

APPENDIX.

No. I.

REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE, READ AT THE MEETING OF THE U. P. SYNOD, 8TH JUNE, 1854.

The proceedings of your Committee for the year which has just closed, do not present any feature of special interest or importance. All that has been done may be condensed into a brief Report, and your Committee judge it imprudent to occupy the time of this meeting by presenting anything more than a summary statement of the business they have transacted since the last meeting of Synod. During this period they have granted applications for supplement made by preachers to the amount of £127 7s. 7d.—by congregations to the amount of £223 0s. 9d.—making a total of £650 8s. 4d. In this sum there are included two items due to a Minister whose engagements with the Board of Missions in Scotland entitled him to the full stipend of £100 sterling; with a sum of £15 due to one who, in consequence of family affliction, has been under the necessity of resigning his charge and removing from the Province, and a further sum of £14 17s. 2d. paid to Mr. James Frazer, who has now been employed for some years by the London Presbytery as a Catechist, and whose efforts for the spiritual instruction and impression of those among whom he is labouring seem to be acknowledged by God.

To make these payments, your Treasurer, the Rev. Mr. Christie, has drawn upon the Synod Grant for missionary purposes to the amount of £489 0s. 10d. currency, and there have been collected among the congregations of the Church in the Province, and sent in to the Treasurer of the Home Fund, Robert Christie, Esq., the sum of £215 11s. 3d. At their meeting on Tuesday, your Committee have passed applications by preachers amounting to £11 12s., and by congregations to £28 10s., which have not yet been paid, and there are other demands which have not yet been formally presented. The books of your Treasurer, then, show the following state:—

Total expenditure upon preachers from 1st Aug., 1853, till 27th April, 1854.....	£127 7 7
Total grants to weak congregations between 1st August, 1852, and the present date.....	223 0 9
While the charge against said Treasurer is—	
For Home Draft.....	£589 0 10
Collections in the Provinces	215 11 3

A balance remains in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Christie of £35 6s. 2d., and in the hands of Robert Christie, Esq., of £240 10s. 3d., while the former is liable for £40 2s.; at present there is no demand against the Mission Fund of the latter.

Your Committee, in obedience to the injunctions of Synod, prepared and forwarded to the Board of Missions in Scotland, a request for ten additional preachers. Before doing so, a circular was addressed to each of the Presbyteries of the Church, containing a number of questions designed to elicit as full information as possible as to the number of vacan-