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### PETERBORO' CONGREGATION.

We understand the long vacant congregation of Peterboro' have sent to the Presbytery of Toronto a unanimous and harmonious call in favor of the Rev. James Douglas, recently arrived from Scotland.

### MORE MISSIONARIES.

Our readers will perceive that the arrival of a Missionary is not now the rare occurrence it once was. The Rev. J. Hay arrived at Montreal per the *Nova Scotian* on the 12th ult., and immediately proceeded to the sphere of labour assigned him by the Colonial Committee—in the Presbytery of Hamilton. We observe that the Presbytery of Paisley were to meet on the 20th of July last to ordain the Rev. P. Thompson, who is appointed to the Presbytery of Bathurst; and recent advices from Scotland apprise us of the appointment of the Rev. W. R. Ross to the Presbytery of Toronto. Both these Missionaries may be expected to reach this country immediately.

### THE JEWISH MISSION.

We have pleasure in acknowledging elsewhere gratifying remittances for this important object. Now that we have a Missionary in our service, we trust that this effort will recommend itself to the sympathies of all our people. We hope that no Congregation will omit the injunc-

tion of the Synod to take up a collection in behalf of the Scheme. It would be well if Mr. Epstein could visit all our Congregations; but this of course will be impossible, as his medical studies will speedily engage his attention. We trust that a blessing will attend this effort to do somewhat for the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

### A HOME MISSION FUND.

One of the greatest wants of our Church in the present stage of its history is a strong, well managed and liberally sustained Home Mission Fund. A very wide field is opening up for missionary operations before the Church. In the newer districts there are large numbers of Presbyterians who are without the ordinances of the Gospel. In Western Canada there are many openings for the work of evangelization, and there are struggling congregations in growing parts of the Province to be aided, in order that they may eventually become self-supporting. In Lower Canada there are congregations of English-speaking people—sometimes comparatively numerous, or in other cases comprising but a few scattered families—who are surrounded by the French-speaking Romanists, and who require the special care of the Church, that they may not lapse into irreligion or Romanism. On the shores of Lake Huron and along the valley of the Ottawa Scotch and Irish emigrants are seeking homes in the new land, to whom our Church owes the duty of carrying the tidings of the Gospel. How, then, can our Church acquit

herself of the manifest obligations that thus devolve upon her? How shall we maintain our existing congregations, and prove ourselves an aggressive and progressive Church by extending our borders, and carrying the standard of the Gospel into places where it is not now unfurled? Clearly all this can only be accomplished by the creation of a large, efficient and vigorous Home Mission, liberally sustained by our people, and commending itself to their judgments and affections as an instrument for good. This scheme has been long before the Church. It is time that we were up and doing. Last Synod, as in two previous years, this subject was committed to the Temporalties Board, and we trust that this year a commencement may be made. We are aware that hitherto there have been many obstacles in the way, and that even now the general depression of the country will prevent much being accomplished, but yet the commencement should be made. We have given this subject long and careful consideration, and are persuaded that such an effort will be supported by our people when they fully understand its objects. Meanwhile let us consider the mode of its attainment. There are several methods to secure success which must all be adopted.

1st. There is the large, comprehensive effort to raise by subscriptions, spread over a term of five years, a considerable sum, to be funded, and the interest only applied to the object of the Fund. This was the plan adopted with such wonderful success by Dr. Robertson, who has thus raised a sum of £300,000 Sterling for the Endowment