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HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

In another place will be found an abstract of the proceedings of this Committee at its last meeting. From that account it appears that while the number of Mission Stations is about the same as formerly, there is an increase of eight supplemented congregations; also, that the grants are only in two instances reduced, and in more than three times that number increased. The number of vacancies or stations ready for settlements is also increasing—forty-eight as against forty-two of last quarter—and that although twenty settlements have been made or are about to be made since April last. The list of probationers is the same in number as for last quarter, thirteen, or not one-fourth part of the number of vacancies. *If all our probationers were settled, there would still remain about thirty congregations unprovided with ministers.* The amounts which have been ordered to be paid for the last half year are, for mission work, \$3,098 90, and for supplemented congregations, \$2,144, which, with contingent expenses and reports not received, will amount in all to not less than \$5,500 for the summer half-year.

In view of these facts, the attention of all the ministers and office-bearers of the Church, as well as our Christian people, is called to the following considerations:—

As the next half-year will show a considerable increase in the supplements to ministers, although the mission work will be very much less than for the summer, still not less than \$5,000 can secure payment of the sup-