

have taken the balance stated at page 239. Again: the actual expenditure for all purposes connected with our Missions in Canada, whether met by funds raised in the Province or received from Scotland during the first specified period, was \$3385 85; for the second, as stated page 283 of Synod's report, \$1681 96; and up to 22nd March, 1859, from what has been raised in the Province alone, \$1377 69. Let us extend the period of 1859 up to the 4th April, thus placing it at an actual disadvantage, and we shall have an average monthly income for 1857 of \$291 92; for 1858, \$202 06½; and for 1859, from Canada alone, \$258 64¾. This will be the gross income in each case; but, if we take the sums actually raised in Canada, we have for 1857 a monthly income of \$116 46½; 1858, \$107 87½; and 1859, \$201 61½.

Yourself and readers may think you have got more than sufficient of figures; but if you will bear with me just a moment longer. By turning to Synod Accounts for 1857, you will find that \$458 30, or nearly ⅓ of the whole, were paid in to the Treasurer *after* the 1st of April; while for 1858, \$586 50, or not far from ½ of the whole raised, was forwarded after the time specified. Now I don't say that the same proportion of Mission money for 1859 remains to be sent before the Synod; but, supposing there is even one-fourth, or even one-sixth, then in the latter case the income for this year from our own resources will stand \$2419 38; and, with the balance from last, there will be available in that case to meet the liabilities of the year, \$2989 69—a sum only \$396 16 *less* than *all* that was paid by both our Treasurers in 1857, and \$1307 73 *more* than all that was paid in 1858.

Why there should be such a difference between the payments of 1857 and 1858, I have no means of ascertaining; and which is the exceptional year I cannot say; but, in any case, I do not think we have any reason to be discouraged at the condition of our Missionary Finances. I acknowledge that even at the highest, the sum is pitifully small, but it is something to know that even in such times we are improving; and that the United Presbyterian Church in Canada does not need to throw itself into an agony of despair, because some £250 or £300 have been stopped. Besides, *I do* think, these figures show also very conclusively, that, to say the least of it, there was a considerable degree of rashness, if not want of faith, in so hurriedly sending home word to prevent any more Preachers coming out. Financially, we are, in the very first year of the change, and amidst unexampled "hard times," in almost as good circumstances for meeting our liabilities, as when we drew on the Home Treasurer. It would be a great mistake to imagine that I write this in any spirit of boasting, or with any desire to lead friends to relax their efforts. Most certainly, for a long time to come, there is every likelihood of "boasting being excluded." It is with us but the "day of small things" as yet; but let us not "despise" them; and let us be