

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## IRISH CHURCH GRANT.

The Convener reported that he had received and duly acknowledged a grant of £250 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on behalf of Home Mission Work.

## GIFT OF CATECHISMS.

The thanks of the Committee were voted to Mr. J. Browning of St. Johns, Newfoundland, for a grant of a large number of copies of the Shorter Catechism and of the Mother's Catechism for distribution in the more destitute Mission fields of the Church.

## NEWSPAPER ATTACK.

The attention of the Committee having been called to a communication in a recent issue of the *Toronto Mail* affecting the Home Mission work of the Church, the following Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the matter: Dr. King, (Convener), Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell, Farries and McKenzie. At a subsequent stage of the proceedings the Sub-Committee presented the following report which was unanimously adopted by the Committee:

The Home Mission Committee having had its attention called to an anonymous communication which, as admitted by the editor, was allowed without due consideration, to appear in the *Toronto Mail* of Friday, 23rd March, reflecting injuriously on the Committee's administration, and throwing very grave and slanderous aspersions on the character of the Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, resolves as follows:

1. That the statements contained in the letter respecting the working of the Home Mission field both in the North-West and in Ontario, are in many particulars misleading and untruthful.

2. That Mr. Robertson, the Superintendent of Missions, has proved himself to be an intelligent, indefatigable and self-sacrificing agent of the Church; that during the short period in which he has filled the position, he has been singularly successful, in developing the liberality of the people in Manitoba and the North-West, both in the support of ordinances and in the creation of a Church and Manse Building Fund; in securing the accession to the field of valuable laborers, both Ministers and Students, and, generally, in promoting the rapid extension of the work therein.