

teries be enjoined to see that Missionary Associations are formed in all the congregations within their bounds, except where they have good reason to believe that the present system is producing equal pecuniary results. 4. That wherever Missionary Associations are formed, the Synodical collections shall not be imperative, provided a contribution be given by said associations for the objects of said collections. 5. That Presbyteries be instructed to see that contributions for the missionary and other general schemes of the Church are taken up regularly in all the Mission stations within their bounds.

That a small committee be appointed to prepare for general circulation throughout the Church, a statement explaining more fully the suggestions of the above resolutions, in so far as they relate to the duties of congregations, and also containing such other information as may be deemed necessary for the practical guidance of congregations.

HOME MISSIONS.

On the evening of Wednesday the Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee which was given in and read by Rev. J. Laing, the Convener. The Report will appear in our columns either in whole or in a condensed form. We may only state here that the report called forth the warmest expressions of approbation, not merely on account of the manner in which it was got up, but also on account of the large measure of success of the operations of the new Home Mission scheme, greatly owing to the efforts of the Convener. We may here state that from the reports of Presbyteries, it appears that there are 69 groups of mission stations, with 132 preaching stations, embracing 2,266 families, and 2,015 communicants, besides 41 weak congregations requiring support. There has been raised for the central fund \$7,099 60 exclusive of the amount raised by the Presbytery of Montreal, viz., \$5,177 46. The great want was, and still is, missionary agency, the number of labourers being far below the necessities of the case.

The report was referred to a committee to consider the various points brought forward, and to report. The Committee at a subsequent meeting presented the following report.

1. That the Report of the Home Mission Committee be approved, and the diligence of the Committee commended; particularly that the action of the Committee in reference to the congregation of St. Sylvester, as an exception to the Home Mission Regulations, be approved.

2. That Presbyteries be enjoined to co-operate with the Committee in an effort to raise the *minimum* of all ministers and missionaries by urging an increased liberality in the contributions of congregations, and taking necessary steps to obtain a contribution from every congregation and station within their bounds. As the consideration of ministerial support has been intrusted by the Synod to another Committee, it seems unnecessary to state what the *minimum* should be.

3. That with the view of overtaking the wants of our large mission field, students be required to labour in mission stations till the middle of October, after their last year's attendance in Knox College; and that in the meantime