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OUR MISSIONARY OUTLOOK.

Now that the future organization of our Home Mission has been once more discussed and amended, and before the winter season begins, it is well to look at the new arrangements from every point of view, that all parties concerned may govern themselves accordingly. It is not a mere change of form that has taken place, but one much farther-reaching. Unless we are all prepared to devote ourselves earnestly to the new duties which the occasion demands, the work will suffer. But if a hearty, wise and generous spirit is awakened throughout our ranks, there will be little lost, and much gained.

The following points strike us as especially worthy of attention :

1. The appropriations made by our General Committee, or by the District Committees under their direction, are no longer reversible by the Committee of the Colonial Missionary Society, as they have heretofore been, up to the 1st of October, but are absolute and final for the year. The granting of the "gross sum" intends this, thereby securing greater freedom to the Canadian Committee, and relieving each grantee from three months' uncertainty every year.

But our Committee will not therefore become entirely irresponsible, nor will the Colonial Missionary Society lose its proper influence over our operations. It is provided that "a detailed statement of missionary affairs shall be made annually to the Colonial Missionary Society." That is, they shall be informed, year by year, of the places and pastors to whom the grants are made, the amount of the appropriations, and the condition of the missionary churches. If, in their judgment, money is ill-bestowed, they cannot indeed say, "This or that place cannot have a grant next year," but they can say, "We will give so much less," and then it will be for the Canadian Committee either to withhold the grant from the condemned cause, *or from some other which they may think less worthy*, or to make up the deficiency by increased contributions here.