

mised \$21,000 to Manitoba and the North-West, in addition to Augmentation grants. With this amount (\$31,000) and the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, the committee will be enabled with some degree of confidence to make new appointments and additional grants to Manitoba and the North-West, to British Columbia, and similar important fields. Without making any apportionment of the amount to presbyteries or congregations, the matter is left to the conscientious judgment of all concerned. "*Freely ye have received—Freely give.*"

THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MARCH.—Contributions to the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds should be sent to Rev. Dr. Reid *not later* than the fifteenth day of March. The Home Mission Committee meets the following week, when all claims for the present half-year are passed. As the grants made to Augmented congregations are *conditioned upon the state of the Fund*, it is absolutely necessary that all monies should be in hand or reported *not later* than the above date. If this is not attended to, ministers who receive assistance from the Fund may be put to considerable inconvenience by payments being delayed.

The Committee earnestly hope that every minister will see to it that his congregation does its part in raising the sums named for Home Missions and Augmentation. In order that Mission Stations receive the grants promised, they are enjoined to take up a collection in aid of the Fund. Presbyteries are requested to see that this is done before their claims are sent in to the Committee.

WM. COCHRANE, *Convener.*

AUGMENTATION AND HOME MISSIONS.

Note from Dr. Cochrane.

It has been suggested, that in addition to circulars already sent, regarding the Augmentation Fund, I should emphasize the necessity of a vigorous effort in its behalf, by all the congregations of the Church. As already intimated, \$36,000 is required (including the \$4,000 deficit of last year) to meet the claims of the Augmentation Fund for the year ending 31st March, while the

estimated expenditure for Home Missions is \$31,000. Congregations will bear in mind that the two funds, Augmentation and Home Missions—are kept quite distinct, and that according as they designate their monies, they will be allocated. This has been so often stated that it almost seems unnecessary to repeat it. It is also to be hoped that congregations will give somewhat in proportion to the needs of the Augmentation Fund: while the Committee would not unduly press the claims of any one scheme above another, but have each congregation give according to its intelligent judgment, it is very clear that unless contributions are made in proportion to the relative demands of the Augmentation and Home Mission Fund, the object for which the former has been instituted must signally fail.

Under the old system of Supplemented Congregations, only some 40 per cent. of all the monies sent to the Home Mission Fund, was required to aid weak congregations. But under the present scheme, with the heavy calls upon the Augmentation Fund, 50 per cent. at least is required, and this year a still larger percentage, on account of the deficit of last year. I only add, that so far the Augmentation Fund has largely depended upon the contributions of churches in our larger towns and cities. In many cases, the country congregations (for reasons that doubtless seemed good to themselves) have not given as expected. It is hoped that this present year's contributions will not only be more general but more liberal. Between the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds there is no rivalry—the success of the one is the success of the other.—WM. COCHRANE.

WOMEN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

To the Ministers of the Church.

The General Assembly, at its last meeting in Montreal, empowered the Home Mission Committee to prepare a Constitution and Rules for the formation of "WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES" on behalf of Home Mission work. The Executive of the Home Mission Committee submit the following for the formation of *Congregational Societies*. As these societies increase in number, a Constitution and By-laws will be prepared for *Mission Bands, Presbyterian Societies*, and a *General Women's Home Missionary Society* of all the Presbyteries of the Western Section of the Church.