

and was looking much older than he did when he first landed among us in November last, to come and labour among us in the midst of our worst heat, and under our burning copper sky. As I said before, his old love would not let him go, and he did come, to the great joy of us all, and stayed among us four full days, and delivered eleven addresses. In the mornings his addresses consisted of expositions, not in the ordinary way of dwelling upon a few verses; no, it is setting forth of a precious topic by grouping in passages from various portions of Scripture, and interspersed with much doctrinal and illustrative matter. In the evenings he gave us regular full addresses on single texts. Mr. Somerville's whole style of preaching was entirely different from what he was used to when I heard him; a lady, who is a recent comer from Scotland, made the same observation. His is a style suited for the purpose he had in India. He lays hold of the cardinal truths; and though the subordinate truths, like a constellation, pass before you, you are never allowed to lose sight of the central sun. He has a marvellous fund of most choice, striking illustrations and anecdotes. I never heard him repeat one of these twice. There is also a very considerable amount of gestures suited to the style of his preaching, all making the truth impressive. There is still another feature about him which it is impossible for his younger brethren to imitate: when the venerable old man with his white locks is fully possessed by his subject, melts down under it, and with his mellowed voice invites the people to come to Jesus, "Come now to Jesus, come, come away," there is something in this sublime and impressive in the extreme. I have heard it remarked, the man believes what he preaches, he feels before any one else, and his whole sympathies are awake; is it anything wonderful that others should do the same after him? During his stay the usual meetings in a number of churches were given up. All the sections of the Christian Churches, the English Church people, the Congregationalists, the Wesleyans, the Baptists, the American Methodists, the two sections of the Presbyterians, with a number of their ministers and missionaries all came to hear him. It is difficult to describe how much ministers and people have enjoyed his preaching. For the time being they all forgot the nationality, the denomination, to which he belonged, and received him as the servant of Christ and their truest friend.

HOME MISSION WORK OF THE CHURCH

We have printed the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee, and several of the other Reports laid before the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church at its meeting in Montreal in June last. The Report of the Home Mission Committee is too long for publication in our columns; and it is difficult even to give any thing like an abstract of it. But that our readers may have some idea of the work done during the last year, we give the following particulars:—

The amount received from all sources was	\$21,997 97
There was spent in Home Mission work proper	13,000 88
Am't granted for supplementing weak congregations.	9,236 74

In connection with the mission work proper, there were under the superintendence of the Committee, directly and indirectly, 109 mission fields, with 251 mission stations, and 2,308 families connected with them. The amount paid by stations themselves was \$12,891 76, besides \$8,957 22 spent in church building.