

To save society from festering corruption and cruel wrongs, revolution will come if God permits. He reigns, and His laws of righteousness will reign supreme. To this money-loving, mammon-worshipping age, to Church and State, God may speak in tones which perforce they cannot choose but hear.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week—Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener, and Rev. R. H. Warden, of Montreal, secretary. There was a full attendance of members.

The Convener reported the receipt of \$750 from the Irish Presbyterian Church, and \$1,000 from the Free Church of Scotland for mission work in the North-West. It was also reported that the divinity students of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland were collecting contributions on behalf of the mission work in Manitoba, and a sum of from \$5,500 to \$6,000 is expected to be received from them next month.

The claims of the several Presbyteries of the Church for services rendered in the mission fields during the past year were considered, and the committee ordered payment of claims to the extent of \$14,000.

The list of mission fields in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec was revised, and grants made to each for the year beginning April 1.

The committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Campbell, Renfrew, and Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, presented a report containing the codification of the regulations affecting the working of the scheme for the Augmentation of Ministers' Stipends. The most important of the new regulations to be recommended to the General Assembly for adoption was one to the effect that hereafter, in October and March, supplements shall be paid up to the extent of \$700 per annum, and the balance of \$50 per annum to be paid on the close of the accounts of the ecclesiastical year ending in April, in so far as the state of the fund will permit.

Rev. Dr. Reid presented the report as to the state of the fund at this date. The receipts for Home Missions are \$25,866, and for Augmentation, \$17,193.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Convener of the Augmentation Sub-Committee, reported that an estimate had been made indicating that that fund would show a probable deficit of \$8,000 at the close of the year. The committee agreed to pay stipends in full up to the minimum of \$750 and manse, and for this purpose proposed to draw upon the reserve fund to the extent necessary. The Home Mission Fund, it is expected, will have a considerable surplus.

The committee proceeded to consider the claims of Presbyteries for augmented congregations during the past half year.

The Home Mission Committee continued in session all day Wednesday, the forenoon and afternoon having been taken up in the consideration of grants for the coming ecclesiastical year to augmented congregations. Over \$30,000 was apportioned to supplement weak congregations in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia.

At the evening sederunt the committee devoted considerable time to the consideration of the wants of British Columbia.

At the meeting of the Executive of the Home Mission Committee held in October last, in accordance with resolutions adopted, the Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Winnipeg, proceeded to British Columbia and met with the missionaries of the Canadian Church there, and also with the brethren belonging to the Church of Scotland. The report of his visit and the conclusions arrived at were laid by the Convener on the table.

It is a very full, comprehensive and clear statement of the condition of the Church and the needs of the people in that Province. It recommends the formation of a Presbytery of British Columbia, and expresses a desire for the union of Presbyterianism in that distant field. The brethren connected with the Church of Scotland recognize the importance of union. There is much harmony now, and it is hoped that in due time Presbyterianism in British Columbia will be united.

The report says: The Canadian Church cannot fail to appreciate the work which the Church of Scotland has for many years maintained in British Columbia, nor to recognize with gratitude the service that she is still rendering among our Presbyterian fellow-countrymen in that Province. Necessity has arisen, through the changing circumstances of the Province and the increase of settlement, for a Presbytery connected with the Church in Canada. If the brethren of the Church of Scotland unite with us, such a union would advance the general interests of Presbyterianism; but, in any case, we shall still work in harmony with them, and in the hope that the Church represented by them will continue to extend her generous assistance to the Presbyterians of British Columbia.

The committee, in view of the recommendations of the brethren in British Columbia, then appointed Rev. D. McRae, Rev. J. Jaffary and Mr. R. C. Tibb, as missionaries to British Columbia—Messrs. McRae and Jaffary for three years, and Mr. Tibb for twelve months. The appointment of Rev. S. J. Taylor (by the executive) to New Westminster, in the absence of Rev. J. S. Mackay, who is at present laid aside by sickness, was approved.

A minute was adopted conveying the thanks of the committee to the Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Winnipeg, for the highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of his mission to British Columbia. The Convener was instructed to convey the sympathy of the committee to Rev. J. S. Mackay, of New Westminster, who has been compelled by severe illness to leave his charge; and also the sincere hope that he may soon be restored to health, and be able to return to his congregation. The executive was also empowered to appoint another suitable missionary to British Columbia during the present summer.

Dr. Laing, from the sub-committee appointed on the Home

Mission Finances of the Synodical Committee of Manitoba and the North-West, gave in a report showing a balance against the fund at date of \$589.

On Thursday it was agreed that the committee's liability for mission work in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories should not exceed \$21,000 for the year beginning 1st of April, 1886. It was further agreed to make the grants asked for the several fields in the respective Presbyteries in that Synod, the grants being so much per Sabbath, the amount to be drawn by the Winnipeg Presbytery, and not to exceed \$2,500 per annum. Grants were made as follows: Rock Lake, \$2,350; Brandon, \$5,750; Regina, \$8,400; the grant for travelling or incidental expenses not to exceed \$2,000 per year; the Presbyteries in the North-West Synod to forward to this committee on forms provided for the purpose, reports of services rendered, and money paid out for such services in the several fields within their bounds. The salaries of the ordinary missionaries to be appointed to Fort McLeod and Lethbridge were fixed at \$1,200 each, and that of the missionary at High River at \$1,000.

The following resolution was adopted: That the time has arrived when the administration of important fields in the North-West should be brought into line, and that the Presbyteries of the older Provinces recommend the Synod to consider what modifications in the existing regulations are necessary and report through the executive of the General Assembly.

The committee proceeded to make

APPOINTMENTS TO THE MISSION FIELDS

of the several Presbyteries for the ensuing summer. It was agreed that the names of the students that were asked for mission work this summer should be reported to the General Assembly as eligible for settlement, after the 30th September next. The following is a list of the appointments made to the several Presbyteries of the Church:

KNOX COLLEGE.—G. T. Ballantyne, Toronto; J. L. Campbell, Bruce; R. McIntyre, Owen Sound; John R. Campbell, Guelph; A. McD. Haig, R. C. Tibb, Manitoba; G. F. Kinnear, Quebec; A. U. Campbell, Chatham; J. Mackay, Toronto; A. H. Drumm, Barrie; Wm. Farquharson, Owen Sound; J. W. Rae, Hamilton; G. A. McLennan, Sarnia; J. A. Macdonald, Barrie; James W. Orr, Hamilton; J. J. Dobbin, Ottawa; G. A. Francis, London; Wm. Mowat, Peterborough; D. A. McLean, Saugeen; Wm. Malcolm Kay, Sarnia; And. Beattie, London; Wm. Graham, D. McGillivray, Chatham; J. C. Tolmie, Owen Sound; G. Dempster, Ottawa; S. M. Marsh, Manitoba; Allan Patterson, London; L. C. Emes, Lindsay; A. Wilson, Hamilton; A. Stevenson, Saugeen; W. J. Clark, Hamilton; Hugh Brown, Chatham; W. B. Cumming, Manitoba; T. R. Shearer, Ottawa; John Robertson, Saugeen; John Crawford, Bruce; R. M. Hamilton, Toronto; E. B. McGhee, Barrie; W. A. Bradley, Bruce; Joseph Elliott, Barrie.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.—Rod. McKay, Lanark and Renfrew; A. Givan, Kingston; Robt. Gow, Manitoba; Jas. A. Grant, Toronto; Wm. Allan, Lanark and Renfrew; David Miller, Owen Sound; A. Patterson, Lanark and Renfrew; A. McAulay, Lanark and Renfrew; W. G. Mills, S. Childers, Kingston; J. H. Buchanan, Owen Sound; L. Perrin, Lindsay; J. McNeil, Owen Sound; Johnson Henderson, Kingston; J. W. H. Milne, Lanark and Renfrew; D. J. Hyland, J. J. Wright, Brockville; D. L. Dewar, J. Ratray, Kingston; R. J. Sturgeon, Barrie; R. Whiteman, Brockville; W. H. Cornett, Kingston; T. A. Cosgrove, Barrie; P. A. McLeod, Kingston; J. M. McLean, Lanark and Renfrew; Hugh Ross, Brockville; J. A. McDonald, Peterborough; J. A. Reddon, J. W. Lowden, Kingston; D. D. McDonald, Brockville; John Sharp, Kingston.

MONTREAL COLLEGE.—J. H. Graham, Lanark and Renfrew; Murray Watson, Barrie; D. H. Hodges, Manitoba; D. Maclean, Glengarry; John McLaren, A. Currie, A. Ogilvie, W. D. Roberts, Manitoba; N. Waddell, Montreal; A. McWilliams, Brockville; A. E. Duncan, Peterborough; J. F. Langton, Barrie; R. Henderson, London; Alex. McDonald, Barrie; W. E. Wallace, Brockville; D. C. Cameron, Manitoba; G. A. Blair, Ottawa; J. A. McLean, Barrie; J. S. McIlraith, Lanark and Renfrew; N. Lindsay, Owen Sound; C. J. Hastings, Montreal; Alex. McGregor, Lanark and Renfrew; J. W. MacLeod, Ottawa; Andrew Russell, Chatham; M. McLennan, Quebec.

MORRIS COLLEGE.—James Sutherland and J. W. White-law, Quebec.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.—John McArthur, Wm. S. Moore, John M. Simpson, D. Anderson, Wm. Ormond, Andrew McLean, George Laird, H. W. Fraser, William Steele, M. R. Gordon, D. Monroe, W. McMillan, Angus McLeod, Isaac McDonald, Duncan Campbell, D. D. McKay, A. C. Hansom, C. H. Wilson, M. Lockhart, R. B. Arthur, Manitoba.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.—J. Remble, Saugeen.

U. P. HALL, EDINBURGH.—Joseph Weatherhead.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—D. McMillan, Bruce.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HALL.—Joseph Goudie, Manitoba.

PRINCETON SEMINARY.—W. T. Parson, Peterborough; James A. Beattie, Toronto.

UNION SEMINARY, NEW YORK.—Frank P. Millar, Peterborough; J. E. Duclos, Montreal.

LICENTIATES.—Rev. C. McKillop, Manitoba; Rev. Jas. Ferguson, Lindsay; Rev. J. M. Gardiner, Manitoba; Rev. D. Cameron, Manitoulin Island; Rev. W. Forrest, Owen Sound; Rev. E. B. Rogers, Bruce; Rev. M. Turnbull, Lanark and Renfrew.

CATECHISTS, ETC.—C. H. Lowrie, Brockville; John McGregor, Quebec; J. G. Jackson, John Garrioch, W. M. Robertson, John Gilmour, J. W. Hewitt, J. B. Hamilton, A. J. Janson, R. Drennan, C. H. Henning, M. Bethune, Barrie; R. H. Craig, Richard Pyke, Hamilton; P. Uzzell, Chatham; W. W. McArthur, H. McLennan, Bruce; M. Maddill, Saugeen.

THE Rev. Dr. Gedden, a Wesleyan divine eminent as a Hebrew scholar, died last week in his sixty-fourth year. He gave valuable assistance in the revision of the English Bible.

THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

HOW THE VICTORY IS TO BE WON ON THE MISSION FIELD.

What is the greatest trial of missionary life? Is it sickness, or the exhausting climate, or the daily toil in stifling lanes of crowded cities, or amongst the ruder populations of mud-built villages? No; it is the missionary's joyful boast to say: "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself." Only let her be doing her part in obeying the Master's last command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

What is it, then, that has the power to make her heart sink within her, in the fierce conflict with the might of Satan and his sharp-edged tools of ignorance and vice, bigotry and idolatry?

Ah! is it not rather this? When some convert, taught, watched over, prayed for, turns back from following Christ by renunciation, or by falling into open sin which dishonours Him before the heathen. This is what tries the faith and courage of the missionary almost beyond the power of words to tell. But are such trials a necessary part of missionaries' experiences? No; thank God! How many there are of whom they can say with the Apostle, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

But this does not make it less hard to bear when one who has seemed steadfast falls away, or becomes an open reproach to the name of Christ. Does not the missionary, at such times, deeply lament what-ever has been wanting in herself, and confess her own negligence in constant prayer for these weak babes in Christ? But is it the missionary alone who has to do this?

Does it not, ought it not, to come home to Christian women in England and America? "What about myself? Am I doing *my* part in pleading for these converts? Am I strengthening and upholding the missionaries' hands by earnest prayer for them, their native workers, and for those who have been brought out of the deep darkness of their own false religions?" Alas! Is not the oft-lamented want of spirituality among native Christians a plain proof that God's people at home are not doing their duty in this matter?

As one of the China Inland missionaries said at Peking, "I am more convinced than ever that on one's knees will the battle be won in China." So it is with India: on one's knees there and at home will alone the battle be won for Christ.

Perhaps there is not sufficient comprehension of the fearful temptations that beset those who forsake their own religion—the systematic underhand working on the part of relatives and friends; the insidious attacks of those specially trained for the purpose of undermining the faith of the new Christians; the still remaining influence of old delusions, which during the most susceptible period of life were an integral part of being—early advantages, human affections Who can tell the countless snares awaiting the convert on the threshold of the new life and long after?

Is there not too much generality in the prayers that are offered for the work in India, too little pleading of special cases, too great a want of definite petition for definite purposes?

Now that missionaries are multiplying, and stations increasing, there seems a danger of the work being more and more regarded *en masse* to the exclusion of individual remembrance at the Throne of Grace.

It is the individual taking to heart of individual missionaries, individual native workers, individual converts, and bearing them up not fitfully, not occasionally, but in continual remembrance before God. Oh, the refreshing from on high, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the growth in grace, the steadfastness of faith, the increase of zeal and love to souls that would accrue alike to workers, converts and native Christians if this were done!

Home claims are so pressing, home work so engrossing it would seem in many cases as though they alone constituted sufficient subjects for intercessory prayer. But it is "the earth" that is to be "filled with the knowledge of the Lord," and blessing on home work will be widely increased if hearts are enlarged and sympathies widened to extend the circle of blessing to the "regions beyond."