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HOME MISSION FUND.

In answer to several communications which have been received, and for the guidance of those who are interested in the matter, it seems necessary to state :

1. That *all the claims* made by Presbyteries on the Home Mission Fund for the payment of Missionaries &c to whom money was due for labour rendered BEFORE APRIL LAST, have been assumed by the H. M. Committee. Mr. Reid, the treasurer, has been instructed to discharge these claims from funds already in hand, or which may be remitted by congregations to him before January next.

2. That as there were not at the time funds sufficient to meet the indebtedness up to April last, thus assumed, the Committee did not authorize the payment of any sums due to Missionaries for labour rendered during the last summer.

3. That it is expected that Presbyteries will as far as possible obtain from stations payment for the services which they may have enjoyed during the summer. The Committee will, as soon as the funds permit, pay to the various stations, the amounts promised in the scheme now before Presbyteries for consideration. In making out the reports of service rendered by missionaries, and the amounts due to them, Presbyteries are requested, as far as possible, to have regard to the *form of Report* which has been sent down.

4. Congregations are requested to transmit their Home Mission contributions directly to *Rev. W. Reid, Knox College, Toronto*, at as early a date as possible, to enable the Committee to pay off all claims against the fund.

5. The attention of Presbytery Clerks is directed to an error in the *circular* which they have received, viz : The report which is required from the Presbytery should include missionary labours from April 1865 to April 1866—not 1864 65, as printed.

I am, &c, &c.

JOHN LAING,

Convener of H. M. Committee.

The Manse, Cobourg, Nov. 16 1865.

PRESBYTERY THE PRIMITIVE AND TRUE EPISCOPACY.

Those who impugn our Presbyterian polity, and especially High Church Episcopalians, represent our system as a modern invention, without the sanction of the ancient and primitive Church, and having no foundation in the Word of God. But in opposition to these assertions it might be declared and proved that the Presbyterian system is founded on the Word of God, that in its main