

God in this, as in the two preceding years, to vouchsafe to all connected with the institution, excellent health, with very inconsiderable exceptions; and the business of the Hall was conducted with a regularity and efficiency formerly unknown. The Committee rejoice to congratulate the Synod and the Church, on the increased number of Students, and on the prospects of so large a portion of them becoming good Ministers of Christ. There is, however, in all respects, room for vast improvement; and the Committee trust that our School of the Prophets will be wisely and kindly cherished, and the blessing of the Great Head of the Church earnestly and perseveringly importuned, that a succession of able and faithful Ministers may be raised up for promoting the glory of the Saviour, and advancing the cause of righteousness and peace in the earth.

## [No. II.]

## REPORT BY MISSION COMMITTEE,

Read at the Meeting of Synod, held in Hamilton, June, 1858.

God, the Father of mercies, has been graciously pleased to preserve the members of your Committee during the year of their official appointment, and now allows them to appear before you and to present the following Report of their transactions during that period. Their desire is not to forget all his benefits, but to be enabled to lay upon his altar the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever." Let us respond to the earnest exhortation of the Psalmist, when in the depth of his piety and zeal for the glory of God, he exclaims, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare his works with rejoicing."

Four meetings of the Committee and four of the sub-Committee have been held, at which a considerable amount of business has been transacted. Preachers' Reports have generally been referred to the sub-Committee, by whom they have been carefully examined, and faithfully characterised in their Report to the general Committee. They have also had, in several instances, the half-yearly "Statements" of Probationers under their consideration, besides other business which came up in the intervals of meeting, and could not be well delayed.

In passing under review their pecuniary transactions your Committee have to observe that the payments made might be classed as follows:—

FIRST,—*Ministers in agreement with the Home Board for £100 sterling a-year, for three years, and who have been installed in Congregations since their arrival in this country.* SECOND. *Preachers in agreement with Home on the same terms, but who are not, or were not, installed at the time their demands were met.* THIRD. *Preachers who were not in engagements with the Home Board, either being licensed in this country, or coming out from Scotland without having applied to the Board there; or Ministers having resigned their charge in Canada and gone again on the Preachers' Roll.* AND FOURTH. *Congregations requiring supplement; these Congregations being six in number, four of them, however, being under the pastorate of two Ministers.*

In addition to the claims embraced under these heads, two accounts for printing have been discharged, amounting to £8 12s. 6d.