) .....	\$1652 04
"          "          Ottawa.....	395 92
"          "          Brockville.....	657 00
"          "          Kingston.....	773 50
"          "          Cobourg .....	586 00
"          "          Ontario.....	537 00
"          "          Toronto.....	917 30
"          "          Guelph.....	469 00
"          "          Hamilton.....	308 53
"          "          Paris .....	162 00
"          "          London (including \$400 for Buxton and \$100 for Kankakee .....	1980 49
"          "          Stratford.....	145 67
"          "          Huron.....	724 00
"          "          Gey.....	610 50
" For Printing .....	52 35
" Expenses of members of Committee last year....	104 35
" Proportion of general expenses.....	65 00
"          "          Salary of General Agent .....	100 00
" Amount credited to arrears of Buxton Mission....	100 09

Balance at end of year..... 2167 03  
 -----\$12,517 19

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION,

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....\$ 336 07  
 Received during year..... 1152 79  
 -----\$1,488 86

EXPENDITURE.

Remitted to Montreal.....\$ 906 14  
 Paid proportion of printing, &c..... 4 20  
 " " General expenses..... 20 00  
 " " Salary of General Agent..... 25 00  
 Balance..... 533 52  
 -----\$1,488 86

WIDOWS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....\$2191 87  
 Congregational collections and donations..... 2568 64  
 Ministers' rates..... 1309 60  
 Interest..... 3420 83  
 Investments falling due and paid.... 690 43  
 -----\$10,181 37

EXPENDITURE.

Annuities paid to Widows and Children of Ministers \$2400 00  
 Rates repaid..... 20 00  
 Invested..... 4685 13  
 Printing, proportion of, and sundry incidental charges 44 50  
 Charge of Actuary for examination of Scheme..... 50 00  
 Amount credited to Fund for Aged and Infirm Min-  
 isters..... 1306 00  
 Proportion of general expenses..... 80 00  
 " " Salary of Agent..... 350 00  
 Balance..... 1245 74  
 -----\$10,181 37

The following is the present state of Fund :

Invested in Debentures.....\$18,544 00  
 " Mortgages..... 38,439 44  
 Cash..... 1,245 74  
 -----\$58,229 18

FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....\$2148 48  
 Receipts during year from Congregations..... 1306 00  
 Interest..... 96 00  
 -----\$3,586 48

EXPENDITURE.

Annuities to Ministers paid..... \$ 660 00,  
 Invested..... 968 00

Proportion for printing.....	7 00	
“ of general expenses.....	20 00	
“ Salary of Agent.....	40 00	
Balance.....	1891 48	<u>\$3,586 43</u>

## BUXTON MISSION.

Amount of Dr. last year.....	\$ 745 77	
Credited from Home Mission Fund.....	\$ 100 00	
“ Synod Fund.....	100 00	<u>\$ 200 00</u>
Amount now at Dr.....	\$ 545 77	

## HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

## RECEIPTS.

Received from subscriptions and advertisements.....	\$2,226 23
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## EXPENDITURE.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$ 219 56	
Lovell & Gibson for Printing.....	692 25	
Buntin, Bro. & Co, on account of Paper.....	750 00	
Postage and express charges.....	197 92	
Proportion of General Expenses.....	80 00	
“ “ Salary.....	280 00	
Balance.....	7 55	<u>\$2,226 23</u>

## KANKAKEE MISSION.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	56 29	
Receipts from all sources.....	3233 09	<u>\$3,289 33</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

Paid on account of Mission.....	\$2344 29	
“ J. W. Chiniquy, travelling expenses when collecting, &c.....	148 00	
“ Mr. J. Paradis for travelling expenses.....	25 00	
“ On account of travelling expenses of Committee.....	54 48	
“ Proportion of General Expenses and Salary of Agent.....	65 00	
Balance.....	652 61	<u>\$3,239 38</u>

## BEACHVILLE DEBT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 307 00	
Received during year.....	1207 60	
Balance due.....	493 40	<u>\$2,008 00</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

Amount paid W. C. McLeod, Esq., Woodstock.....	\$2000 00	
Incidental expenses.....	9 00	<u>\$2,008 00</u>

## ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount received from W. C. McLeod, Esq.....	\$4000 00	
Previously rec'd from Executors of Mr. D. Chisholm.....	40 00	<u>\$4040 00</u>

## MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.

Amount received.....	\$86 09
“ Remitted .....	86 09

## MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Amount received..	\$17 00
“ Remitted.....	17 00

## MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES.

Amount received .....	\$41 01
“ Remitted.....	41 01

The above accounts have been examined, vouchers and balances compared, and found correct.

(Signed,) J. McMURRICH, }  
“ J. L. BLAIKIE, } AUDITORS.

## PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

WARDEN KING, TREASURER.

## RECEIPTS.

On account of Endowment Fund.....	\$8776 85
“ “ Ordinary Revenue.....	1215 04
	<u>\$9,991 89</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

Investments on account of Endowment Fund .....	\$8590 00
Salaries of Messrs. Gregg and Aitken .....	1000 00
Librarian's Salary.....	20 00
Porter's .....	40 00
Printing, Stationery, Furniture, Travelling Expenses, &c.....	328 95
Balance.....	102 94
	<u>\$9,991 89</u>

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash per A. Robertson.....	\$60 00
“ G Rogers.....	50 00
“ Warden King.....	50 00
“ John Watson.....	20 00
“ Cote st. S. S.....	62 45
	<u>\$242 45</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

Scholarships paid to students.....	\$180 00
Balance.....	62 45
	<u>\$242 45</u>

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) ANDREW ROBERTSON,  
“ JOHN STIRLING.

## RECEIPTS FOR RECORD UP TO 22ND JULY.

Rev. A. G., J. K., J. B., Dufferin; J. E., Balmoral; J. M. F. Hastings; G. F., Smith's Falls; J. McL., Burnstown, \$1.10; J. McB., Teeswater, \$1.00; W. H., Oneida; Rev. J. D., Elora, \$1.00; Rev. D. W., Port Hope, \$5.00; Rev. D. J., Montreal, \$2.00; T. A., J. H., Mt. Albert; G. B., Hartman; A. R., J. H., Gore's Landing; J. S., Omemece; R. S., \$1.00; D. H., A. M., A. I., A. McD., T. H., A.



J. Sen., T. J. M., J. B., G. M., Baltimore; W. R., jr., Fenella; F. R., Lefroy; J. D., O. chardville; Mrs. F., D. C., Rev. P. D., \$100, Co'borne; Mrs. S., T. M., J. D., Acton; A. S., Lloydtown; P. N., Dombarton; R. A., Corowall; E. J. B., Grestlam; A. McL., J. F., Harrietsville; W. C., London; J. S., Dingle; Mrs. G., Millpoint; D. McL., Hamilton, \$36 00; J. L., Church Hill; per Rev. J. McM., Peton, \$7 50, A. McKee, Sandhill, \$100; Mrs. J. S., Iowa; D. C., Rockwood, \$100; N. L., Lim-house; D. McC., Jarratt's Corners; Miss H., Concord; S. Y., Scarboro; J. B., Westwood; T. D., Acton; Jarratt's Corners; J. McL., Rugby; J. L., Castleford, per 12 copies, \$5 00; H. S., Guelph, \$2 00; Rev. J. F., Dingle, \$150; Mrs. C. G., Princeton \$200; Rev. G. B., W. McB., Paisley; Mrs. B. Headford; W. C., Klineburg; Mrs. A. K., Saugeen; Rev. G. J., Me'ford; J. C. J. G., Valeyfield; A. S. Elk Rapids; T. W. W., Galt; J. H., W. H., W. McL., \$100, A. N., \$100; J. W., \$100, D. S., \$100, Mrs. M., \$100, W. McG., \$100, J. F., \$100, St. Mary's; G. M., Tavistock, \$200; G. B., Toronto; H. W., J. I., Feversham, \$200 each; Rev. R. K., Maxwell, \$200, or balance in full for 27; Rev. J. P., Islay, Scotland; M. McD., Seaforth; T. N., J. G., Perth.

## MONEYS RECEIVED UP TO 22nd JULY.

## SYNOD FUND.

Ridgetown, (less dis.).....	\$5 70
Que. ph. 1st .....	7 00
From st, 1st, (less dis.).....	9 50
Elora, Chalmers.....	8 00
Barrie.....	4 15

## KNOX COLLEGE.

Ridgetown, (less dis.).....	\$7 60
West Puslinch, (less dis.).....	9 50

## HOME MISSION.

Mosa, (less dis.).....	\$33 25
Elkford, (less dis.) .....	30 40
Atterboro' Arctyle ch., (less dis.) ..	16 80
Ridgetown, (less dis.) .....	26 60
William, (less dis.).....	73 96
West Puslinch, (less dis.).....	12 35
Elora, Chalmers' (less dis.).....	43 50
McKillop, 1st.....	22 00
T. Foster, Smith's Falls.....	10 00

## FOREIGN MISSION.

Mosa (less dis.).....	\$23 75
Ridgetown, (less dis.) .....	9 50
Member of the C. P. Church for Sa. Katchewan.....	2 00
West Puslinch, (less dis.).....	4 75
Member of the ch. at Gadshill.....	5 00
Fri. nds in M n res. l per J. C. urt, Esq., per Rev. J. Nisbet for Mag. c. Lantern.....	10 00
Chalmers' Ch., Dunwich.....	15 12

Moneys sent in the beginning of May, and credited to Longwood and Mosa, should have been credited to Chalmers' Church, Dunwich.

## WIDOWS' FUND.

Ridgetown, (less dis.) .....	\$1 90
Wellesley .....	5 00
West Puslinch, (less dis.).....	4 75
Elora, Chalmers' Ch., (less dis.) ..	14 50
With rates from Rev. G., Grant: Rev. W. Barr.	

## KANKAKEE MISSION.

Ridgetown, (less dis.) .....	\$5 70
Member of the C. P. Church....	1 00
Wellesley .....	5 60
West Puslinch, (less dis.).....	11 40
A. Sutherland, Elk Rapids.....	71

## FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

Member of the C. P. Church....	2 00
West Puslinch, (less dis.).....	14 25

## BURSARY FUND.

J. Fisher, Esq., per Rev. Dr Orniston.....	\$120 00
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## COLLEGE IN MONTREAL.

McNab.....	\$5 00
Received from Innerkip for Schemes of the Church.....	\$44 81