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HOME MISSION RETURNS.

The attention of clerks of Presbyteries and others interested is requested to the following points connected with the Home Mission operations.

At the meeting of the H. M. Committee, which was held in October last, the reports of Presbyteries were considered, and payment ordered of all claims of missionaries which had been *regularly* forwarded by Presbyteries. From some Presbyteries there were no reports, and consequently, nothing could be done by the committee for the missionaries who had laboured within their bounds during the summer. In some cases, reports were sent back to be amended, and, when amended and approved by the Presbyteries, they will be considered and disposed of.

The lists of *Mission Stations and Weak Congregations, requiring supplement*, had not been sent in revised by several Presbyteries. The lists for 1867 cannot be made out until these returns have been received, certified as approved by Presbyteries. It is to be hoped that an effort will be made to lessen the supplement in growing congregations each year, and it is also to be expected, that new congregations and stations will be added from time to time; hence the need of Presbyteries revising their lists every autumn.

In making out the lists, and in reporting the labour of missionaries, Presbyteries are earnestly requested to use the *prepared forms*. Without them the difficulty of the work is much increased, and the results are defective and unsatisfactory. Blank forms can be procured at all times from Rev. W. Reid, agent of the church, Toronto. It is hoped also, that an effort will be made to make these returns full. Thus, a complete view of the churches operations may be presented in the Synodical Report, and the advance or retrogression of stations and congregations may from time to time be apparent.

The half-yearly supplement (October 1st), has been sent to all ministers of congregations receiving aid, so far as known to the Committee through the reports of Presbyteries. If any have been over-looked the supplement will be paid as soon as reports certified by Presbyteries, with the names of the ministers and statistics required are furnished; but, until Presbyteries take action, the committee cannot pay any supplement.

As the funds are exhausted, congregations are particularly requested to remit their contributions for the Home Mission Fund at the earliest possible date, to Rev. W. Reid, Treasurer, Knox College, Toronto.—Other communications on Home Mission business may now be directed to the Convener, Rev. J. Laing, Cobourg, C.W.