

procuring missionaries for this Province, to give, so far as he was able, an account of the state, wants and prospects of the Church; and to solicit an increase of labourers for the vacancies which still exist, and for the fresh fields which are opening up. Two of the above named ministers did not come out, but your Committee are gratified to have to state that in a letter received during the month of May, Dr. Somerville mentions that the Board had accepted the services of the Rev. Messrs. Gibson and Stevenson; we hope that these brethren will soon appear in the midst of us and show themselves disposed to go up to the high places of the field. For, with all the supply that has come from Scotland, and with the addition of those who had been trained and licensed in the Province, the wants of the church are numerous and are more increasingly pressing. Large tracts of country which have long been settled, are without Gospel ordinances administered by an educated ministry. Many members and adherents of the United Presbyterian Church, have gone into parts whither they have not been followed by our ministers, because of the work they have had to do in other quarters. In many places that were but lately a forest, and which have been settled by an enterprising population, cultivation is going forward, families are growing up, and souls are ripening for eternity; but our Church is unable to send in the word of life to them, for she has none by whom to send it. Help from home will be required for a time, at all events, and your Committee bearing in mind the promptitude and cordiality with which the Church at home has responded to past applications that have been made, for men and money, cherish the confidence that help will be still afforded from the same quarter.

Your Committee, during the year, have passed applications from Probationers and Ministers, in discharge of engagements with the Home Board to the amount of £371 7s. 8d. In all cases they have required reports of their labours within the bounds of Presbyteries to be transmitted and certified to them. Several of these reports have been sadly defective; and although the Committee have taken no action farther than to characterize them as they were read; yet they think it strange that Presbyteries have allowed them to pass through their hands, and their certification to be affixed to them without comment or qualification. In particular, your Committee would specify the matter of family visitation. Probationers give very little attention to this. Some of them, indeed, plead their inability to visit because of the short period they are within the bounds of any congregation; but more than one of the members of your Committee have found it practicable to visit as many as seven or eight families, and that at a busy season of the year and yet make their way to the next station on the following Sabbath. To the Synod we would respectfully recommend that instructions be issued to Presbyteries to see that the law of the Church on this point be faithfully complied with.

Three Congregations have received supplement in the course of the year. The whole sum granted and drawn by them is £125 19s. 9d.

Mr. Frazer, Catechist, has still been prosecuting his labours with the same Christian diligence and zeal for which he has all along been characterized. Your Committee have much pleasure in being able to state that he has not had occasion to draw any supplement from the Fund for the past year. The stations among which he has been labouring have prospered and given proof of their appreciation of his services and of their religious principle by contributing the amount, and more than the amount promised him as stipend. To Mr. Frazer himself it must be a gratification to witness these evidences of success. To the Presbytery of London, whose Catechist he is, it must be a source of gladness that he has not laboured in vain nor spent his strength for naught, while the