

CLAIMS OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The General Board, experiencing great embarrassment in providing for the really destitute portions of the Domestic Work, and finding great difficulty in responding to the calls made upon it from the Heathen world, and this difficulty and embarrassment arising, to a large extent, from the demands made by Domestic Missions of long standing and of large membership, and in old and well-settled districts, this Board is strongly of the opinion that grants to such Missions should either be greatly modified or absolutely cease; and appeals to the devotedness and loyalty of the members of the Church on such Missions, generously to relinquish Missionary aid, and thus enable the Board to meet its responsibilities, in making more equitable appropriations for the more destitute portions of its extending work.

TIME FOR THE BRANCH SOCIETIES' RETURNS.

The Treasurers' Report shall be closed from year to year on the last day of June, and the Superintendents of Circuits are required to use all practical effort to have the subscriptions on their respective Circuits collected and paid to the Treasurers at or before the May District Meeting.

REPORTS OF MISSIONS.

A Report of the Religious State of the Mission shall be prepared by the Superintendent of each Mission, and read in the May District Meeting, subject to the revision of that Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairmen shall require regular quarterly communications to be made by each of the Missionaries on their respective Districts, to the Secretaries of the Society, giving information of the state and prospects of the Several Missions in which they are employed.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

The following method was ordered by the General Conference:—Let the Secretaries publish an Annual Report for each Conference, containing a brief religious summary of our whole Mission work, the names of subscribers of \$2.00 and upwards, and the Disbursements of each Conference; also a General Report, containing the religious summary, the aggregate of income from each Circuit and Mission, and a statement of all expenditure.

(For distribution of Reports, see Art. III. of "Constitution.")

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