

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF MISSIONS' COMMITTEE.

ADOPTED BY SYNOD AND ENJOINED TO BE PRINTED.

The proceedings of your Committee, during the past year, do not present anything of special interest or importance. Little has occurred at their meetings but the consideration of applications made for supplement of stipend. In all cases, these have been regularly transmitted through the Presbytery in which the applying Congregation was situated; but, in some instances, your Committee have deemed it prudent and requisite, before meeting the applications, to request, through the Presbytery, farther information than was at first communicated. They have done so, not from any desire to make the members of a weak Congregation feel their weakness, but because they were anxious to know whether they were exerting themselves according to the ability which God has given them, and because they realised the responsibility of the trust which was committed to them, when they were appointed to dispense of the liberality of foreign Christian friends, for the support of Gospel ordinances in this new land—our adopted country. Your Committee must state that they have been duly supported by Presbyteries, when they were desirous of obtaining additional information respecting the circumstances and ability of applying Congregations.

During the past year, nine Congregations have received supplement, to a larger or smaller amount, out of the Fund. The sums granted vary from £50 Currency to £25. Some of the Congregations have been receiving aid for a considerable time: it is the wish of your Committee to see the members of such as are at all able putting forth a more determined effort for the support of the Gospel among them—taking the position of independence of foreign assistance, and thus making way for those congregations that are too few in numbers and too weak in ability to maintain a minister among them, to come upon the Fund, that they may be encouraged to apply for a Pastor, from the prospect of being helped to support him,—and that more resources may be at disposal for sending the Gospel into the remote and distant parts of the country.

But few Preachers have been labouring among our various congregations during the past year. Your Committee hope to be able, shortly, to forward such representations of our wants and wishes to the Mission Board, in Scotland, as will awaken a greater interest, on their part, in our behalf, and call forth their endeavours to incite young men, who have been licensed at home to preach the Gospel, to come out to Canada and labour in our spiritually-destitute localities, peopled with their own countrymen and kinsfolk, and which present the aspect of fields ripe unto the harvest. Five Preachers have drawn upon the Mission Funds—some for a small and others for a very large amount: altogether, the sum of £233 1s. 3d. has been expended upon Preachers. Your Committee think that much might have been raised among the vacancies which had