

How to use the Record. As will be seen from this issue, the Home Mission Committee, West, are laying before the Church the work to be done during the present year, and urging Presbyteries to bring the claims of the Home Mission Fund before the congregations. The RECORD is glad to be the bearer of any such message, and it may not be amiss, in this connection, to remind committees, missionaries, and all others interested in the extension of both Home and Foreign work, that one medium appointed by the Church for bringing and keeping all our work before the Church, and the only single agency that reaches practically the whole Church, is the RECORD. Strange as it may seem, however, although the Church has appointed this agency for this purpose, the fact does not appear to be at all fully realized, so limited is the extent to which it is used. If the information, suitable for publication, obtained from month to month by committees, conveners, secretaries, agents of every kind and of all the schemes, instead of being retained, perhaps for months, and perchance at best never getting beyond a committee, were at once forwarded to the RECORD to be given to the whole Church, there would be a deeper interest in all the departments of our church work and they would receive a more general and generous support. If there are deficits, a part at least of the responsibility must rest with the above mentioned cause. Lay this matter to heart, brethren. Don't keep your information laid up in a napkin or pigeon-hole, send it to the RECORD and it will bring gain to Him who has entrusted us with our respective stewardships.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE, W. D.

The Executive of the Home Mission and Augmentation Committees will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 11th Oct., at 9 a.m.

All ministers, missionaries, and students (under summer session or otherwise), desiring employment during the winter, must send in their names to the Convener, or Rev. Dr. Warden, Montreal, prior to October 7th.

All appointments must be made by the General Assembly's Home Mission Executive. Private arrangements made by Mission Conveners of Presbyteries, or others, will not be recognised.

All Presbyteries in Ontario and Quebec, as well as in the North-West, wanting winter supply, should send to the Convener or Secretary, the names of the fields requiring such.

It is absolutely necessary, that all claims and other papers be forwarded to Dr. Warden by October 7th. This applies to both Home Missions and Augmentation.

WM. COCHRANE, Convener H.M.C.
BRANTFORD, Aug. 27th, 1892.

HOME MISSION FUND.

WESTERN SECTION.

Requirements for the Year 1891-2.

THE following circular has been sent to the Presbyteries in the western section of the church.

The amount required for the current year from the Presbyteries of the Church for Home Missions is \$65,500, and for Augmentation \$31,000. This calculation is based upon the grants made last March, which are considerably in advance of former years, on account of the increasing demand for mission work in the new districts of the North-west and British Columbia.

Unless these amounts are raised, the Committee will be unable to meet the claims against them. The exceptionally large bequests of last year, that enabled the committee to present such a favorable statement to the General Assembly, cannot be expected again for years to come.

After a careful estimate of the membership and ability of the several Presbyteries, the sum of \$..... has been apportioned to the Presbytery of..... for Home Missions, and \$..... for Augmentation.

While very many of our most liberal congregations give of their own accord to all the schemes of the church, without the need of deputations,—others require and expect, that the members of Presbytery will visit them, and enforce the claims of these funds upon their liberality. May I therefore ask your Presbytery, at its first meeting, to take whatever steps they may see fit to inform the congregations and mission stations within their bounds, of what is expected of them for both funds, in order that the amount specified may be raised. The members and adherents of our congregations are well able to do what is asked of them, and are we believe in most cases, prepared to do so cheerfully, if the facts are only clearly placed before them.

It would be well that Presbyteries in bringing the claims of the Home Mission Fund before congregations, should also emphasize the fact, that the supply of Mission Stations all the year round, as is intended by the establishment of a summer session in Manitoba College, will demand next year \$10,000 additional to the Home Mission Fund. The Committee hope that the Congregations of the Church will come up nobly to assist the Committee in carrying out the manifest wish of the General Assembly in this matter.

WM. COCHRANE,
Convener of Home Mission Committee.
Brantford, 15th Aug. 1892.

Churches are living churches in the exact ratio of their missionary activity.—Canon Liddon.