

bytery, but the members of Committee, realizing their distinct responsibility, are anxious to know, from distinct and positive accounts, whether members of congregations are exerting themselves as they might, before they vote to them sums of money. And it would be well if vacancies were to furnish a half-yearly statement of the supply they have received and the sums paid to Preachers.

Your Committee would mention, that the Presbytery of Wellington have brought under their notice the destitute condition of the Owen Sound District, and recommend that it be urged upon the attention of the Board of Missions in Scotland. A report has been read of the labours of the Revd. Mr. Barrie, in that quarter. He has travelled many miles and borne much fatigue, instituting inquiries as he went along, respecting the means of grace that were possessed and the encouragement that was likely to be given to a Missionary, if one could be had to send among them. He speaks most favorably of the sphere of usefulness which that region presents to a man of talent, piety and energy, but adds, that, in consequence of the poverty of the people, they can be expected to do very little, in the meantime, for the support of Gospel ordinances. A member of Committee has been travelling through the same District, since Mr. Barrie fulfilled his appointment, and confirms all that his Report states. It is the impression of your Committee that it would be of the utmost importance to have a labourer specially appointed for Mission work in the Owen Sound District, and, with your concurrence, they will urge this upon the Mission Board, that they may endeavour to obtain one and support him, who shall enter upon that field, bringing the announcements of the Gospel to its population, and thus prevent them, through the blessing of God, from sinking into that state of indifference and ungodliness which may be expected if there is none to take an interest in their spiritual well-being.

Your Committee would conclude, by referring to the death of one of their members, who was always present at their meetings, and took the most lively interest in the prosperity of the Church—the Revd. Mr. Roy, of St. George. He has ceased from his labors, and passed, it is hoped, from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. No more shall we have his presence in any of our courts, for the Lord of the vineyard has called him away from active duty in the present administration of his grace. Those who remain and with whom he took counsel, would regard his death as a call to renewed diligence and to the strictest faithfulness; for, the day of account, which has passed to him, is approaching to them. May they be found in peace of Christ, at his coming!

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