

the settling of great questions as "the next man."

CONGREGATIONS WHO STUDY their own interests will see to it that no obstruction is put in the way of their minister's and elder's attendance, but rather that suitable provision is made for defraying their travelling charges to and from the place of meeting. In this connection it is safe to say that the usual arrangements will be made with the railway and steamboat authorities to facilitate their transit at reduced fares, while the good people of Toronto are sure to do all that can be done for the comfort of those who shall visit them on this important occasion.

HOME MISSIONS.

We would earnestly call the attention of our readers to the letter of Mr. Cochrane, regarding the present state of the Home Mission fund. Surely our church will not allow the first year of its existence to be marked by such a deficiency. We have still good hope that the Convener's fears may be disappointed, and that he may be able as on previous occasions to present a gratifying report to the Assembly. In order to this, every member and minister must do something and that at once. In two weeks the financial year closes.

WOMEN'S BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

There is hope for the increasing prosperity of our foreign missions, now that the ladies of our Church are associating themselves for the purpose of lending a helping hand. A large and influential society has been formed in Toronto under the name of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." Of this society Mrs. W. McLaren is president; the vice presidents are, Mrs. McMurrich, Mrs. W. Gregg, Mrs. W. Reid, and Miss. Haight; the Recording, Foreign, and Home secretaries are, Mrs. T. Ewart, Mrs. Harvie, and Mrs. Topp; Mrs. J. M. King is treasurer. The committee of management are twenty-

three in number. The object of the Society is to aid the Board of Foreign Missions by promoting its work among the women and children of heathen lands: It aims at the organization of similar auxiliary Associations throughout the Church. The managers will hold stated meetings once a month, and, the Society, its annual meeting in the month of April. The Foreign Secretary is to conduct the official correspondence with the Assembly's Board, and also with the missionaries and teachers supported by this Society. The Home Secretary will correspond with churches and individuals, wherever it may be possible to awaken an interest in the work of the Society. Auxiliary Societies are to report annually to this Association, and shall be governed by a model constitution provided for them. Each person paying one dollar annually through an auxiliary, or otherwise to the treasurer, shall become a member. The payment of \$25 at one time, shall constitute a life membership. We are the more particular in giving these details in the hope that from other quarters we may hear ere long of the formation of numerous auxiliaries, each having its band of earnest workers—all animated by the spirit of the blessed Master who came to seek and to save that which was lost.

WE have also before us the fifth annual report of "The Canadian Woman's Board of Foreign Missions,—an auxiliary to the American Woman's Board, having its head-quarters in Montreal. Its constitution is somewhat similar to the Toronto Society above mentioned—with this difference, that it works in connection with the Woman's Board at Boston. Mrs. Lay is the President of this Board, and Mrs. P. D. Browne the enthusiastic and most efficient Secretary. Its expenditure last year was \$1,357.25—chiefly for the support of missionaries, mission schools, and scholars in India, Syria, and other foreign parts. The Report is an admirable document, full of thankfulness,