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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA．

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The Home Mission Committee，in presenting the annual record of their labours in this important department of Church work，desire to acknowledge the goodness of God in the large measure of success that has attended their labours，and the support they continue to receive from many of the members and congregations of the Church．The financial statement，as will be seen， again shows a deficit in both Funds．Had the Committee granted all the applications made from necessitous fields，the deficit would have been greater．They regret that seeming lack of interest and small contributions from many wealthy churches，prevent them going forward as they desire in the prosecution of a scheme so largely blessed in bygone years．

The health of the Missionaries has been good，and they have been enabled to enter many districts，preaching and administering ordinances，where no Missionary has ever been before．What the Church owes to her noble band of Home Missionaries in far distant fields，who labour under great difficulties，and suffer at times severe privation，cannot be understood．The mere record of their names and the stations occupied，and the miles traversed in going between，but feebly tells the story of their lives．

In the North－West and British Columbia our work goes on prosperously，and its more rapid extension is urgently demanded，in view of the large increase of population that emigration from the Old World to the New is making month after month．

In addition to the regular Mission work，the Crofter settlements in the North－West，and the Icelandic Missions in Winnipeg and other places，have engaged the attention of the Committee，and received aid as far as the funds permitted，

In the Report submitted there will be found notes of the progress of Home Missions and Augmentation，in the different Presbyteries of the Church，certain changes recommended by the Committee，and a detailed statement of the state of both Funds．The reports of the Students＇ Missionary Societies and the Lumbermen＇s Mission are also presented，in a condensed form．In the appendix，complete statistics of allithe Mission stations and augmented congregations are given，and the names of all the Missionaries，Probationers and Catechists employed under the direction of the Committee．

## SUMMARY OF MISSION AND AUGMENTATION WORK．

## PRESBYTERY OF QUKBEO．

## Missions．

There are few changes to report in the Missions of the Presbytery．All our fields have been regularly supplied throughout the year，with the exception of Massawippi and Richby，which were supplied during the summer and during the Christmas vacation．Valcartier has been supplied for several years by a student Missionary．This field suffers from the poorness of the soil，and more especially from the indifference to religious services that prevails，owing，in many cases，to mixed marriages and neglect of attendance at the House of God．An ordained Missionary is needed here in the interests of the people，and of our Church．Kennebec Road has enjoyed a term of refreshing， The Missionary reports an increase of the membership，and appreciation of the Gospel，by the people of this region．The influx of summer visitors to Metis benefits the field financially，but withdraws many of the people from the means of grace during the summer．There is great need here，as else－ where，of a spiritual awakening．

Sawyerville made no real progress during the year．The partial failure of the crops，and the troubles in connection with the Hereford Railway，hurt the Mission financially．The prospects of
the field are now more encouraging. Massawippi and Richby is an interesting field, but has no immediate prospect of growth. This place needs regular supply, summer and winter,

In the Mission work of the year there has been some encouraging signs, for which we are thankful. We are still willing to sow the good seed, waiting in faith for the blessing sure to follow,

## Augmentation.

The Augmentation Scheme has again proved a great blessing to the weak congregations of the Presbytery.

Three Rivers, owing to the loss of a number of families, required an increased grant from the Fund. Windsor Mills has steadily flourished since the settlement of the present pastor. The grant to Windsor Mills was less than the grant of last year. Windsor Mills has also repaired their church. The other augmented congregations received the same grant as those of preceding years. The Aug. mentation Fund has enabled the Presbytery to effect the settlement of a pastor at Danville, and there is also the prospect of an immediate settlement at Scotstown. The Augmentation Scheme has the confidence of our congregations, and is loyally sustained by them, in most cases, according to
their ability.

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

## Missions.

The Rev. Jas. Stewart continues to labour as ordained Missionary in Arundel and Harrington, the most widely extended field in the Presbytery. The people generally are poor and unable to contribute much for the support of religious ordinances. They appreciate highly the services of Mr. Stewart, who is the only Protestant minister visiting some of the stations in the district. Here, as in the adjoining field of Ogdensburg, etc.,there is a considerable French speaking community, which has of recent years been increasing, and which may ere long operate against the interests of our cause. The Trout River Line Mission is hereafter to be worked by the Session of Elgin and Athelstan, thus saving the Home Mission Fund. From a variety of circumstances the congregations of West and Centre Farnham have been so weakened that they are now being worked together under an ordained Missionary, Rev. A. E. N. Suckling. In the other fields of the Presbytery there is little change to
note during the year.

## Augmentation.

The union of West and Centre Farnham under an ordained Missionary, considerably relieves the Augmentation Fund. The congregations of Taylor Church, Montreal, Rockburn and Gore, and Second Church, Huntingdon, have each added $\$ 50$ to their contributions, reducing the grants from the Fund to this extent. The grant to Ste. Therese has, on the recommendation of the Presbytery, been reduced to $\$ 50$, and this grant has been made conditional on the congregation contributing 8700 . The total grants for the current year amount to $\$ 1,900$, as compared with $\$ 3,600$ in 1884 . The success of the Scheme in this Presbytery has been most gratifying. It has not only enabled our weak congregations to secure and retain the services of regularly inducted pastors; it has also stimulated the liberality of these congregations, so that from year to year the aggregate grant from the Fund has
steadily decreased.

## presbytery of glengarry.

## Missions.

The only two Mission stations in this Presbytery-Gravel Hill and Apple Hill-were erected into a united pastoral charge, on the 19th March last.

## Augmentation

The congregations of Summerstown and East Lancaster are both vacant. The former is likely to be settled in May, the latter is to be supplied by a student during the suinmer. The other three charges, according to the reports of the visiting deputations, give evidence of increasing prosperity. Dalhousie Mills, etc., now only require a grant of $\$ 100$, instead of $\$ 250$, as was the case three years
ago.
presbytery of ottawa.

## Missions.

The Mission work in this Presbytery, though beset with the many difficulties which necessarily arise out of a divided Protestantism in the midst of a population that is largely Catholic, was attended with some measure of success during the past year. For the causes referred to, our Mission fields is hindered by the frequent removal of pastoral charges, or even of increased support. Their growth is hindered by the frequent removal of individuals and families, whose places are very generally taken by Roman Catholics. The wide and needy field of Cantley and Portland is, at present, suffering a severe loss by the removai of the Rev. D. Findlay, who has given many years of earnest and faithful labour, as ordained Missionary, to this field. The Presbytery feel that it will be difficult to secure a successor of like mind to take his place. As in former years, the Presbytery is greatly indebted to the students of Montreal College for the large measure of supply they have given, at much personal sacrifice, to several of their Mission fields during the winter months. But distance rendered it impossible to secure supply for some other fields. By the transference of Onslow from the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery to Ottawa, and the disjunctinn of Eardley from Aylmer, a new Mission field has been add
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## Augmentation.

This Scheme is still productive of good results, and is growing in favour with the Presbytery. Rochesterville has now attained the position of self-support, and is dropped from the list. The Scheme has been a great boon to our Presbytery.

## LANARK AND RENFREW.

## Missions.

The work throughout the whole Mission field of our Presbytery has been in a prosperous condition. The different fields have been growing in strength, both numerically and financially. A new church was completed and opened during the year in the Onslow Mission. This Mission field has lately been transferred to the Ottawa Presbytery, so that it may be wrought in connection with Eardley, another Mission in that Presbytery, which lies adjacent to Onslow. Litchfield has been divided into two missions, known as Lower and Upper Litchfield. In Lower Litchfield we have an ordained Missionary. In Upper Litchfield we have a student during the summer, with the prospect of having the field strengthened so as to require the services of an ordained Missionary. By this rearrangement of the field the work will be consolidated, and a new Mission station will be opened up at Shawville, a growing village in that district. Two of our fields, Chalk River and Stafford, and Osceola, have been supplied during the winter months by student Missionaries, with good results.

## Augmentation.

During the year the congregations of Coulonge, Balderson and Drummond, and Admaston, have become self-sustaining under the faithful ministry of their respective pastors. The congregation of Lanark, also, has been removed from the Fund. By these changes a saving to the extent of $\$ 430$ has been made. Upon careful inquiry we found that no reduction could be made in the grants to Elmsley and Eganville and Scotch Bush. In the congregation of Elmsley a new church was opened during the winter. Bromley, which was vacant for several months, has lately been settled, and the prospects of this congregation are bright.

## PRESBYTERY OF BROOKVILLE.

## Missions.

I. North Williamsburg and Manchester Springs :-This field has been continuously supplied, with advantage, by a Catechist-Mr. Hugh Jack-for the past year, who has done excellent work among our people there. When he leaves (for college) in the fall, an effort will be made to organize it as a supplemented charge.
II. Stone's Corners and North Augusta :-This is the most promising Mission field within our bounds, and bids fair shortly to become a settled charge. Two new churches are in contemplation this summer. They also have had continuous service during the winter, through students of Queen's College.
II. Morton and Delta :-During the past year this field has been regularly supplied by several labourers, and for the last six months by a student, who has proved acceptable and efficient. The people, however, are very anxious to receive the services of an ordained Missionary to meet their spiritual wants, but as they are only able to raise $\$ 300$ per annum, and the Home Mission Committee can only see their way to grant a like sum each year, such an appointment seems to be, at present, impossible. There seems no prospect now of such improvement in their financial condition as would warrant us in cherishing the hope that such a labourer can be secured.
IV. Chesterville :-This is a new station, and has been until the last year part of the charge of Dunbar and Colquhoun's. The village, since the completion of the C. P. R. through it, has grown in numbers and importance, and Presbytery has decided to continue it, for a time, as a Mission station, under the hope that it will become either a self-supporting charge, or perhaps, which is more likely, of sufficient strength to be associated with some other station, when other re-arrangements have been made. It is now under charge of a student, and is growing rapidly.
V. Pleasant Valley :-This station, which was set off from the charge of Iroquois and Dixon's Corners some time ago, and united with the congregation of Heckston and South Mountain, has again been discontinued, and the people have been counselled by Presbytery to go to South Mountain, a distance of four miles, for their religious services. The people insist upon preaching within their own bounds, and for the most part object to going so far to worship. It remains to be seen what may be the outcome of Presbytery's efforts to bring about a better state of feeling.

## Augnzentation.

We have now four augmented charges within our bounds, two of which were until recently upon the list of our mission stations. There is nothing exceptional in any of them to call for any special remark. We again would remark upon the grand arrangements of the Augmentation Fund, and its advantages in the all-important work of Church extension.

This Presbytery has abundant reason to thank God for what congregations have been encouraged to do for themselves through its beneficent help.

## THE PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

## Missions.

There are eighteen groups of mission stations within the bounds of this Presbytery. Two of these, viz., Portsmouth, etc., and Melrose, etc., are self-sustaining. Five are supplied by ordained Missionaries.

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

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

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

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

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

## Augmentation.

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

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

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

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

## presbytery of peterboro.

## Missions.

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

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

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

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

## Augmentation.

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

## PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.

## Missions.

The mission field of the Presbytery consists of three groups of stations, viz., Sebright, Coboconk, Cambray and Oakwood. In the Sebright group there are four preaching places. In Sebright there is an excellent brick church. At the other points service is held in school houses. For the past three years the field has made gratifying progress under the faithful labours of Jas. Gilchrist, student. Mr. Gilchrist has been recently ordained, and now takes charge of the field as an ordained missionary, to which he was appointed at last meeting of the Committee. This district will, for the
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first time in its history, have continuous supply of ordinances, the want of which has greatly retarded the progress of the work. Coboconk and associate stations, four in number, were supplied during the past summer by a student. During the winter the Student's Missionary Society of Knox College rendered valuable services. By an arrangement recently entered into between the Presbyteries of Peterboro' and Lindsay, Kinmount has been transferred to the latter, and will in future be worked with this group of stations. By this addition the field has been much strengthened, and at no distant day will reach the status of a settled charge.

Cambray and Oakwood have been making steady progress since services were established at the latter place, four years ago. At the last meeting of the Committee this field was raised to the status of an augmented congregation, and is now in a position to extend a call to a minister.

## Augmentation.

In this department of the work most gratifying progress has been made during the past twc years. Last year Sunderland and Vroomanton, which had been receiving a grant of $\$ 250$ up to that yeate, was removed from the list, and now pays a stipend of $\$ 800$ and a manse. This left the Presbytery with two augmented charges, viz., Fenelon Falls, Leaskdale and Zephyr, the former receiving from the Committee $\$ 250$ and the latter $\$ 150$ annually. This year the grant to Fenelon Falls has been reduced by $\$ 100$, while Leaskdale and Zephyr has been removed from the list, becoming selfsustaining. The results in both departments of the work are most gratifying, calling for thankfulness to the Head of the Church and increased liberality by the people in behalf of Home Missions and Augmentation, which are rendering not only to this Presbytery, but to the entire Church, such valuable aid in strengthening and building up the Church in this Dominion.

## PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.

This Presbytery has had no mission stations nor augmented congregations during the year.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

## Missions.

Work was carried on outside of the city in the following fields: (1) Mount Albert and Ballantrae, (2) Stouff ville, (3) Malton, (4) Bethesda. For years Bethesda stood alone, but we are pleased to report that a good neighbour has been found in Eglington. This new field promises to be vigorous and most progressive. No grant will be required for these united stations. Another new point taken up this spring is Mimico. Here the prospect is good. Mimico lies west of the Humber river and near the lake. Already a lot has been given. Steps will be taken as soon as possible to erect a church. The Industrial School for boys is situated in this pleasant resort. Among these boys there is interesting work for the missionary. Long Branch, about two miles farther west, will be supplied with Mimico. Also another point nearer the city, known as the neighbourhood of the Bolt Works, can be visited by the student settled in the above place. Still another new field has been opened. It is known as the "Five Points." This is a short distance northwest of Dovercourt Village, and is worked in connection with that mission in the meantime. A lot is secured and a church is being erected.

Missions in the City :-First in order is Duchess Street Mission, and is in connection with Knox Church. The Sabbath School and Sabbath evening service, as well as prayer-meetings, are well maintained. This is a destitute portion of the city and is in great need of just such work as is being vigorously prosecuted by the band of Christian men and women still connected with Knox Church.
2. St. Marks, King Street West, has made decided progress in the last year. A large and wellfurnished school-room has been built and will answer well for Church purposes for some time. This wilisingtless be one of our self-sustaining charges ere long. This nussion is worthy of the enterprising congregation of St. Andrews, King Street West, which has had the full responsibility of its maintenance since its inception.
3. St. John's Mission, East of the Don :-Most satisfactory progress has been made in this new centre. At an early day this also will rank along with our self-sustaining churches. St. James' Square Church has been responsible for this station in every sense, and in this is the main reason for its present prosperous condition, under the blessing of God.
4. Winchester Street Mission is efficiently worked in connection with Old St. Andrews, and evidently has a prosperous future before it.
5. Central Church Mission, in St. John's Ward, is vigorous in its operations and promises to more than conserve its honourable record in the past year.
6. William Street Mission :-Special services were held here for some weeks during the winter with very gracious results, a goodly number giving evidence of a genuine work of grace. This mission is in connection with Erskine Church. For the encouragement of elders, be it said, this good work was largely under the leadership of one of the elders of Erskine Church.
7. Claremont Street Mission :-Very gratifying progress was made in this field. A neat mission church was erected. The Sabbath School and Sabbath evening services are largely attended. This work is the result of the efforts of the pastor and members of the West Church.
8. Davenport Road Mission:--The Sabbath School and Sabbath evening services are well sustained. At no distant day this station will, we believe, develop into a good congregation. Charles Street Church had the honour of planting this mission, as it had the honour of founding Deer Park Church.
9. Seaton Village:-Here a suitable church was built last year. The Sabbath School has greatly increased. The services morning and evening are encouraging. With the growth of the city here, as it has grown elsewhere, there will soon be a good sphere of labour and a large congregation. This field is worked by the Session of College Street Church.
10. Dovercourt Village :-A church was also built here last summer. The work is quite

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encouraging, and there is cause to hope that in a short time a strong charge will be formed. This field is in connection with Chalmer's Church.
11. Parkdale Mission:-The work here has sustained the hope entertained at its inception. It has thoroughly justified the expenditure made in connection with its establishment. Soon others will spring up west of this. This work, so hopeful, is under Parkdale Church.
N. B.-Only two missions out of the eleven within the city receive any aid from the Home Mission Fund. All the others are supported, with one exception, by the congregations with which they are connected.

## Augmentation.

One congregation, East York, was placed upon the Augmentation Fund during the past year. One congregation, West Toronto Junction and Dixie, was, to the great satisfaction and delight of the Presbytery, removed, after being on the Fund for a very brief period.
presbytery of orangeville.
Our work here is largely pioneer missionary work and progress fairly satisfactory. In regard to Augmentation, would it not be judicious to recommend to the Assembly that grants be discontinued after a period, as some congregations become imbued with the idea that the aid is perpetual, and liberality, in such cases, is crushed.

## PRESBYTERY OF barrie.

## Missions.

During the past year the work of the Church has been diligently prosecuted in the bounds. The greater number of the stations here enjoyed winter supply, and the missionaries, students, and catechists have, with scarcely an exception, acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Presby tery. As regards the Muskoka and Parry Suund Districts, under the supervision of Rev. A. Findlay, his report will give account of the work there, but the appointment of ordained ministers as labourers in the bounds may be noted here. They were made as follows at the October meeting of the Home Mission Committee: Rev. James McEwen to Sudbury, Rev. W. M. Christie to Magan etawan, Rev. W. J. Hewitt to Parry Sound. These were winter engagements, but were continued by the Committee in March at the request of the people of the several stations. Mr. Hewitt's appointment was made for 18 months, dating from April. The Rev. J. M. Goodwillie, M. A., was appointed in October for two years as ordained missionary at North Bay.

Besides the large mission field in the districts named, there are eight other groups of stations in the bounds, all situated in the northern half of the county of Simcoe. The work is steadily maintained, though there is little of a special character to be reported. It is hoped that ordained missionaries may be obtained for most of them at no far distant time, so that they may advance more rapidly. Events seem to be maturing for some of them becoming soon self-supporting congregations. A station was recently organized at Wyevale, which is united to Knox Church, Flos, Gibson, and Phelpston. This addition, it is hoped, will hasten the settlement of an ordained missionary for a term, if not of a pastor. In connection with Airlie, Banda, and Tioga, strong hopes are cherished. The congregation of Honeywood has been handed over to this Presbytery by the Presbytery of Orangeville, and will be united to those stations when the transfer is sanctioned by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. They will be strong enough to become a pastoral charge with a little aid at first from the Augmentation Fund. Credit is due to Rev. J. Leishman, of Angus and New Lowell, for the formation of this new charge. Three or four years ago the Presbytery accepted Mr. Leishman's resignation of Airlie as part of his charge. It stood alone at first and received student supply, but new ground was taken up under direction of Mr. Leishman as Moderator of Session, new stations added, and now there is expectation of a good pastoral charge.

Guthrie Church and Mitchell Square, Oro, formerly a charge, is now on the Home Mission list, and is supplied by Rev. J. Hunter with acceptance. Severn Bridge, etc., a cbarge which became vacant by the resignation of Rev. A. H. Drumm, is also on the list of stations.

North Bay:-An encouraging report has been received from this congregation since the above was written. Mr. Goodwillie has conducted two services on Sabbath, superintended the Sabbath School, held weekly prayer-meeting, visited the people diligently, and a marked improvement is visible. On Sabbath, 10 th April, twenty-two were added to the membership by certificate and on profession of faith. The attendance on the services is increased. The Sabbath collections average \$9.00. The attendance at Sabbath School is between fifty and sixty, and at prayer-meeting twenty.

## Augmentation.

Last year there were ten congregations in this Presbytery receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund to the amount of $\$ 1,675$ for the year. The number now is seven, receiving $\$ 1,000$ (including the grant of $\$ 50$ expected for one congregation, the application being delayed till October next). The changes during the year are as folluws: 1. Removed from the list, Townline and Ivy, October 1, Midland, December 31. 2. Reduced applications, Esson and Willis, $\$ 100$ to $\$ 50$. 3. Taken off the list and placed on the list of Mission Stations, Parry Sound, Severn Bridge, Washago and Ardtrea. 4. Increase of grant, Penetanguishene, etc., $\$ 50$ additional.

## Additional Report of Rev. A. Findlay.

Muskoka.-With a staff of twenty-five missionaries during the summer half year, and of thirteen during the winter months, pretty full service has been given to the stations on this field during the past year. In many of the stations very decided growth is visible, while in most of them appearances are very promising. At Sudbury, etc., a deep interest is being taken in the prosperity of Zion by the comparatively few families found there. With a membership of about twenty, they raise $\$ 400$ per annum for the support of ordinances among themselves. The crying need here at present is a church building, as the congregation has successively outgrown the court house and school house,

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Nurth Bay, under Mr. J. M. Goodwillie, is prospering as never before. The congregation at Pomassan rejoices in possession and occupation of a new church long ne-ded. But while we here have this token for good, as well as in the fact of many being gathered God. During the por the Church, yet there is true cause for humiliation under the mighty hand of God. During the past nine months this secticn of country has suffered as it has selas developed early last autumn in this and fair Dominion. Diphtheria of a most malignant type was developed earlity has been a Bochim, a ploe of rounding neighbourhood, since ground, it has been stated "sixty-four new graves were made this mourners. In one burying ground, it has been stated, sixs a great deal. At Nipissing, schore winter," and in a sparsely settled neighbourhood this means a great deal. oard of Heal, schools, church services, and all puber till the present writing, our missionary on this field has been able to since the middle of December till the present writing, our a disorganizy on this field has been able to hold only three services at this point. All this means a disorganzation of the work for the time being, but we trust a rich blessing in things spiritual may be enjoyed by those who have been so sorely tried.

At Rosseau, under Mr. I. Garrioch, a step in advance has been taken, an increasing interest being developed in the prosperity of the cause. A slight re-arrangement of the field here has been effected, which will be a benefit both to missionary and people. Mr. Hewitt, at Parry Sound, enjoys the comfort of seeing the work prosper w th him. An addition to the church building has been found necessary to accommodate the increased attendance at public worship. These individual cases are referred to as showing the state of affairs over the whole field, want of space preventing a reference to each station or field individually. Financially, though the past year has been one of some depression, yet the contributions of the stations to the Schemes are somewhat in advance of last year. One means, by which the interest of the people is sustained and their liberality drawn forth, is by means of our Record, wlich, with its monthly tidings from the fie!d, both at home and in foreign lands, goes to about 1,000 homes each month in these wide districts, keeping the people alive to the growing needs of the Church, and leading them to pass on the cup of which they have drank to those who are thirsting. Our Sabbath School work has also been greatly assisted by a very large donation of catechisms from Dr. Cochrane, Convener of Home Mission Committee, also of libraries from various Sabbath Schools, notably Collingwood and Orillia. Also of presents from Christmas trees during hoiliday season, in which Knox Church, Woodstock, and Campbellford took a leading part. And last, but not least, donations in cash to provide supplies, from Winchester Street School, Toronto, and the School in Barrie.

## presbytery of owen sound.

## Missions.

In all our mission fields the work has progressed very tavourably during the year. In some cases removals from weak tields have seriously hampered them in their efforts. We have never had such regular supply as we have had during the past winter. In the Indian Peninsula an effort is to be made this summer to have one or two churches built, so that our work may become more consolidated.

## Augmentation.

We have not been able to reduce the claims on the Augmentation Fund during the year. Sarawak will be self-sustaining next year. Another congregation has promised to largely reduce its grant very soon.
pRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

## Missions.

Balaklava. Ayton, and Wast Normanby.-This group of stations has been supplied during the past year by Rev. Robt. Fairbairn, whose services are very acceptable. Good work is being done, but as the stations are far apart, the field is difficult to work.

Cotswold.-This station was supplied last summer by a student. During the winter Rev. M. C. Cameron, Harriston, preached every Sabbath afternoon.

Gordonville.-A student labouring under Rev. L. W. Thom, Arthur, and in connection with his congregation, supplied this station during last summer, and also did some pioneer work in a field about five miles distant. Nteps are being taken to make Gordonville a part of the regular charge of Mr . Thom in connection with Arthur village.

## Augnentation.

Cedarville and Esplin.-Steps are being taken to erect a new church at Esplin. This Presbytery is still far behind in its contributions to the Augmentation Fund.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

## Missions.

The mission stations in this Presbytery are the same as last year: Eden Mills, under the charge of Mr. Strachan, of Rockwood, and Elmira, under the charge of Mr. Hamilton, of Winterbourne ; Hawksville and Linwood, Knox Church, Dracon, and Metz, supplied by students during the sum mer, and by such others as may be available during the winter.

## Augmentation.

During the past year the Presbytery had no congregations on the Augmentation Fund. A neat and comfortable church was built during the winter at Waterloo, and the prospects are that the congregation will be self-sustaining and a pastor settled at an early date.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,

## Missions.

During the year three of our stations have been advanced to the status of vacant congregations, viz., Cayuga and Mount Healey, Port Dalhousie and Louth ; and Haynes Avenue, St. Catharines, and St. David's, Fort Erie, and Victoria, again appear on the list of stations. Part of this field, Ridgeway, has ceased to exist on account of removals, not more than two or three families being left.

Delhi is being supplied as a station this summer with a grant from the Fund.
Port Colborne continues as formerly. The village does not grow, and the surrounding country being largely peopled by Germans who are Lutherans, there is not much hope of growth. These three comprise our mission field, and each receives assistance from the Fund.

## Augmentation.

All the congregations formerly receiving aid from this Fund have been settled during the year Dunnville has increased its minister's stipend $\$ 50$ per year, returning the Fund to that extent. The grant to Blackheath, etc., has also been reduced.

Since the date of last report, Cayuga and Mount Healey, Port Dalhousie, Louth, Haynes Avenue, St. Catharines, and St. David's, have been added to the list of aid-receiving congregations, and are lookiug for settlement.
The number of ministers receiving aid is seven. Nelson having been dropped, reduces the number for the current year to six. The addition of the three above mentioned, when settled, will make a total of nine in the Presbytery.

We must bear testimony to the good done by this Fund, enabling us to put a number of our mission stations in a much better condition, besides making many worthy brethren less anxious about a living.
presbytery of palis.

## Missions.

The mission field in this Presbytery is exceedingl" limited, and no demands are made upon the Fund for assistance. Balfour Street Mission, Bra. rd, is supported by Zion Church, and Onondaga requires no aid.

## Augmentation.

Mount Pleasant and Burford still require assistance. During the past year a comfortable manse has been built for the minister, which has reduced the grant to the extent of 850 , but removals during the past year have prevented further effort in this direction.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

## Missions.

There is little to report with regard to Home Mission work in this Presbytery during the past year ; but some good, and, it is believed, lasting work has been accomplished. It has been our aim to raise the mission stations as quickly as possible to the status of regular congregations, with a view to settlement under a stated pastor, and also to work the field with a strict regard to economy.

## North Street (Tempo).

This station, about seven miles nurth of St. Thomas, is between five and six miles from the nearest Presbyterian church. It declined somewhat last summer, but has picked up considerably again during the winter months. It is proposed to endeavour to effect a union as soon as possible with some neighbouring congregation, and thereby constitute a new pastoral charge.

## Augnentation.

Springfield and Aylmer.--Each of these was supplied as a mission station during last summer, in the course of which a neat little brick church was built at the latter place. Springfield still holds its own, although in spite of disadvantages, and Aylmer has increased in the number of adhering families, and has also considerably augmented its communion roll. A union has been effected between these places, so that they are now prepared to call a pastor. Although help will be needed from the Augmentation Fund, yet the draft therefroni will be considerably less than what was formerly required from the Home Mission Fund to work them as mission stations, and it is hoped the results will be much more satisfactory.

East Williams.-The Rev. D. Cameron, who laboured here as a missionary during the past year, was regularly called by the congregation, and has recently been inducted into this pastoral charge.

## presbytery of chatham.

## Missions.

There has been some progress in the mission fields of this Presbytery. Leamington has been erected into a separate congregation and has called a minister; it promises to be self-supporting. Tilbury Centre has been united to Strangfield, and the two are hearing candidates with the view of giving a call. A new station has been formed in the vicinity of Leaanington, viz., Goldsmith, and has been united to Blytheswood and Windfall. Pace and Renaud Line, and also Buxton, are in much the same condition as they were last year.

## Augnentation.

Duart and Highgate, speaking generally, remain unchanged. There is no room there for growth. It is different with West Tilbury and Comber ; there is room for growth there, and they are growing ; they are receiving less aid than formerly. Caven Church and North Dawn are wacant, and are paying their own way.

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The number of mission fields in the Presbytery of Sarnia is the same as last year-four. All the fields but one had full winter supply. In one the winter supply was for three months only. In one of the fields a good church building was erected and paid for. In another station of the same field another church is in course of erection. The progress of our cause has been comparatively satisfactory.

## Augmentation.

During the past year there was five supplemented congregations in the Presbytery of Sarnia. One of these, Forest, is now self-sustaining. Oil Springs and Oil City reduced their supplement last year, and it is expected that this congregation will be self-sustaining in a year or two. The congregation of Black Creek and Guthrie Church, after repeatedly calling, has hitherto failed in securing a pastor. Were this congregation satisfactorily settled, it would be but a very short time dependent on the Augmentation Fund. In the other supplemented congregation there is no change.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

This Presbytery has no mission stations within its bounds, and no congregations receiving aid from the Augmentation Committee.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

There are no mission fields in this Presbytery.
The charges of Bayfield and Bethany, and Grand Bend and Corbett, Revs. D. Forrest and S. A. Carriere, pastors respectively, have received from the Augmentation Fund at the rate of $\$ 250$ per annum each. In time we hope that the Grand Bend charge will become self-sustaining, bu+ it may be a long time before the same is true of Bayfield and Bethany.

## PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

## Home Missions.

No stations at present. Application, however, has been made to have a part of the large Home Mission field of Bruce Presbytery transferred to the care of this Presbytery. Preliminary steps have been taken to secure this, and it is hoped that before the end of the year the Presbytery will have a Home Mission field of its own, the possession of which will be a stimulus to the Presbytery's interest in Home Missions, and the oversight of which will enable it to serve the Church in this most important department of her work.

## Augmentation.

A greater interest in this scheme-one of the best in our Church-is being shown by the congregations in the Presbytery. There is, however, yet much room for advancement. The number of augmented congregations is less by one than last year. Chalmers' Church, Kincardine township, becoming vacant, was united with Bervie, which was detached from Knox Church, Kincardine, these two congregations thus becoming a self-sustaining charge. The grants for the other stations have remained the same, except that for Langside, which was reduced $\$ 25$. The Presbytery made a vigorous effort to rearrange a part of the field so as to relieve still further the Fund ; but this attempt, owing to the opposition of the congregations concerned, proved unsuccessful. This is to be regretted, but in the meantime at least matters must remain as they are.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

## Missions.

The reports that come to us from all parts of our mission field are, with one or two exceptions, very encouraging. Sault Ste. Marie, which has been in a very backward state for years, is now coming to the front. From present prospect it will be self-sustaining in another year or two. For the present year it has asked that $\$ 100$ be taken from the Home Mission grant it has been receiving. They feel the need of more church accommodation, and intend to enlarge the church or build a new one. It is to be hoped that when the term of engagement of their present missionary has expired, they will be in a position to call a pastor. On St. Joseph Island we have eight preaching places scattered over the north side of the island. We have one church, and some agitation for more. We have room and material for two good congregations, if not more. Tarbut is doing better and the outlook is cheering. Bruce Mines field has been vacant during winter, a great misfortune. This mission requires Gælic services, and the minister whom the Presbytery chose, and whom the Home Mission Committee appointed, would not accept, and no other suitable one could be secured so late in the season. Thessalon is very promising. Our friends here have built a very handsome church, and it is nearly out of debt. This field contributes liberally to the schemes of the Church. It is one of the places that should have a pastor of its own before this time. We hear good reports from Day Mills field. Our people have built one church, and are preparing to build another. Our missionary here is an incessant worker. Spanish River is a new field and limited, but interesting. A good work is being done among the mill men. Gore Bay is the important centre of a large field. By the last report there are nine preaching stations in this mission. It is the county town of Manitoulin 1sland. Here we have a valuable property, church and minister's glebe. This field has long been liberally dealt with by the Church. It has had almost continuous services for many years, and it does not seem to us to have made the progress it should. The Presbytery and the Home Mission Committee have regarded this as one of the most important fields in Algoma, and have sent choice men, but are somewhat disappointed. It should have had a pastor ere this time. Little Current, we believe, is doing well, but we cannot say much about it this season, as no report from our missionary has
reached us yet. Cheering reports come from Manitowaning. Our people seem to be alive and treating our missionary very handsomely. Providence Bay field lies along the south shore of Manitoulin Island. There are six preaching stations, widely separated. The cause here is prospering, and the people appreciate the labors of our missionary. The Burpee field appears to be important, but needs development and care. Cockburn Island is very weak, only a few fomilies of all denominations on the island. No other missionary in this field but our own.

Augmentation.
There are three augmented congregations in this Presbytery. They have never been strong, but now weaker than ever. A great many families have sold out and gone to the North-West. Those that have bought them out belong to other denominations. One of these congregations report the loss of twenty families during the course of last year. If this weakening process goes on much further this congregation will ere long be reduced to a mission station. There is not any prospect of these congregations being able to maintain their status without receiving aid. The other congregations of the Presbytery, which are able, should be more liberal to this Fund of the Church and so help to relieve the present pressure.
(Additional Report from Rev. A. Findlay.)
Algoma.-The work in this important section of Ontario is developing gradually, but very satisfactorily, as a few items from the field will indicate. At the "Sault," under Mr. Rennie, the people voluntarily undertake an additional $\$ 100$ for support of ordinances at home. At St. Joseph's Island Mr. J. Tait, catechist, has had much encouragement in his work during the past winter. At Thes. salon a new church, which reflects great credit on the "willing workers" there, was opened by Prof, Gregg during the holidays, very little debt remaining on the building, all which must be very cheering to Mr. McLemnan, the indefatigable missionary in this field. Day Mills, etc.. lately separated from the last named field, is prospering under the new arrangement, having the Rev. E. B. Rodgers as missionary, a new church being under way in one of the stations. Mr. J. J. Elliot enters on the second year of his appointment at Spanish Mills with increased prospects of success. This is the most westerly branch of "the mission to the lumbermen," Mr. Elliott spending a goodly portion of his time in winter among the camps, not only those belonging to the Spanish Mills Co., but others also as he finds them in his rounds. We have it from some of our young men engaged in these camps that Mr. Elliott's services were very highly appreciated, making them feel that in the solitude of the wilderness they were not forgotten. At Little Current our Church is prospering under Mr. H. McLeman. A number here are waiting to join the fellowship of the Church. The church is well filled at all services of public worship, and the number is still increasing. The Sabbath School is very prosperous ; the attendance has more than doubled in the last year, and the collections more than doubled. Attendance has reached 110, and still growing ; Bible Class, 30; teachers and officers, 12. Mr. McLemnan has evidently enjoyed a revival of the right kind-a steady growth and ingathering of the lambs, as well as of adults. The Algoma Mills field, as well as this one, must have an ordained missionary very soon.

On the Manitoulin Island all the stations except the Burpee field have been occupied during the winter. Mr. James Steele continues on the Providence Bay field, not without discouragements, but yet seeing enough of the Master's presence to encourage him in his work of faith. At Manitowaning Mr. McMillan reports increased interest in things spiritual, the outcome of evangelistic services held by him. Results: Several who will unite with the Church at next communion, and I think a quickening of the spiritual life of the congregation. On a review of the whole field there is much reason for encouragement. The wisdom of giving service as fully as possible during the entire year is proved beyond a doubt. Some of our missionaries complain of undue interference on the part of overzealous neighbours with their work. While we hear so much these days of Christian union, the display of a little more Christian common sense would do much to forward that which is in theory at least is so desirable. While there are discouragements to dampen our energies and dfficulties to be overcome, yet there is abundant cause for gratitude and encouragement, with much to incite to zeal and earnestness in the prosecution of the work, while for our guidance we remember this-that it is "not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord," that any permanent advancement. is to be made.

## SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

## including presbyteries of winnipeg, rock lake, brandon, regina, and calgary.

## (Communicated by Dr, Robertson.)

## Missions.

The Synod of Manitoba and the North-west Territories may be styled the Missionary Synod of the Church. Connected with it are about 40 per cent. of the mission fields of the Western Section ; within its limits are wide areas of vacant lands, and because here alone in Canada frec grant lands can be offered to settlers, a strong and rising stream of immigrants is flowing westward to occupy them. The latent resources of this western country are large and valuable, and year after year the surveys, explorations, and tests of Federal and Provincial Governments are disclosing wealth previously unknown. The country will yet contain a large population, and the duty of citizen and Christian just now is to plant here religion and educational institutions, that the young nation may be moulded in accordance with Christian ideas. The State is generously providing for public and high schools, and will no doubt include colleges ere long; it is left for the Church to provide for morals and religion. To understand the importance of the work, a brief sketch of the people and country may be of interest-and. first the country.

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The country lying between Lake Superior and the prairie is mostly rough and rocky, and covered with timber. Lumbering operations are carried on extensively in several localities. The mineral wealth of the district is considered to be valuable, and certainly the silver mines south-west of Port Arthur have, during the past year, developed great richness. The building of railways will render accessible the iron and copper wealth of this region ; and the settlement of the question of title to lands and minerals will no doubt stimulate the search after gold in the auriferous rocks on the islands and around the shores of the Lake of the Woods. At the outlet of this lake is one of the finest water powers on the continent, being equal to 35,000 horse, or sufficient to grind $100,000,000$ bushels of wheat annually. The extent of agricultural land is considerable, but, owing to remoteness from the railway, it is not yet cultivated to any extent, except along the Rainy River and in the Township of Oliver ( 20 miles west of Port Arthur). In the whole district are two self-sustaining congregations, an augmented congregation and six mission fields. In 1884 there were only two missions, and towards the support of one of the missionaries the Gen. Assembly's H. M. C. paid $\$ 250$, and $\$ 350$ towards the support of the other. These two congregations gave towards the schemes last year over $\$ 400$.

## PRAIRIE SECTION.

The Fertile Belt begins about 30 miles east of the Red River, and is in three plateaux, rising one above another westward. The first, by the mileage of the Canadian Pacific Ry., is about 120 miles wide, the second a little wider, and the third, extending to the foot-hills of the Rockies, about 650. In these plateaux are about 400,000 square miles of farming and pasture lands, not including the areas in the basins of the Mackenzie and Peace Rivers. Settlement has not extended along the line of the railway west of Moose Jaw ( 350 miles west of Winnipeg). Sir Lester Kay has begun farming operations at selected centres west of that point, but it is thought that the western country is better adapted for ranching than mixed agriculture. At Prince Albert, Battleford, and Edmonton, on the North Saskatchewan, are successful settlements, and only railway communication is needed to make them prosperous. The land in the eastern part of the Fertile Belt is well adapted for grain and stock raising. The soil is fertile and yields bountifully, as the crops of the last few years proved. This portion is yet destined to provide a home for millions.

## RANCHING BELT.

Except along the foot-hills of the Rocky Mts., at the divisional points of the C. P. R., at Maple Creek, Medicine Hat, and a few other points, the country between Moose Jaw and Calgary is empty. South of Calgary, along the mountains, are pastured about 100,000 head of cattle ; and ten times the number will find abundance of food in the same district. Ranching, however, is only in its infancy yet. The coal fields in this belt are extensive and valuable. Some of the veins along the Red Deer River are estimated to yield 12,500,000 tons to the square mile. At Lethbridge, on the Belly River, at Stair, near the South Saskatchewan, at Anthracite, on the eastern slope of the Rockies, mining is vigorously prosecuted, and a good article of fuel is delivered as far east as Winnipeg. This coal is also largely used for steam purposes by railway and stationary engines.

## ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

British Columbia is mostly a wild and mountainous country, and of large extent. The mountains are high and the valleys for the most part narrow and deep, and not well adapted for farming on a large scale. The land at the mouth of the Fraser River is very fertile, but very limited in extent. There are wide plateaux in the interior, too dry, it is true, for successful farming, but well adapted for ranching. The wealth of the Province is chiefly in its forests, fisheries, and mines. There is a considerable population scattered over the Province, who are engaged in developing the resources of the country, and with success. A glance at this wide field between Superior and the Pacific, with its vast and varied resources, with its possibilities in the near future, will convince the most careless that the duty of laying broad and deep the foundations of religion and morals, is the first and most important duty of the Church at present. Neglect here and at this time would be a crime, and we are thankful that so good a beginning has been made-our own Church leading.

## THE INHABITANTS.

The inhabitants are mostly of Anglo-Saxon and Celtic stocks. The majority of the new comers are from Eastern Canada, but large numbers have come from Britain and the continent of Europe. The Canadian is the best adapted to the conditions of life in this new land. Scotland and Ireland have sent valuable settlers. The previous life of many sent from England made them unsuitable for the conditions found here, but greater care in selection is correcting previous mistakes. The German has proved himself a sturdy settler, but the religious views of the Mennonites have kept them so far separate from the rest of the population, prevented English from being taught in their schools, and the children and young people from adopting the customs of Canadians. The Scandinavians and Icelanders are valuable, and they are rapidly adapting themselves to the new conditions. From France many are coming, and they are to be
followed by larger numbers next season from Alsace and Lorraine. Italy ard Hungary have sent their sons to seek a home in this new land. The Chinaman is gradually pushing his way east, and his shoe and queue no longer excite attention. There is no need of referring to the Indian population-Blackfoot and Cree, Sioux and Swampy - as another report deals with them. But the question arises whether the great work of State and Church is not to grind up, assimilate, and Christianize this heterogenous mass. Schools and colleges powerfully help this process ; but no power is superior to the Gospel of Christ in this great work, and to give the Gospel to these people is, it must be repeated, the first duty of the Canadian Church to-day.

## RELIGIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

The census taken by the Dominion Government in 1886 furnishes the following figures regarding the religious belief of the people:

| Population of Manitoba in 1886.....108,640 | Increase per cent. in ${ }_{6} 5$ years, |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 74.5 \\ 104.4 \end{array}$ |
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| Presbyterians........................ 28,406 |  |  |  |  |
| Anglicans........................... 23,206 | " | " | " | 69.2 |
| Methodists.......................... ... 18,648 | " | " | " | 98.7 |
| Roman Catholics........... ........... 14,651 | " | " | " | 25.4 |
| Baptists................. ............ 3,296 | " | '6 | " | 1023 |
| Congregationalists ................... 997 | " | " | " | 293.1 |
| Mennonites.......................... 9,112 |  |  |  |  |
| Lutherans . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .... 3,131 |  |  |  |  |

In the North-West Territory 32 per cent. of the white population is Presbyterian. These figures show our strength, progress and responsibilities. Whether as a Church we maintain our present vantage ground, depends largely on our action during the next few years. Not since 1882 did so many people enter the Province as this spring. Our Church organization must keep pace with settlement.

## difficulties.

The prosecution of mission work is beset with obstacles. The country is wide (Synod 1800 miles from east to west and 350 miles from north to south) and the population sparse. Large quantities of land have been reserved, settlers have been scattered, and co-operation in Christian work made difficult. In addition, many of the people have been disappointed in getting railways near them ; they are hence not able to dispose of their produce, and are restless. Changes for the better, however, have taken place recently. Unless cared for, it is found that people here readily lapse. Exposure to the sun and wind of the prairie is apt to fade the colour out of the religion of many who come from the east, and hence they must have the sheltering shadow of the Church. And when religious restraint is thrown off by the western man, he is not quiescent. The missionary meets with no more difficult task than that of approaching and reclaiming the man who has thrown away his morals and flung his religion after them. And one is surprised at some who fall. If ever doubts about the perseverance of the saints get a lodgment in the brain, it is when an eastern saint is found in the Rockies with every semblance of "saintness" washed out of him, and his morals as soiled as his shirt. Some men seem to be so evenly balanced that environment is the determining factor as to whether the life shall be foul or fair, religious or sceptical. In such a case it is needless to point out the duty of the Church.

## encouragements.

But the picture has a brighter side, and on it we look longer, if only out of gratitude to Him who has gone before us and blessed us. Slowly the difficulties are disappearing, and never were our hopes higher than this year. The tide of immigration is not spreading itself, as in former years, over new areas, but rather settling in the older districts. This will increase and strengthen existing congregations. In Manitoba, railway building promises to bring a market near settlements which require only an outlet to be flourishing. There is every prospect of the railway from Regina to Prince Albert being built as far north as Saskatoon this season. The company in possession of the charter of the road from Lethbridge to Edmonton, promises to make a start too. The Red Deer, Blind Man, Battleford, and other settlements will soon be connected with the outside world, and they will cease to draw so heavily on the funds of the Church. The past year, too, witnessed gratifying accessions to the communion rolls, but the joy was modified by the fact that so many people were all winter like sheep without a shepherd. Never since we began work here was the supply of nissionaries relatively so inadequate as last winter, and unless the young men of the Church are willing to make this work their care, we must suffer loss. Stations unsupplied in winter, are in spring weak, almost lifeless. Continuous effort securas the best returns for money expended. Prosperity is also evidenced by the fact that eight additional congregations became self-sustaining, and that there has been a general improvement in financial affairs. Interest in religious matters is also shown by attendance on ordinances, generous contributions for the erection of churches and manses, and by the desire to advance Sabbath School work. According to the reports presented to the last Assembly, the average giving for the whole Church was $\$ 11.23$ per communicant, while the average for our Synod was $\$ 17.60$, although many of our fields were without any winter supply.

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## PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

Schreiber has been continuously occupied and has made considerable progress. A near frame church was erected at a cost of about $\$ 1,000$, the C.P.R. Co. giving a free site and hauling the material at reduced rates. The building is free of debt and was paid for by the people, with the exception of $\$ 100$ from the Church and Manse Fund. An ordained missionary is placed in charge this spring.

Silver Mountain is occupied by a student who teaches the school and conducts services. The people pay the whole cost. For the mining district west of Port Arthur more is required to be done, but the state of the Home Mission Fund prevented another missionary being sent in. The Beaver and Badger Mines need attention.

Ignace is largely a railway field, with considerable settlement at Murillo. Services were cond ucted during the summer at the more important railway centres on Sabbath, and on week evenings at railway camps and section houses. A population of about 500 souls was thus cared for.

Rainy River is progressing very slowly. Until a railway is built to the settlement no great advance is to be looked for. Lumbering operations are more active now, however, and the Government is requiring residence on land as a coudition of title ; hence the population is increasing.

Keewatin is growing to be an important congregation owing to the increase in the population of the village. Here is built a large flour mill with a capacity of 1,200 barrels per day. Stave and other factories give employment to a number of men, and the saw mills in the neighbourhood employ large forces. For these the missionary in caring. A church is in course of erection, costing about $\$ 2,500$.

Whitemouth, owing to its being a lumbering centre mainly, is not expected to develop much beyond its present size, for a time at least.

Clandeboye was occupied last summer for the first time as a mission district. Encouraging work was done, and the people at Clandeboye station are preparing to build a church this season.

Clear Springs does not show much growth owing to the way in which the settlement is hemmed in by Mennonite and Half-breed settlements. Good work was done there.

Dominion City is about stationary as to families and communicants, while attendance has increased considerably. Its financial record is not very encouraging, but better things are hoped for this year.

Greenwood is advancing slowly, but will not become a congregation until the land is more fully occupied. The missionary is most faithful, but the field is difficult.

Gretna is supplied this year by a student of Manitoba College, who also supplies Neché on the American side, three miles distant. Surrounded as Gretna is by a Mennonite population, there is little hope of growth. The people are taking steps to secure a church this year.

Meadow Lee and Posen are at a standstill. Some of the incoming settlers are visiting the district with a view to locating there, and a change is looked for. The Hudson's Bay Railway is built to Posen, but not operated.

Milbrook is making steady progress. Services are conducted at five points, with an encouraging attendance. A church was built at the village of Sunnyside, with a seating capacity of 160 .

Morris has taken a start, and last season was the most encouraging for years.
North Church, Winnipeg.-This congregation is growing steadily. The present church is too small and the congregation hopes to build this summer. The families number over sixtyfour and communicants about sixty-five. They wish to secure a settled pastor this year. For two or three years a supplement might be needed to support him, but the congregation would soon become self-sustaining.

St. Andrew's Mission.-The congregation of St. Andrew's Church established a mission in the eastern part of Point Douglas, and they met with much encouragement. There is a Sabbath school of over 100.

Augustine Church.-The population of Fort Rouge is decreasing rather than increasing just now, and the congregation, although holding its own, is not increasing much. The liberality of the people is most marked, and yet the financial machinery is most simple. The average per communicant was over $\$ 35$.

Icelandic Mission.-The progress here during the year has been most marked. A church was erected early in the summer with a seating capacity of about 200 . The attendants at the services steadily increased and now averages about 120. A congregation was regularly or anized by the Presbytery of Winnipeg, and on the communion roll are fifty-eight names.

Royal, Niverville, Suthwyn and Prairie Grove have been associated as a group for this season, although the first two are some distance from the other two. Niverville and Royal were formerly supplied with Clear Springs, and Prairie Grove and Suthwyn are new stations situated east of St. Boniface. Into that quarter settlers are finding their way this year and their spiritual needs must be met.

Stony Mountain is another new field lying north-west of Winnipeg. Occasional services were given at all the points before and at Rockwood regularly, but the increase of population encourages the hope that continuous and successful work may be done here. The Rockwood or Stony Mountain station was detached from Stonewall to form this group.

The gains in the Presbytery are the erection of three churches and the establishment of five new mission fields, two of which are, however, associated with congregations. One field was unoceupied last year. This season nineteen fields, with fifty-one stations and owning eleven churches, will be occupied. Connected with these fields are 582 families and 549 communicants. The Sabbath school attendance is 572 . Contributions for Schemes $\$ 417$, and for all purposes $\$ 9,857$. The fields this season will be supplied by five ordained ministers and fourteen students.

## presbytery of rock lake.

Ravenswood.-A good beginning was made in this field last year and the prospects are encouraging. Lack of winter supply militated against growth.

Lintrathen advanced somewhat during the year and a better spirit prevails. A line of railway will pass through the district this year, and more complete organization will follow as soon as station sites are known. The Nelson congregation has secured enough in cash and pledges to remove the mortgage from the church. The Clegg congregation is building a frame church, the whole amount of the cost being raised by themselves.

Darlingford remains stationary. The most of the people are removed some distance from the railway, and although the field is so old there is still no central point that takes the lead.

Swan Lake.--Very encouraging work was done here last year. Owing to the failure of the crop, however, there has been but a slight financial advance.

La Riviere is steadily strengthening. The want of a missionary last winter was much felt, but the field is occupied this spring again.

Clear Water.-This is the new field known as Boundary last year. It has been strengthened by the addition of another station and has now twenty-five families and twenty-five communicants.

Cartwright improved considerably last year, and requires only continuous services to develop into a good congregation.

Killarney has increased its families and communicants by at least one-third. Steps have been tiken to build a church at the centre, but there is nothing definite to report.

Riverside. - Much of the good done here during the summer was lost owing to want of winter supply. The construction of the railway through this field this summer will help our work in every way.

Boissevain has increased in families and communicants and promises to become a good congregation.

Waskada improved during the summer, but the want of winter service caused it to recede. The S. N. S. of Queen's College occupies the field this summer.

Antlers is at a standstill, and will continue so likely till a railway is built, bringing a market nearer the people. Faithful work is being done.

Pelican Lake is the Crofter settlement. It was impossible to secure a Gaelic-speaking missionary last season and hence only occasional services were given. Tha Rev. Mr. Mac kenzie, of Morden, visited the people several times, and besides preaching and visiting, dispensed the Sacrament among them. A suitable missionary has been secured this year and will soon be on the ground.

## Gains.

The gains in this Presbytery were the advancement of a mission to the status of an aug. mented congregation, the occupation of three new fields last year. There are nineteen mission fields connected with the Presbytery, with sixty-three stations, and they own seven churches and a manse Connected with them are 669 families and 668 communicants. This season they will be supplied by two catechist students and four ordained ministers.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.
Arden.-The development in this field was such that it was divided, the western portion calling a pastor and becoming a supplemented congregation. A church was built and the con gregation has entered on its work with spirit. The present Arden mission field has four preaching stations and ample room for growth. Settlers are moving in and efforts are to be put forth to build a church at Arden this summer.

Auburn has become a supplemented congregation, and the former missionary is the pastor. Good work was done in the field.

Beulah had added considerably to its communion roll, twenty-three being received during the year, but the early autumn frosts blighted the financial record. It is found that Indian and Home Mission work can be very successfully carried on together, and with a great saving to the Church.

Elkhorn is growing steadily. The congregation built a neat frame church last season, and the outlook is favourable.

Elton is a strong field in numbers, but owing to its scattered population its development is slow. There was a large accession to the membership, and it is hoped that a minister may be settled this season.

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Treherne has made gratifying progress. At Treherne and Holland comfortable churches were built, and the congregation is ready to call a pastor of its own. The missionary this summer is supported without any expense to the Home Mission Fund.

Lakeside was occupied for the first time last summer. Connected with it are thirty-one families and twenty-five communicants. The contributions for the support of the missionary were liberal and the prospects are encouraging.

MacGregor has taken a start and promises well. The attendance on ordinances is good and the people seem to be interested. At the MacGregor station a church will soon be ready for occupation.

Minniska field suffered severely last year by frost, and hence little progress was made. The people, however, are hopeful.

Newdale is steadily improving ; numerically the field is strong. A neat frame church was builtat the Newdale railway station, and it is hoped in this way to unite the two stations that were in that neighbourhood.

Oak River suffers by distance from any railway, but the report for last year is very favourable. The membership has increased materially and the tone of the congregation has much improved.

Pipeston suffered last season through frost, but there has been a little gain.
Rapid City has gained in strength and spirit, and the congregation has called a pastor, promising him $\$ 1,000$ per annum. The congregation is now self-sustaining.

Roseland has suffered greatly through the differences of those connected with the central station. The congregation has retrograded. The outlook this spring is better.

Shoal Lake has advanced but little. Much of the land in the locality is unoccupied, and the settlers are scattered and the work difficult.

Shell River is composed of a number of settlements widely scattered and hence difficult to provide for. Faithful work was done, but there was no advance.

Strathclair has suffered by local dissensions. The congregation is strong in numbers and could soon support a pastor but for the spirit of strife. Matters have assumed a more peaceful aspect lately.

Stratherne is a good field, but dissatisfaction prevented development last year. It is confidently expected that a railway will be built through the district this summer, and with centres of operation and the change in supply, it is hoped the congregation may proceed to call.

Tarbolton has grown steadily and become an important mission. It lacks compactness, but an increase of population will enable a smaller number of stations to support a pastor.

Tiger Hill was occupied during the summer only. This field, too, will benefit by railway building. Good work was done.

Whitewater suffered severely last year through frost, although they had escaped almost entirely other years. There has been a large increase in membership and the prospects of the field are good. The great want is a railway, and it is expected that this season the want will be met.

Menteith was occupied last year for the first time. Connected with it are thirty-six families and thirty-one communicants. A neat frame church was built and the congregation is hopeful. Orrwold received supply for a few Sabbaths onlv. The settlement, however, is increasing, and by adding the Shanks station a field with forty families has been organized, and it is to be occupied this whole summer at least.

Lake Dauphin district is fast filling up and a missionary is appointed to that field.
Arizona is a new field with four stations, lying between MacGregor and Carberry. It will be occupied for the first time this summer.

Icelandic and Scandinavian Mission.-Visits were made during the winter to the Icelnndic settlement south of Glenboro, and also to those in and around Brandon. The missionary spent the rest of his time within the bounds of the Presbytery of Winnipeg. The Scandinavian settlement, north of Minnedosa and near Lunenburg, and the colony south in the Tiger Hills, will engage the attention of the missionary this summer. In one of these are 121 families and in the other two about 100. Besides these, settlers are found in different parts of Manitoba in small scattered groups of three, four and five families, for whose welfare he will try to care. There is also a colony of seventy-five or eighty families of Icelanders on the Red Deer River north of Calgary, that is to be visited.

Gains.
The gains in this Presbytery are the advancement of three missions to the status of congrega-tions-one of them self-sustaining-the occupation of four new mission fields and the commencement of work among the Scandinavians and Icelanders. Eight frame churches were erected and steps to erect others this season. Two additional fields will be occupied this summer. Connected with the Presbytery are twenty-four mission fields, with 109 stations, with eighteen churches. The families number 997 and the communicants 1071 . Of the twenty-four missionaries to supply these fields this summer, seven are ordained, eleven students and six catechists.

## PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

Alameda and Winlaw are two adjoining fields in south-eastern Assiniboia. Queen's College Students' Missionary Society has taken charge of them since work was commenced there,
and from year to year the missionaries have laboured with zeal and acceptance. The district, however, is far removed from railways and no progress has been made. There is a prospect of railway building this year that will bring the people nearer a market.

Battleford has suffered severely also from want of railway communication. The nearest station is 180 miles distant. It is hoped that the railway from Regina will soon reach the town The congregation has made no advance this year. The people are liberal, but means are wanting

Buffalo Lake was supplied during the summer and some progress made. Settlers are going in to occupy the vacant lands in the neighbourhood, and the prospects of the field are brightening.

Broadview is in a much better state than for some time past. The congregation is united, attached to the minister, and desirous of having him regularly inducted as pastor. The accessions to the membership were very encouraging.

Carlyle has made no advance, nor will it till people can dispose of their grain without driving sixty or more miles. Many of the settlers have left the district till a railway is built.

Cathcart.-The Crofter settlement is steadily progressing, and the people are beginning to contribute more generally for the support of their pastor. The attendance on ordinances is regular and the services of the sanctuary appreciated. The people attend to the instruction of their children at home, and the Gaelic Shorter Catechism is in general use.

Yorkton and Crescent Lake Missions have made nothing special to report. The M, \& N W. Ry, is moving towards them, and soon the people will have an outlet for their surplus produce. The fields are wide and the people scattered, but vacant lands are being taken up. A colony of about forty Crofter families has been located about ten miles south-east of Yorkton and within a short distance of one of its stations. The student of Yorkton can conduct services in Gaelic

Cut Arm Creek was occupied during the summer only. Services were regularly maintained and well attended, but the settlers are widely scattered and no great progress can be expected till a denser population will warrant smaller fields and more frequent service.

Colleston.-Owing to the resignation of Mr. Campbell late in the autumn, and the difficulty of getting a suitable successor, Colleston was without a missionary all winter. Dr. Jardine willingly and at considerably sacrifice supplied the stations as he was able. Should the railway reach the settlement next year, as it is expected, this field may be expected to grow rapidly. A temporary arrangement is made for the supply of the field this summer, the missionary being allowed to devote a part of his time with the consent of the Presbytery to the work of teaching in the Nesbit Academy.

Fort Qu'Appelle, owing to the removal of several settlers from the north and north-west, has slightly decreased in strength. Work is being carried on with zeal and efficiency. Wide Awake station is detached from Indian Head and joined to Fort Qu'Appelle.

Green Valley shows signs of life and growth. There were many additions to the roll, and one of the stations is building a church.

Grenfell is declining. In the dry years the people became discouraged and several left. This spring the prospect is brighter.

Indian Head has made decided progress numerically and financially. The congregation is prepared to call a minister and give at least $\$ 700$ towards his support.

Jumping Creek is moving on slowly. A church is in course of erection in the Scotch settlement, and the people are loyally assisting in the work. Mr. A. Matheson conducts Gaelic service among the Crofters in the field and his labcurs are much appreciated.

Kinestivo is far removed from any other district, being fifty-five miles south-east of Prince Albert, the rearest congregation. The missionary teaches the schools and conducts services on Sabbath. The contributions of the people are liberal in view of their circumstances.

Landsdowve has made satisfactory progress during the summer, but lost by the winter vacancy. The Students Missionary Society of Manitoba College supplies the field this summer. Long Lake sufiers through absenteeism. The building of the railway to the north this summer will correct this. Knox College Students' Missionary Society supplied the field last summer efficiently, and a student is sent in by the society this spring.

Moosomin promises to be a strong congregation. The difficulties of the last two or three years have happily been removed, and work is going on much more harmoniously. The financial record was never so good.

Moosejaw is increasing in strength and compactness. The church was moved to a very central site-it is to be hoped its journeys are now ended-renovated, and improved at a cost of about $\$ 600$, and the improvements paid for.

Qu'Appelle has barely maintained its own. There is a revival of interest in the locality because of the good crop of last season, but no advance in Christian work can be looked tor till continuous services are provided.

Touchwood built a neat church last year and the congregation is slowly growing. Distance from a railway is a great hindrance, and the Wood Mountain and Qu'Appelle Company's road is long in making a start.

Whitewood has made substantial progress in matters spiritual and secular. All departments of church work are well maintained.

Wolseley has suffered through removals, but settlers are coming in this spring. Mr. W. J. Hall has been appointed there for two years. He graduaied from Manitoba College this spring.

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Saltcoats is a new field to be occupied this season for the first time. It lies along the line of the M. and N. W. Ry., just outside of the Province of Manitoba. A large number of people have settled there last year and this spring, and many of them are members of our Church. An energetic missionary has been appointed to the district.

## Gains.

No new fields were occupied in this Presbytery last year. One church was built and two others are in course of erection. The Presbytery has twenty-six mission fields with ninety-four stations, thirty-five churches, and three manses. The families number 777, and the communicants 705. Of the missionaries ten are ordained, thirteen students and three catechists.

## PRESBYTERY OF calgary.

Medicine Hat is growing in size and its financial strength is increasing. The people are united and much attached to the pastor. The prospects for coal-mining are at present good, and if work is resumed the town will be much benefited.

Donald has had only such supply as the missionary could give during the winter and has suffered accordingly. Donald must be held. It is an important railway town and there is much work for a missionary in the town and along the line. Mr. Angus Robertson has been put in charge this spring, and a change for the better is confidently expected.

Fort Sasketchewan is supplied by Mr. Bradley, but there has been no growth. The granaries are full to bursting, but there is no market. The projected railway from Calgary to the Edmonton district would confer a great benefit on all the settlements between Calgary and Fort Saskatchewan.

Lethbridge, in spite of many difficulties, is making steady progress. The change of the gauge of the Galt Railway this season, and the construction of the line to the south, will stimulate coalmining, and the town and congregation will grow.

Banff and Anthracite report twelve communicants and nineteen families. Very satisfactory work has been done in these stations and along the railway. The missionary has undertaken to distribute books and tracts among railway men and passengers on passing trains. He is also endeavoring to teach the Chinese who are found along the railway. The congregation at Banff built a neat brick-veneered church last summer, and Anthracite is building a frame church this spring.

High River remains weak. The district has not filled up as was expected, although there is an improvement this spring. The new missionary has entered on his work with spirit. Two new stations are opened up and steps have been taken to build a church.

Revelstoke district was supplied during the summer and good service done. The field is difficult because of the nature of the work and the character of the country. Religion and morals demand the presence of an active and prudent missionary in all parts of the Rocky Mountains.

Kootenay was occupied last summer for the first time. The valley lies south of Golden City and between the Rocky Mountain and Selkirk ranges. Settlers have been in the valley for twenty years, but no missionary was ever sent to them before this year. The missionary travelled through the whole valley, visiting lumbering and mining camps, shacks and ranches, and preaching where he could gather an audience, and reading the word of God to families and others as he could find opportunity. Learning that miners were at work on the western side of the Purcell or Selkirk range, he crossed on foot, spending three nights in the mountains. He found about 100 miners at Salisbury and 250 more at Todd Mountain. In the Upper Kootenay and Upper Columbia there is a population of about 500 . A missionary with considerable knowledge of medicine has been sent in this year, and he will render valuable aid to settlers, as there is no physician within 250 miles.

Gleichen is the central point of a mission along the railway. Faithful service was rendered here by a tried missionary. His visits extended as far east as Swift Current and west to Canmore. At Swift Current, Maple Creek, and Gleichen the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed and communion rolls formed. The work grew so that this year the field is divided, Maple Creek and Swift Current, with the settlements along the railway to Dunmore, being placed under the charge of one missionary, and Gleichen and the settlements between Stair and Canmore under the other.

Fort McLeod and Pincher Creek received only very limited service last year owing to a variety of causes. The Rev. J. P. Grant, of Dunbar, is under appointment to the field now, and a liberal supplement towards his support is made by a gentleman in Ottawa, who has hitherto done generous things for this field.

Maple Creek and Swift Current promises to make an interesting field. The settlement along Maple Creek is growing and many of the people are Presbyterians. At Swift Current a church is in course of erection. There are eighteen families, seventeen communicants and a number of young men.

Bow River is a new field south and south-east of Calgary. There are twenty-five families and fifteen communicants, and more settlers are going in.

Red Deer settlement is increasing in strength. Owing, however, to the state of the Home Mission Fund, it is not the intention of the Presbytery to occupy the field this summer. About

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seventy families of Icelanders have gone in there this spring, and Mr. Larus Johnson, who can speak English tolerably well, is to be sent to visit the Icelanders and English•speaking people, and to minister to their necessities for a part of the summer.

## Gains.

The gains in this Presbytery were the occupation of one new field and the erection of three churches. Two other churches are under way this spring. Connected with the Presbytery are thirteen mission fields with fifty-three stations, owning eight churches and two manses. The missionaries number thirteen, of whom six are ordained, five students, and two are catechists. The families number 233 and the communicants 202 . Besides, about 2,500 men along the railway are cared for, making the total number equal to at least 1,000 families to whose spiritual wants this Presbytery is providing.

## SYNOD GAINS

Summing up these gains, we find that fifteen churches were built dur ng the year and work begun in twelve separate mission fields, not reckoning those yet connected with present congregations. The total number of fields in these five Presbyteries to be occupied this year is ninety five, with 378 stations. These own seventy-nine churches and six manses. Connected with them are 3,315 families and 3,228 communicants, not taking any account of about 2,500 or 3,000 men scattered along the railway, among whom services are conducted. The missionaries may be classified as thirty-two ordained, forty-eight students and fifteen catechists. The aggregate attendance returned, not taking account of congregations that became self-sustaining at the close of or during the year, or those placed on the Augmented List, was 10,933. This, however, is below the average, because when there are four or five stations and services held fortnightly, several reckon the attendance on only one of the Sabbaths required to overtake the field. The Sabbaths supplied amounted in the aggregate to 3,685 or $69 \frac{1}{2}$, years at fifty-three Sabbaths, the number of Sabbaths in the last Home Mission year. If the supply given to the augmented and self-sustaining congregations is included, the total will be $105 \frac{1}{2}$ years, an advance of $5 \frac{1}{2}$ years on the figures of last year.

As the Synod has now been in existence five years, it may be profitable to estimate the growth since 1884, and ascertain how we stand. To do this with approximate accuracy it is necessary to give the statistics of augmented and self-sustaining congregations, for many of the missions of 1884 are congregations now. In the College are three ministers and a tutor, and they are included so as to make the figures complete. No account, however, is taken of the lecturers of the College, of whom there are several.

## increase in five years.



It will be seen that the self-supporting congregations quadrupled in five years, and the augmented nearly doubled. The mission fields or districts increased $79 \%$, and the congregations and stations 88 , families 74 , and communicants $106 \%$. The manses have doubled and the churches increased nearly $137 \%$. The advance in the staff is for work among whites, including College, 104 , and for Indian work, $175 \%$. It will be noticed that the increase in the number of ordained ministers is only $26 \%$. This means the abandonment of a large number of mission fields in winter, and consequent loss and demoralization.

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## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Sabbath school work is receiving increased attention, but the closing of many of the schools during winter militates seriously against their usefulness. Library books and papers are much needed, and congregations in Ontario are rendering valuable aid to mcet the want. The returns are incomplete, but the aggregate attendance can not be less than 8,000 .

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and baptism were administered in all the mission fields by ministers appointed by the Presbyteries. Missionary meetings were held very generally and information given about the Schemes of the Church.

In a number of congregations evangelistic services were held, and with encouraging results. The minister, with the Session, took sole control, and got the assistance of ministers of our own Church in the neighbourhood.

At Beulah the missionary is attending to mission work among the Band of Sioux located on the Bird Tail creek. Both settlers and Indians are satisfied with the arrangement, and a considerable saving in the funds of the church is effected. It is to be hoped that this example may be followed up at some other points, and so the work of civilizing, as well as Christianising the Indians, be hastened. Intercourse with whites, and not isolation, will more speedily elevate and learn the Indian. The economising of funds and the extension of work is also a strong recommendation.

## SUPPLY OF MISSIONS.

The inadequate supply of our mission field last winter must be emphasized. Mission fields near Winnipeg were supplied by the students of Manitoba College, but in remote districts the people were left like sheep without a shepherd. No fewer than thirty-six districts, having from 1,700 to 2,000 families, were unprovided for. The experience of the Church in the Maritime Provinces along the Ottawa in Central Canada and in Quebec abundantly proves that large losses are to result from a continuance of this condition, and that we must be content to maintain indefinitely a feeble and struggling course where regular supply now would develop a strong and aggressive Church in a few years.

For much of this unsatisfactory result the want of interest in home missions on the part of our young men after graduation is responsible. Men are found in large numbers to volunteer for foreign service, and when our own Church is not prepared to send them, they offer their services to American or British churches ; they give the home field a wide berth. Not one in five of the graduates of this spring offered for the home field, and of those applying for appointment some declined because the field chosen by the H. M. C. did not suit their taste. The state of things in 1888 was even worse. It is pertinent to ask whether the Church, to advance her own cause, should not require her young men to give themselves for a time to mission work. The Anglican and Methodist Churches have a different policy from ours. Our Church educates her ministers at great expense to herself, but none to them. She lodges them free and boards them at reduced rates ; she paves the road to graduation with bursaries, scholarships and prizes, and conveniently lowers her bars if any happen to be advanced in years, burdened with family cares, precarious of health or deficient in scholarship, so that none may be kept outside the ministerial fold. This generous treatment might be expected to beget the spirit of sacrifice for a few years at least, so as to advance the work of the Church in the new districts. In several cases it has done so, but it would seem that in many quarters the practice of self-denial is becoming a lost art. The prediction made, a few years ago, that the repeal of the regulation requiring graduates to spend twelve or even six months in the mission field, would cause men who chafed under the restraint imposed by the regulation to volunteer cheerfully for home mission work, has been fully falsified. If the Churck is not prepared to go back to the days of controlling the actions of her young ministers, some osher method should be devised to man the frontier home mission fields in the western section. Yome mission work is just now the pressing business of the Presbyterian Church.

The Students' Missionary Societies of Knox College, Toronto ; Queen's College, Kingston, and Manitoba College, Winnipeg, rendered valuable aid last year, and they all have missionaries in the field this summer.

Two students have come out this spring from Scotland-one a Gaelic-speaking student-to labour among the Crofters at Pelican Lake. The Established Church sent us $£ 100$ for the Church and Manse Fund, and the students of the Free Church College, Glasgow, sent a timely donation of $£ 390$ for North-west work, not to speak of the contributions made by the colonial committees. These indicate a growing interest in our work, and for such aid we are most grateful. Let it be understood, however, that from the mother land a large number of settlers are coming to us, that they are mostly poor in this world's goods, and that the support of ordinances among them for years must rest on the Home Mission Fund. The maintenance of work among the Crofters alone costs this year about $\$ 1,500$, not to speak of the amount expended on churchbuilding.

## HELPS.

The action of young ladies' societies, congregations, and individuals, in volunteering the support of missionaries during the summer, is worthy of special mention; but for this timely aid several new districts must this year have gone without supply.

The Church and Manse Board continues to render valuable aid for the extension of our work. For the last seven years few church edifices have been erected without assistance from the Board.

## missionaries

Testimony must be borne to the zeal, energy and efficiency of the missionary staff taken as a whole. The difficulties of Christian work are no greater in the foreign field than at home. Missionaries here are frequently obliged, because of the size of their fiells, to spend a good part of their time in travelling ; they are indifferently housed in many cases ; their wives can get little help to attend to domestic duties; there is little opportunity of exchanging pulpits or visits for consultation ; there are few vacations, and when they come, the minister must pay the supply ; and more than all, the Church does not seem to think much of her home missionaries. We print the names of our foreign missionaries prominently in our reports, set them before our children in the church and Sabbath-school ; study the geography of India and China so as to know where all our missionaries are labouring. But who cares for a home missionary? Who would bother his head about the missionary supplying Battleford or Edmonton, or Kootenay or Rivelstoke, or whether these places got any supply at all? We in the West rejoice in what is being done to cheer the hearts and uphold the hands of our brethren abroad ; but we ask more interest in these faithful men at home. One of them was obliged, because of inadequate support, to "keep bachelors' hall," and yet he refused to accept a call in Ontario, when accompanied with the offer of $\$ 1200$ salary and a free manse. He knew that dozens would be willing to accept the respectable and comfortable charge, but that they would never dream of coming here, and he elected to stay. This is the spirit of many.

## division of presbyteries.

It may be mentioned that steps have been taken to divide the Presbyteries of Regina and Brandon. The division of Brandon would effect several desired changes and make work easier. Until Regina boasts of at leact one self-sustaining congregation on the north Saskatchewan, it would seem premature to erect a new Presbytery.

We are thankful to God for the advance of last year, and in His name and in dependence on His promise, "Lo, I go with you alway," we go with confidence to cast the seed of truth into the virgin soil of this land of promise.

## AUGMENTATION IN THE PRESBYTERIES OF WINNIPEG, ROCK LAKE, BRANDON, REGINA AND CALGARY, FOR 1888-1889.

Between Lake Superior and the Rocky Mountains there are five Presbyteries, and at the time of the last report there were twenty-two augmented congregations connected with them. During the year six of these became self-sustaining, reducing the charge on the Augmentation Fund by $\$ 750$. Three new congregations were placed on the fund, with an aggregate supplement of $\$ 500$. Two congregations erected churches in 1888. Five congregations are vacant at present, and owing to the distance between the west and the rest of the Church, it is difficult to give such congregations an opportunity of hearing probationers with the view of securing pastors. The H. M. C. seems disposed to carry out any feasible scheme to overcome the difficulty, and is this year making small grants to help defray travelling expenses to the west. There are in the five Presbyteries nineteen augmented congregations, having sixty-two stations, 871 families, 1,192 communicants, and they promise $\$ 13,085$, or at the rate of $\$ 11: 12$ per communicant for the support of their pastors. They own twenty-two churches and eight manses. The aggregate supplement promised by the H. M. C. is $\$ 4,315$, or $\$ 800$ less than last year. The average supplement per congregation is $\$ 227.60$. When it is borne in mind that the salary in Manitoba is $20 \%$ higher than in Ontario and in the North-west $60 \%$ higher, this figure seems moderate. The average in Quebec Presbytery last year was $\$ 221$, Montreal $\$ 200$, Lanark and Renfrew $\$ 211$, Kingston $\$ 202$, and Toronto $\$ 222$. The minimum rate per communicant fixed by the Assembly for augmented congregations is $\$ 4.50$; the average for the North-west is $\$ 11.12$ for this year. The statement for Presbyteries is as follows :-

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## PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

In this Presbytery are six supplemented congregations, of which three-Fort William, Stonewall and Springfield are without pastors. The Fort William congregation built a commodious and comfortable frame church to meet the wants of that growing town. The site-a valuable one-was given free of cost by a member of the congregation. The circumstances of all these congregations improved during the year, and all are now in a healthy state. Connected with these are fifteen stations; they own twelve churches and three manses, have 300 families and 400 communicants ; and promise $\$ 4,360$ towards salary, or at the rate of $\$ 11.40$ per communicant.

## PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

At the close of the year the congregation of Manitou became self-sustaining, and the congregation of Deloraine, having called a pastor, was put on the list. Owing to the appointment of Mr. W. R. Ross to Chiliwhack in British Columbia, Carman became vacant. Two of the supplemented congregations in this Presbytery, Carman and Marringhurst, made little progress during the year, but it is confidently expected that the building of the railway between Murris and the Souris River will materially help them. Some re-arrangement of stations is contemplated, by which both congregations will gain in compactness and strength. The congregation of Deloraine has secured a site and is building a church and manse this season. The three congregations have fifteen stations, one church and one manse; connected with them are 158 families and 194 communicants; towards salary they contribute $\$ 1,850$, or at the rate of $\$ 9.79$ per communicant. It may be mentioned that Pilot Mound congregation, which went off the fund last year, is growing, and built a commodious and comfortable church last summer.

## presbytery of brandon.

Four congregations on the list last year became self-sustaining, viz:-Gladstone, Neepawa, Minnedosa and Virden. Two congregations, Rosedale and Montrose, called pastors and were granted supplements. Binscarth, owing to the resignation of the pastor, is vacant, and an ordained missionary has been put in charge for a time. Rosedale built a neat frame church, and Glenboro, Chater and other congregations are building this year. The augmented congregations of this Presbytery number eight; stations connected with them, twenty-eight; manses, two ; churches, six ; families, 355 ; communicants, 500 ; contributions for salary, $\$ 5,375$, or $\$ 10.95$ per communicant. Decided progress was made in this Presbytery last year, and a few more favourable seasons will enable many congregations now receiving aid to dispense with assistance from the fund. There are already nine congregations in this Presbytery that were helped to self-support by means of this fund.

## PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

During the year Regina became self-sustaining, and only one congregation now remains on the list, viz., Prince Albert. This congregation cannot be expected to make much progress till railway communication is established with the rest of the country. Prince Albert has a church and manse. Connected with the congregation are thirty families and sixty communicants, and the people give at the rate of $\$ 14.16$ per communicant for the support of the pastor. The H. M. C. promises a supplement of $\$ 400$.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.
Edmonton is the only augmented congregation in this Presbytery, and although Mr. D. G. McQueen has for some time been supplying the congregation with efficiency and acceptability, he has not been regularly inducted. Until a railway is built to the north the congregation must labour under disadvantages, as Calgary, the nearest point on the railway, is 200 miles distant. Services are held at three points-there are two churches, twenty-eight fainilies and thirty-eight communicants. The people give $\$ 700$ for salary, or at the rate of $\$ 18.42$ per communicant, and they receive $\$ 500$ from the Augmented Fund.

The following table will show the number and strength of the augmented congregations in these five Presbyteries :-

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## British Columbia.

## COLUMBIA PRESBYTERY-MISSIONS AND AUGMENTATION.

The Columbia Presbytery carry on their work in this remote part of our field with great zeal and diligence. The self-sustaining charges reported last year continue to flourish. The church in Vancouver City, under the pastoral care of Mr. Thomson, has given over a number sufficient to form another self-sustaining charge, over which Mr. McLaren, formerly of Brampton, has been settled, with every prospect of speedy growth. Mr. Thomson was assisted last summer in his duties by the Rev. R. Y. Thomson, Lecturer in Knox College, and to their united and earnest efforts the formation of the congregation is due. The New Westminster church, under Mr. Scouler, greatly prospers. Two years ago a handsome manse was built for the pastor, and recently a fine new church has been erected. In Victoria, Mr. Fraser's congregation makes steady progress, both in numbers and financial strength, and St. Andrew's, under the pastoral charge of Mr. P. McF. McLeod, has purchased an elegant house for a manse, and is now erecting a new church, to cost in the neighbourhood of $\$ 60,000$.

The following is a brief outline of the other fields occupied and the changes of the year ;

## RICHMOND.

This mission field has, in accordance with a petition from the congregation, been put upon the Augmentation Fund. Mr. Jaffary, of Spallumcheen, has been called, and will soon be settled as the first regular pastor in this district. This field was under the care last year of Mr. Cormack, who, on account of his health, had to leave the Province. The want of regular supply for many months, has been a drawback to the congregation, but under Mr. Jaffary it will soon grow, and become, it is hoped, self-sustaining.

## SPALLUMCHEEN.

By the removal of Mr. Jaffary from Spallumcheen to Richmond, this important field was left vacant. The Rev. John Knox Wright has been appointed for a term of three years, and has entered upon his work.

## KAMLOOPS.

There is nothing special to report about Kamloops which is, under the care of Mr. Chisholm. Our cause not only keeps up its strength, but the numbers are growing, so that the grant for next year has been reduced.

## chilliwhack.

Mr. Patterson was compelled by the illness of his wife (since deceased) to return from this im. portant field before the expiration of his term of service. He has done excellent service in this district, where, until his arrival, there was no Presbyterian church, and very little apparent hope of speedy success. The people have, however, made herculean efforts to build both church and manse, and have succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations. The following statement, which gives in outline the history of this congregation, is due to the missionary and the people: Mr. Patterson undertook the oversight of this district not two years ago. Up to that time the Church had not entered upon work in this important field. There was therefore no organization, no church or manse, and just a few Presbyterians scattered over the district. Other churches had been organized many years before and had done good service. Of the few Presbyterians in the district several went over to the Methodist fold in the absence of ordinances from their own Church, and in the Church of their adoption they and their families have done noble service. There were a few, however, who although finding for the time being a Church home in another denomination, still longed for the time when in their own beloved Zion they might again worship the God of their fathers and their God. They had to wait long, but the time to which they looked forward at last came. In response to their request presented to the Columbia Presbytery, they received an assurance that a missionary would be sent. Very soon after Rev. F. McCuaig, then of Chalmers' church, Kingston, was appointed to this field. The little handful of people began preparations for building a suitable place of worship, and after some delay Mr. A. C. Henderson, at his own expense, laid the foundation and continued the work of building until he had expended some $\$ 600$ or $\$ 700$. The missionary appointed did not come. The people were sorely disappointed, and so nothing was done till the second appointment was made and the missionary appeared on the field. Mr. J. C. Henderson, without fee or reward, gave the use of his commodious hall to the congregation as long as they might require it. Here the congregation met every Sabbath morning and evening for worship. The congregation has grown steadily in numbers, in interest, in influence, till now it stands second to none in the whole district.

In the early part of August the few people then composing the congregation, with praiseworthy zeal and energy, determined to build a manse and to complete the church edifice, and, nobly led by their pastor, who did not even disdain to put his own hands to the work of building, the church and manse are now completed. The cost of the buildings has amounted to about $\$ 6,000$, and there is but about $\$ 500$ of debt remaining, and this we are sure will soon be wiped out. The manse is a two-story wooden building, $32 \times 36$ feet, solidly built, very comfortably
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arranged and presents a very fine appearance. The church is considerably in advance of the present needs of the congregation, neatly designed, attractively furnished, and does credit alike to the architect, the enterprise of the congregation, and the community. It is to-day one of the neatest and most comfortably furnished churches in the Province. The windows in ground and stained glass were the gift of Mr. J. C. Henderson. The choir is deserving of credit for having provided a first-class Bell organ for the chureh.

Miss Sarah Campbell, late of Indian Lands congregation, Ontario, undertook the collection of money for the purpose of providing furnishings for the chnrch, and succeeded so admirably that everything requisite for comfort and appearance has been provided. Mr. A. C. Henderson, with praiseworthy generosity, gave the site, consisting of fourteen acres and valued at $\$ 1,500$. All connected with the congregation have done nobly-none better than the ladies, who, in addition to their other work, have undertaken to pay for the bell. Altogether the Presbyterians of Chilliwhack are to be congratulated on the very marked success which has attended their every effort during this first year of their congregational life. Their future, we doubt not, will be very rich in blessing to themseives and to the entire community.

The Rev. W. R. Ross, formerly of Carmen, Manitoba, has succeeded Mr. Patterson in this most important and promising field.
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Mr. Tait still ministers in this somewhat difficult and scattered district faithfully and perseveringly. Mud Bay has been taken off this charge and added to Ladner mission field, which will enable Mr. Tait to give better service to the remaining stations.

## victoria district.

The Rev. D. Macrae, who has laboured in the stations comprising the Victoria field for three years, is now in Ontario on leave of absence for six months, his place being supplied by Mr. Knowles, a student of Manitoba College. Mr. Macrae has well earned a vacation, for his labours have been most abundant.
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Mr. H. R. Fraser has been compelled on account of sickness to resign this mission charge, and Mr . Dunn has been appointed to succeed him.

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Mr. Dunn's former charge is now supplied by Mr. G. Lockhart, a student from Manitoba College. This is an exceedingly poor and sparsely settled field, and until the prospects are better for increased settlement, the Committee do not feel warranted in continuing|the service of an ordained missionary, and paying, as they have done in the past, nearly two-thirds of his entire salary.
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Mr. Fraser has done a great deal of hard work since coming to this field, and is hopeful of ts future. The people are building a manse. Besides the old field, Mr. Fraser preaches egularly at Union Coal Mine, which is now beginning regular operations.

## ladners' landing, or the delta.

This new field comprises Mud Bay, Boundary Bay, McKee's, Ladner's and Westham Island. The formation of this field puts matters on the Lower Fraser in better shape than ever before. The Committee are at present on the outlook for a suitable missionary for this field.

## TRAVELLING MISSIONARY.

The Presbytery of Columbia presented a request to the last meeting of the Home Mission Committee for the appointment of a travelling ordained missionary, at a salary of $\$ 1,200$ per annum. The matter was left in the hands of the Executive, who were empowered to expend a sum not exceeding $\$ 400$ in exploratory work, during the present summer.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF MORRIN COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,

 1888-89.The Students' Missionary Society of this College has been reorganized under very favourable auspices.

The Society has for its object mission work, mainly within the bounds of the Presbytery of Quebec. This is carried on by theological students in winter time-so far as their college duties allow-and in summer time constantly supplying with the means of grace needy localities in the neighbourhood of Quebec. Seven theological students are at present in the mission field under the Church's Home Mission Committee. The Association is supporting one student this summer at Portneuf, a much neglected district about forty miles from the city.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF MONTREAL COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1888-89.

The Students' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, present the following report for the year ending March 31st, 1889 :

During the summer no mission fields were occupied, following the principle adopted last year, when the Society resolved to devote its efforts to the promotion of French Evangelization. At present effort is concentrated upon the collecting of the sum necessary to erect a school in St . Jean Baptiste. $\$ 1,500$ are now in the Treasurer's hands. Mr. Vessot was appointed to collect in Ontario, and through his work it is hoped the sum requisite will be raised by the opening of Session 1889-90. Meanwhile a school is to be opened and a lot purchased and building erected for permanent occupation.

In addition to this work, steps have been taken to see what can be done towards sending out a foreign missionary in the name of the students and graduates. Two native helpers have been supported under the care of Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of Efate, and Rev. Mr. Robert. son, of Erromanga. In the city of Montreal during the winter regular supply has been given to the MacKay Institute and Protestant House of Refuge.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION FOR 1888-89.

As an Association we have every reason to be grateful to our Heavenly Father for His continued guidance and blessing during the year which has passed. The work of our missionaries, whose reports are appended, has been faithfully performed, and we are sure will be abundantly blessed. The mission fields chosen by our Association are the more needy ones, and hence its work is truly missionary. At the same time our efforts are not withheld from Foreign Work ; and it is our aim to keep at least one ordained medical missionary in China.

During the past winter the mission fields along the K. \& P. Railway have been supplied with services, viz:-Piccadilly, Tichborne, Sharbot Lake, Wilbur, and Matawatchan.

Portsmouth Presbyterian congregation has also been supplied, yielding a help towards the funds of our Association.

The Hospital and House of Industry have received Sabbath supply, thus offering to students a privilege of getting into direct touch with mission work; while, no doubt, the preached Word has been a balm for many a wound, a solace for many a care.

This Session the fortnightly meetings have been of more than usual interest, and the hour spent has been a benefit to all who attended.

We are grateful to God for the return of Principal Grant, restored in health ; and have been edified by his instructive and useful addresses on Japan.

The Association has been encouraged to send a third missionary to the North-West, through the valuable aid given it by the Olive Branch Mission Band of this city. The Band desires at least a share in the work of a missionary in this most needy field of labour.

Special mention is also made of the annual gift of $£ 50$ stg. from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, for work in the North-West.

We are pleased and grateful to God for the efforts put forth by the Bible Classes, Sabbath Schools, and private individuals, who have given such valuable aid to the medical and other expenses of our Honan Mission.

In closing our report, we ask for the united prayers of all to Almighty God, for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon our missionaries who go forth this summer, and especially upon our representatives-the Rev. Dr. and Mrs Smith-in China, that they may be strengthened and encouraged in their work for the Master.

## ontario fields.

## Matawatchan and Griffth-D. M' Gandier, Missionary.

This field lies along the Madawaska River, in the most southern townships of Renfrew, and is under the supervision of the Kingston Presbytery. The student bound for Matawatchan boards the K. \& P. train at Kingston, and after a seventy-five mile ride steps off at Lavant station to view, perhaps for the first time, a backwoods country. As he looks around and wonders how and when and where he is to go next, that feeling of loneliness, which was slightly anticipated when parting with college friends and thinking of the summer to be spent among strangers, now rises to its height. On all sides, the melting snow reveals the rough and barren rocks which, with a little underbrush, a few charred pines and an abundance of mud, seem at this time of the year to constitute the whole surrounding country. However, the difficulties are not so great as they appear. Over yonder, above the door of a rather dingy ooking house, swings the inviting sign, "Traveller's Rest." Here the night is passed, and next morning at five o'clock the stage driver, a burly old German, who is not as rough as he appears, rouses his passengers and bids them prepare for the road. At six o'clock the shaking begins, and for twelve hours the journey is pursued, forty miles over corduroy, through creeks, up and down hills, with one wheel running on a ledge of ice, and the other sunk to the hub in mud, until at sunset Matawatchan is reached, and the missionary is welcomed to a clean and comfortable boarding house.

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Now work begins in earnest. The people have been without service all winter, and have become accustomed either to visiting or to staying at home on Sunday, and consequently some of them do not bother coming out to church. These people have all to be visited as soon as possible and urged to attend public worship. They are always glad to see the missionary coming and eager for him to return and "sup" with them, though they are not always so eager to come out and see him at the Sabbath services. But on the whole the people appreciate very much the efforts made in their behalf, and after the careless ones have been visited a couple of times, the great majority of them will be seen nearly every Sabbath at the church services, many having three or four miles to walk to church.

At Matawatchan, the central and most important station, service is held every Sabbath, with an average attendance of eighty, representing about thirty-eight families. But some of these families live two or three miles back in the bush, while the father is away working and only the mother and children are at home, so that frequently it is utterly impossible for any of them to come out to church. Sunday School followed immediately the public service, but the attendance at it was not so regular, varying from twenty to forty, with about ten of these in the Bible class.

The attendance at prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening varied from thirty to forty five, and this, we think, speaks well for a sparsely settled country district.

At Griffith, a station ten miles north of Matawatchan, services are held fortnightly, sometimes oftener, with an average attendance of twenty, representing seven families. Rose Settlement was also supplied with services during the summer. The seven or eight families
there are all Methodists, but as they were without a missionary and were desirous that the there are all Methodists, but as they were without a missionary and were desirous that the missionary from Matawatchan should go back through the bush eight miles to them, he did so, knowing that he was sent to minister to all who were without the preaching of the Gospel.

There are many difficulties in this field, and progress is slow, yet there are signs of improvement. The people are trying-though perhaps not so hard as they might do-to help themselves, and we therefore should be willing to give a helping hand. If we do our part
prayerfully and faithfully, from this small, and, in many respects, dark corner of the Master's vineyard, an abundant vintage will yet be gathered. "Though it tarry, wait for it ; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

## WILbUR, ETC.-John Sharpe, missionary.

This is a field on the Kingston \& Pembroke R. R., about seventy miles north of Kingston. Three stations, Wilbur, Ompah, and Mundell's Schoolhouse, were supplied regularly during the whole of last summer, and in addition service was held fortnightly for about three months at a schoolhouse in the Township of Canonto. Wilbur and Ompah are villages ; the former containing about forty families, the latter about six. The population of Wilbur is composed almost exclusively of miners and lumbermen with their families ; at the other stations the people are chiefly farmers. Farming, however, is carried on under great difficulties on account of the rocky character of the country, and most of the farmers engage in some way in the lumber business during the winter. Without this many would find it almost impossible to "make ends meet." There are in the district reached by the student about 130 families, of whom over 100 are Protestants ; but comparatively a small proportion are Church members. The Churches most largely represented are the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Episcopalian. The student is very cordially welcomed by all; and all Protestants turn out fairly well to the services. Quite a the toil required number, however, are sadly indifferent with regard to spiritual things ; so unremitting is the higher needs of the soul. The average attendance at the Sabbath services is about one-fifth of the Protestant population; this is perhaps better than many other places, but it still leaves much to be desired. Sabbath Schools are carried on at all the stations, and in general with very gratifying success. There are no strictly denominational schools in the field, but all who are interested in the religious training of the young join together heartily in the attempt to make the school as successful as possible. The schools are managed entirely by the people themselves, the student simply giving advice and encouragement

A prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evening at Wilbur, at which the attendance is about one-half of that at the Sabbath services; in this surpassing most city congregations. The people are all very anxious to have the student visit them at their homes as often as possible, and very great good can be done in this way, if we always remember to be " about our Father's business." No other part of the work is so fruitful in good results as this. Wilbur and MunCollege.

About two-thirds of the families contribute to the support of the student, the total amount contributed for the year (including board) being $\$ 136$.

## NORTH-WEST FIELDS.

## WINLAW--T. B. SCOTT, B.A., MISSIONARY.

Regular fortnightly service was conducted at each of the four stations of this field during the five summer months, beginning with May. The population, numbering about two hundred
and fifty, is scattered over a tract of country twenty miles square. Although there were about fifty children of school age in the district, these were so widely scattered that no school could be formed. To meet this need even in a small degree, four Sabbath Schools were organized, which continued to meet regularly each Sabbath during the mild weather of summer and autumn. The children gladly attended, some of them walking over four miles to be present. One collection was taken up throughout the whole field, to provide the lesson helps and S. S. papers. During part of the summer two prayer meetings were conducted each week, but were not largely attended. This may easily be accounted for in the difficulty of travelling over the prairie after night-fall. In July, a series of week-night services were held. In these the missionary was assisted by Mr. Cross, the Methodist missionary in the district, and by J. A. Sinclair, the Presbyterian student on the adjoining field. The attendance at these, as well as at the regular Sabbath services, was good, and much encouragement was afforded the missionary by the interest shown by the people. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the month of August by the Rev. John Brown, of Sourisford. Members of other Churches united with the Presbyterians in partaking of the Sacrament. On every hand great kindness was shown the missionary by the people. Especial mention should be made of the help given to the cause by Mr. W. Richardson. Board was given free of charge, and in many other ways he sacrificed his own interests for the good of the work.

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During the summer months student missionaries are sent to the different fields to preach the Gospel and establish stations in the most promising centres. When these stations become sufficiently strong they take their place among the regular mission stations of the Church. We are thus enabled to take up new fields otherwise destitute of ordinances. During the past summer sixteen fields were taken up-these fields comprised forty-eight stations. In twentyone of these weekly services were held ; twenty-five had fortnightly services; one, occasional services ; one, monthly services; twenty-four stations had organized Sabbath Schools ; in thirteen stations prayer meetings were held weekly ; every Sabbath thirty-four services were held, with a total average attendance of 2,128 , representing a membership of 472 .

The expenses of the society are met largely by contributions from the different fields. But, as the revenue derived from this source does not equal the expenditure, the Society looks for aid to friends outside the fields, without which it would be impossible to carry on the work. During the past summer the expenditure amounted to $\$ 3,471.25$, and of this sum the field contributed $\$ 2,210.80$; the balance was met by contributions from other quarters.

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

The following is a detailed account of the fields under the Society's care during the past sammer :-

## SOCIETY'S FIELDS.

## MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

## Lakeside.-William Neilly.

This field is situated about twenty miles north-west of Portage la Prairie, and extends along the southern shore of Lake Manitoba. It covers an area of about 160 square miles. Its eastern portion contains a part of that plain which is the garden of Manitoba. The western division, divided from the eastern by the White Mud River, is what is termed a wooded country, being diversified by numerous poplar bluffs interspersed with prairie.

It is one of the oldest settlements in that country. Heretofore occasional services have been held by our Church in various parts, and not till last summer was there a regularly appointed student in the field.

Four stations were supplied. Long Creek and Adelaide, weekly ; Lakeside and Woodside fortnightly. The services were well attended. Sabbath Schools were commenced and carried on at three of the stations, also Bible Classes and Prayer Meeting. A large supply of Sabbath School literature was kept on hand and distributed. The people subscribed liberally to the different Schemes of the Church, and defrayed all the expenses of the student. Rev. Mr. Stalker, of Gladstone, visited the field and dispensed the Sacraments. Fourteen were baptised, seventeen joining by certificate and profession of faith.

Number of Presbyterian families, 22 ; other families, 20 ; number of young men, 42 ; total average attendance, 126 ; total contributions, $\$ 288.45$; total cost, $\$ 280$.

## TIGER HILLS.

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This feld is situated on the Assiniboine and Souris Rivers. It receives its name from the Tiger Hills, which stretch across the southern part of the field. It is one hundred and twenty miles south-west of Winnipeg, immediately west of Glenboro', which is now the terminus of the southwestern branch of the C. P. R.

Fortnightly services were held at Souris City, Millford, Stockton, Hilton, and Pelican Lake.
Union Sabbath Schools were conducted at these stations during the summer months.
The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were dispensed on the 23rd Sept., by Rev. A. McD. Haig, of Cypress River, six members being added.

Number of Presbyterian families, 30 ; members, 51 ; total average attendance, 130 ; total contributions, $\$ 155.50$; cost to Society, $\$ 100$; total cost, $\$ 272$; time, six months.

## LONGLAKETON.

James Drummond, B.A.
This field receives its name from "Long Lake," a narrow strip of water, about sixty miles long, entering the Qu'Appelle Valley twenty-two miles north-west of Regina. Services were conducted at Longlaketon Church, on the east side of the lake, and at Carsdale, a prosperous settlement on the south side of the Qu'Appelle Valley.

The past season was a favourable one. The heavy rains in June and July brought the grain on rapidly and produced an abundant harvest.

This district is well adapted to farming and stock-raising. Spring opens earlier than in the adjoining eastern province. The soil is good. The region to the north is a rolling prairie ; to the south, a level plain. Both congregations were largely attended by young men. The field is in many ways encouraging, and, with prosperous seasons, will soon become self-sustaining.

Rev. Alex. Urquhart, of Regina, visited the field and dispensed the Sacraments.
Number of Presbyterian families, 19 ; young men, 24 ; members, 40 ; average attendance, 80 ; total contributions, $\$ 207.25$; total cost, $\$ 309.25$; grant from Regina Presbytery, $\$ 21$; cost to Society, $\$ 80$; time, 6 months.

## ALGOMA DISTRICT.

## spanish river. <br> H. R. Horne.

This field lies along the right bank of the Spanish River in Algoma, extending from the mouth upwards, a distance of about twenty miles. It comprises three stations, Buswell's Mills at the mouth, Walford midway, and the Sable River Landing at the upper end. Walford is a farming settlement of growing importance, and is the chief station in the field. Services were held at this place every Sunday afternoon in the school-house. At the Sable Landing, which is merely a supply station for the lumber camps, a service was held monthly, and Buswell's Mills was visited three times each month. All the services were well attended. The only Sunday School was at Walford. At Buswell's Mills services were held this year for the first time. The work was carried on under many disadvantages, but there was every prospect of the station becoming a strong one in the near future. In October, however, the mills were destroyed by fire, and there is little prospect of their being rebuilt.

At Walford a fine church site was cleared and fenced in ; considerable aid was also secured towards the erection of a church, which it is hoped will soon be completed.

Owing to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. John Muncaster, the missionary was boarded free of charge.

The Sacrament was dispensed at Walford in September by Rev. J. J. Elliott, B.A., of Spanish River Mills.

Number of families, 56 ; number of Presbyterian families, 20 ; number of members, 11 ; total contributions, $\$ 103.95$; total cost of field, $\$ 127.25$; cost to Society, $\$ 23.30$; contribution to Home Mission, \$5.

## BLIND RIVER.

## /. R. Mann.

This field, situated on the north channel of the Georgian Bay, contains two regular stationsBlind River, at the mouth of a river of the same name, and Thompson schoolhouse, in Thompson township, ten miles inland, on the Mississauga River.

Thompson township is an agricultural district, and the other is engaged in the lumber business. A line of railway now extends from North Bay to the Sault Ste. Marie, which runs through Blind River and Thompson township. In Blind River a Sabbath School is conducted throughout the year. Weekly services were given at these stations, Prayer Meeting and Bible Class at Blind River, all of which were well attended.

Sacraments dispensed by Rev. Mr. Findlay in July.
Total number of families, 42 ; members, 19 ; total contributions, $\$ 9 \mathrm{I} .32$; total cost, $\$ 179.15$; cost to Society, $\$ 83.33$; time, four months.

## SERPENT RIVER.

## J. R. Sinclair.

This field, situated on the north channel of the Georgian Bay, comprises the eastern part of that formerly known as Blind River. It contains two stations, Serpent River and Algoma Mills.

Serpont River is engaged in the lumbering trade, having located in it the largest saw-mill in that part; while Algoma Mills is a railroad village, being the division poirt on the new Sudbury branch of the C. P. R., and as such may be expected to increase in population.

In the former a Sabbath School is in operation during the entire year ; and in Algoma Mills one was organized during the summer. Sunday services were conducted in each of the stations, as were also prayer meetings during the week. Considering the circumstances of the people, all these were well attended.

Rev. Mr. Findlay visited the field early in July and dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, this being the first time that the ordinance was enjoyed in Serpent River.

Number of Protestant families, 42; members, 11 ; total contributions, $\$ 153.13$; total cost, $\$ 166.65$; cost to Society, $\$ 13.52$; time, four months.

LORING.

## E. A. Harrison.

This field is situated in the northern part of Parry Sound District, is fertile and well timbered, and is about forty miles distant from Trout Creek and the G. T. R. The English-speaking population numbers about one hundred and thirty, composed of various denominations, but all adhere to and unite in supporting our mission. The first sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. H. Rowand in 1882, but it did not become an independent field till 1887. The Sabbath School then organized was nubly carried on through the long winter, and faithful work was done.

During the summer it formed a part of the work, which altogether consisted of morning and evening Sabbath services, with a Wednesday evening prayer-meeting at Loring, and fortnightly services at Wolf River and Caribou Lake. In addition to the Sabbath School, a weekly service is this winter being kept up by the ardent members of the field.

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## J. McNair.

This field, in the district of Nipissing, lies fifteen miles south-east of Lake Nipissing. There are about fifty families in the township, the majority of whom are Presbyterian. Services were held at four stations-at Kell's and Findlay's Landing one Sabbath, and at Kell's, McDonald's and Robertson's the alternate Sabbath.

Sabbath School was conducted every Sabbath at two o'clock, at McDonald's. There is no public school in the township. Communion will be dispensed during the winter season. They have monthly service, through the energetic zeal of Mr. Gilmore, of Powasson.

Sabbath School is still carried on by the members with marked success. The Society extends its hearty thanks to Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, for the contribution of $\$ 50$ to the building fund at Kell's, where a church is in course of erection.

Number of Presbyterian families, 25 ; number of members, 13 ; total average attendance, 85 ; total contributions, $\$ 55.50$; total cost, $\$ 157.75$; cost to Society, $\$ 102.25$; time, 4 months.

## sebright.

## J. Gilchrist.

This field is situated in the northern part of the counties of Ontario and Victoria. There are two principal stations-Sebright and Uphill-and in addition, service was held fortnightly at Sadowa and Dalrymple. Sabbath Schools were held at three of the stations, and at Sebright, the work and furtnightly services at Wolf River and Caribou Lake. In addition to the Sabbath School, a weekly service is this winter being kept up by the ardent members of the field.

Rev. Mr. Hewitt, of Magnetawan, visited the field in September, and dispensed the Sacraments.

Number of families, 28 ; members, 38 ; total contributions, $\$ 150$; total cost, $\$ 250.75$; cost to Society, $\$ 100$; time, 6 months.

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## Wm. Gauld.

This field is in the District of Parry Sound, and lies east of Emsdale and Katrine stations on the N. \& N.-W. Railway. It contains four stations, one of which was added last spring. Fortnightly services were also given to Katrine, a station under the H. M. C. The four stations belonging to the field are Kearney, Ravensworth, Sand Lake, and Orange Valley. In all the stations fortnightly Sabbath services were held ; prayer meetings were conducted fortnightly throughout the summer in three, and in the fourth, Sand Lake, after the new churuh was opened, August 19th.

Sabbath Schools were carried on in all ; weekly in three, fortnightly in the fourth. In two, Kearney and Orange Valley, Sabbath Schools are conducted throughout the winter. The field was visited for two Sabbaths by the Missionary at Christmas.

Rev. A. Findlay visited the field in October, and dispensed the Sacraments, when eight members were added.

Number of Presbyterian families, 20 ; members, 36 ; total average attendance, 125 ; total contributions, $\$ 122.56$; total cost, $\$ 173.43$; cost to Society, $\$ 50.87$; time, including Christmas, $4 \frac{1}{2}$ months.

KILWORTHY.

## A. E. Neilly.

This field is situated in Morrison township, near Gravenhurst, and extends from Sparrow Lake in the West to Koshe on the East. The township has very little arable land, but what there is, is very good. A large portion of the field is covered with rocks.

There is but one station, Kilworthy, at which were held two Sabbath services. The services were well attended, and much interest was manifested in the work.

Sabbath School was conducted at McCormack's School house, and also at Mr. McLean's, with good attendance at each.

An additional Sabbath School was organized at Mr. Allan McDonald's during the latter part of the summer. Prayer meetings were held every week, and were well attended. These services are continued throughout the winter by the people themselves.

The congregation is made up of various denominations, by all of whom the student was made welcome.

The outside of the Church was painted, and a new picket fence erected in front. This field was supplied for three Sabbaths during the winter. The Rev. A. Findlay, of Barrie, dispensed the Sacraments.

Number of Presbyterian families, II ; members, 14 ; total average attendance, 78 ; total contributions, $\$ 133.63$; total cost, including winter supply, $\$ 268.60$; cost to Society, $\$ 119.97$; time, months.

## BYNG INLET.

## P. J. McLaren, B.A

Byng Inlet comprises two small lumbering villages, and the nucleus of a third at the mouth of the Magnetawan Kiver. The inhabitants are entirely dependent on the lumber trade, carried on by Burton Bros., in Byng Inlet, North, and by Georgian Bay Lumber Company in the South. To the latter company is due the thanks of the Missionary Society for the missionary s board, etc.

Bible Class and Sabbath School were held every Sabbath morning at II a.m., and Divine Service at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. These services are continued during the winter by the people themselves, who earnestly wish to secure an ordained missionary.

Rev. David James, of Midland, dispensed the Sacraments on September 9th.
Number of Protestant families, 28 ; members, 32 ; total average attendance, 95 ; total contributions, $\$ 137.50$; total cost, $\$ 160$; cost to Society, $\$ 22.50$; time, $4 \frac{1}{2}$ months.

## FRANKLIN.

## J. H. Barnett.

This field lies thirteen miles north-east from Huntsville, in the Muskoka District, and embraces the township of Franklin, with part of the township of Sinclair. During the past summer, how. ever, we extended our work into the township of McClintock, in the county of Haliburton. The field comprises three regular stations, viz., McCutcheon, Dwight, and Cain's Corners, and one other station supplied occasionally-Ox-tongue Lake.

At the three regular stations services were conducted weekly, and were well attended. At Dwight, which is the principal station, a small frame church is being constructed, which, it is hoped, will be completed next summer. The sum of \$101.25 was received by the missionary, to assist in the erection of this church. The sum indicates contributions received from Charles Street and West St. Andrew's congregations, together with the Session of Knox Church and the Missionary Society of Central Church, Toronto.

In addition to the Sabbath services, there was held a weekly prayer meeting at Dwight, Cain's Corners, and Osborne's School House, together vith a fortnightly meeting at Ox-tongue Lake, and also in the house of an invalid at Hay-stack Bay. Sabbath Schools were conducted at Dwight and Cain's Corners.

Number of members, 50 ; total average attendance, 130 ; total contributions, $\$ 68.33$; total cost, $\$ 244$; cost to Society, $\$ 175.67$; time, 6 months.

COBOCONK.

## G. W. Logie.

This field is situated near Head and Sparrow Lakes, in the northern part of Victoria county It comprises five stations, viz.: Coboconk, Head Lake, Norland, Baddow, and Rosedale.

At the first mentioned station weekly services were held, and at each of the latter fortrightly.
At Coboconk, Head Lake and Rosedale, Sabbath schools have been organized; and at Coboconk and Rosedale weekly meetings for prayer and Bible study were carried on.

Ordinances were dispensed by the Rev. Mr. Lochead.
Number of Presbyterian families, 31 ; members, 52 ; total average attendance, 285 ; contribu tions, $\$ 156.06$; total cost, including Christmas, $\$ 291.25$; cost to Society, $\$ 63.85$; time, 6 months ; Christmas, 3 weeks.

## french river.

## H. E. A. Reid, B.A

This village, forming the principal station in this field, is situated at the mouth of the French River, and is given up entirely to the lumbering trade. Two mills, the one owned by the Ontario Lumber Co., the other by McLean Bros., afford work to a large number of men, the majority of whom are French Roman Catholics.

As there was but one Protestant missionary in the field, members of the various Protestant denominations united in the services which were held in the school house, and comprised Bible class and Sabbath school, Sabbath evening services and a weekly prayer meeting.

Rev. David James, of Midland, visited the field and dispensed the Sacraments in September.
From the middle of June until the end of August a Sabbath service was held on the Bustard Islands, some four or five miles from the mouth of the river, where a number of fishermen and some families were settled for the summer.

Number of Protestant families, 25 ; members, 10 ; number of baptisms," 3 total contributions, $\$ 147.5^{8}$; total cost, $\$ 182.30$; cost to Society, $\$ 34.72$; time, 4 months.

WABASI. AND KENT BRIDGE.
W. Cooper.

This field, lying ten miles north-east of Chatham, was taken up this summer for the first time. It comprises three stations, viz.: Wabash, Kent Bridge and Grove Miils.

Services were held at each station weekly, and through the kindness of the Methodist people at Wabash we were permitted to hold the services in their church.

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In al! parts of the field an increasing interestwas manifested in the work. At Kent Bridge a Sabbath School and Bible Class were organized, which is still being continued, and the work of instructing the young is favourably progressing. All denominations extended a kindly welcome to the missionary, and helped to sustain the cause by their attendance at the various meetings and by their contributions.

The Sacraments were not dispensed in the field, as the people were accorded the privilege of attending the ordinances in connection with Rev. J. Becket's congregation at Thamesville.

Number of Presbyterian families, $\mathbf{1 2}$; members, 10 ; total average attendance, 285 ; contributions, $\$ 76.57$; total cost, $\$ 145.20$; cost to Society, $\$ 68.63$; time, 4 months.

## WINTER WORK.

Sapply was given by the Society during the Session to Coboconk weekly, to Sebright and Uphill fortnightly, to Kilworthy occasionally.

## CENTRAL PRISON.

## E. A. Harrison.

Every Sabbath morning during the Session students, numbering from seven to ten, have gone to the Prison to assist in sowing the good seed, that perchance even there there might be found soil in which the blessed Gospel message might take root and grow. In October an unprecedented revival commenced among the prisoners, and the interest was kept up by a weekly prayer meeting. As a result not a few of the men gave signs of conviction and conversion, and gratefully testified to the saving grace of God.

## GAOL.

## I. S. Scott.

During the first few weeks of the season there was as many teachers from the eastern part of the city as the number of inmates required, but during part of the Michaelmas term and all of the Easter term, from two to four students went each Sabbath morning to assist. We have found the work a great blessing to ourselves, and know that our labour has not been in vain in the Lord.

Work has also been carried on in the "Old Woman's Home," and "Hospital for Sick Children," two students, W. W. Craw and A. J. Jansen, acting as Supervisors. These gentlemen testify to the interesting and profitable nature of this work, the one presenting the "glad news" to the aged and declining, the other instilling it into the hearts of the young. During the latter part of the season, " Hill-Crest Convalescent Home" was supplied with service.

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

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

## ANNUAL REPORT OF MANITOBA COLLEGE.

## MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION FOR $1888-89$.

The Missionary Society of Manitoba College has exhibited a growing interest in Home Mission work during the past year. Fortnightly meetings were held during the Theological Session, and were attended by about twenty students. The interest of the Society was well kept up by addresses delivered, and papers read by students, whose spheres of labour had been so widely different. During the summer of 1888, two students were sent out by the Society, J. A. Bowman, B.A., to Waskada, where he laboured for six months. Waskada is a comparatively new field. It extends from the Turtle Mountains westward to the Souris River, a distance of twenty-four miles, and northward from the international boundary twenty-four miles. Within this field there are five preaching stations. During the summer there was an average attendance of 34 at all the stations. The largest average attendance was 52 and the smallest 22.

The other representative of the Society was D. Campbell, B.A., who supplied Fort Francis or nearly five months. To describe the size of this field and the limits of work would be impossible, as there is a thin stretch of settlement along the banks of the Rainy River eighty miles long, and it is the duty of the only missionary sent there to overtake as much work as possible. During the summer of 1888 the settlers along forty miles of the river were visited once every month, and services held at convenient points to all on each trip. The average attendance at Fort Francis was almost forty, at each of the other stations not more than fifteen. The expenditure of the Society during the past year amounted to $\$ 305$. Of this $\$ 151$ was given to Waskada, $\$ 54$ to Fort Francis, 850 to Manitoba College Mission (Icelandic), and $\$ 50$ to assist Mr. Moore in his Indian work near Qu'Appelle. During the present year the Society aims to overtake more work, and have undertaken to supply four distinct fields, Saltcoats, Fort Francis, Lansdowne and Arden, the missionaries for which have been appointed.

## MISSION TO THE LUMRERMEN.

Abstract of the Report of the Mission to the Lumbermen presented to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, at Quebec, April r7th, 1889 , by the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Convener:

The literature distributed to the lumbermen in the shanties during the past winter was similar in quantity and character to that sent out in previous years. An increase of one-third has been made in the order of 7 he British Workman, a periodical exceedingly popular among the men in the woods.

The Rev. Joseph Gandier, of Coulonge, owing to ill-health, was able to do only a little work for the mission. He distributed literature to 20 shanties, 9 depots, and 14 stopping-places.

The Rev. D. L. McKechnie, of Mattawa, was engaged in the work, with a few interruptions, from January 10th to March 16th. He went north, visiting camps within fifty miles of the height of land separating the valley of the Ottawa from that of Hudson's Bay. He drove 900 miles and walked on snow-shoes where he could not drive. Mr. McKechnie visited 40 shanties, 10 depots, 2 Hudson's Bay posts, and delivered $\mathbf{6} 2$ addresses. The number of men visited in these shanties was 1,740, of whom 650 were English and I,090 French. He says: "Considerable changes are taking place with regard to the accommodation of the men. Instead of one apartment for cooking, eating, and sleeping, there are now generally two, one used as an eating and sleeping room, the other as dining-room and kitchen."

The books and papers were as usual gladly received and highly valued. The papers given to the men are often preserved and brought home.

He mentions that the cause of temperance is making progress. "In four stopping places where liquor had formerly been sold none was sold this winter. Where there was formerly drinking and carousing till midnight, this winter all was quiet and orderly,

The Colporteurs of the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society also took with them packages of literature which they distributed throughout all the lumber regions of the Ottawa and the Gatineau. A box of literature was distributed by the Rev. J. R. Craigie, of Bobcaygeon, and another by the Rev. Wm. Christie, of Magnetawan.

The thanks of the mission are due to the Religious Tract Society of London, for a large donation of books, Scripture cards, books, etc.; to the Board of French Evangelization for a supply of French literature ; to R. Uglow, and to J. Durie and Son, Ottawa, for storage.

At this date the Treasurer's Report is incomplete, as a number of congregations have not been heard from and the donations from the lumbermen not yet received.

The following amounts have been received :-Knox Church, Cornwall, $\$ 10$; Bobcaygeon, $\$ 5$; Zion Church, Carleton Place, $\$ 15$; St. Paul's Church, Montreal, $\$ 25$; Beachburg and Westmeath, \$6; Calvin Church, Pembroke, $\$ 10$; St. John's Church, Cornwall, $\$ 8$; St. John's Church, Almonte, $\$ 10$; Knox Church, Roxburgh, $\$ 5.25$; A Friend, Paris, $\$ 10$; Erskine Church, Montreal, $\$ 25$; Beauharnois Missionary Society, \$5; St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, \$50; Knox Church, Ottawa, $\$ 15$; St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, $\$ 6$; Erskine Church, Ottawa, \$5; Coulonge, \$5; Collection in Shanties, \$17; Hon. Geo. Bryson, \$20; Arnprior, \$15; Knox Church, Montreal, \$10. Total, \$277.25.

Expenses:-Literature, \$173.94; Missionaries, \$142; Duty and Freight, \$15.30; Printing, Postage, Stationery, $\$ 8.50$. Total, $\$ 339.74$.

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## SUMMARY OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR HOME MISSIONS AND augMEntation, 1888-89. (Western Section.)

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[N.B. - As will be seen from the reports of Presbyteries, a considerable sum has been expended by individual churches in city and town missions in addition to the above, but no proper estimate can be made of the amount.-W.C.]

## REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON AUGMENTATION.

At the beginning of last year ( Ist April, 1888) there were 136 aid-receiving charges on the list ; the whole number receiving grants during the year was 145 ; the number at present on the list is 130 .

The receipts from congregational contributions and donations during the past year have been $\$ 22,612$; grants to Presbyteries and general expenses have amounted to $\$ 25,394$; the deficit a year ago was $\$ 986$; the total deficit is now $\$ 3,768$.

This result is unmistakably disappointing. The demands on the fund for the year upon which we have entered will be about the same as for the past year, and a considerable increase in the contributions sent from many congregations will be required if the present scale of grants is to be maintained.

The following tables shew in detail ( 1 ) what $r$ been done in each Presbytery during the past year, and (2) what progress has been made since ts. zcheme was inaugurated in 1883 :-

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It thus appears that since October, $\mathbf{1 8 8 3}, 81$ charges have been added to the list, while no fewer than 206 have been removed, of which 158 have become self-sustaining.

Presbyterial reports which are embodied in the Report of the Home Mission Committee refer pointedly in many instances to the value of the Augmentation Fund. Thus, the Presbytery of Quebec writes :-" The Augmentation Scheme has again proved a great blessing to the weak congregations of the Presbytery." This sentiment is echoed by many Presbyteries both eastern and western. In other cases, while no general reflections are made, figures are given which are of themselves a strong testimony to the benefits resulting from the scheme.

The Fund serves a two-fold object. On the one hand, it furnishes permanent aid to congregations such as many of those in the Province of Quebec-small communities of Protestants hedged round by a solid mass of Roman Catholicism - which must, from the nature of the case, remain dependent on the assistance of the more favoured portions of the Church. On the other hand, it gives temporary help to young congregations, which will, in a short time, be self-sustaining and ready to aid others as they have themselves been aided. Some of the most liberal contributions come from congregations which three or four years ago were receiving grants ranging from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 300$.

All which is respectfully submitted.
D. J. Macdonnell, Convener of Sub-Committee.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

The following form of commission to be given to missionaries receiving appointments from the Committee, is submitted for the approval of the General Assembly

It is hereby certified that on the day or (hission Com(minister, licentiate, or student), was appointed and comm the (city or town) of mittee of the Presbyterian , regarding work and there await and (months or years) from the above mentioned date. The terms of appointment are: (1) That in consideration of such service rendered in accordance with instructions of the Presbytery, the said Mr . shall receive salary at the rate of at least $\$$ per week with board, payable when a written report of his labours has been given in to the Presbytery, and has been approved by them ; (2) That such salary shall consist of contributions from the mission field as the Presbytery may determine, and of the grant made from year to year by the General Assembly Home Mission Committee to the station or stations in which the labour is performed ; but the Committee is not responsible for any part of the salary beyond said grant, and the missionary must look to the people for the payment of what is promised by then through the Presbytery ; (3) That the travelling expenses from , to amounting to not more than That if service is not be paid from the Home Mission Fund of the General Assembly ; (4) Thatif service is not rendered for the full term as above specified (cases of sickness or other necesit the missionary. travelling expenses shall be deducted by the Presbytery from. Cochrane, Convener.

> . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Missionary.

REV. HUGH MCKELLAR.
During the past year the Rev. Mr. McKellar, formerly of Manitoba, took opportunity to make known the claims of the North-West, and obtained a contribution of $£ 5$ stg. for the Home Mission Fund from Robert Macfie, Esq., of Airds. It was agreed to tender Mr. McKellar the thanks of the Committee.

## GRANTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

During the year grants have been received from the Churches in Great Britain as follows : $£ 200$ from the Free Church of Scotland ; $£ 150$ from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland ; $£ 50$ from the Church of Scotland, and $£ 390$ from the students of the Free Church College, Glasgow.

Special grants were given during the year in aid of North-West missions, by the Farring. don Congregational Church Sabbath School, Brantford, \$200, and the Ladies' Missionary Society, of St. Andrew's Chtreh, Perth, \$150. Like sums have been promised for next year by the same parties and others, which will be duly acknowledged in the annual report.

## nisbet academy, prince albert.

At the March meeting of the Committee there was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Regina, transmitting an application from the Trustees of Nisbet Academy for the appointment of a missionary' at Colleston, who would devote part of his time to teaching in the Academy, his salary to be paid in part from the Home Mission and in part from the Foreign Mission Fund. On motion of Mr. Macdonnell, it was agreed to appoint a missionary to labour in Colleston and the other stations adjacent to Prince Albert, permitting said missionary, with the approval of the Presbytery of Regina, to assist as far as he may be able in teaching in the Nisbet Academy, with a grant of $\$ 10$ per Sabbath to said mission field, in addition to the contributions of the mission stations and whatever sum he may be able to receive from the Trustees of the Nisbet Academy. The convener telegraphed the substance of this finding to the Rev, Dr. Jardine, Prince Albert ; and at a later stage the following reply was received from him : " Trustees will give single man residence, fuel, and light-resources heavily taxed for music teacher-cannot now promise more-try and give $\$ 600 .{ }^{\circ}$. No further action was taken.

## Co-operation of Women.

It was agreed to ask the General Assembly to take action, so as to secure the active co-operation of the women of the Church in the furtherance of Home Mission work.

## Overture as to House Rents.

At the March meeting of the Committee an extract minute of the Presbytery of Montreal was read, notifying the Committee of an overture which that Presbytery had agreed to transmit to the General Assembly, asking that the allowance for house rent in cities should be increased from $\$ 100$ to a sum not exceeding $\$ 300$ per annum. The Committee agreed, on motion of Mr . Macdonnell, to commend the overture to the consideration of the General Assembly, and to call
the attention of the Assembly, also, to the necessity for additional regulations as to allowance for house rent in the country, and for the cost of keeping a horse where this is rendered necessary by the circumstances of the charge.

In closing this report, the Committee desire to call the special attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the expenditure for Home Mission work has exceeded the contributions from all sources by $\$ 4,745.85$, and has exceeded the contributions of congregations by $\$ 10,511.94$; the sum of $\$ 5766.09$ having been received during the year from the Glasgow Free Church Students' Society and the British Churches, and other donations. This exceptionally large sum cannot be expected in the future. To partly meet the deficit, the balance remaining in the reserve fund has been taken, leaving still an indebtedness on the year's work of $\$ 745.85$ ! It is also to be noted that the expenditure for Augmentation has exceeded the contributions of congregations by $\$ 3,768.62$ ! This condition of affairs calls for the serious consideration of the Assembly. In cbedience to instructions, the Committee has gone steadily forward from year to year, extending its work with a degree of success that has been most gratifying to every well wisher of our Zion. But if the contributions of the year on which we have entered are not greatly to exceed the past, then it is quite clear that the Committee, instead of assuming increased liabilities, must retrench without delay. It is for the Church, through its General Assembly, to say whether we are to call a halt in the great mission fields of the North. West and British Columbia-whether we have done enough for our countrymen in those distant and destitute regions, and whether we are prepared to allow others to come in and reap the fruit of our labours? Also, whether the minimum paid the ministers of our Church who are assisted by the Augmentation Fund, is to be reduced? The Committee have done their best to excite a deeper int rest in both funds, but so far as the contributions of the Church are concerned, they have been sadly disappointed in the response made to their appeals. In bygone days the Church has lost more of her members through want of care of them at the proper time, than our mis. sions have saved, with all the increased activity of later years. In view of this fact, and the encouraging aspect of the mission field, where vast territories have been occupied in recent years, retrenchment in missions, and reduction of stipend, ought not for a moment to be thought of.

In name of the Committee.
Wm. Cochrane, Convener Home Mission Committee.
Brantford, Ont., June 13, 1889

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA <br> (Western Section)

FOR 1888-89.
WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Brantrord, Ont.,
Convener.
ROBT. H. WARDEN, D.D.,
Montreal, Que.,
secretary.
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| 11. Ignace... |  | i | 5 | 70 | 73 | 17 | 25 | 50 |  | 16650 | 600 | 400 | For Student. |
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Appendix II.-AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS.
Report for the Year ending 31st March, 1889.

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| I.-Qurbec:- <br> 1. Levis, St. Andrew's. <br> 2. Three Rivers. <br> 3. Upper and Lower Windsor <br> 4. Kingsbury and Flodden. <br> 5. Whitton, Saint Luke's, <br> (Hampden).. <br> 6. Inverness . <br> 7. St. Sylvester and L. Leeds. <br> 8. Danville. <br> 9. Scotstown. <br> 10. Lake Megantic | C. A. Tanner <br> G. R. Maxwell. <br> J. D. Ferguson <br> J. R. Mcleod <br> H. Lamont, D.D. <br> Jas. Sutherland. <br> Geo. Coull, M.A <br> J. A. Morrison. <br> Vacant. <br> Vacant. | 24306060 |  | 840000 | M | 81190 |  | 830000 | 830000 | \$62 00 |  |
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|  |  | ${ }_{80}^{67}$ | 75 | 50000 | M | 733 |  | 250 7500 | 250 7500 00 | 6800 9100 |  |
|  |  | 80 | 145 | 67500 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | 38 | 32 | 45000 |  |  |  | 8000 | + | 1000 | +84 per Sab. till settl |
|  |  | 70 | 54 | 50000 | M | 785 |  | 600 |  |  |  |
|  | Total..... ....\| 512 |  | 767 | \$5025 00 | 8 | \$675 |  | \$1921 50 | \$1850 00 | \$54 425 |  |
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| 1. Montreal, Taylor Chur | IT. Nichols | ${ }_{7}^{10}$ | 173 | 8950000 |  | S4 55 |  | $\$ 20000$10010000 | $\begin{aligned} & 10000 \\ & 10000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 3. Lachute, First Church | J. Mackie | 75 | 193 | 66000 <br> 600 <br> 000 | M | 362 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r}10100 \\ 90 \\ \hline 00\end{array}$ |  |
| 4. Ste. Therese, etc. . | J. F. Seylaz | 17 | 110 20 |  |  | 1000 |  | 30000 | 30000 <br> 20000 | 10700 10 |  |
| 5. Huntingdon, Second C | J. Watson, D | 40 | 95 | 20000 550 500 | M | 631 |  | 25000 |  | 19000 |  |
| 7. St. Louis de Gonzague. | J. Turnbull | 37 | 90 | 50000 | M | 611672 |  | 20000 | $\begin{aligned} & 20000 \\ & 25000 \end{aligned}$ | 115757500 |  |
| 8. Laguerre. ........ | H. McLean. | 35 | 103 | 40000550 | M |  |  | 30000 <br> 250 <br> 00 | $\begin{aligned} & 20000 \\ & 250 \\ & 200 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 9. Rockburn and Gore | J. F. Lang | ${ }_{37}^{48}$ |  |  | M | 538 |  | 25000 |  |  | Removed from the list. |
| 11. New Glasgow We.. | Vacant. | 37 | 65 |  |  |  |  | 20000 |  |  |  |
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| XV．－SAU GEEN ：－ <br> 1．Cedar ville and Esplin | J．Morrison | 57 | 120 | \＄600 00 |  | 85 00 |  | \＄200 00 | \＄200 00 | \＄90 00 |  |
| XVI．－GUELPH ：－ <br> 1．Hawkesville and Linwood．． | Vacant | 37 | 65 | \＄520 00 |  | \＄8 00 |  |  |  |  | \＄3 per Sab．till settled． |
| XVII．－Hamilton ：－ <br> 1．Niagara | N．Smith | 44 | 95 | \＄600 00 | M | \＄6 84 |  | \＄124 85 |  |  |  |
| 2．St．Ann＇s and Smithvill | Geo．Crombie | 43 | 136 | 600 60 | M | $\begin{array}{r}168 \\ 4 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | 10000 | 10000 | 818800 9200 |  |
| 3．Dunnville． | R．MacKnight | 40 | 73 | 55000 | it | 821 |  | 27500 | 20000 | 6400 |  |
| 4．Hamilton，Wentworth Ch．． | Jas．Murray | 75 | 160 | 100400 |  | 627 |  | 8300 | 9000 | 20400 |  |
| 5．Merritton and Port Robinson | W．Mowat | 57 | 124 | 70000 |  | 564 |  | 10000 | 10000 | 1600 |  |
| 6．Nelson and Dundas Street | R．MeIntyre | 49 | 120 | 70000 | M | 625 | 6300 | 5000 |  | 2100 | Removed from the list． |
| 7．Blackheath，E．Seneca，etc．． | J．W．Penman． | 62 | 145 | 62500 | M | 465 |  | 10450 | 6500 | ． 7500 |  |
| 8．Haynes Av．，S．Cath＇n＇s，etc． | Vacant． | 44 | 104 | 75000 |  | 721 |  |  | ．．．． |  |  |
| 9．Port Dalhousie and Louth． | Vacant | 51 | 105 92 | 60000 60000 | M | 619 6 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| XVIII．－Paris ：－ <br> 1．Mount Pleasant and Burford | R．G．Sinclair | 47 | 115 | \＄600 00 | M | \＄5 65 | ．．．． | \＄150 00 | \＄150 00 | \＄62 55 |  |


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\hline 6. Fort William \& Vacant \& 40 \& 69 \& 70000 \& R H \& 1087 \& \& 17700 \& \& 7200 \& \$2.00 -. \\
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\hline XXVII.-Rock Lake :- \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& Removed from the list. \\
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## Appendix III.

## MISSIONARIES—APRIL, 1889.

L.-Ministers and Licentiates.-Messrs. W. A. Johnston, Jas. Ferguson, A. B. Groulx, J. McCarter, A. E. N. Suckling, J. Stewart, D. Findlay, P. N. Cayer, D. L. McKechnie, J. A. Birrell, J. E. Duclos, W. J. Drummond, G. Porteous, J. Mcllroy, G. A. Yeomans, M. Turnbull, O. Bennett, J. McRobie, H. Knowles, J, Mcewan, J. M. Goodwillie, R. Fairbairn, J. Griffith, W. Forrest, J. Gilmour, J. W. Hewitt, R. Rodgers, J. Rennie, E. B. Rodgers, J. A. Jaffray, J. Cheran J. Macrae, A. Dunn, Wm. Neilly, D. Munroe, A. Mcra, John Brown, J. Mowat, J. Baird, S. Polson, H. J. Borthwick, H. C. May, MeArthur, T. R. Shearer, R. Gow, J. Halliday, J. Hoge, D. McMcKan, I. M. A. Brown, J. P. Grant, A. Robertson, D. G. MéQueen, R. Johnston, J. Herald, A. Hamilton, John Terry, D. H. McLennan, J. Knox Wright, W. M. Christie, J. Hunter, N. McKay, A. G. Jansen, James Gilchrist, J. C. Madill, W. A. J. Martin, John McKinnon. -76 .
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III-Catechists.-Messrs. B. Innis, J. L. Small, D. Campbell, W. Moffatt, Jas. Laing, G. J. Bryan, J. H. Higginson, J. N. McLean, Andrew Nelson, H. Jack, D. H. Atchison, H. McPherson, J. Garrioch, W. Smith, J. A. Cranston, R. Drinnan, H. W. Porter, John Thomson, Robert Thompson, J. C. Stinson, T. A. Ambler, P. Uzzelle, J. Madill, D. P. Oswald, J. McGregor, A. Moore, Jas. Steele, Jas. McMillan, H. McLennan, H. Ferguson, J. B. Ferguson, G. Mylne, K. McRae, K. A. Gollan, D. Robertson, D. Ross, H. Littlehales, Jas. Lang, and W. A. Bradley.-39.

Total Missionaries, 229.

