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on a tour around the world. He also referred to the death of Mr. McClelland, the representative of the Orangeville Presbytery, since last meeting. Claims for augmentation were passed to the amount of \$12,589, and for Home Missions to the amount of \$20,876, for work done for the past six months. The Convener reported that the Free Church of Scotland had sent \$1,000 to the Home Mission Fund, and the Presbyterian Church in Ireland \$500.

Messrs. McGillivray and Middleton, members of Andrew's Church Young Men's Home Mission Society, were present at the evening meeting of the committee, regarding the formation of said societies throughout the Church. Their addresses were received with satisfaction by all the members present. A committee was appointed to take action on this matter.

The Committee spent the afternoon and evening in revising the grants asked for next year by the several Presbyteries of the Church for Home Missions and Augmentation. Those of the Presbyteries of Columbia, Calgary, Regina, Brandon, Minnedosa, Rock Lake and Winnipeg were completed. The Committee is very largely attended. Representatives from Victoria, B.C., the North-West Territory and Manitoba, as well as all parts of Ontario and Quebec, were present.

The number of applicants for mission work is very large, including not only students from the various Presbyterian Colleges in Canada, but also from institutions beyond. The number is in excess of the fields to be supplied.

The extension of the Home Mission work in the North-West, and especially in British Columbia, is very marked. In the former there are now over one hundred preaching stations, and in the latter one eight self-sustaining congregations and over twenty stations. Grants amounting to over \$7,000 were made to British Columbia for the ensuing year.

Sixty-four dollars were ordered to be paid to the Board of the North-West for incidental expenses. Report of the delegates appointed by the last General Assembly to visit Prince Albert regarding the Nisbit Memorial Academy there was read by Mr. Warden, who was associated with Rev. D. I. Macdonnell in this work. It will be submitted to the next Assembly.

A statement regarding the present condition of the funds was submitted, which showed that at the end of April there would in all likelihood be a deficit of \$4,800 in Home Missions and about \$1,000 in Augmentation. After considerable deliberation the following resolution was carried: The Committee agreed to notify Presbyteries and missions that while the grants made on the amounts which in the judgment of the Committee are necessary for the efficient working of the several fields, the Committee can only disburse the money placed at its disposal by the Church, and earnestly appeal to Presbyteries to adopt means to secure largely increased contributions from the congregations within their bounds on behalf of these funds.

Rev. Dr. Reid, the financial agent of the Church, reported to the Committee a statement of the contributions sent to date by the respective Presbyteries, and also the congregations that had not yet reported, but were expected to do so within the next few weeks.

The remit of the General Assembly, instructing the Committee to prepare a scheme for the distribution of preachers was considered, and Messrs. Gilman, Farnies, Fletcher and Ratcliffe were appointed to draft a scheme and submit to a meeting of the Committee at Kingston in June next at the opening of the General Assembly.

The overture concerning Home Missionary Societies sent down for consideration to the Committee at last General Assembly was considered. Mr. McMillan, Convener of a committee on this subject, submitted a draft constitution and rules for the organization and guidance of such societies. It was agreed that a committee should be named to take the draft still further into careful consideration, and to send down revised copies of the same to all members of the Committee as early as possible. The committee is Messrs. Somerville, Farnies, Ratcliffe, Cockburn, Gilray, Kilgour, Dr. Campbell and Dr. Battisby.

Mr. Donald, President of the Toronto Young Men's Presbyterian Union, addressed the Committee in reference to the formation of societies in all of Home Missions, offering many valuable suggestions as to their efficient working.

A committee was named to arrange for the preparation of books for missionaries in the several fields to get correct statistics of the work.

The Committee spent a large portion of the day making grants to Home Mission fields and presented congregations in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia. The grants to Home Missions totalled \$500, and those to augmented congregations \$27,000.

There were applications from about 500 missionaries desiring appointments, about 300 of whom were appointed.

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AN old library of Haddington Presbytery containing many rare books has been discovered.

THE ceremony of unveiling the statue of Dr. John Dunmore Lang in Sydney was performed by his widow.

DUNDER U.P. Presbytery has appointed a committee to promote closer relationship with the Free Church.

PROFESSOR W. G. BLAIR is likely to be the Moderator of the jubilee Free Church Assembly two years hence.

DR. ORR, of Hawick, was nominated in Edinburgh U.P. Presbytery by Mr. Morrison, of Rosehall for the Church History chair.

THE committee of the Congregational Union has fixed upon Mr. Berry, of Wolverhampton, to succeed Dr. Hannay in the secretaryship.

DR. MACAVISH'S overture to the Assembly in reference to the cases of Professors Dods and Bruce was carried in Inverness Presbytery by nine to three.

THE jubilee of Rev. James Bonnar, D.D., of East Kilbride, has been celebrated along with the centenary of his congregation which also falls to be observed this year.

THE Rev. Alexander J. B. Patterson, M.A., Innerleithen, late assistant in Bath Street Church, Glasgow, has accepted the call to become colleague successor to Dr. Ritchie, of Duns.

MR. W. G. STEVEN, an elder in Dr. Stalker's congregation, has been giving a very successful series of addresses to children on the "Pilgrim's Progress," illustrated with lime-light views.

THE late David Paton, of Alloa, according to Dr. McAll, gave more to the support of the Paris Mission than any other contributor, the aggregate amount of his donations being quite \$30,000.

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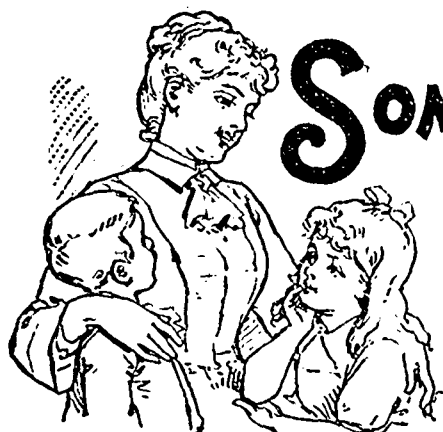
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