

out the views of the Society ; and the propriety of a sliding scale in the amount of grants was indicated. The reply deprecated a sliding scale, disputed the views of "E" calling attention to the more accurate estimate of "K. M. F.," in the next number of the magazine and closed with certain suggestions for consideration, when Rev. F. H. Marling, and myself, appointed to visit the committee in London, should fulfil that appointment. Mention is made in the tenth Report, of the visits of the above deputation without expense to the Society, not together however, one having gone to England in 1861, and the Secretary-Treasurer in 1862. Pleasant relations are here noted, but also that while the *status quo* would be maintained for the present, modification must be looked for in the early future.

At the 12th Annual Meeting held at Toronto, June, 1865, the arrangement was carried into effect which closed the accounts in April instead of July ; a fact which affects the amount of expenditure that year as recorded in the tabulated statement.

At this meeting a revolution was brought about in the Society's mode of procedure, and in the nature of its dependence on the Colonial Missionary Society. We were favoured with the presence of the Secretary of that Society, the late Rev. J. L. Poore, also of the late Rev. George Smith, D.D. of Poplar, London. The Constitution of the Society was reconstructed, its name changed to that of the Congregational Missionary Society of British North America—it was detached from the Congregational Union, and made a society of subscribers of one dollar and upwards, and instead of, as heretofore, our bills on London being for a variable sum per annum according as the contributions of our churches came short of the expenditure upon the missionary work, they were to be for a fixed sum to be proportioned to our own liberality. The several papers, reports and discussions of this important meeting are too long for insertion here. They will be found in the Society's twelfth Report, and in the *Canadian Independent*, July, 1865, pp. 33-40. Messrs. Poore and Smith visited as many of the churches, as they could reach during their stay in the country, seeking to incite them to holy zeal and liberality in giving.

The pages of the *Canadian Independent*, July 1866 must be referred to for an account of a debate at the next Annual Meeting, on a motion having in view a return to the former plan of a local Society under Canadian management, leaving the Colonial Missionary Society to administer in the country by such agency as it saw fit. It is interesting only as correcting mistakes into which some had fallen, as to the sentiments of the Secretary and Committee in England. The motion was withdrawn, and the Society's grant of £500 sterling, gratefully accepted. The substance of the discussion will be found also in the thirteenth Annual Report of the Society ; while the next report mentions "the recent decease in Australia, away from the partner of his life, and in the midst of his self-sacrificing colonial work, of the Rev. J. L. Poore, the Secretary of the Society. Gradually and peacefully did he fall asleep in Jesus, sustained throughout his illness and in dying, by the Master whom he loved and served."

The fifteenth Annual Meeting held at Hamilton, June, 1868, was the occasion on which changes were made in the Constitution, and notably in the *personel* of the Home Secretaries. The name was again changed, and

the Society became The Home Secretaries. The Home Secretary resigned his office. The following resolution was passed: "That the cordial thanks be given to the Rev. K. M. F. for his services to him in the capacity of Secretary. Wilkes explained that he had been mainly occupied with much skilful management of the names of the Districts, Middle, "Ontario, Brunswick," having been adopted by the confederation.

At the meeting it was resolved that in the distribution of mission churches a resolution was adopted that a committee of inquiry be appointed that have for some amount, and still a done for the more year the remark is though there may depends on a Mission grant, establishes a right to require the for the general interest in all things which. When self-supporting; when not so governors."

June 6, 1872.—announced to reduce. Whereupon it was resolved that the receipt of the contribution be taken note of its interest. 2. That the thanks be given for long-continued liberal prospective circumstances to undertake work in sequence, responsibility to the Colonial Mission year, at the request of all our fields of labour, containing nine book under proper management ; and that the list. In June, 1873, the nature of Ontario was changed.