

Divine sanction that man shall be spiritually free. What His wisdom sanctions, His omnipotence will fulfil. No man, no body of men, no hierarchy, can stay it. Christ's people everywhere shall stand in the liberty wherewith He has made them free. Let Christians, therefore, stand fast in their spiritual liberty. Let them assert their freedom, not only to read and pray, but to think about God and with God face to face, without any mediator but the Christ of their profession. Let them frequent the holy place, and hold constant fellowship with the Man who is on the throne, that they may know how to use His grand liberty, and not as an occasion to the flesh; and, nourished by that inspiration, holding to that anchor through all shocks and storms, let them turn a kindly and helpful face to that goodly company who believe that the day of despotism and repression is gone; that the only remedy of religious difficulty is a full investigation and an honest speech, and that the necessity of our age requires a consistent assertion of the principles of liberty as they relate to all the questions of Christianity."

I close with a few words on the same subject from an able and successful preacher, not a Presbyterian: "I do not despise doctrines, nor do I despise creeds. I see great uses for them; but I hold it (theology) to be subordinate to the other and the higher element of Christ's disposition in men; and I hold it to be a thousand times more important that Christian Churches should allow men liberty of thinking, if they live godly lives, than that they should be shut out of certain Churches in order to go into another denomination. I think it should be the glory of our religion that a man panoplied in the love of God should have liberty to express the truths which God makes known to him through the Holy Ghost in every Church of Christendom."

We all look forward to the eventual unity of the Church of Christ; but how can it ever come to pass unless each denomination agree to sink mutual points of difference in non-essentials? Let each begin by doing the same thing within its own bounds, and much will be accomplished towards this happy end when all shall manifest the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

LAICUS.

THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE—(WESTERN SECTION).

We have already given some of the items of business transmitted by the Committee. From the printed minutes now before us we give the following additional particulars. The following claims for the six months ending with the 31st ult. were, after careful consideration, ordered to be paid:

Quebec	\$436 25	Saugeen	\$192 50
Montreal	1032 50	Guelph	100 00
Glengarry	150 00	Hamilton	437 50
Ottawa	727 00	Paris	37 50
Brockville	193 00	London	903 00
Lanark & Renfrew	706 00	Chatham	302 00
Kinston	692 50	Stratford	30 00
Peterboro'	325 50	Huron	177 00
Whitby	166 00	Maitland	137 50
Lindsay	501 50	Bruce	413 00
Toronto	798 00		
Barrie	291 50		
Owen Sound			\$8749 75

The following are the arrangements made in Ontario and Quebec for the next six months:

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—Danville: Grant increased from \$100 to \$150 per annum. St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds: Granted \$270 per annum, conditional upon settlement. Kennebec Road: Granted \$6 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—Rawdon: Granted \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—Bearbrook and Cambridge: Granted \$270 per annum, and the appointment to this field for two years of Mr. W. Shearer sanctioned. Aylwin and Desert: Granted \$330 per annum, and the re-engagement for one year of Mr. D. McNaughton sanctioned.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—Wilberforce and Grattan: Granted \$250 per annum, and the appointment for two years of Mr. G. T. Bayne sanctioned. Mat-tawa: Granted \$300 per annum, and the appointment for two years of Mr. R. Hamilton sanctioned.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—Chrysler: Granted \$2 per Sabbath. N. Williamsburg: Granted \$3 per Sabbath. Merrickville, Easton's Corners, etc.: No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—Fredericksburg and Mill Haven: Granted \$22 per annum, conditional on settlement or appointment of ordained missionary; \$2 per Sabbath if supplied otherwise. Thanet, The Ridge, L'Amable and York River: Granted \$4 per Sabbath for ordained missionary, or \$3 per Sabbath for student. Maynooth: Granted \$4 per Sabbath. Carlow and Mayo: Granted \$4 per Sabbath for ordained missionary, or \$3 per Sabbath for student. Mississippi: Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO'.—Warsaw and Dummer: Removed from list of supplemented congregations. War-saw, Dummer and Round Lake: Put on list of mission

stations, with grant of \$2 per Sabbath. Cardiff: Granted \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—Fenelon Falls and Somerville: Grant increased from \$100 to \$130 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Leslieville and York Town Line: Granted \$200 per annum, conditional on settle-ment.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—Gravenhurst (to be separated from Washago and Severn Bridge on 1st May): Granted \$200 per annum from that date. Washago, Severn Bridge, Ardtrea and Uthoff (put on list of mission stations): No grant. Stisted, Stanleydale, Hoodstown and Axe Lake: Granted \$3 per Sabbath. Port Sydney, Bethel Church and Brunel: Granted \$2 per Sabbath. Maganetawan: The Presbytery having intimated to the Committee that Mr. Thompson's engagement terminated on the 1st of April, in accordance with notice given him by the Presbytery in November last, the grant for an ordained missionary to this field was withdrawn, and in its stead \$3 per Sabbath was granted for a student for the summer. Parry Sound: Mr. Moodie, who was appointed by the Committee in October last to visit this field, presented a report of the present condition and prospects of the mission. The report was received, the thanks of the Committee tendered to Mr. Moodie, and a grant of \$3 per Sabbath made to the field. Penetanguishene: Granted \$100 per annum, and the ap-pointment for two years of Mr. David James as ordained missionary sanctioned. An additional grant of \$2 per Sab-bath was made for a student to assist Mr. James. Emsdale, etc.: No grant. Commanda, etc.: No grant. Bracebridge, etc.: The Presbytery asked the Committee to sanction their granting Mr. Findlay leave of absence for three months on the ground of his need of rest. The request was acceded to, and the Committee agreed to meet the grant to Mr. Findlay during the term of his absence and to express the hope that the period of rest may tend to the restoration of his health. Mr. Jos. Andrew: The Convener reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee in Oc-tober, he had paid Mr. Andrew \$30, the amount of arrears due him for services in the Presbytery of Barrie.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—Indian Peninsula (lower field): Granted \$5 per Sabbath, and the appointment of Mr. James Ferguson sanctioned. Crawford: No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—Osprey: Put on list of sup-plemented congregations, with a grant of \$50 per annum conditional on settlement. South Luther, Waldemar and Little Toronto: Asked a grant of \$75 for next year. De-clined.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Kilbride: Removed from the list of supplemented congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—Old St. Andrew's, East Ox-ford: Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—St. James's Church, London: Granted \$200 per annum, on condition that the manse be not sold, as at present contemplated. Port Stanley: Grant increased from \$150 to \$200 per annum. Delaware: Grant withdrawn from this date.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—W. Tilbury and Comber: Asked \$100 per annum; declined.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—Tavistock and Hamburg: Removed from the list of mission stations.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON: Goderich (Gaelic): No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—Fordwich and Gorrie: Asked \$100 per annum; declined.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—Bruce Mines: No grant. Manitoulin Island (Gore Bay): Granted \$300 per annum for Mr. H. McKay, in the event of his returning to the field, and \$3 per Sabbath for next six months for a catechist.

In reference to Manitoba the following new regulations were considered and recommended to the Assembly for adoption:—

1. That congregations in Manitoba, having settled pas-tors, and not self-sustaining, be placed on a list, distinct from stations supplied by missionaries, to be called the list of Supplemented Congregations; that a minimum contribu-tion of \$450 towards the salary of the minister be necessary in order to entitle any congregation to be placed on this list, and that, in view of the greater cost of living in Manitoba compared with Ontario and Quebec, the committee have power, if it sees fit, to supplement the salaries of ministers labouring in these congregations up to \$850 per annum.

2. That the Committee hereafter simply make grants to the fields, and that the list of labourers to be employed by the Presbytery in supplying these fields, be revised at the semi-annual meetings of the Home Mission Committee; with the understanding that the Committee are only liable for the amount of the grant to the field, except in the case of those missionaries directly appointed by this Committee, whose term of service has not expired.

3. That the distinction hitherto made in the remuneration of married and unmarried missionaries be done away, and that \$800 be the salary of missionaries to be hereafter sent to Manitoba, during the period of their direct appointment by the Committee, unless in cases in which the great distance from Winnipeg would render a larger salary necessary; with the understanding that the amount promised by the field to which the missionary is appointed be regarded as a part of the salary named.

4. That a semi-annual grant be made to the Presbytery of Manitoba for exploring and giving temporary supply in new districts, the details of the expenditure to be submitted to this Committee.

The following grants were made for the six months begin-ning 1st April, 1881, and it was agreed to notify the Mani-toba Presbytery that the Committee had reduced the grants in the belief that the fields can and ought to increase their contributions so as to secure the full stipends of the mission-aries:

FIELDS.

Grants for 6 months from 1st April, 1881.

W. Lynn, Marais, etc.....	\$100 00
Springfield, Sunnyside, etc.....	150 00
Boyer, Salterville, etc.....	200 00
Little Britain and Selkirk.....	150 00
Poplar Point, Poplar Heights, etc.....	175 00

High Bluff, etc.....	\$100 00
Morris, Union Point, etc.....	200 00
Rapid City, etc.....	200 00
River View, etc.....	250 00
Minnedosa, etc.....	250 00
Archibald, etc.....	175 00
Nelsonville, etc.....	175 00
Caledonia, etc.....	200 00
Grassmere, etc.....	200 00
Hope's, McKinnon's, etc.....	200 00
Birtle, etc.....	250 00
Edmonton.....	300 00
Prince Albert.....	450 00
Emerson.....	200 00
Palestine, etc.....	100 00
Beautiful Plains, etc.....	100 00
Dominion City.....	50 00
Grand Valley.....
Mountain City, etc.....
Prince Albert (second missionary).....
Shell River.....
Turtle Mountains.....
Westbourne.....

It was resolved that the appointments of the missionaries now terminating be extended for six months on condition that the Committee is responsible in their case only for the amounts now granted the respective fields supplied by them.

Mr. A. B. Baird, M.A., was appointed to Edmonton for three years at a salary of \$900 per annum and travelling expenses to the field, with the understanding that the people contribute at least \$300 of the salary during the first year.

Mr. D. Stalker was appointed to the Manitoba Presbytery for six months; his permanent appointment for three years, at the salary fixed by General Assembly, to take place after license.

One thousand dollars was placed at disposal of Manitoba Presbytery for supplying with ordinances fields in Manitoba and the North-West to which appropriations had not been made, and which, in the judgment of Presbytery, ought to be occupied without delay.

The following representation to the Assembly was adopt-ed:—

The Committee are convinced that, owing to the vast ex-tent of the mission field, especially in the North-West, the work will not only tax to the utmost the liberality of the Church in Canada, but will present, beyond all that we can do in the immediate future, opportunities of very great value, and claims which are almost irresistible, which we shall be unable to meet. On this account and, further, from the fact that a large number of the immigrants to the North-West are coming directly from Great Britain and Ireland, the Committee respectfully suggest to the Assembly the prop-riety, and even the necessity, of having the magnitude and needs of the North-West mission work brought fully before the Churches in Great Britain and Ireland; and for this pur-pose, that a deputation be sent to their Assemblies, in the hope that the liberality of these Churches will thus be still further extended on behalf of a work which has such strong claims upon their sympathy.

A TRUE HOME.

Many of our young housekeepers faint and fall by the way after a few months' trial, relinquishing their brightest chances for securing a true home, and seek release from all responsibility in a boarding-house. And why? For the most part because their mothers have been cruelly kind and indulgent. They permit their daughters' girlhood to slip by without accustom-ing them to any care or responsibility. They forget that to make their children useful and helpful in youth will lay the foundations of more true happiness and enjoy-ment than can be found in a life of indolence and selfishness. They forget that there are home lessons each day that should have equal thought and atten-tion with those which are enforced in schools, if they would fit their daughters for cheerful, skilful home-makers. If our girls grow up with no higher ambi-tion than to pass through their school education with only just that amount of knowledge which will be deemed respectable in fashionable circles, devoting all their time out of school to street walking and silly gossip, with not one moment given to domestic duties who can wonder that they make unreasonable, indolent, incompetent housekeepers? Now and then we find one whose natural good sense has not been en-tirely destroyed or perverted by the unfortunate indul-gence or carelessness of the mother. If such a one marries, and truly loves her husband, she will throw off the fetters, and have courage to study the art of housekeeping, until she becomes an expert in the busi-ness. If she would do this by quick observation and thoroughly systematic management, she will build up a delightful home where husband and children will rise up and call her blessed.—Anon.

ARISTIPPUS and Æschines having quarrelled, Aris-tippus came to his opponent and said: "Æschines, shall we be friends?" "Yes," he replied, "with all my heart." "But remember," said Aristippus, "that I, being older than you, do make the first motion." "Yes," replied Æschines, "and therefore I conclude that you are the worthiest man; for I began the strife, and you began the peace."