

sionary operations will be necessarily impeded in a widely extended section of the Province. Should Mr. Stewart be fixed in a pastoral charge it would be impossible for us even to occupy, far less extend, our present field without an additional missionary.

The Presbytery will be happy to learn that in the districts in which I officiate, there is an anxious desire to see and to hear other members of the Presbytery, and I think it would be highly conducive to the prosperity of our missions should public meetings be occasionally held in each district, under the auspices of the Presbytery, as amongst other denominations, for diffusing missionary and religious intelligence amongst our Presbyterian population.

I have much pleasure in stating in the conclusion of this report, that our people in all the districts recognise the duty of supporting the ordinances of religion. Subscription lists have been opened and filled up in each station; and besides defraying the current expenses, considerable sums have been raised for missionary purposes, which I have recommended them to pay over to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Association.

JOHN MARTIN.

HOME MISSION SCHEME IN CANADA.

CIRCULAR FROM THE SYNOD,

To the members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

BRETHREN :

We have it in charge from the Synod to call your attention to the present circumstances of the Church, and to make a special claim on your Christian liberality.

It is well known to you all that the public provision for the support of the Church was withdrawn some years ago by an Act of the Provincial Legislature; and that the amount received by Ministers in commutation of the annual stipend secured to them for life was by them, under certain conditions, made over to the Church to form a Fund for the permanent support of the Ministry. There is just reason to acknowledge their liberality in so doing; and just reason to rejoice that so large a sum was secured for that good end. But we are bound to represent to you that it comes far short of what the necessities of the Church require. The whole of the interest of the sum invested is already required for the payment of Ministers, although to the twenty-six ministers last admitted on the Roll of the Synod there has only been given an allowance of £50 pounds a year;