

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the continuance of the correspondence with the Parent Church as circumstances may arise, with a view at once to protect the funds of the Colonial Committee from improper or excessive demands, and to enforce with their recommendation those claims which approve themselves as most deserving of aid.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BARCLAY, D.D.,  
*Convener.*

## APPENDIX K.

### REPORT ON THE MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN.

The Committee on the Mission to the Lumbermen beg leave respectfully to report as follows:—

In accordance with the deliverance of Synod, of date June 8th, 1868, the Presbyteries of Perth, Renfrew and Ottawa elected members to form a joint Committee to attend to the spiritual interests of the Lumbermen in the Valley of the Ottawa. That Committee met in Perth on the 29th October, 1868, being composed as follows:—

From the Presbytery of Perth, Rev. S. Mylne, and A. Morris, Esq. M.P.  
“ “ “ “ Renfrew, Rev. P. Lindsay, Rev. H. Cameron,  
and W. H. Dowsell, Esq.  
“ “ “ “ Ottawa, Rev. Messrs. J. B. Mullan, and D.  
M. Gordon.

The Rev. D. M. Gordon was appointed Convener, and Andrew Drummond Esq., Ottawa, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

It was resolved that, owing to the present impossibility of procuring the regular and continuous services of a Missionary to the Lumbermen, such ordained Ministers as might be willing to undertake the work should be engaged: that the vacancies caused by their absence should be filled by the Presbyteries to which they might respectively belong: that the salary of each thus engaged should be at the rate of Forty Dollars (\$40) per month, travelling expenses excluded: that subscriptions in aid of the Mission should be solicited from the Employers of the Lumbermen, and from such others as might be interested in the work: and that the necessary information regarding Shanties, &c., should be procured for the guidance of Missionaries.

Your Committee deemed it desirable that as many Shanties as possible should be visited, that religious service should be conducted, and religious literature circulated among the men, that the Mission should be strictly non-denominational, and that for the present no contributions be solicited from the Shanty-men.

The district to which your Committee specially direct their attention was, for convenience of operations, divided into three sections, viz: those including:

1. The Shanties upon the Ottawa, and its tributaries above Pembroke.
2. Those similarly situated between Pembroke and Ottawa.
3. Those on the Gatineau and the Lievre.

Your Committee felt themselves unable during the past season to attempt the Mission Work in the first of these sections, and they withdrew from it the more readily, as they were led to understand that the other branch of the Presbyterian Church in Canada would prob-

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