

that the publication of acts of kindness on the part of a congregation to the pastor tends to do good. Short communications either in the form of essays or of correspondence we are at all times happy to receive.

We have to thank those who have sent us information, communications and suggestions. To some of the Presbytery clerks we acknowledge our obligations for faithfully transmitting reports of Presbytery meetings. We are sorry we cannot say as much for all. If the clerk is too much engaged to do this work himself, he could surely find some member who would take the trouble; and it reflects little credit on any Presbytery, whatever excuse may be made for the neglect, when its proceedings do not appear in the *Presbyterian* in due course.

As to the terms for next year's subscription we think it as well to say a few words. The new postage law renders it obligatory to prepay the postage. To render it as light as possible, we propose to send in *one parcel* and addressed to one individual in each congregation the whole number taken by the members of each congregation. To any one acting as our agent we shall allow 25 per cent, and postage at the rate of six cents will be charged when the subscription is paid *in advance*. The agent must, in consideration of this allowance, undertake the delivery of the numbers to the subscribers, and the postage is only six cents, as four ounces are allowed for one rate, so that two copies can go at the same price as two would if sent single. Agents will not, therefore, be under the necessity of sending the names here for publication, and any complaints of irregularity in delivery will be made to them. Individual subscribers will be charged one dollar and no postage, *if paid in advance*; if credit is taken the postage, 12 cents a year, will be added. The trouble of sending out the accounts and the risk of loss incurred require that this rule should be enforced. Subscribers in the City of Montreal will still be charged the dollar, as the expense of delivery is greater than the postage charged.

We learn that the Presbyteries of Perth, Ottawa, and Renfrew, at their recent meetings, in obedience to the instructions of the Synod, appointed a committee to carry on the Home Mission work in the valley of the Ottawa among the lumbermen, who for months in each year are isolated from the settlement, and are beyond the reach of the preached word.

The committee is composed of the Revs. D. M. Gordon and Mullan, from the Presbytery of Ottawa, the Rev. S. Mylne and Alexander Morris, Esq., from the Presbytery of Perth, and the Rev. Messrs. Lindsay and Cameron, and W. H. Douswell, Esq., from the Presbytery of Renfrew.

The committee held a meeting, recently, at Perth, and decided to enter upon the work of the mission with energy.

The committee also agreed to defer any application for aid to the Colonial Committee, till the mission should be in a more advanced state, and also to raise the funds for this season's operations in Canada. The Rev. D. M. Gordon was appointed Convener of the committee, and A. Drummond, Esq., of Ottawa, Treasurer thereto. We annex a circular, which has been issued by the committee, and is being addressed to the principal lumbermen carrying on business in the valley of the Ottawa. We trust that the response will be encouraging to the committee:

Ottawa, . . . Nov. 1868.

DEAR SIR.—A committee appointed by the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, intend, during the approaching winter, to send ordained ministers to the various lumbering districts on the Ottawa and its tributaries, in order that, if possible, ALL the shanties in these districts may be visited; that religious services may be conducted once, at least, in each of them, and that periodicals of a religious character may be circulated among the men.

For this purpose the committee appeal to the employers of the lumbermen, requesting assistance in money,—letters to the foremen of the shanties, which may serve as letters of recommendation for the clergymen engaging in the mission,—information regarding the position of the various shanties, and such other aid as the employers may be able to provide in extending the preaching of the Gospel to the lumbermen.

The committee desire it to be distinctly understood that this mission is not denominational, but purely and simply a Protestant mission; and they regard their present undertaking only as the commencement of a permanent mission to the lumbermen.

In view of the paramount importance of this work, which may be considered peculiarly the Home Mission of the Valley of the Ottawa, the committee appeal to you for such assistance as you may find it possible to afford them, and they will gladly receive any information which you may consider serviceable in promoting the interests of the mission.

Respectfully soliciting an immediate reply,

We remain yours very truly,

DANIEL M. GORDON,
Convener of Committee.

ANDREW DRUMMOND,
Secretary-Treasurer.