

To meet these demands the Treasurer of the Home Grant has drawn, under the direction, and by the approval of your Committee to the amount of £253 6s. 10d., currency, and paid to the amount of £220 18s. 8½d., leaving a balance in hand of £32 8s. 1½d. And your Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund had on hand at the date of last Report a balance of £29 4s. 6d., which, with sums he has received from Congregations, or individual donations, amount to £345 16s. 7½d.; he has paid £199 11s. 1d., leaving a balance of £146 5s. 6½d., to meet liabilities that may arise. The total income from all sources for Missions has thus been £599 3s. 5½d., and the total expenditure £420 9s. 9½d.

An item in this expenditure, of which express mention deserves to be made, is £27 11s. 2d., paid to Mr. James Fraser, Catechist, whom God has still been pleased to spare, and who continues to labour with his usual assiduity, faithfulness, and spirituality of purpose, in the field which Providence has opened for him in the Presbytery of London. The half-yearly Reports which have been regularly transmitted from Mr. Fraser, by the Presbytery, show that he is a man fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; that he is instant in season and out of season, and that he has been the means, in the hand of God, of accomplishing much good. Congregations have grown up under his care. He has been honoured to lay the foundation stone and to raise a goodly fabric, in more instances than one. While he has reason to thank God and take courage, for hitherto hath the Lord helped him, the prayer of your Committee is that God may long continue him in his labours and make him still more a blessing.

In an application from Riversdale and Culross for supplement, passed through the Presbytery of Grey, and recommended by it, it appeared that the Congregation of Kincardine, which lies within the Presbytery of London, was enjoying the ministrations of Mr. Inglis, who, with his other Congregations, is in the Presbytery of Grey. Your Committee are not aware of the circumstances which have led to this arrangement, but it appears to them to be somewhat anomalous; and if it is still in existence, and thought desirable by the parties there that it should continue, they would be disposed to recommend that Kincardine should be joined to the Presbytery of Grey. No valid objection, it is presumed, can be urged against this proposal, and there are several considerations which may be alleged in its favor. Upon these it is unnecessary to dwell as they are likely at once to suggest themselves to members of Synod.

According to the order of Synod, at their last meeting, the Committee applied to the Church in Scotland for an accession of twelve preachers. The letter has appeared in the *Missionary Record*, which is so ably edited by Dr. Somerville, Secretary of the Board. No direct answer to this application has been received, but the fact that it has been published to the Church must be considered as a concurrence with its prayer, and an invitation to those who choose to accept it, to give themselves to the work of Missions in this land. In a letter, however, of date August 7, 1857, and evidently written before the communication of this Committee had reached its destination, word is sent that the Board had accepted the offered services of three Missionaries, and in another, under date 12th March, 1858, that two others had been accepted. All these have now arrived and entered upon their work. Another document has been received from the Board of the date last named, and is among the papers which have been laid upon your table. It is not necessary in this place to do more than to refer to it, but we may go the length of saying that among other things, it embodies a recommendation that the Church in this Province take the whole support of Missionaries, from the period of