

Committee after due deliberation granted their request, but informed them it was only for one year, and the continuance of the additional help would be matter for further consideration. It was not however until January the Committee could send them a preacher.

Brant Mission being left without a second preacher by the last Conference, in consequence of not being a suitable person to send, the Committee at its first regular Meeting employed a young Brother recently from England, and sent him to Brant, an act that appears to have given satisfaction to that Station. In November it became necessary to permit Bro. Waits, who had been stationed in London, to return to England, and he was permitted to do so on paying his own expenses, the Secretary being authorized to advance the money, and collect it from persons owing Bro. Waits. The English Missionary Committee having promised to send out two young men, and Bro. Ferguson, one of them, having reached Toronto in December, was sent to London to supply Bro. Wait's place. Previously to Bro. Ferguson's arrival, Bro. Davison supplied London.

T. Gavin, who left Arthur Mission last year, retaining certain money paid him for Connexional purposes, applied for a credential, and was informed when he paid his indebtedness to the Connexional funds, the matter of giving him a credential would be taken into consideration.

The dispute between Bro. Lomas and the Hawksville Mission officials touching the parsonage, was taken into consideration by your Committee, and they requested that the matter should be left to arbitration—one arbitrator to be chosen by the Station, one by Bro. Lomas, and a third was to be chosen if the two could not agree, and Hawksville Station was to pay the amount the arbitrators might decide of being the value of the improvements made in the parsonage by Bro. Lomas. The Committee regrets this request has not been complied with by the Hawksville Station. The health of the Secretary having failed through overwork, the Committee in November was compelled to relieve him, and Bro. Davison for two months supplied his place. At the November Quarterly Meeting, Stratford authorities applied for increased help as their work was enlarging, but as the Committee had no person they could send, the authorities were permitted to employ a preacher, and a small sum was voted as remuneration.

Bro. Reeve, one of the young brethren sent out by the English Committee being taken ill on the passage, was compelled to remain in Portland for a season, subject to medical treatment; on his recovery he was sent to Chatham Mission. The agents of the Messrs. Allan, in one of whose vessels he came out, applied to the Committee to pay a bill of \$100 United States currency, being the bills charged by the Medical attendant and the Portland City authorities, for hospital expenses. The Committee considering the amount asked for extravagantly high, after correspondence with them offered them \$50 as full settlement of all their claims. No reply has been yet received to this offer.