

It is hoped that during this month, of this large amount, \$10,000 *at least* will be paid into the treasury, but even then there will remain \$10,500 unprovided for.

The Committee have reluctantly decided, that each Presbytery shall be paid *pro rata* according to its promised grant out of whatever funds come in this month, and that the system of borrowing at a high rate be discontinued. This will of necessity disappoint many of our poorly paid ministers and missionaries, who are relying upon the half-yearly grant to meet urgent claims. But there seems to be no other alternative. The General Assembly and church at large, must face the question now forced upon us—either to contract our work and disband our missionaries, or in some way provide the requisite funds.

If the congregations who have as yet sent *nothing* to the Home Mission Fund, will but do their part, there is still hope that the end of April may find the treasury in a better state. Nearly 300 congregations have not yet reported. Many of them are wealthy and able to give large contributions.

May I ask the ministers and members of our Church to do what they can *at once* to enable us in some small measure to meet the engagements entered into for this year.

Very faithfully yours,

WILLIAM COCHRANE.

OUR OWN CHURCH.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

AWAKENING IN GODERICH.—Knox Church, Goderich, is enjoying a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Soon after the Union, the two congregations which existed in the Town were united under their former pastors, Messrs. Ure & Seiveright, and now the Lord has "opened the windows of heaven and poured them out a blessing." Evangelistic services have been held nightly for several weeks past. The attendance is large and the people deeply moved. Many have remained as inquirers, and many already rejoice in a new found Saviour.

The most recent schedule issued by Rev. R. Torrance, of Guelph, the Con- vener of the Sub-Committee on "Distri- bution," shews that there are at present

about seventy-five vacant charges in these provinces. The number of Probationers "on the wing" is twenty-seven. A few of the congregations are large, and able to hold out tempting inducements to the ministers who shall be called to the pas- toral oversight of them. The greater part are comparatively small country con- gregations, requiring patience, persever- ance, a considerable amount of self-denial, and genuine love of work for the Master's sake.

We are especially glad to hear of the settlement of the Rev. James Little, late of Quincy, Florida, at Bowmanville. For the most part we have for some time past been borrowing from Peter to pay Paul by the transposition of ministers from one place to another. This, however, is a case of clear gain, and Mr. Little enters upon his charge under most encouraging circumstances. His induction took place on the 22nd March, when the church was filled by people of all denominations, many of them having come long distances to shew their hearty concurrence. At a numerously attended soiree, held on the evening of induction, the new minister received the present of a handsome pulpit gown to begin with.

We are informed that the Rev. Hector Currie, B. A., has received no less than three calls, all unanimously, to wit,—from Tara, Wyoming, and Widder, and that the last named has been accepted by him. The Rev. Donald Ross, of Dundee, was inducted to the new Union Congregation at Lancaster, by the Presbytery of Glen- garry, on the 11th ult. The Rev. R. D. Fraser, who was inducted to the Charles Street Congregation, Toronto, only one year ago, already finds it necessary to take steps for increasing the "sitting accommo- dation" in his church, and also adding to the staff of the Eldership. We are glad to hear that the Bay Street Church, Toronto, Rev. Mr. Smith's, is also be- coming too small for the congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS, evidenc- ing careful preparation, have reached us from the following congregations, namely: Knox Churches, Perth, Stratford and Toronto; Free Church, Coté Street,